



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, 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 Warman and Pitt. 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 31st July 2023 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 31st July 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055 and 2056 refer. Matters Arising:- Page 2052, item 14 – Cllr Banyard reported he had attended a Ribe Association meeting where they had expressed their thanks to the Council for its contribution towards the Ribe visit in November.	
5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive announcements from the Chairman	The Chairman reported he had now had two conversations with the police regarding the damage at the Council's skatepark site at St John's Road. The case is ongoing and further updates will be given when available. He reminded councillors that the by-election for Ely North will take place on the 21st September. Once a new councillor has been elected the Council would meet the criteria to undertake the General Power of Competence. He would request that the Clerk provides information at the next Full Council meeting on the implications of this. He also reminded councillors of the Mayor's Charity quiz night and fish and Chip supper, which would be held on the 29 th September at St Mary's Church Hall.	

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6	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public	There were no members of the public present so no questions were received.	
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 Coutts was asked questions about overgrown vegetation and some locations were given to him, which he agreed to look into the action taken by the County Council. Cllr Austen asked about the formal adoption of Upherds Lane and Cllr Coutts agreed to look into this. Cllr Holtzmann asked Cllr Coutts about volunteers for snow clearing and gritting. The Clerk explained that this has been considered previously by the Council under the Climate and Environment Committee, but has always been agreed, due to the lack of interest, it was not something the Council could move forward with. It was agreed it should be discussed at the next Climate and Environment Committee. Cllr Wade, in her capacity as a District Councillor reported that there would be a meeting of the Operation Services Committee next week.	Climate & Environment Committee
8	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended	The Mayor had presented certificates to summer school students from Ghana and Nigeria who had attended a course in Littleport. He had visited RAF Mildenhall for the annual BBQ and briefing on the work of the 'Bloody 100 th ' and attended a service at Ey Methodist Church, where the Revd Cathrine Dixon had been appointed Circuit Superintendent. He had been asked to welcome Ms Dixon on behalf of the City. He also informed councillors that he and Cllr Banyard had attended a meeting of the Ely Ribe Association in preparation for the Association's AGM. He had also had meetings with the Dean of Ely and with Catherine Horobin, the new CEO of the Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce.	

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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.	
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 and Tourism & Town Centre – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings.</p> <p>Personnel, Finance & Governance – Cllr Ní Dhónaill presented a report of a meeting held on the 14th August, which was noted and approved. The recommendations from the CIL Sub-Committee with regards to the approved project fund of £47,000 for failed Local Highways Bids being put back into the CIL funds; confirmation awaited from Cllr Denness’ discussion with the Combined Authority Mayor as to whether the allocated CIL funding for the No 9 bus service would still be required. If this was not then it would no longer be ringfenced and would be put back into the available CIL funds and the refusal of the request for the Ely Eel Rock installation for £7000 as it had not met the criteria for CIL funding were all proposed by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt. These were unanimously approved. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the Council purchases the Pan African flag to be flown for the month of October to mark Black History month. This was seconded by Cllr Gardner and unanimously approved. The Council were awaiting the outcome of their planning</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>application for approval to fly the flag. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the Council formally approve and adopt the Ely Children and Young People's Action Plan 2023-2025. This was seconded by Cllr Banyard and unanimously approved. The Council had received a letter from Ely Museum requesting the Council consider a rise to the amount of annual grant that it gives to the Museum. Councillors agreed any decision to increase this grant would have to be considered as part of the budget planning for the next financial year. There was no money available in the current year's budget to increase this year. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the Council assess at the end of the financial year if there is any underspend that could be given to them. This was seconded by Cllr Gardner and unanimously approved. The grant applications list of recommendations of awards were considered. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed all the recommendations be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Gardner and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Climate & Environment – No report as Committee had not met due to it not being quorate.</p> <p>Assets –Cllr Morgan presented a report of a meeting held on the 7th August 2023, which was noted and approved. Cllr Moss-Eccardt had been appointed as the lead member for Recreation and Cemetery and Cllr Austen as the lead member for the Maltings. The new equipment for St John's play area will be installed mid-September. The wet pour repairs for this play area had been agreed, but the Deputy Clerk has since been advised the best option would be to completely replace these with new wet pour. The original cost of £3-4000 would raise to approximately £17,000. Cllr Morgan requested that an increase to the</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>cost be covered from the recreation earmarked reserves. This was unanimously agreed. The Deputy Clerk will obtain three quotes for this work. The fitness stations, which will be funded from CIL will be slightly more than approved at approximately £22,000. Cllr Morgan requested that the funding from CIL be increased to cover this. This was unanimously agreed. The Mayor wanted to ensure that the decision made by the Committee with regard to the sensory garden was recorded and noted. This being that there will be no burials within the Sensory Garden as the space will remain a place for recollection. It will also have a hedge planted to define the area. Three new members had been coopted on to the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Tourism & Town Centre – Cllr Banyard presented a report of a meeting held on the 21st August 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 Banyard reported thanks on behalf of Cllr Warman in her absence, to Anna and her team for achieving the Traveller’s Choice 2023 award for OCH and being nominated again this year for Visit England’s Hidden Gem. Apple Day will be held shortly and this has been expanded this year, due to the increased interest from traders to attend. Thorlabs will be sponsoring the event. The recent issues raised with regard to the town centre and the public assuming this is the Council’s responsibility, when in fact it is ECDC will be discussed at the next Communications and PR Working Group.</p>	Deputy Clerk

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12	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	There were no reports from external meetings. Cllr Morgan informed councillors he would be attending the Prickwillow Village Council meeting next week and they would be discussing the telephone box. The Clerk agreed to locate the old records for the transfer of the ownership over to the PVC and provide this information to Cllr Morgan.	Clerk
13	To Pass a Resolution for the Council to Sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge	To pass a resolution for the Council to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge	This had already been discussed at Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee and they unanimously agreed to put forward this resolution. Councillors felt very strongly that this was something the Council should sign up to. Cllr Ward proposed the Council pass the resolution to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge, which was seconded by Cllr Holtzmann and unanimously approved.	Clerk
14	To Pass a Resolution that Mrs A Reddick, Business Liaison Assistant be Specified as a Pensionable Employee Under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as Amended)	To pass a resolution to specify Mrs A Reddick can become a pensionable employee	Cllr Banyard proposed that Mrs A Reddick be specified as a pensionable employee under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). This was seconded by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and unanimously agreed.	Clerk
15	To Receive an Update With Regard to the CCTV Tendering Process and to Approve the Process Moving Forward <i>Due to the commercial sensitive nature of this item it was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.</i>	To receive an update and agree process moving forward	The Clerk and Cllr Wade provided an update with regard to the CCTV tendering process. This had been undertaken through Crown Commercial Services and the report from the Council's consultant was noted and considered with his recommendation to appoint the contract to Openview. Cllr Wade proposed this be approved and this was seconded by Cllr Austen. Councillors approved this recommendation. It was agreed at letter of intent would be sent to Openview as there were still further details within the contract to be confirmed.	Clerk

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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 31st July 2023 and 31st August 2023. Cllr Phillips proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt and unanimously approved.	Clerk