



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 29TH NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY

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 Cllrs Phillips and Harris. Their reasons for absence were accepted. County Cllr Coutts also gave his apologies.	
2	Councillor Requests for Dispensations	To note any Councillor requests for dispensations.	No requests for dispensations were made	
3	Declarations of Interests	To note any declaration of interests from Councillors.	There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th November 2022 and Matters Arising	To agree the minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising from these.	Minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th November 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 refer. Matters arising:- Page 1996, item 4 - Cllr Lindsay reported the memorial bench and plaque had now been ordered. Page 1996, item 5 – Cllr Every said that following the bus service presentation at the last meeting it has been difficult to get a response from the Combined Authority but today a response was received. A meeting will now be arranged. She said it will require persistence to ensure these proposals keep moving forward.	Cllr Every & Cllr Denness
5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive announcements from the Chairman.	The Chairman announced that prior to the meeting there had been a presentation of Honorary Freemen of the City to Mr R J Hobbs and Mrs S E Friend-Smith. He thanked all that had attended and made it a memorable evening. He informed councillors of Cllr Harris' collaboration with St Mary's Church to organise a toy bank where new or used toys could be dropped off at the Church and can be given to local families who are finding it hard to afford Christmas gifts for their children. This would be the last	

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5	Chairman's Announcements		Full Council of 2022 with the next one scheduled for the 16th January 2023.	
6	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public.	A parishioner congratulated the Council on having over the last 10 years acquired some great buildings. They asked when and how the Council was going to make use of the Courthouse and the Maltings Cottage. The Chairman confirmed that discussions have been undertaken with regard to the Maltings Cottage and are still ongoing. Tours have also been undertaken at Sessions House and a meeting will be held in the New Year with Ely Museum as to how both organisations can work together and increase the use of the building.	
7	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. District Councillors Every, Austen and C Whelan all gave verbal reports of the District meetings they had attended.	
8	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended.	The Mayor had attended the East Cambs Careers & Skills Fair in Ely Cathedral; on the 11th November had attended an outdoor Service of Remembrance in the Market Square and laid a wreath for the fallen at the War Memorial and read a poem; on 13th November attended the Remembrance Day Service in Ely Cathedral and on behalf of the Council laid a wreath at the memorial for the Cambridgeshire Regiment in St Etheldreda's Chapel and laid a further wreath at the War Memorial. He had also attended the Ribe Twinning Association AGM; the Godmanchester Civic Supper and visited the Festive Fayre on St Mary's Green, the Prickwillow Village Council and earlier in the evening had presided over the proclamation of two new Freeman of the City of Ely.	

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9	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.	Cllr Lindsay gave a report on the last planning meeting.	
10	Information Only Items	To receive and note items for information only.	Councillors noted the items for information only.	
11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Councillors noted the reports from the Committee meetings:- Personnel, Finance & Governance, Assets, Climate & Environment and Tourism and Town Centre minutes – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings.</p> <p>Personnel, Finance & Governance – The Chairman presented a report of a meeting held on the 21st November, which was approved. Cllr A Whelan proposed the CIL applications for a new gate at Paradise play area (£884); 2 x picnic tables at the High Barns and Paradise play areas (£1044) and a climbing tower at St John’s play area (£10,000) be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Edge and unanimously approved. Cllr A Whelan proposed the recommendations from the Inclusivity Working Group be approved. These being approval to apply for planning permission for the month of February to fly the Pride flag for LGBT History month and approval to purchase the flag to fly for Black History month in October and to also apply for planning permission. To also approve the review of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement, which had no amendments. This was seconded by Cllr C Whelan and all unanimously approved. The Chairman signed the approved Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement.</p>	<p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Denness</p>

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Cllr A Whelan proposed a Working Group be formed with a specific aim to investigate further the issues with regard to undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. The Group would report back to Full Council with a recommendation as to whether this was something the Council should consider undertaking. This was seconded by Cllr Edge and unanimously approved. Cllrs Wade, Every, Austen and Edge will form the Working Group. The Group will report back to Full Council with their recommendations by March 2023.</p> <p>Climate & Environment – Cllr Denness presented a report of a meeting held on the 14th November 2022, which was approved. The wheelie bin stickers have now been delivered for the 20's Plenty campaign. Cllr Denness will draft a list of roads that she considers to be priority for this. Cllr Denness will be prioritising the Council's list of minor highway issues so a bid through the LHI Scheme can be submitted before the deadline of 6th January 2023. Cllr Denness proposed the Council approve the volunteer that has come forward to be a Tree Warden for Ely. This was seconded by Cllr Edge and unanimously agreed. ECDC will be contacted requesting they undertake the appropriate training through their tree warden scheme.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed he had sent a letter to the Commercial Director at ECDC with regard to the two possible sites around the Hive that had been identified for a splashpad. Permission in principle is therefore sought to pursue one of the sites for the Ely Splashpad. A response had not been received so he will chase this.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Denness</p> <p>Cllr Denness</p> <p>Civic & Corporate Services Officer</p> <p>Chairman</p>

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Assets – Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 12th December 2022.</p> <p>Tourism and Town Centre - Cllr Warman reported a meeting had been held on the 28th November 2022, but the minutes had not been produced yet due to this only being the previous evening. These will be considered at the next Full Council meeting. She did inform councillors that the digital signage boards would be delayed now until June 2023 due to procurement and supply issues. Cllr Every will be speaking to ECDC with regard to this and the need to launch the app early next year.</p>	Cllr Every
12	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	<p>Executive Review Group – notes of a meeting held on the 15th November 2022 were noted.</p> <p>City of Ely Allotments and Gardens Association – minutes of meetings held on the 19th October 2022 were noted.</p>	
13 Confidential this item was discussed in committee at the end of the meeting with the press & public excluded from the meeting	To Consider Report With Regard to Overtime/Toil Review	To consider report	Recommendations from the Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee were considered and discussed. Councillors agreed options for each section of the report.	Clerk

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14	To Pass a Resolution that Mrs Christine Tyler and Mrs Suzanne Stone be Specified as Pensionable Employees Under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1985 (as amended)	To pass a resolution that Mrs Christine Tyler and Mrs Suzanne Stone be specified as pensionable employees under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1985 (as amended)	Cllr A Whelan proposed the Council pass a resolution that Mrs Christine Tyler and Mrs Suzanne Stone be specified as pensionable employees under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1985 (as amended. This was seconded by Cllr Edge and unanimously approved.	Clerk
15	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council	Councillors noted the payments of the Council. Cllr Morgan proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr A Whelan and unanimously approved. Councillors also noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending the 31st October 2022.	Clerk