



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY

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| 1 | Apologies and Reasons for Absence | To note any apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors | Apologies were received from Cllrs Warman, Morgan, Pitt, Moss-Eccardt, Austen and Holtzmann. 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 30th October 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 30th October 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070 and 2071 refer. There were no matters arising. | |
| 5 | Chairman's Announcements | To receive announcements from the Chairman | The Chairman reported that the Clerk, Estates Manager and himself had a further meeting with the Restorative Justice Service regarding the damage to the Skateboard park. What will happen next is only slowly taking shape. He updated councillors on the situations regarding all the boys and further updates will follow. He wanted to be able to pass on the thanks and congratulations of the Council to the people who put up the Christmas Lights. The Lights are a triumph and the centre of Ely as it goes into the Christmas period is looking very good indeed. He reported that he had recently had a meeting with two representatives of the local Muslim Association and as a result will be seeing Holly Chapman at ECDC Planning Department to discuss with her the progress of the planning application the Association has made regarding the Islamic Centre on Broad Street. | |

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| 5 | Chairman's Announcements | To receive announcements from the Chairman | Then, at a recent meeting with the Dean he expressed an interest in meeting members of the local Muslim community and he had been able to arrange an informal breakfast on the 18th December. He looked forward to good food, good conversation and the building of bridges. He had also had an interesting meeting with Scott Colling who is setting up a computer business in Ely and hoping to link that to organising a safe space for (young) gamers in the area. He will keep councillors informed of how this progresses. Cllr Ní Dhónaill agreed to forward details of a group which already operates, so they can be passed on to Mr Colling. | |
| 6 | Question Time | To receive questions from members of the public | There were no questions as no members of the public were present. | |
| 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. | |
| 8 | Mayor's Engagements and Report | To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended | The Mayor had attended the Ely Rotary Bonfire night celebrations and judged the Guys; Careers Fair at the Cathedral; launch of the RBK carvery; Armistice Day wreath laying; Remembrance Sunday service at the Cathedral and wreath laying at the War Memorial; performance of Bugsy Malone at the Maltings; book launch of Battle of Heligoland; Thanksgiving Day service at the Cathedral; St Etheldreda's International lunch; Lakenheath Yuletide Celebration; Christmas Concert at St Marys Church by the dementia choir and attended the Kite Trust Queer Homecoming at Arbury. | |

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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 | The Chairman gave a report on the planning meeting prior to Full Council. Cllr Denness informed members of Cllr Morgan's request for Full Council to consider and approve the Planning Committee's request that East Cambs District Council be requested to designate the land adjacent to 12 – 22 Holly Walk, and 10-11 Birch Close, Ely as a community asset. Both parcels of land have, for over 35 years, furthered and improved the social wellbeing and/or the social interests of the local community. The District Council has maintained both plots having declared them as open spaces as long ago as 1986. Neither parcels of land have direct access to the highway. Both plots are abundant with wildlife and the tree on Holly Walk has a TPO. This was unanimously agreed and a request will be submitted to ECDC. | Civic & Corporate Services Officer |
| 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, Climate & Environment, 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 13th November, which was noted and approved. She thanked the Clerk for all the information and explanations she had provided when the budget for 2024/25 had been considered. This had been very useful and informative. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the budget for 2024/25 be approved, with a precept of £798,600. This will be a 7.18% increase on a Council Tax band D property and will equate to an increase of approximately 14p per week.</p> | |

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| 11 | Committee Reports | To receive reports of Committee meetings | <p>This was seconded by Cllr Denness and unanimously agreed. It was agreed the Council would join the White Ribbon Campaign as a supporter organisation at a cost of £150. Recommendations from the Communications & PR Working Group in relation to amendments to the Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the three revised standing orders be approved as provided by the Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Banyard and unanimously agreed. The recommendation that the Council consider investment with CCLA was considered further. The Clerk had produced a report detailing the risk, returns and amount to be invested. After consideration of this report Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the Council moves forward with an investment of £500,000 in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund. The three signatories for this Fund would be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and past Mayor. The Clerk would be the correspondent for the account. This was seconded by Cllr Gardner and unanimously approved. The Committee would review the Investment Strategy at the next meeting.</p> <p>Climate & Environment – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 18th December 2023.</p> <p>Assets – No report as Committee had not met.</p> <p>Tourism & Town Centre – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 11th December 2023. Cllr Banyard informed councillors there had been a recent visit to Ribe by some of the Guides and the Tourism and Town Centre Manager. This was felt to have been a very worthwhile and informative visit. The Clerk informed members the Chairman of the Ely Ribe Association would be attending the Full Council meeting</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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| 11 | Committee Reports | To receive reports of Committee meetings | on the 15th January 2024 to give a presentation about this visit. | |
| 12 | Reports From External Meetings | To receive and note reports from external meetings | Councillors noted the following:- Ely Ribe Association – notes of a meeting held on the 2nd November 2023. City of Ely Allotments & Gardens Association notes of a meeting held on the 18th October 2023. | |
| 13 | To Consider Report From Cllr Denness with Regard to the Local Highway Improvement Bids | To consider report regarding the Local Highway Improvement Bids | Councillors considered the report from Cllr Denness with regard to proposed LHI bids. Cllr Denness proposed these two bids be approved so she could submit them from the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and unanimously approved. | Cllr Denness |
| 14 | To Receive An Update With Regard To The CCTV Project | To receive an update with regard to the CCTV project | The Clerk had provided an update with regard to the CCTV project which was noted. The Clerk had proposed the project be undertaken in two phases and had recommended, following the letter of intention to Openview, that phase one be given approval to commence. This would cover the new control room (£51,512.29) and upgrading of existing camera locations (£110,114.55). Cllr Wade proposed this recommendation be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Denness. A vote was taken with 8 councillors approving and 1 abstaining. The proposal was approved. Details regarding the maintenance cover costings, types of cameras and new camera locations were also noted. It was agreed the Clerk would ask the CCTV Co-ordinator to provide information regarding data on reviewing of incidents and outcomes. Phase two will involve consideration of camera types and locations before a decision to move forward is agreed. The Clerk will provide information as requested by Councillors. | Clerk |

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| 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 reconciliations against the accounts for the periods ending the 31st October 2023 and the 30 th November 2023. Cllr Gardner proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Banyard and unanimously approved. | Clerk |