COUNCIL MEETING
23rd October, 2013

Present:- The Mayor (Councillor John Foden) (in the Chair); Councillors Ahmed, Andrews, Atkin, Barron, Beck, Buckley, Burton, Clark, Currie, Dalton, Dodson, Donaldson, Doyle, Ellis, Gosling, Goulty, J. Hamilton, N. Hamilton, Hoddinott, Hussain, Johnston, Kaye, Lakin, Lelliott, McNeely, Middleton, Pickering, Pitchley, Read, Roche, Roddison, Rushforth, P. A. Russell, R. S. Russell, Sangster, Sharman, Smith, Steele, Stone, Swift, Wallis, Watson, Whelbourn, Whysall, Wootton and Wyatt.

A41 COUNCIL MINUTES

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th September, 2013, be approved for signature by the Mayor.

Mover: Councillor Stone Seconder:- Councillor Sharman

A42 COMMUNICATIONS

(1) The Chief Executive submitted the following petitions which had been referred to the appropriate Directorate for consideration:-

- Containing 163 signatures from residents and Members of the Trueman Green Residents Group to save their green space and say no to a proposed play area on Trueman Green Field.

- Containing 366 signatures asking the Council to introduce specialist educational provision for children with high functioning Autism and Asperger Syndrome.

- Containing 45 signatures from residents of Shaftsbury House regarding the implementation of a proposed parking scheme.

- Containing 26 signatures from local residents to Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant School regarding the proposed expansion of the School.

(2) The Chief Executive submitted apologies for absence from Councillors Ali, Astbury, Beaumont, Falvey, Gilding, Godfrey, Jepson, Mannion, Robinson, A. Russell, Sims, Tweed and Vines.

A43 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public asked, with Mr Kevin Barron MP for Rotherham advocating on the Andrew Neil's Sunday Politics show that Council meetings should be televised for public interest and scrutiny, will this Council Chamber again explain to me why it refuses even to have theirs "tape recorded" for verification of minutes?"

The Leader replied that the Council's Standing Orders provided that Council meetings may be recorded, if authorised by a majority vote of the meeting.

There is no legal obligation upon the Council to either televise or tape-record its meetings.

The Council is currently considering its response to new guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government with regard to the filming of Cabinet meetings.

The new Policy will ensure the Council acts in both a lawful and transparent way with regard to the broadcasting of its meetings.

The member of the public welcomed that consideration was being given to a broadcasting Policy.

A44 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meetings of the Standards Committee (Section B) (pages 16B to 18B) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Gosling Seconder:- Councillor Pitchley

A45 CABINET MINUTES

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet (Section C) (pages 11C to 29C) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Stone Seconder:- Councillor Smith

A46 DELEGATED POWERS

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meetings of Cabinet Members as listed below be adopted:-

- Children, Young People and Families Services – Pages 16D to 23D (Section D)
- Communities and Cohesion – Pages 5E to 8E (Section E)
- Culture and Tourism – Pages 7F to 9F (Section F)
- Regeneration and Development – Pages 8G to 21G (Section G)
- Adult Social Care – Pages 8H to 13H (Section H)
- Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods – Pages 7J to 9J (Section J)

- Health and Wellbeing – Pages 5K to 10K (Section K)
- Waste and Emergency Planning– Pages 9L to 15L (Section L)
- Deputy Leader – Pages 6N to 10N (Section N)

Mover:- Councillor Stone Seconder:- Councillor Sharman

A47 AUDIT COMMITTEE

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee (Section P) (pages 4P to 8P) be adopted.

Mover: Councillor Sangster Seconder: Councillor Kaye

A48 LICENSING BOARD

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board (Section Q) (Pages 7Q to 12Q) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Wootton Seconder:- Councillor Barron

A49 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board (Section S) (pages 8S to 21S) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Doyle Seconder:- Councillor Lakin

A50 PLANNING BOARD

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meetings of the Planning Board (Section T) (pages 17T to 24T) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Pickering Seconder:- Councillor Dodson

A51 QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN

There were none.

A52 QUESTIONS TO SPOKESPERSONS

There were none.

A53 SCRUTINY UPDATE

Councillor Whelbourn, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, welcomed the opportunity to give an update on activity and introduced Councillor Steele, Chairman of the Health Select

Commission, to give a short overview of the work programme progress the Select Commission had carried out during the last year:-

- Continuing Health Care
- Autism
- Child Obesity
- Urgent Care Centre
- Hospital Discharges
- Residential Care

The Select Commission was about to start work on a Review of Carers and how they accessed support and Access to GPs. Links had also been made with Healthwatch Rotherham.

Resolved:- That the update on the work of Health Select Commission be noted.