



## CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

### DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH JUNE 2023 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 Cllr Ward.	
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 22nd May 2023 and Matters Arising	To agree the minutes of the last meetings and any matters arising from these	Minutes of the last meeting held on the 22nd May 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042 and 2043 refer. Matters Arising:- Page 2039, item 15 – Cllr Banyard thanked all those that had voted to co-opt him on to the Council. He said it was a joy and a privilege to be here.	
5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive announcements from the Chairman	<p>The Chairman welcomed colleagues to the meeting and said that it was the first time the whole Council had met since the elections and co-options of May. He hoped that the coming four years would be a time of increased activity and achievement by the City Council and was confident that new councillors had brought a wealth of talent and experience from a rich variety of backgrounds to the organisation.</p> <p>He announced that the Mayor's charity for 2023-24 would be NSPCC (Ely) and that he and the Mayoress had already begun to plan for a Quiz Night in September and an evening event at the Maltings in April 2024.</p>	

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6	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public	<p>A member of the public said that it was a big disappointment that the Christmas Lights switch on event no longer took place. They thought it would be a successful event for the city and asked why it was not happening anymore.</p> <p>Cllr Austen, Chairman of the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee explained that the event had become too big and there were health and safety concerns. It was agreed a full response by email would be sent to the member of the public with regard to his question.</p> <p>Another member of the public, who had previously been a city councillor also responded to the question asked.</p>	
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. Cllr Denness asked if there was any progress on the 20 mph scheme and County Cllr A Whelan confirmed that we would have to wait for the public consultation to go live. District Councillors C Whelan, Holtzmann and Pitt reported on the training and 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 Alconbury High School Graduation Ceremony at the Cathedral; D-Day Wreath Laying ceremony at Ely War Memorial; G's Farm Open Day; EARTH AGM at Larkfield; Ely Arts Festival Opening Concert in the Cathedral and Vera James House Summer Garden Party.	
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 Morgan gave a report on the last planning meeting.	

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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 &amp; Governance, Climate and Environment and Assets – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings.</p> <p>Personnel, Finance &amp; Governance – Cllr Pitt presented a report of a meeting held on the 17th April 2023, which was noted and approved. The recommendation for the amendment to the Council’s Standing Orders was proposed by Cllr Pitt with regard to the addition of 32e - If, in these Standing Orders there is a reference to an organisation and that organisation has been replaced then the reference will be deemed to be to the successor organisation. As the Council follows the NALC template for Standing Orders, it was also agreed to keep the colour coding but to add the letters as well. These were seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt. Cllr Gardner had been appointed as the Council’s Youth Lead. Cllr Gardner proposed the Council note the Internal Auditors report from the second visit of the financial year 2022/23, which had no issues raised. This was seconded by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and unanimously approved. Cllr Pitt proposed the recommendation for the re-appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2023/24 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Austen and unanimously approved.</p> <p>It was unanimously approved that due to the Clerk obtaining the CiLCA qualification she will receive a one point incremental rise on her salary.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Gardner</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Climate &amp; Environment – Cllr Denness presented a report of a meeting held on the 5th June 2023, which was noted and approved. Cllr Holtzmann confirmed that although she had suggested a proposal to acquire land from ECDC should be considered in order to plant more trees at this meeting, it was not her intention of moving this forward in the near future. The update from the CCTV Working Group was noted and Cllr Denness requested that this be referred to the Governance Working Group as to whether Climate &amp; Environment Committee is the appropriate Committee for this to report back to. The recommendations from the Governance Working Group would then be reported to the Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Assets – Cllr Morgan presented a report of a meeting held on the 30th May, which was noted and approved. Councillors noted the approval of the quote from Kompan be accepted at a cost of £22,144.87 for a replacement tower and surfacing at St John’s Road play area. Three quotes had been obtained. A fire had occurred at the skate park on the 21st May, which the fire brigade had attended. This had caused considerable damage and it had been necessary to fence off the equipment. A quote is being obtained to repair the damage. Mr M Chinery-Colyer and Mrs E Every had been co-opted on to the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee. The Council’s tenant at Sessions House had given notice and will vacate at the end of July. They will, however, continue to rent a storage area within the building at a cost of £25 per week. The wording for a memorial plaque for the late Mrs V Holden was approved. The Chairman informed members he had undertaken two successful tours of the cemetery with 30 people in total attending.</p>	<p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Deputy Clerk</p>

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	Tourism & Town Centre – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 26th June 2023.	
12	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	Ely/Ribe Association – notes of a meeting held on the 28th April 2023 were noted. Cllr Banyard had attended a recent meeting of the Ely/Ribe Association. They were extremely grateful for the financial support they received from the Council for the recent Ribe visit to Ely. Prickwillow Village Council – notes of a meeting held on the 22nd May 2023 were tabled and noted. Cllr Gardner had attended an Ely Museum Trustees meeting.	
13	Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2023	To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement, whereby the Council formally confirms it has maintained an adequate system of internal control throughout the financial year in accordance with Assertions 2 and 6 of the Governance Statement contained in Section 1 of the Annual Return, approval and signing of the Accounting Statements 2022/2023 and the signing of the balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2023.	Cllr Pitt proposed the Annual Governance Statement, whereby the Council formally confirms it has maintained an adequate system of internal control throughout the financial year in accordance with Assertions 2 and 6 of the Governance Statements, contained in Section 1 of the Annual Return, be formally approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Accounting Statements 2022/2023 be approved and signed and the signing of the balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2023. This was seconded by Cllr Denness and unanimously approved apart from one councillor abstaining from the vote. The Annual Governance Statement and the balance sheet were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. The Accounting Statement was signed by the Chairman.	<b>Clerk</b>

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14	To Consider Consultation On A Proposal to Divert Part of Public Footpath Nos 2, 3 and 5, Ely At King's School, Ely	To comment on public consultation	<p>Councillors considered the footpath modifications and had no objections to these. However, they would like to see these changes in the wider context of how they link up to other paths or could link up for example giving a route to the station. These links already exist down to the station and they would not want the public to be unable to continue to undertake this continuous link as it is felt to be a very important route.</p> <p>Councillors felt that they would like to reiterate the same comments to the County Council as they previously made to the King's School agent with regard to the consultation to divert these public footpaths. They thought that funding from Active Travel could be used for sign posting to link up these routes.</p> <p>Councillors requested confirmation that there will be a link to the permissive right of way as lots of people do use this route to go down to the train station.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
15	To Receive A Short Presentation from Cllr Gardner on Gender Diversity and the Importance of Pronouns and Other Gender Neutral Language	To receive a presentation from Cllr Gardner	Cllr Gardner gave a short presentation on gender diversity and the importance of pronouns and other gender neutral language. The Chairman thanked Cllr Gardner for a very informative presentation and said that the Council needed to put effort in to facilitating this. Cllr Moss-Eccardt requested that micro aggression also be included. The Chairman said, "Ely is a place where it is safe to be yourself."	
16	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council, payments relating to staff since the last meeting and note and approve the bank reconciliations.	Councillors noted the payments of the Council, payments relating to staff since the last meeting and the bank reconciliations against the accounts for the periods ending the 30th April 2023 and 31st May 2023. Cllr Pitt proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt and unanimously approved.	<b>Clerk</b>