



## CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

### DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH OCTOBER 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 Warman, Pitt, Wade, Banyard, Ward and Austen. 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 11th September 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 11th September 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the correction of Cllr Warman amended to Cllr Gardner under those present. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062 and 2063 refer. There were no matters arising	
5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive announcements from the Chairman	The Chairman reported that at the by-election in Ely North, held on the 21st September 2023, Ross Trent had been elected as the ward's new councillor. He welcomed Cllr Trent to his first Full Council meeting and wished him well as he began his work in this new role. He thanked the Council for its support of the Mayor's Quiz Night and said that nearly £1,700 had been raised for the Mayor's Charity and NSPCC Ely. He reminded colleagues of the events of Armistice Day (11th November) and Remembrance Sunday (12th November) and hoped that both ceremonies would be well attended by councillors as representatives of the local community.	

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5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive announcements from the Chairman	He also updated councillors on the arson attack at the skate park at St John's Road. He had been in contact with the police and been informed that one case would be going to court and the others were being dealt with outside the court, through the police system. He and the Clerk had met with a member of the Restorative Justice Service regarding this and he will keep councillors informed as to how this proceeds.	<b>Chairman</b>
6	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public	A member of the public asked for an update on the progress of discussions between councillors and the tourist service with regards to opening of the courthouse to the public. The Clerk responded in the absence of Cllr Warman and would ensure that Cllr Warman emailed them on her return from holiday with an update on this matter.	<b>Clerk/ Cllr Warman</b>
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 Holtzmann asked about light pollution with regards to the proposal for County's street lights to have LED bulbs. He agreed to raise this query with the County officers. A written report was also received from District Cllr C Whelan. A copy of which will 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 a meeting with C Horobin of the Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce; a charity event at Wisbech Castle; Ely Symphonia Concert at Cathedral; the launch of the Rotary Fireworks programme; Ely Ribe Association AGM and the Icen Botanical Artists' exhibition at Cathedral. He was the quizmaster for the Friends of Ely Library Quiz; attended the Apple Fayre; the launch of the 2023/24 pantomime, Robin Hood at Poets House; charity event at Fenland House, March; spoke at St Mary's church to the Monday Club and spoke	

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8	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended	at Probus on the history and work of the cemetery.	
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 &amp; Governance, Climate &amp; Environment, Assets and Tourism &amp; Town Centre – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings.</p> <p>Personnel, Finance &amp; Governance – Cllr Ní Dhónaill presented a report of a meeting held on the 9th October, which was noted and approved. The recommendations from the Governance Working Group were discussed at great length. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the use of substitute councillors be ended with immediate effect and the Mayor to become an ex-officio member on all committees, with immediate effect. This was seconded by Cllr Denness and unanimously approved subject to the Clerk producing the new standing orders in relation to these for ratification at the next Personnel, Finance &amp; Governance Committee meeting. The recommendations from the CIL Sub-Committee for upgrade to fencing at the Park - £15,000, fitness equipment - £21,273 and repair of lamp columns at the Cathedral - £7266.69 were all proposed by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt. These were unanimously approved.</p>	Clerk

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the further grant applications for 2023/24 recommendations be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Fox and unanimously approved. Cllr Gardner did not take part in the vote due to having previously declared a pecuniary interest when the grants were considered.</p> <p>Climate &amp; Environment – Cllr Denness presented a report of a meeting held on the 23rd October 2023, which was noted and approved. The proposed budget for 2024/25 had been agreed. Two LHI bids would be submitted this year – A142 speed reduction and improvements and the repair or removal of the speed bumps on the Gallery in Ely. Cllr Denness informed members that new information had been provided with regard to the proposed road crossing on Cam Drive and she would now be going back to the Committee for further consideration of the bids to be submitted. Councillors noted the update with regard to the CCTV project. The information requested would be provided by the Clerk. Mr I Lindsay and Mrs E Every were unanimously agreed to be co-opted onto the CCTV Working Group. Cllr Moss-Eccardt asked the Clerk about the contract for the CCTV project, particularly with regard to Schedule 9. The Clerk will provide a copy of the contract to him.</p> <p>Assets - Cllr Morgan presented a report of a meeting held on the 17th October 2023, which was noted and approved. Cllr Morgan proposed the Licence to Occupy relating to the land between West Fen Road and St John's Road, Ely for the fitness equipment be signed and sealed. This was seconded by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and unanimously approved. The Chairman signed the Licence. Cllr Morgan proposed the revised quote for the fitness equipment, which now</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Denness</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>included the additional piece of a hand wheeled inclusive bike and post installation inspection of £10,821.46 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Fox and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Tourism &amp; Town Centre – The report of a meeting held on the 16th October 2023 was noted and approved. The updates on the service, digital signage and Visit Ely App were all noted.</p>	<b>Deputy Clerk</b>
12	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	Members noted the notes from the Executive Review meeting held on the 17th October 2023.	
13	To Consider Nominations for Deputy Mayor	To consider nominations for Deputy Mayor	Although there had been two nominations when the agenda had been sent out, Cllr Wade had since withdrawn her nomination. Cllr Morgan proposed Cllr Rebecca Denness as the new Deputy Mayor. This was seconded by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and unanimously approved by a vote. Cllr Denness signed the declaration of office for Deputy Mayor and thanked everyone for their support.	
14	General Power of Competence	To consider formal adoption of the General Power of Competence	The Clerk explained the criteria for the Council being able to adopt the General Power of Competence and what this meant for the Council. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed that as the Council now meet the criteria that it should formally adopt the General Power of Competence. This was seconded by Cllr Gardner and unanimously approved.	<b>Clerk</b>
15	To Note the Completion of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2023 From PKF Littlejohn LLP	To note the completion of the annual governance & accountability return for the year ended 31st March 2023	Members noted the completion of the limited assurance review of the Council's annual return for the year ended 31st March 2022 by the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP. On the basis of their review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in their opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR were in accordance with Proper	

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15	To Note the Completion of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2023 From PKF Littlejohn LLP	To note the completion of the annual governance & accountability return for the year ended 31st March 2023	Practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. With regard to other matters not affecting their opinion they have drawn to the attention of the Council: They note that the smaller authority did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision during the year 2023/24 for the exercise of public rights, since the approval date was after the start of the period for the exercise of public rights. As a result, the smaller authority must answer 'No' to Assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24 and ensure that it makes proper provision for the exercise of public rights during 2024/25.	<b>Clerk</b>
16	To Consider ECDC's Consultation on the Polling District Review	To make comments on ECDC's consultation on the Polling District Review	Members agreed the Council would respond to this consultation as per the comments outlined in Cllr Moss-Eccardt's email provided to all councillors.	<b>Clerk</b>
17	To Consider ECDC's Consultation on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy	To make comments on ECDC's consultation on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy	Members agreed that they did not wish to make any comments on this consultation.	
18	To Consider a Motion Put Forward by Cllr Holtzmann on The Climate And Ecology Bill	To consider motion put forward by Cllr Holtzmann	Members considered the motion proposed by Cllr Holtzmann on the Climate and Ecology Bill. This was seconded by Cllr Fox. A vote was taken with 7 votes for and 2 abstentions. The motion was therefore approved. Cllr Holtzmann and Cllr Fox will draft the wordings for the proposed actions from this motion and circulate to all councillors for approval.	<b>Cllr Holtzmann &amp; Cllr Fox</b>

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19	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 September 2023. Cllr Morgan proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt and unanimously approved.	<b>Clerk</b>