



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH APRIL 2022 AT 7.00 PM

AGENDA ITEM NO	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies and Reasons for Absence	To note any apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors.	Apologies were received from Cllr M Rouse and Cllr S Bellow. Their reasons for absence were accepted.	
2	Councillor Requests for Dispensations	To note any Councillor requests for dispensations.	No requests for dispensations were received.	
3	Declarations of Interests	To note any declaration of interests from Councillors.	Cllr Lindsay declared an interest in item 14 and took no part in the discussion of this item.	
4	Minutes of the Last Meeting Held on the 21st February 2022 and Matters Arising	To agree the minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising from these.	The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February 2022 were agreed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949 refer. There were no matters arising.	
5.	To Receive a Presentation by Cheffins Regarding the Community Hub in North Ely	To receive a presentation regarding the Community Hub in North Ely	Representatives of the companies involved in the proposed commercial/community hub in North Ely gave a presentation on the proposed revised plans. Councillors asked questions on various aspects of these plans. It was agreed the North Ely Hub & Community Working Group would meet and discuss these proposals and go back to these representatives with the Council's comments. The Council invited them to come back to present again at a later date with a further update.	North Ely Hub & Community Working Group
6	Chairman's Announcements	To receive any announcements from the Chairman.	The Chairman made no announcements.	

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7	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public.	There were no questions from members of the public as there were none in attendance.	
8	Reports from County Councillors and District Councillors	To receive reports from County Councillors and District Councillors.	A written report was received from County Cllrs Coutts and A Whelan. A copy of which will be attached to the minutes. A written report was also received from Cllr Every, in her capacity as a District Councillor. A copy of which will also be attached to the minutes.	
9	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended.	The Mayor had attended the Guides Training Day, Witchford Rackham Primary School assembly via zoom and the launch of the St Mary's lounge at the Cutter. The Deputy Mayor had attended South Holland District Council Civic Service, Downham Market Town Council St Winnolds Parade and Sandy Town Council Civic Service.	
10	Planning	To receive a report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee on the planning applications considered at the meetings prior to the Full Council meeting.	A report of the Planning Committee, immediately prior to this meeting was received.	
11	Information Only Items	To receive and note items for information only.	Councillors noted the items for information only.	

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12	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Councillors noted the reports from the Committee meetings:- Personnel, Finance & Governance, Assets and Climate & Environment minutes – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings.</p> <p>Personnel, Finance & Governance – Cllr A Whelan presented a report of a meeting held on the 28th February 2022, which was approved. Cllr A Whelan proposed the approval of the annual review of the Council’s Policies and Procedures, the annual review of Council’s risk assessments, annual review of the Council’s direct debits, annual review of the Council’s risk management procedures and the annual internal audit review by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. This was seconded by Cllr C Whelan and unanimously agreed. The report regarding the staff grading and pay review was discussed in Committee at the end of the Full Council meeting. Cllr A Whelan proposed that all the recommendations be approved and implemented. This was seconded by Cllr C Whelan and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Climate & Environment – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 7th March 2022, which was approved. Cllr Lindsay informed members the 15 trees, which represent the 15 Councillors of the City of Ely Council had now been planted around the perimeter of Ely Cemetery. It is hoped the floral displays planting will be undertaken the week commencing the 23rd May, so everything will be in place for the Jubilee celebrations. There will be a red, white and blue colour scheme. The</p>	TC

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12	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Council's Spring litter pick will take place on the 3rd April. This will be part of the annual national Spring Clean event. The draft Climate Change & Environment Policy will be considered for approval.</p> <p>Assets – Cllr Morgan presented a report of a meeting held on the 21st March 2022, which was approved. New Barns recreation area had been assessed as to whether it could accommodate a Splash Pad. It was felt that as it is very overlooked by houses and passers-by it would not be suitable, located close to the road. Further back it would be put in close proximity to the allotments and cemetery. Members unanimously agreed that this is not an appropriate site for a Splash Pad and it therefore not necessary to take the matter any further with the Church Commissioners to seek approval. Two quotes had been obtained the Stuntney play area hard standing. Members agreed to accept the cheaper of these from Grays Surfacing at a cost of £7020. Stuntney Village Council have £2904.00 to put towards the work. Members agreed the balance would be paid from the Recreation renewal/additional/repairs budget. Members agreed to the quotes for the Maltings in relation to upgrading of urinals, water softener, sound system and lighting in main hall. A request to the CIL Sub-Committee had been made for a 20% community contribution towards these. Cllr Phillips gave a full report on the progress that had been made in the last three years with regard to recreation and cemetery.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>

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12	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	Members noted the Paradise Tender summary in Committee at the end of the Full Council meeting and unanimously agreed to approve the recommendation to award the contract to Kompan.	SJ
13	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	Councillors noted the minutes of the meetings of the City of Ely Allotments and Gardens Association – minutes of meetings held on the 20 October 2021, 15 December 2021 and 18 January 2022 and AGM held on the 2 March 2020. Ely/Ribe Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 9 March 2022 and Executive Review Group – notes of a meeting held on the 8 March 2022. Stuntney Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 9 March 2022 .	
14	To Consider the Council Signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant	To consider the Council signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant	Cllr Every had put this agenda item forward for the Council to consider. Cllr Every proposed the Council signs up to the Armed Forces Covenant. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously approved. It was also agreed to appoint Cllr Every as the Champion. It was also agreed this would fall under the Tourism & Town Centre Committee.	EE/Tourism & Town Centre Committee
15	To Consider and Approve the Proposed Climate Change & Environment Policy	To consider and approve the proposed Climate Change & Environment Policy	Cllr Lindsay proposed the Council approved the proposed Climate Change & Environment Policy. This was seconded by Cllr Denness and unanimously approved. The Chairman of the Council signed the policy.	All Councillors and staff

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16	To Consider if the Council Should Write to Lucy Frazer MP, Requesting Support of an Early Day Motion (EDM) Which Calls for the Government to Establish an Appropriate and Effective Sanctions Mechanism to deal with Local Councillors who Have Been Found Guilty of Bullying and Harassment Following an Independent Investigation	To consider writing to Lucy Frazer MP requesting support of an Early Day Motion (EDM), which calls for the Government to establish an appropriate and effective sanctions mechanism to deal with local Councillors who have been found guilty of bullying and harassment following an independent investigation	Councillors unanimously agreed to send the draft letter to Lucy Frazer MP requesting support for this.	TC
17	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council	Councillors noted and approved the payments of the Council.	TC