



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 31ST JULY 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 Cllrs Gardner, Pitt, Wade, Austen and Moss-Eccardt. The reasons for their absences were accepted.	
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 19th June 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 19th June 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record, with the correction of Cllr Wade to Cllr Ward under apologies. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048 and 2049 refer. Matters Arising:- Page 2045, item 6 – Cllr Banyard asked if the response to the member of public's question, regarding the Christmas Lights switch on had been emailed to them. The Clerk confirmed this had been sent the following day.	
5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive announcements from the Chairman	The Chairman announced that he had presented the Freedom of the City of Ely to the Army and Air Force Cadets. He said it was a great privilege to do this and had met some fine young people and their officers. He inspected the parade and had the opportunity to talk to many of the cadets. He gave a big thank you to his colleagues who were present for Ely Pride. It was a great day and there was wide recognition of the value of the Council's role. He also announced that there would be a by-election in Ely North following the resignation of Cllr Robinson. The process of replacing a councillor is laid	

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			down in electoral law and is not something that the Council can decide for themselves. It is a perfectly proper way of filling a vacancy on a democratic body, but there would be an expense to the Council.	
6	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public	<p>A member of the public, who was one of the main organisers of Ely Pride thanked the Council for their help and support for Ely Pride. They thanked the Mayor for his good speech at the event and the Maltings and Visit Ely staff for all their support and assistance. They hoped that all would be able to join them again next year for Ely Pride 2024 on the 3rd August 2024.</p> <p>Another member of the public asked what progress had been made with the Maltings Cottage and the Clerk gave an update on this.</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. County Cllr A Whelan confirmed that the 20 mph consultation for Ely would go live on the 3rd August. District Councillor C Whelan had provided a written report, which will also be attached to the minutes.	
8	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended	The Mayor had attended Armed Forces Day; St Etheldreda Festal Eucharist; presentation of Freedom of the City to the cadets; Festal Evensong for St Etheldreda; High Sheriff's Garden Party at Wisbech; Ben's Yard pre-opening lunch; Aquafest; Atlantic Bridge Concert at the Cathedral; NSPCC Summer supper; Ely Choral Society concert at the Cathedral; Ely Folk Festival; Bishop's garden party; Royal East Anglian Regiment Reunion; Change of Command at USAF Mildenhall; presentation of certificates for language school; wreath laying ceremony to mark 70th anniversary of Korean War; Ely Pride and the classic car show.	

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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 Morgan gave a report on the last planning meeting, which had not been quorate. Proposed comments will be circulated to the members of Planning B for approval before submission.	
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:- Tourism & Town Centre – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings.</p> <p>Personnel, Finance & Governance – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 14th August.</p> <p>Climate & Environment – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 29th August.</p> <p>Assets – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 7th August. The notes from the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee will be considered at the next Assets Committee meeting, as no members were in attendance who could speak on these.</p> <p>Tourism & Town Centre – Cllr Warman presented a report of a meeting held on the 26th June 2023, which was noted and approved. The update on the service and town centre and the digital signage and Visit Ely App were all noted. Cllr Warman proposed approval for the increase in the Business Liaison Assistant's weekly hours from 10 to 13. This was seconded by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and unanimously agreed. Cllr Warman asked about the use of Sessions House by Visit Ely. The Clerk explained that there had</p>	Clerk

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	already been a meeting between councillors, Ely Museum, Visit Ely and the Deputy Clerk to discuss how this could progress. There had also been a request to move forward with the Friends of Session House and they be involved in this as well. The Clerk said this would have to go back through the Assets Committee and will be added to the next agenda.	Assets Committee
12	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	<p>Executive Review – notes of a meeting held on the 26th July were noted.</p> <p>Stuntney Village Council – Cllr Banyard informed members he had attended a Stuntney Village Council meeting and the summer fayre. He had also had a discussion with the owner of Ben’s Yard and had issues regarding highways that he would discuss with Cllr Coutts. The village social club has now become the village hall and has obtained charity status.</p> <p>City of Ely Allotments & Gardens Association - Cllr Denness reported she had attended the last meeting of the Association. There was a boundary dispute at Upherds Lane, which she had agreed to write to the resident about. There were also concerns regarding the transfer of the new allotments at Orchard Green, which she was working with them to try and resolve.</p> <p>Trinity Dole – Cllr Phillips informed councillors he had attended the final meeting as Trinity Dole was merging with the Needham’s Foundation. The Council’s two representatives have a right to retain their representation on the new body. It will be called Trinity Needham’s Charity. He looked forward to a new era in Ely’s new larger charity.</p>	<p>Cllr Banyard</p> <p>Cllr Denness</p>

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13	To Comment On ECDC's Local Plan – Single Issue Review (SIR): Modifications Consultation	To comment on consultation	Councillors considered the modifications but felt they could not make comments as they did not understand the justification for the changes proposed. They requested the Clerk contact ECDC to see if they would be able to provide a statement of reasons for the proposed changes. Once they have been able to understand these they would then be able to make comments.	Clerk
14	To Consider Request From Ely Ribe Association for Costs for Staff for Ribe Visit to be Covered by Council	To consider request from Ely Ribe Association	The Clerk had produced a report regarding this request, which was noted. Cllr Phillips proposed the recommendation of a maximum of £125 funding per individual to fund the staff development be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and unanimously agreed. This would be funded from the contingency budget. Cllr Banyard informed members he was looking to organise a cultural exchange and was in touch with an Ely choir with regards to a visit to Ribe in October 2024. He suggested that some councillors may also like to accompany them on that visit but they should not feel obliged to go.	Clerk Cllr Banyard
15	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 reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending the 30th June 2023. Cllr Phillips proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Morgan and unanimously approved.	Clerk