

COUNCIL MEETING
11th December, 2013

Present:- The Mayor (Councillor John Foden) (in the Chair); Councillors Akhtar, Ali, Andrews, Astbury, Atkin, Beck, Buckley, Burton, Clark, Currie, Dalton, Dodson, Doyle, Ellis, Falvey, Gilding, Godfrey, Gosling, J. Hamilton, N. Hamilton, Havenhand, Hoddinott, Hussain, Jepson, Kaye, Lakin, McNeely, Middleton, Pickering, Pitchley, Roche, Roddison, Rushforth, G. A. Russell, P. A. Russell, R. S. Russell, Sharman, Sims, Smith, Stone, Swift, Vines, Wallis, Watson, Whelbourn and Wyatt.

A54 MINUTE'S SILENCE - NELSON MANDELA

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa.

Members of the Council stood in silence for a minute as a token of their respect.

A55 COUNCIL MINUTES

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23rd October, 2013, be approved for signature by the Mayor.

Mover: Councillor Stone Seconder:- Councillor Akhtar

A56 COMMUNICATIONS

The Chief Executive submitted apologies for absence from Councillors Ahmed, Barron, Beaumont, Donaldson, Goult, Johnston, Lelliott, License, Mannion, Read, Robinson, Sangster, Steele, Tweed and Whysall.

A57 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public asked the Leader that as a nominated member of Magna, why was there no explanation for your resignation, why was the resignation backdated a month and why are the minutes not available for this publicly funded body?

The Leader explained he had not been on the Magna Board since May, 2011, and that he had nominated another person to sit on this organisation as the Council's representative on an outside body. It was pointed out that Magna was split into three separate companies:-

Magna Trust – a company limited by guarantee.
Magna Enterprises Ltd. – a subsidiary of Magna Trust.
Magna Education Ltd.

The minutes of meetings of these companies were not necessarily publically available as they were not public authorities.

In a supplementary question the member of the public assumed an error had occurred when he was led to believe that the Leader of the Council had resigned from the Magna Board.

The Leader again referred to the appointment of representatives of the Council on outside bodies which took place annually when another Elected Member was nominated to represent the Council.

A58 CABINET MINUTES

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet (Section C) (pages 30C to 62C) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Stone Seconder:- Councillor Akhtar

A59 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 24D to 30D (Section D)
- Communities and Cohesion – Pages 9E to 18E (Section E)
- Culture and Tourism – Pages 10F to 13F (Section F)
- Regeneration and Development – Pages 22G to 25G (Section G)
- Adult Social Care – Pages 14H to 24H (Section H)
- Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods – Pages 10J to 25J (Section J)
- Health and Wellbeing/Finance – Pages 11K to 17K (Section K)
- Waste and Emergency Planning– Pages 16L to 21L (Section L)

Mover:- Councillor Stone Seconder:- Councillor Akhtar

A60 AUDIT COMMITTEE

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee (Section P) (pages 9P to 13P) be adopted.

Mover: Councillor Kaye Seconder: Councillor Gilding

A61 LICENSING BOARD

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board (Section Q) (Pages 13Q to 14Q) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Wootton Seconder:- Councillor J. Hamilton

A62 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board (Section S) (pages 22S to 29S) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Wyatt Seconder:- Councillor Doyle

A63 PLANNING BOARD

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meetings of the Planning Board (Section T) (pages 25T to 32T) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Pickering Seconder:- Councillor Dodson

A64 QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIMEN

(1) Councillor Gilding asked the Leader if he could please give him details of any training contracts or any other contracts, given by Rotherham MBC to any companies located at 2 – 8 Percy Street, Rotherham, S65 1ED over the past ten years.

The Leader explained that the only agreements known to the Corporate Procurement Team for this address was with Nicholas Associates, who it was believed to be part of Staffforce. These agreements were to deliver two projects within the ERDF Employability program for Work Place Financial Management and Workplace Health Promotion.

Rotherham Employability Project was initiated by Yorkshire Forward (YF) who suggested that Rotherham should develop an employability project funded by grant. This initial suggestion was made to all the South Yorkshire authorities but only Sheffield and Rotherham progressed to contract. The Work and Skills Board were aware of and supported the development of the project and monitoring and performance reports were taken to the Board.

The Council contracted with the Yorkshire Forward Project which was subsequently subcontracted to local suppliers. There were three contracts in total, those awarded to Nicholas Associates and one given to Interserve Ltd, formerly BEST Ltd.

The contracts for Work Place Health Promotion and Work Place Financial Management were both subject to tender.

The contracts were awarded in October, 2009.

A65 QUESTIONS TO SPOKESPERSONS

There are none.