

Council21st March, 2019PRESENT:-

Councillor Wilson, Deputy Lord Mayor (D. C., in the Chair).
 Councillors Abbott, Akbar, Belcher, Bell, Bisbey, Black, Brabazon, Brady, Bridges, Burton, Chambers, Chaytor, Clark, Craker, Dad, Drake-Davis, Dunstan, Fareham, Fudge, Gardiner, Greenhill, Hale, Harrison, Hatcher, Herrera-Richmond, Hewitt, Ieronimo, Ince, Kennett, Langley, Lunn, Matthews, McMurray, Neal, Nicola, Pantelakis, Payne, Petrini, Pritchard, Quinn, C. Randall, (Mrs.) C. E. Randall, Robinson, Rodmell, Ross, A. Thompson, D. Thompson, M. Thompson, Tock, Wareing, Webster and Williams.

APOLOGIES:-

Councillors Allen, Conner, Coward and McCobb.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
PROCEDURAL ITEMS		
	<p>TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NEW ZEALAND</p> <p>The Deputy Lord Mayor offered the Council's condolences to the families and friends of the fifty people who lost their lives, and the dozens that were wounded, in last Friday's attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.</p> <p>Those present then stood in silent tribute.</p>	
	<p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>The Deputy Lord Mayor explained that the City Council had recently won the 'Driving Growth' award, which focussed on regeneration, economic growth and job creation, at the Local Government Chronicle Awards held in London on 13th March, 2019.</p> <p>The Deputy Lord Mayor then presented the award to representatives from the Regeneration Directorate.</p>	
119	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made in respect of the items that follow below.</p>	

120	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council, held at 9.30 a.m. on 28th February, 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Lord Mayor.</p>	
121	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council, held at 11.00 a.m. on 28th February, 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Lord Mayor.</p>	
122	<p>COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that there had been no changes to the composition of the political groups within the City Council.</p> <p>Agreed – That the report be noted.</p>	
123	<p>MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that there had been no changes to the memberships of Committees and Joint Committees of the Council.</p> <p>Agreed – That the report be noted.</p>	
124	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that he had not received any petitions that needed to be considered by the City Council.</p> <p>Agreed – That the report be noted.</p>	
125	<p>LEADER'S STATEMENT</p> <p>The Leader began his statement and congratulated Kellie Moore, who was named as National Care Home Manager of the Year at the National Care Awards. He then commented on that it was Councillor Hewitt's last Council meeting before his</p>	

	<p>retirement in May, 2019; the recent terrorist attacks in New Zealand; the ongoing Brexit negotiations; future trade agreements with the European Union; the success of the Kids and Teenagers (KAT) Card that offered discounted travel around the City; the City Council's recent success at the High Court in London over the introduction of the Council's new Private Housing Enforcement Policy; the progress of the delivery of the A63 Scheme; the current situation regarding Interserve, and the offshore wind industry.</p> <p>Councillor Fareham replied to the Leader's statement, and congratulated the Regeneration Directorate on winning the 'Driving Growth' award at the recent Local Government Chronicle Awards. He then commented on the recent progress on renewables; that Local Government was still delivering and improving services and communities; the Local Government Association, and that local government should be local.</p> <p>Councillor Ross replied to the Leader's statement and congratulated Councillor McCobb on the recent arrival of his son. He then commented on the recent terrorist attacks in New Zealand; Kellie Moore, who was named as National Care Home Manager of the Year at the National Care Awards; the Regeneration Directorate on winning the 'Driving Growth' award at the recent Local Government Chronicle Awards; Brexit; the possibility of a second Brexit Referendum; the need for a change of approach regarding Brexit, and the Leader of the national Opposition.</p> <p>Agreed – That the Leader's statement, and the responses to that statement, be noted.</p>	
126	<p>QUESTIONS (WITH WRITTEN NOTICE) TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND OTHERS</p> <p>Councillor Hatcher asked if the Leader of the Council could provide Members with an update on the action taken since November's Full Council meeting, when Council resolved to becoming recognised as a Co-operative Council?</p>	

The Leader replied that in support of their co-operative goals the Council had established contact with the Co-operative College, through the College's Chief Executive Simon Parkinson. Representatives had attended the centenary event in Manchester which explored the work of the Mondragon Corporation; urban governments in Bologna, Italy; the Preston Model for Regeneration and Fair Growth, and making an economy that worked for all with a union co-operative from Cincinnati. The Council was working hard to ensure that it maintained over half its procurement going to local suppliers, and was on target to achieve over 55% for this financial year with the third quarter results exceeding target. The Council continued to review the approaches to all of its procurement to support the social values and fair growth to ensure better social and economic outcomes for the people of Hull. The Council supported Fair Trade goods and services including the promotion of Fair Trade fortnight which was nationally recognised and reported by the Co-operative Council's Innovation Network via their website. The Council reviewed its work and approaches to ensure support for the ten core values and principles of the Co-operative Council's Innovation Network which were in line with the International Co-operative Alliance. The Council had shared a number of examples of what they already did with the Network and received examples through the Network as well. For instance, the Council was working with the Network on the sharing of best practice and supporting existing programmes through the policy hub that the Network operated. For example, the Council was working with Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council on sustainable food. Going forward, the Council looked forward to supporting the Network at the Local Government Association Conference in July, 2019, and also at the Co-operative Council's Innovation Networks Annual Conference.

Councillor Matthews asked the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Public Health, there were 5.4 million people with asthma in the UK, which meant asthma affected one in every 11 people and one in five households. On average three people a day died from asthma. The NHS spent around £1 billion a year treating and caring for

people with asthma. Pollution, stress and the environment were just some reasons as to why asthma was still so very prevalent. What measures/work were Public Health/the Council doing to improve the health of people living with asthma?

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Public Health replied that as she was aware, being an asthma sufferer herself, she understood, there was a range of programmes of activity that contributed to preventing asthma occurring in the first place and reduced the severity for people who actually had the illness. This was done via tobacco control and there was a wide range of work being undertaken to prevent people smoking in the first place and to support and help those who already smoked to quit, especially, people who smoked during pregnancy, and the exposure to second hand smoke. The measures had already helped to reduce the incidence of asthma in the first place and also the experience of people living with asthma. The Council's Air Quality Strategy contained a wide range of measures to improve air quality as the Council was aware poor air quality could have a very adverse effect on people with respiratory problems including asthma. Further work was done with the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service, where Health Visitors and School Nurses worked closely with the Community and Acute Health Services to support children with asthma. Finally, the NHS had an asthma and general respiratory care pathway. The Public Health Team continued to work with NHS Hull's Clinical Commissioning Group and the University of Hull's Teaching Hospitals Trust on respiratory diseases, pathways for children and adults, which included asthma, to further improve the experience and outcomes for individuals. This was a wide scope of work which they were trying to do to help those people who lived with asthma and to help people to not have the disease in the first place. What they could not do was help to make it free medication as was the case with diabetes and epilepsy. They would do what they could to support people and she was sure that would continue with support from across the Chamber.

Councillor Dad asked if the Portfolio Holder for Housing could provide members with an

update on the support and resources being made available to Universal Credit claimants in the City who were facing payment delays and/or sanctions under the new system?

The Portfolio for Housing replied that he would just remind Members of the Council that two very informative seminars were held, one in an afternoon and one in an evening, to make it convenient for everybody, to discuss all the aspects of Universal Credit. Time did not allow him that morning to widen the debate out like he knew a number of Members would want, so he would restate a number of the points. New claimants were coming on line at the rate of between 80 and 100 claims per month which was an enormous rate given the fact that the Government had tried to give the perception that Universal Credit was slowing down. That was not the case. In order to support people going on to Universal Credit, the Wilson Centre provided a service five days a week for people to go in and get advice. An advice service had been set up at the Bransholme Health Centre and also a one day a week service was held on Orchard Park. In addition to that the Housing Department, from the Housing Revenue Account, had established a team of six Tenancy Sustainment Officers who were very much involved with the roll out of Universal Credit. It was a considerable risk to the Housing Revenue Account as was pointed out in the budget debate. Therefore, it was in the Council's interest to put as much resource at the front end as possible to give the best possible advice in order that help could be given to as many people as possible and ensure that the Council got income into the Housing Revenue Account.

Councillor Herrera-Richmond asked if the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transformation could update Council on the Fair Funding consultation and the implications for the Council?

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transformation replied that he had had a chat earlier with Councillor Fareham about that and it was becoming more and more complicated as it went on. He accepted there had to be a base for everything they worked off, a foundation formula,

which would cover Adult Social Care, Children and Young People, Public Health, Highways, Legacy Capital Finance, Flood Defence and Coastal Protection. The problem was that it also included Waste, Public Transport, Libraries and Homelessness, and it was proposed that deprivation would not be a factor. It was absolutely beyond him how deprivation could not be a factor in homelessness. He thought it was just crazy. Then there was an area of cost adjustment. There was a base so it was the same around the country. There was an area cost adjustment which included elements for remoteness, which was the rurality that the Government had been talking about. In some cases it had to be accepted. There were longer roads, public transport and issues like that. When people were made homeless, and there was not generally much homelessness in leafy villages, there could well be homelessness but to not actually have deprivation and work that out he thought it was just absolute madness. So, he thought the Council was still going to be writing to the Government in strong terms saying that although they agreed on large areas, there needed to be a base, because it needed to be sorted out. Also, there would be a debate later on in the Chamber about funding. The Council needed to have a base to work from but removing deprivation from some of those areas was completely wrong.

Councillor Neal asked the Deputy Leader of the Council, as well as in other areas of the City, there had been problems with the delivery of Council communications. He was sure the Portfolio Holder would agree that it was vital that residents were kept informed about events and local consultation activities in their area, for example the Stoneferry Corridor consultation event that recently took place. Was the Deputy Leader content with the level of service from the Council's delivery contractor at present? Was the Deputy Leader able to give assurances that future communications would be promptly delivered?

The Deputy Leader replied that the Stoneferry Consultation was organised as part of a design contract and it would appear that there may have been a problem with the distribution of some leaflets down Woodhall Street. It was fair to say

not all of Woodhall Street because some people from Woodhall Street had attended, carrying said leaflets that had appeared at their houses. When made aware of that, obviously, the Council did not just use a leaflet drop they used a range of other media communications to get the message out. He himself had spoken on Radio Humberside about the consultation and Andy Comfort had done them a very good piece. He understood it was also included in the Mail; the Mail online; Twitter, and on Hull News Live. There was no statutory requirement to have consultation on major highways projects but this Administration was always keen on consultations going back to the days of Transforming our Primary Schools (ToPS) where the Council went over and above what they had to do. To put it in perspective 120 people had attended that consultation. It was one of the biggest highways consultations that had taken place in the City for many a year. On the day at least 10 people from Woodhall Street had responded directly to the consultation. 40 additional people had responded to the consultation of the 120 that had actually turned up. With the fact that there were 200 people in the Woodhall Street area, the siting of that event at Stoneferry Primary School, which was not always the easiest school to get into, was deliberately designed to serve the people from the South end of that consultation. He knew there would be perhaps more interest because it was one of the more effected areas of the Stoneferry consultation. It was around how Stoneferry Road was accessed out of Woodhall Street. Officers had taken on board the consultation because the Council did not just have joke consultations. The Council had meaningful consultations. A lot of the comments that had come out of that consultation they believed they could address as part of the planning of the next stage. The Council genuinely believed that it could address a lot of the concerns raised and come to solutions that would benefit everybody. The Council had to bear in mind that the reason for that was around safety and to stop accidents. It was the fact that average speed on Stoneferry Road was currently five miles an hour. Something had to be done about that to keep the City moving, and the growth of the City, but also for the benefit of residents who had to make that journey every day. It was great news that there was to be a multi-

million pound investment from this Administration in the Stoneferry area.

Councillor Petrini asked if the Leader of the Council would join her in sending the City Council's congratulations to 15 year old Sophie Carter who was representing Team GB at the recent Special Olympics. It was great news that Sophie was part of the Gold Medal Winning 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay team and achieved a Bronze in the 50m Breaststroke. Would the Leader send the Council's congratulations?

The Leader replied that it was another marvellous story. People with disabilities who had the tenacity to take up those sports, and what a heart-warming story to hear. Of course, the Council would send its congratulations. Not only that, he was sure that the Lord Mayor would invite Sophie to the Chamber so the Council can pass on its thanks and support to those wonderful young people for the challenges they had to overcome. It was a real lesson to us all but another great story coming out of Hull.

Councillor C. Randall asked the Chair of the Licensing Committee, given the recent press reports about Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers, was the Chair satisfied that procedures were being followed and proactively enforced to ensure passenger safety?

The Chair of the Licensing Committee replied that the Licensing Authority had robust and stringent policies and conditions set by the Licensing Committee. They applied to all existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence Holders and to new applicants for such licences. Those policies were conditioned and reviewed annually to ensure they were up to date and relevant to the requirements of the service and to ensure the protection of passengers who used licenced vehicles. The Licensing Section had a sound working relationship with the Police and procedures were in place to ensure that complaints were thoroughly investigated and appropriate action was taken if drivers or operators were found not to be compliant with the Council's high standards.

Councillor Webster asked if the Deputy Leader

of the Council would respond to the comments on twitter of one of the Judging Panel for the Local Government Chronicle Award for Driving Growth, about the strength of the Council's successful submission?

The Deputy Leader replied that when Labour had received this question they were not actually aware that the presentation would be taking place today in the Chamber. He thought it was a fantastic effort that had been put in by the Regeneration Team. What the Judge had said was that the Council's Team had knocked their socks off with its passion and clarity, and the difference being made was so clear for our citizens that it had put a real spring in their step. For a national judging panel to say that about this City and its application, because one of the things about winning awards was you did not have to be good to win awards, you had to be good and then also write a good bid. This was often in your spare time because obviously people had a full workload every day. For many years Councils that were not good often won awards because they had the time to write them or use a professional bid writer. He thought the difference in Hull was that we were good and we wrote good bids. It was not fair to single people out but he thought it was fair to single out Anne Stark for the fantastic bid she had submitted in to get this Driving Growth Award. He congratulated Anne and the rest of the Regeneration Team for the efforts they had put in, in actually putting Hull on the regeneration map again. This came hot on the heels of the Revo Gold Award where the owners and developers of the High Street had rated the Council the best in class for the regeneration of the public realm and the City Centre, so he thanked Anne and the team.

Councillor (Mrs.) C. E. Randall asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing, given the contribution from the Housing Revenue Account Budget for cleansing, grass cutting and street lighting was the Portfolio Holder happy with the level of rubbish collection on Council estates?

The Portfolio Holder for Housing replied that he was a bit confused with the question as it made reference to rubbish collection and he was not quite sure if it meant refuse collection. So for

rubbish collections, like most people in the Council Chamber he had spent many, many hours walking around the streets across the City. It was that time of year. He had noticed, like he had done with Councillor M. Thompson when they had been in the Central Ward a few weeks ago, the amount of rubbish all over the place. The fact was that when it was reported to the Council the response was almost immediate. He had been told that only seven requests had been put in the previous week for rubbish to be moved. Within 24 hours that rubbish had been removed. What the Administration needed to do was to encourage as many Councillors as possible not to just moan about it but to actually ring in. When they rang in they would get a good response. The Administration needed to tell the people who rang that they should ring up immediately. He was being assured, and he was trying not to stray in to the Portfolio Holder for Operational Services' area, but that was very important. If Councillor (Mrs.) C. E. Randall was talking about refuse collection then indeed, Councillor (Mrs.) C. E. Randall wasn't OK, but he would make the point as he was on his feet. He had actually been staggered with the information he had been provided with, that there were 8,589,879 collections by Hull refuse teams every year and only 0.139% were missed. That was absolutely incredible particularly when it was considered that due to people parking ridiculously, and a whole host of things like that there were some good reasons for it. That was an absolutely remarkable statistic. As for collecting rubbish on the estates he was informed that a new team had been established. Street Scene, Refuse and Housing met monthly to coordinate the activities around fly tipping, rubbish collection and so on. It was having a very good impact on the estates. He also referred to the Council's budget meeting, which had taken place a few weeks ago, where a team of six operatives had been established. That was already in the process of being staffed, and he understood from the Assistant City Manager - Streetscene that those adverts were out. He was not quite sure if the Opposition had voted for those teams but Labour expected that the addition of that team working throughout the City would have an enormous impact tackling the concerns which he knew Members were getting from their constituents.

Councillor M. Thompson asked if the Chair of the Riverside Area Committee would like to comment on the success of the Knife Angel installation in Hull? Did the Chair not think this was a great endorsement of the use of the Community Initiatives Budget (CIB), in how St. Andrew's and Docklands Ward Labour Councillors joined their funding with Keith Hunter, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside, and Unison's Police Branch to make this a reality in Riverside?

The Chair of the Riverside Area Committee replied that the Knife Angel had proved to be a huge success and had been described by many who had seen it as thought provoking. The only Council funding to support the project was provided by the St. Andrew's and Docklands Ward CIB in the sum of £15,000. It was a clear example of how using local CIB funding could influence thinking and shape views as part of tackling issues such as knife crime. The visitor numbers had certainly exceeded expectations with approximately 25,000 visits, showing how the arts were able to draw people to the City Centre. The 27ft. high Knife Angel sculpture was made of 100,000 knives collected in a national amnesty and engraved with messages from families of victims of knife crime and installed in Queens Gardens near the Rose Bowl on 4th February, 2019. It visited the City as part of the #nomoreknives campaign which was a collaborative launch by Hull Live alongside Humberside Police and the Rich Foundation in a bid to rid the region's streets of knife crime. While knife crime in Hull was nowhere near the levels experienced in other cities, the City must be vigilant in deterring many young people away from this terrible plight and projects like that would help in that deterrent as everyone knew that prevention was better than cure.

Councillor Langley asked the Deputy Leader of the Council, at the Liberal Democrat Conference in York last week, a motion was passed to tackle air pollution and to bring forward a Clean Air Act. Would the Deputy Leader commit to working to make Hull a Clean Air Zone to improve the health of residents?

The Deputy Leader replied that currently there was constant monitoring of air quality and that showed that all areas of the City were below the air quality objective levels set by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). He was just seeking clarity and thought the DEFRA levels came from Europe interestingly. It would be very interesting to see whether that was one of the conditions and standards the Government proposed to stick to once we left the European Union. Looking at the various pollutants, there was the exception of one area running along the A63 where there was a slight exceedance of the level for one pollutant, nitrogen dioxide. That was in the Ward he and his two colleagues represented so they particularly shared concerns with regards to that. As a result an Air Quality Management Area was declared for that stretch of road. The primary contributor to the elevated levels in that area was road traffic, the exceedance and the responsibility for that lay with Highways England. He had to credit to Highways England as the Council had received some significant investment to improve the junction at Victoria Dock. Also the decision to go early with the A63 bridge after many years of efforts from the previous Portfolio Holder and the Highways Officers within the City Council, would lessen pollution because it would keep traffic flowing at a greater level by taking out two pedestrian crossings. It was obviously stationary traffic that was a major contributor to air pollution levels, so he thought it was important. Back in November, 2017, a report was received about air quality strategy. All Council departments were committed to consider the impact of all projects on air quality and ways to improve air quality had to be looked at as part of everything they did. Clear Air Zones (CAZs) were only one tool used in defined areas, primarily town centres, where air quality objectives were exceeded. Government guidance recommended that local authorities considered the use of other methods before using CAZs. In Hull it was decided that CAZs would not be an effective method to improve air quality and an Air Quality Strategy with a raft of measures achieving that would be perhaps more beneficial instead. Part of the reason for that was if you had a CAZ, what would you do with the A63? They could not just get rid of the road, it was there. They had to seek to make the A63 work better for the City and the

citizens of the City in terms of the clear air and not pretend that the road did not exist.

Councillor Fudge asked if the Deputy Leader of the Council would update her as to the progress on the resurfacing of Wold Road and Wymersley Road following the budget commitment by the Administration of £660,000?

The Deputy Leader replied that he thought Councillor Fudge had raised that at a Ward meeting and he had said he thought it would be a very useful question to raise in the Chamber. Often there was a deafening silence from the Party opposite in thanking the Administration for the allocation of funds. If the comments in the Chamber were to be believed you would think that all the money was spent in the City Centre. Personally, he quite liked a lot of money being spent in the City Centre as a Councillor for the City Centre, but this was not the case. If you looked at the highways spend, Members had just talked about £8/9 million of Stoneferry funding not in the City Centre, unless the map was redrawn very largely to the East. He would say Derringham on the East Riding border was about as suburban as Hull got. Hull had no suburbs because they were all in the East Riding but it was the Ward which was adjoining the East Riding. He was very pleased that the commitment given by the Administration and Councillors in that Ward previously, to resurface Wymersley and Wold Roads, was taking shape. He had read the latest Liberal Democrat literature in that area and it made no mention. It did not even say the Liberal Democrats had called for that and Labour had delivered it. It made no mention of those roads, interestingly. It was interesting that there was no mention of a huge, significant part of the Council's Capital Programme being spent in a Ward. They could all criticise Theresa May and say 'oh well, she did this, she did not listen', and be the sort of politicians that do not listen. That was a classic example of where a group of politicians had listened, had not taken the cheap political route that had once been found on Beverley Road where every road off Beverley Road seemed to have been done when a certain Councillor was the Portfolio Holder. Labour had done the scheme, they did things the right way based on a

prioritisation of 'worst first'. That was Derringham Ward. It was not a Ward where they currently had Councillors but the right thing to do was to resurface the roads in that area, not in the City Centre. As long as he had that on record he would move on.

Councillor Langley asked the Portfolio Holder for Operational Services, it was mentioned at an Autumn meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Overview and Scrutiny Commission that much of Hull's plastic waste went on to be processed within the European Union. Could the Portfolio Holder update the Council on the work she had been doing to ensure that Hull's plastic waste continued to be processed properly, and did not end up in landfill, during any Brexit disruption?

The Portfolio Holder for Operational Services replied that all local authorities had been advised by DEFRA that for waste exports to the EU from the UK there would be no changes to the processes that controlled the export of waste for recycling and the export of waste for disposal. In addition, a significant majority of the plastic collected from the kerbside was plastic bottles, tubs and trays. That plastic had a significant value as compared to landfill or energy from waste which was costly, so there was a huge financial incentive to recycle it. In addition there was both the demand for the material and a continual supply. That said, contractors were prepared with contingency plans for both alternative outlets and additional storage provision in preparation for any delays that could be seen at ports where materials were being exported.

Councillor Gardiner asked if the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services could share with the Chamber the response there had been to the reinstatement of the Annual Staff Awards in 2019?

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services replied that it had become extremely popular, extremely quickly. She thought over fifty nominations had come in in the first week or so. It was interesting and quite heart-warming to read the comments because a lot of them were people describing

others as the glue that kept the team together. Others had said that they helped out with support when people had come back to work after illness and the support they had received to further their career. It really was quite an indication of what good people actually worked in the Council, even with the reduced workforce. She hoped people and members would consider coming to the award ceremony, as all members had been invited.

Councillor Ieronimo asked the Portfolio Holder for Operational Services, parking was an issue on Boothferry North because car ownership had increased and the estates were not designed to take that volume of cars. Local events at the Costello Stadium only exacerbated matters despite the plans put into place by the management to minimise disruption. Could the Portfolio Holder outline the action being taken by the Council to improve the situation?

The Portfolio Holder for Operational Services replied that Civil Enforcement continued to undertake patrols of all areas in the City. Civil Enforcement Officers issued the appropriate penalty charge notices where Traffic Regulation Orders existed. The events at Costello Stadium did not cause problems in the area as there was a site car park and an agreement placed with a local school for extra parking and for coaches to park after dropping off. There were occasionally issues regarding on-street parking meaning residents could not get their usual spot when football games were on in the park. Hull Culture and Leisure Limited (HCaL) had not had or seen any recent complaints. People were entitled to park on the highway if no restrictions were in place. The Holderness Ward Councillors often raised similar matters and the answer had to be that they should pursue a Traffic Regulation Order if it was that bad. It would be possible to implement a Controlled Parking Zone through a Traffic Regulation Order that could be linked to regular events. It would involve residents purchasing permits and could place other constraints on parking. It was difficult to implement a scheme to control on-street parking by visitors to an event without having some adverse effect on the residents that the scheme was meant to benefit.

Councillor Akbar asked if the Deputy Leader of the Council would join her in thanking all those involved with the establishment of the wonderful new City memorial to the brave men and women that went to Spain to fight against Franco's fascist forces? She was sure the Deputy Leader would agree that the fight for freedom and democracy that was made by those Hull citizens was part of the proud working class campaigning history of the men and women of this City.

The Deputy Leader replied that it was a wonderful new monument because he thought one of the problems with history by the rich and powerful was that it was always written down. They often had big buildings, they often had big libraries and they often had big blue plaques on the side of their buildings. Former Councillor Glew had gone some way to addressing that for the ordinary people of Hull in the last year with her own hundred or so plaques, but it was often the case that in poorer communities and amongst working class communities things were not written down and the real history of the City and its people could sometimes get lost. It was wonderful news that a significant amount of, and, like all the statues in the Guildhall which said 'paid for by public subscription', and he was always a bit dubious as to how the money really was actually raised, but he could genuinely say that, in the case of this monument, it was paid for by ordinary people, Trade Unionists; families; socialist groups, and others. So, it was genuinely a grass roots monument and it was really important. People had said "why was the history of a hundred years ago important?" Well, if people forgot or did not learn from history they were destined to make the same mistakes again, and again, and again. It was absolutely terrible but, he was sure, if those brilliant people, some of whom had made the ultimate sacrifice to go to foreign shores to fight for principles, were alive today they would be aghast and horrified to find that we held a minutes silence at the beginning of the meeting because those hateful ideas still held currency amongst certain people in certain communities. It was the duty of everyone present, whenever those warped ideas reared their heads, to basically challenge them.

The fight for freedom and democracy was never won; was a constant battle, and everyone had a duty. Other examples could be given where people now felt more able to say the sorts of things to others of a different coloured skin or a different faith that they would not have been willing to say a few years ago. In the current climate that was wholly unacceptable. As the leadership of the City collectively, in the Chamber, they had a duty to challenge those ideas of hate wherever they reared their head. With regards to this brilliant monument, well done to all those involved, and he included Andy Stankard in that, for the effort they had put in to achieve the monument.

Councillor Ieronimo asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing, some garages were set to be demolished and gated off on Mollison Road and Lulworth Avenue, however that still hadn't been done after a very long wait. They attracted lots of antisocial behaviour in the meantime. When could residents expect action to be taken?

The Portfolio Holder for Housing replied that there had been a dramatic reduction in the demand for garages in recent years. There were a number of reasons for that. Cars were much larger and a very tight fit in the garages which were built in the 1950s and 1960s, and cars could withstand the elements more than they used to. He himself had a garage and he left his car on the drive. Many more people were applying for dropped kerbs because they wanted their car outside their front door for security. Given the number of Council houses which had been bought, whilst the 'Right to Buy' people who were owner/occupiers could rent garages, VAT was put on those garages and it made it 20% more so demand for garages was reducing. Notwithstanding that, the City Council still managed thousands of garages. Unfortunately, the City Council had to have a significant demolition programme. He understood that in the next financial year fifty blocks, consisting of three hundred garages would be demolished, taking the number of garages demolished to nearly four thousand in recent years. To the question, he understood that the garages referred to only once just recently had been fully vacant and it could be understood why the six garages had to be fully vacant before they could be demolished. The

block of garages at Mollison Road had not yet been confirmed as all vacant. Nevertheless, he had been assured by the Renewals Team that as soon as those blocks were fully vacant they would be added into the programme.

Councillor Greenhill asked the Chair of the Riverside Area Committee, recently circulated crime statistics had highlighted particularly high rates of crime in the St. Andrew's and Docklands Ward. Could the Chair of the Riverside Area Committee please outline why that Ward might have such high crime levels and what action the Council was taking to support residents and the local Police Team there?

The Chair of the Riverside Area Committee replied that she thought it unusual and a little unfair to focus on the one Ward that covered the entire City Centre and query crime levels. Different areas of the City had different levels and types of crime mainly dependent on the make-up of that particular area. Covering the City Centre was a difficult task especially when successive coalition and now Tory governments had slashed the funding to the Police and to the Council. The local Ward Councillors worked hand in hand with the local Policing Team and many local residents' groups in addressing the particular issues that being a Ward covering, and side by side with, a busy City Centre brought. All three of the Ward Councillors received a Special Responsibility Allowance and could have been asked this question. The fact that it did not relate to her position it did not seem to be that relevant as several questions today were to directed to the wrong people. The figures showed a rise in domestic burglary. However, a number of the key arrests had brought the figures down back in line with other areas. On-street prostitution had also increased along Hessle Road and surrounding areas. Over a number of years the City Council had worked with partner agencies to have an exclusion zone created for this area. Bi-monthly meetings were held with the Police to discuss the individual needs of all active sex trade workers and the City Council worked with several agencies to address those issues. The City Council was now working on a course for identified males utilising the sex trade workers that would be a one-time

alternative to prosecution with a view to education and to prevent re-offending. The Public Spaces Protection Order covering the Riverside Area, which included the St. Andrew's and Docklands Ward, had recently been extended for a further three years. That Order made it an offence not to hand over an alcoholic drink when asked by an authorised person. A person who failed to do so could be given a Fixed Penalty Notice carrying a fine of £100, or prosecuted and fined up to £500 once convicted by a Magistrates' Court. The local Labour Ward Councillors were very much part of gaining that Order in the first place and were part of the public consultation that had resulted in its extension. The answer was to keep doing things like that, to keep listening to residents as the Labour Ward Councillors did with regular public surgeries and Ward Fora, the last one being last Tuesday, and to look at ways to tackle crime and the fear of crime.

Councillor Ross asked the Chair of Hull Culture and Leisure Limited (HCaL), the recent announcement that the University of Hull graduations were to be moved from the City Hall to the Bonus Arena was not likely to be the last example of an event that had traditionally been held in the former transferring to the latter. Could the Chair of Hull Culture and Leisure Limited outline what work would be taken to replace the lost income to the City Hall and other venues in the Portfolio?

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Tourism replied that it was very disappointing that the University of Hull had taken the decision to sadly not use the City Hall this year. It was a big loss to many students and their families. Regardless of their decision HCaL would continue its normal practice and hard work to secure high quality programming at both the City Hall and the New Theatre. He anticipated that this would allow them to continue to achieve a return above income targets for their efforts. Further still, HCaL continued to work in partnership with the Council seeking to raise physical standards of the City Hall, assisting with its ongoing refurbishment. This followed on from the major upgrade undertaken by the Council at the New Theatre that had arisen as a consequence of the Council's successful pursuit

	<p>of the City of Culture award. The Chair of HCaL replied that she was also more than happy to answer the question. HCaL worked in partnership, as Councillor Ross knew, as some of his colleagues knew, as they sat on the Board of HCaL. So, she was surprised to hear that Councillor Ross had not had any conversations with his colleagues. As Chair of HCaL obviously she was aware that the University of Hull had decided to go to the Bonus Arena for their graduation ceremony. She was also aware that the students and their families were absolutely furious because of the prestigious event that was usually held at the City Hall in such wonderful surroundings. The City Hall was a beautiful, beautiful building and she was very disappointed that the University had chosen to go to the Bonus Arena. She believed that in the future they might come back because they would be put under pressure, as they were already being put under pressure, from the students and the families for that very prestigious ceremony to be taking place within a very prestigious and beautiful building. She did not want to insult the people at the Bonus Arena, but the surroundings in there could not be compared with the City Hall. HCaL Officers were also working extremely hard to draw in other events. As the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Tourism had said they were looking at the City Hall in great detail and looking at how they could improve on it and utilise the space within there. It had something maybe different to what could possibly be provided at the Bonus Arena. Labour was very aware of it and she almost felt as though the Liberal Democrats were celebrating the fact that they had lost the graduation ceremony to the Bonus Arena. That was how it felt, Labour knew what the Liberal Democrats were all like over there. She believed that the City Hall would continue to deliver a fantastic programme to the people of the City.</p> <p>Agreed – That the questions and answers be received.</p>	
127	<p>IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2019/20 PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR OFFICERS</p> <p>The City Human Resources Manager submitted a</p>	City Human Resources Manager

	<p>report which sought approval to implement the Council's 2019/20 Pay Policy Statement in accordance with Section 38 of the Localism Act, 2011.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Brady and seconded by Councillor Webster:</p> <p>That the Pay Policy for 2019/20, attached to the report, be approved and implemented from 1st April, 2019.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
128	<p>REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION</p> <p>The Town Clerk submitted a report which explained that, at the Annual Meeting of the City Council in May, 2018, it had been agreed that a report would be produced later in 2018 to review the Constitution following discussion between all Political Group Secretaries.</p> <p>The Political Group Secretaries had met in early September, 2018, to consider proposed changes to the Constitution. Thus far they had not concluded their deliberations. However, they recognised that there were a number of elements within the Council's Scheme of Delegation that needed updating now to ensure that the Constitution was up to date.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Chaytor and seconded by Councillor Fareham:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the amendments to the Constitution, set out at Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted by Council with immediate effect and continue in force unless and until amended or superseded by any new arrangements adopted by the Council; b) that the Town Clerk be authorised to make amendments to the Officer Scheme of Delegation within the Constitution to implement appointments by the Appointments Committee to the roles of City Digital Manager; City Economic Development and Regeneration Manager, 	Town Clerk

	<p>and City Learning and Skills Manager, and</p> <p>c) that, at Annual Council further additional changes be proposed to the Constitution following the deliberations of the Political Group Secretaries, be noted.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
129	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Kennett and seconded by Councillor Brabazon as an amended motion:</p> <p>Council notes that humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world with global temperatures already one degree Celsius higher than in pre-industrial times. Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm), far exceeding the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity.</p> <p>Council further notes that in order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of dramatic climate change, there must be a global reduction in our 'Carbon Dioxide Equivalent' emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes. It is not possible for individuals to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc., to make low carbon living easier and the new 'norm' as carbon emissions result from both production and consumption.</p> <p>Council welcomes recent climate action by the London Mayor and Assembly, leading UK local authorities including Bristol and Manchester, and other city authorities around the world to declare - and commit resources to tackling - our 'Climate Emergency'.</p> <p>This Council has already shown foresight and leadership when it comes to addressing the issue of dramatic climate change by consistently promoting and supporting public transport use and investing in and supporting partnerships to make Hull a 'Green Energy City'. Hull is a member of the Global Resilient Cities wider network and the</p>	Chief Executive

second most invested city in England in terms of flood prevention and mitigation through the Living with Water Partnership with the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. In addition, Hull has actively assisted others in preparing to resist climate change by advising our twin city, Freetown, on flood mitigation.

Council notes that Kingston upon Hull is uniquely placed to show leadership within the UK, as a result of the city's innovative and growing renewable energy sector. Council welcomes the Government's new Offshore Wind Sector Deal and the recognition that businesses in our region will play a crucial role in meeting the target for a third of all UK electricity to be produced by offshore wind power by 2030.

Council believes, however, that our current plans and actions are not enough. The world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050 and less than 2°C warming by 2100 is unlikely. With the likely increase being between 2.0-4.9°C, Hull is particularly vulnerable to sea level rise, and the current 1°C of warming could result in 2m of sea level rise by 2100, enough to submerge Hull within the lifetime of today's children. A 2°C to 4°C of warming could see sea level rises of 4.7m, to 8.9m.

Council notes that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's "Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C" states that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and regional authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities.

Council joins London, Bristol, Manchester and other UK local authorities in declaring a 'Climate Emergency'.

Council believes that all levels of government have a duty to limit the impacts of Climate Breakdown, and local Councils should not wait for Government to change their policies. It is important for the residents of Hull and the UK that cities commit to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible.

	<p>Cities are uniquely placed to lead the world in reducing carbon emissions, as they are in many ways easier to decarbonise than rural areas and bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities.</p> <p>Council resolves to do everything within the Council's power to make Hull carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions.</p> <p>Council commits to continuing to work with partners across the city and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans.</p> <p>Council also resolves to call on the Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible, to work with other Governments to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C and to continue to work with partners across the City and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans.</p> <p>Council requests a report back to Full Council within six months on the actions that will be taken to address and action this resolution.</p> <p>Councillors Robinson, Fareham, Herrera-Richmond, Greenhill, Hatcher, Langley, Hale, Ince, Hewitt, McMurray, M. Thompson and D. Thompson also spoke on the motion.</p> <p>Councillor Kennett then exercised her right of reply on the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
130	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Agreed – That, at the request of the mover, Councillor Robinson, and with the agreement of the Chamber, his motion on climate change was withdrawn.</p>	
131	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Fareham and seconded by</p>	Town Clerk

	<p>Councillor Abbott:</p> <p>Council notes the current operation of the Strong Leader model.</p> <p>Council notes that is hardly operating a strong scrutiny function, highlighted by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) agendas inter alia being light on topics and short in duration.</p> <p>Council also believes too many members are disengaged from the formal decision making process and too unaware of what is decided under this opaque Cabinet model.</p> <p>Council calls for more transparency in public dealings and to give the OSMC some real work to do by reviewing other models including a return to the inclusive and transparent Committee system.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Chaytor and seconded by Councillor Herrera-Richmond as a procedural motion:</p> <p>That, under paragraph 19.10.5 of the Council Procedure Rules, the above motion be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for discussion.</p> <p>Procedural motion carried.</p>	
132	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor (Mrs.) C. E. Randall and seconded by Councillor Ieronimo:</p> <p>This Council notes with concern the growing numbers of young people, across the UK, affected by knife and gang-related crime.</p> <p>Here in Hull, this Council was pleased to welcome the Knife Angel installation and thanks everyone involved in bringing it to the City. Council further commends the efforts of all involved in the Say No To Knives campaign.</p> <p>Nationally, this Council also acknowledges the efforts being made to tackle knife crime and the</p>	Chief Executive

work of the Police, through projects such as Operation Sceptre, to reduce the number of knives being carried by young people.

Council commits to working closely with Humberside Police and other local partners to support efforts to raise awareness about the impact of knife crime and to help those who have been affected by it.

Council further commits to calling on the Government to invest more in community policing and for a proper public health approach, bringing together youth services, community groups, schools and the NHS, to tackle knife and gang-related crime in the UK.

Moved by Councillor Webster and seconded by Councillor M. Thompson as an amendment:

The motion with the following amendments:

Paragraph two: delete full stop at end and add: “and we wish to thank the St. Andrew’s and Docklands Councillors who contributed £15,000 of the cost to bring the Knife Crime Angel to Hull.”

Paragraph three: delete full stop at end and add “and access to knives.”

Paragraph four add: “Hull City Council is working with Humberside Police and other partners to educate young people.”

Add new paragraph five: “Council accepts there is a correlation between knife crime and the cleaving of Police numbers along with the ideological cuts to children and youth services imposed by the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats while in coalition.”

Add new final paragraph: “Therefore, Council requests the that Chief Executive writes to the relevant ministers laying out the Council's need for extra funding to Police, children and youth services.”

Councillors Fareham, Greenhill, Chaytor, C. Randall, Williams, Neal, Bell, Hale, Abbott, Hatcher, Harrison, Herrera-Richmond, Ince, Akbar

and McMurray also spoke on this matter.

Councillor Webster then exercised her right of reply on the amendment.

Amendment carried.

Substantive motion moved by Councillor Webster and seconded by Councillor M. Thompson:

This Council notes with concern the growing numbers of young people, across the UK, affected by knife and gang-related crime.

Here in Hull, this Council was pleased to welcome the Knife Angel installation and thanks everyone involved in bringing it to the City. Council further commends the efforts of all involved in the Say No To Knives campaign and we wish to thank the St. Andrew's and Docklands Councillors who contributed £15,000 of the cost to bring the Knife Crime Angel to Hull.

Nationally, this Council also acknowledges the efforts being made to tackle knife crime and the work of the Police, through projects such as Operation Sceptre, to reduce the number of knives being carried by young people and access to knives. Hull City Council is working with Humberside Police and other partners to educate young people.”

Council commits to working closely with Humberside Police and other local partners to support efforts to raise awareness about the impact of knife crime and to help those who have been affected by it.

Council accepts there is a correlation between knife crime and the cleaving of Police numbers along with the ideological cuts to children and youth services imposed by the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats while in coalition.

Council further commits to calling on the Government to invest more in community policing and for a proper public health approach, bringing together youth services, community groups, schools and the NHS, to tackle knife and gang-

	<p>related crime in the UK.</p> <p>Therefore, Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the relevant ministers laying out the Council's need for extra funding to Police, Children and youth services.</p> <p>Substantive motion carried.</p>	
133	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Brady and seconded by Councillor Bell as an amended motion:</p> <p>Council notes the statements by both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor at the Conservative Conference last year when they stated that “Austerity is over”. This has proved not to be the case with a further £1.3bn cut to local government due in April this year.</p> <p>Council also notes that, aside from cuts to local authorities, the supposed end of austerity will see a further £12bn worth of benefit cuts; an 8% cut to school funding despite rising pupil numbers, and more cuts to already struggling further education colleges.</p> <p>Council recognises the £131m cut to funding that this Council has suffered which means in effect that the Council has lost more than half its budget for day to day services since 2010 and that the cumulative effect of austerity rebounds mainly on to local government, and on cities and towns where often it is Labour Councils that are left to sweep up the wreckage. Those that state Councils merely need to prioritise spending to cope should realise that the cut to this Council is the equivalent of an individual earning a £30,000 salary having that salary cut to £13,000.</p> <p>Council believes that there is a culture of ‘Blame Devolution’ in place of economic and political devolution where the Government has ‘devolved the axe’ to shift the blame on to local councils. After nine years of cuts some Tory County Councils have been faced with a potential bankruptcy crisis such as Northamptonshire with others, such as Somerset and East Sussex, teetering on the</p>	Chief Executive

	<p>brink but it has been Northern metropolitan areas that have taken the biggest hit.</p> <p>Council notes deprivation can exist in county and town. Council recognises deprivation and complex issues have to be addressed, and feels a Royal Commission on future options for fair funding is vital.</p> <p>Council believes that local government throughout the whole country needs a better deal that provides fair funding aimed at meeting local need, irrespective of what it is. One size does not fit all! Local Government is the most efficient delivery vehicle in the public sector and it is the key interface with the public. It needs and deserves sustainable funding, the lack of which has resulted in falling Police numbers; huge cuts to Youth Services; rising knife crime; rising numbers of vulnerable children and adults; homelessness; foodbanks, and over 4 million children now living in poverty. The cumulative effect of poverty undermines the fabric of society, causing mental illness; domestic violence, and family breakdown. In the 5th largest economy in the world this is a national disgrace.</p> <p>Council calls for unity in all the local government family and that local councils and residents are treated with the respect they deserve, that austerity truly ends, the Government returns funding to the most effective arm of government, local government, and that the Chief Executive represents this Council's viewpoint to the Secretary of State and the Chancellor.</p> <p>Councillors Fareham and Abbott also spoke on the motion.</p> <p>Councillor Brady then exercised his right of reply on the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
134	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Agreed – That, at the request of the mover, Councillor Fareham, and with the agreement of the Chamber, his motion on a Royal Commission for</p>	

	the future funding of Local Government, was withdrawn.	
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Start: 10.00 a.m.
Finish: 2.00 p.m.