

At a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 7.00 pm

## **Members**

Councillor Hilary Harrington (Chair)	Councillor Mary Bainbridge
Councillor Carole Armstrong	Councillor Herbert Briggs
Councillor Carmel Bell	Councillor Nicky Cockburn
Councillor Markus Campbell-Savours	Councillor John Crouch
Councillor John Cook	Councillor Joan Ellis
Councillor Allan Daniels	Councillor Marion Fitzgerald
Councillor Janet Farebrother	Councillor Malcolm Grainger
Councillor Peter Gaston	Councillor Michael Heaslip
Councillor Iain Greaney	Councillor Vaughan Hodgson
Councillor Alan Hedworth	Councillor Mark Jenkinson
Councillor Daniel Horsley	Councillor Peter Kendall
Councillor George Kemp	Councillor Sally Lansbury
Councillor Adrian Kirkbride	Councillor Louise Maguire
Councillor Peter Little	Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes
Councillor Owen Martin	Councillor Alan Pitcher
Councillor Ron Munby MBE	Councillor Blain Sansom
Councillor Joe Sandwith	Councillor Andrew Semple
Councillor Paul Scott	Councillor Stephen Stoddart
Councillor Alan Smith	Councillor Will Wilkinson
Councillor Alan Tyson	
Councillor Lynda Williams	

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tony Annison, Councillor John Colhoun, Councillor Joe Holliday, Councillor Mike Johnson, Councillor Janet King, Councillor Jim Lister, Councillor Michael Little, Councillor Elaine Lynch and Councillor Anthony Markley

## **Staff Present**

B Carlin, I Frost, A Gilbert, N Hardy, C Holmes, J Irving, L Jardine, K Kerrigan, K Magnay, C Nicholson, R Phillips, G Roach, S Sewell and P Wood

### **74. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2019 were signed as a correct record.

### **75. Declaration of Interests**

None received.

### **76. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no items on the agenda for which the press and public should be excluded.

## **77. Questions and Petitions**

Mr Billy Miskelly submitted the following question –

‘The decision by the Executive of Allerdale Borough Council to suspend the recycling and garden waste collections for two months is causing a burden upon the Council Taxpayers of Allerdale Borough Council both financially and by application of alternatives methods of disposal.

As the said collections were set in the last budget and the Council Taxpayers have already been pay for these services and will be continuing to be paying for them I would suggest that Allerdale Borough Council does the following,

(a) Reduce the amount of the Council Tax Bill for each and every Council Taxpayer in Allerdale to reflect the reduced services being provided by Allerdale Borough Council.

(b) Compensate financially each and every Council Taxpayer in Allerdale for having paid for services they have not received from Allerdale Borough Council’.

Councillor M Fitzgerald responded by saying;

‘Council Tax is a local taxation that is used to fund services such as Education, Police, Planning, Waste Collection etc. Allerdale bills on behalf of the County Council, Police and Parishes as well as for its own share of the tax. The average band D charge for a property in Allerdale is £172.99 per year for all borough council services including waste, leisure, environmental protection and housing.

It is important to state that as a form of taxation the payment of council tax is not contingent on the regular delivery of services and therefore residents cannot withhold payment in respect of the council tax they are liable for.

The portion of the council tax which goes towards Allerdale services is less than 10% of the total bill. For an average band D property this is £172.99 a year, or about £3.33 a week. This is the lowest for any district council in Cumbria and helps cover the cost of the wealth of services we provide, not just waste collection’.

## **78. Notices of Motion**

Councillor M Heaslip requested a recorded vote. A vote was taken on the request for a recorded vote, which was approved.

Councillor M Heaslip moved the following Motion –

‘Council agrees to instruct officers to prepare a detailed report to be considered by the Council’s Constitution Review Group and a future Council meeting setting out all the considerations of moving to an alternative to Executive

governance by adopting the Committee system, as provided for by the Localism Act 2011.

Council notes that each committee would be appointed by Council reflecting the political balance in this chamber and giving all councillors the opportunity to be involved in decisions on specific functions delegated to a committee by Council, with power to make further delegations, as provided for by the relevant legislation’.

This was seconded by Councillor A Smith.

Councillor M Fitzgerald moved an amendment to the motion to read as follows;

‘Council agrees to instruct officers to prepare a detailed report to be considered by the Council’s Constitution Review Group and a future Council meeting setting out every option for future governance structures including the committee structure, hybrid models of governance, the current model and any other option that is available to considered.’

The amendment was agreed.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion, viz. –

In favour:

Councillors C Armstrong, M Bainbridge, C Bell, H Briggs, M Campbell-Savours, N Cockburn, J Cook, J Crouch, A Daniels, J Ellis, J Farebrother, M Fitzgerald, P Gaston, M Grainger, I Greaney, H Harrington, M Heaslip, A Hedworth, V Hodgson, D Horsley, M Jenkinson, G Kemp, P Kendall, A Kirkbride, S Lansbury, P Little, L Maguire, O Martin, C McCarron-Holmes, R Munby, A Pitcher, J Sandwith, B Sansom, P Scott, A Semple, A Smith, S Stoddart, A Tyson, W Wilkinson and L Williams.

None Against.

No Abstentions.

The vote was unanimous; the motion was carried.

Councillor J Ellis requested a recorded vote. A vote was taken on the request for a recorded vote, which was approved.

Councillor J Ellis moved the following amended Motion –

‘Council notes with abhorrence the recent reported alleged incident of racist abuse and hate crime in Murray Road, Workington and conveys best wishes to the victims of the attack, and condemns those who bring racist hatred onto our streets. Council confirms that it will work with Police and other agencies to counter hate crime wherever it appears in our area’.

This was seconded by Councillor A Semple.

Councillor M Fitzgerald said she was very keen to support the motion and said that the Council had a long history in supporting social fairness and equalities and made reference to the motion she had submitted herself in 2016.

Councillor A Semple spoke in support of the motion.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion, viz. –

In favour:

Councillors C Armstrong, M Bainbridge, C Bell, H Briggs, M Campbell-Savours, N Cockburn, J Cook, J Crouch, A Daniels, J Ellis, J Farebrother, M Fitzgerald, P Gaston, M Grainger, I Greaney, H Harrington, M Heaslip, A Hedworth, V Hodgson, D Horsley, M Jenkinson, G Kemp, P Kendall, A Kirkbride, S Lansbury, P Little, L Maguire, O Martin, C McCarron-Holmes, R Munby, A Pitcher, J Sandwith, B Sansom, P Scott, A Semple, A Smith, S Stoddart, A Tyson, W Wilkinson and L Williams.

None Against.

No Abstentions.

The vote was unanimous; the motion was carried.

## **79. Councillor Speeches**

Councillor A Pitcher made a speech on the John Peel Theatre at Wigton and the great improvements made following the support it had received from the Council.

The Mayor permitted Councillor C Armstrong to say a few words and thank the people of Workington and all those who had joined in the search for Mr Ged Doran who had recently been reported missing. On the sad news he had since been found she said our wishes and condolences go to the family.

## **80. Announcements from the Mayor, Leader or Head of Paid Service**

The Mayor made reference to the engagements she and the Deputy Mayor had undertaken since the meeting held on 22 May 2019.

## **81. Portfolio Holder Reports**

Councillor M Fitzgerald, Leader of the Council, presented the Portfolio Holders update report.

Questions were asked around the future of the Allerdale Investment Partnership, proposed new Community Stadium for Workington, the council's priorities around mental health, street scene and grounds maintenance in Wigton and member training.

**82. Executive Minutes**

Members noted the minutes of the Executive meetings held on 25 February, 22 March and 17 April 2019.

**83. Reference from Executive 17 April 2019 - Capital Investment Strategy 2019/20**

This report was considered at Executive on 17 April 2019. Members considered the report and the recommendations.

Councillor M Jenkinson moved the recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor P Scott.

With reference to page 83 of the report re the Reedlands Road Development, Councillor P Kendall asked 'if by the time the project comes and the UK has left the EU will there be any opportunity for claw back'. It was agreed that clarification would be sought and a response shared with members.

A vote was taken, 40 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions. The motion was unanimously agreed.

**Resolved** – That the Capital Investment Strategy be adopted and following best practice it be reviewed on an annual basis.

**84. Annual Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report 2018/19**

Councillor A Pitcher, Co-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee moved the annual report for 2018/19.

This was seconded by Councillor O Martin.

**Resolved**

That the report be Agreed.

**85. Changes to Committee Memberships and Outside Body Representation**

Councillor J Cook moved his report and nominated Councillor Paul Scott as the new Council representative on the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee outside body. This was seconded by Councillor S Stoddart.

A vote was taken – 28 voted in favour, 0 against and 12 abstentions. The motion was carried.

**Resolved**

That –

1. Councillor Paul Scott be replaced by Councillor Adrian Kirkbride on the Audit Committee

2. Councillor Paul Scott be appointed as the new Council representative to serve on the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee outside body, to replace Councillor Carole Armstrong.

**The meeting closed at 8.22 pm**