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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

14th January 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillor Hasthorpe (in the Chair)

Councillors Abel, Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bramley, Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Cracknell, Fenty, Freeston, Furneaux, Goodwin, Green, Harness, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Nichols, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Sheridan, Shreeve, Silvester, S Swinburn, Watson, Wheatley, Wilson and Woodward.

Officers in Attendance:

- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Joanne Hewson (Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Iain Lovell (Assistant Director Communications)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources)
- Laura Cowie (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

NEL.92 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor K Swinburn.

NEL.93 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Beasant and Shreeve both declared a personal interest at item NEL.100 as trustees of Harbour Place.

Councillors Bramley, Harness, Patrick, Rogers, Rodwell, Rudd and Shreeve all declared a personal interest at item NEL.100 as trustees of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Councillor Rogers declared a personal interest at item NEL.105 as an employee of the Clinical Commissioning Group who was involved in the COVID 19 Vaccination programme.

NEL.94 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 30th September, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.95 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 14th October, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.96 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD 4TH NOVEMBER, 2020

Councillor Patrick asked a question on CB.58 (Town Centre regeneration Riverhead Square public realm improvement scheme), of the Leader of the Council to reassure members to the best of his knowledge that at the time of the meeting and currently, there was no member voting who could be perceived as having a conflict of interest. The Leader confirmed that there was no one with a conflict of interest voting on that item.

At CB.61 (Free School Meals vouchers), Councillor Patrick asked why the vouchers were limited to being spent in only one supermarket chain, unlike other local authorities who offered more flexibility. Councillor Lindley, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education advised they were for that supermarket as they had branches all over the borough and were geographically better placed, whereas other supermarkets were limited to just Grimsby and Cleethorpes.

On a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick asked what families were to do if they did not have transport to get to the named supermarket or had dietary requirements which the supermarket did not cater for. Councillor Lindley felt it was important to recognise that if we had started using different stores for different needs it would have taken much longer to coordinate and it was priority to have the vouchers distributed as soon as possible to help those in need.

Councillor Wilson asked a question on CB.58, seeking reassurance from the portfolio holder that instances of anti-social behaviour would not increase after this project was complete, by giving a brief outline of any extra measures that had been considered on this proposal, not including the CCTV already mentioned. Councillor Jackson acknowledged that this was an important matter and would be kept under review during the design and implementation phase.

At CB.61 Councillor Patrick asked what was so different in neighbouring authorities which allowed them to provide vouchers for other supermarkets or even pay money to families directly, which we did not offer. Councillor Lindley explained that he was not privy to the arrangements that other local authorities used and didn't know what they did differently. Councillor Patrick put forward a supplementary question, asking if the portfolio holder agreed that our residents were missing out compared to other areas in the country because of this? Councillor Lindley disagreed and felt that our residents were not missing out as the vouchers were distributed in a timely manner and this was helped by using one store.

On the same minute Councillor Wilson asked if there was any discussion on travel arrangements that families would have to make to the one branded supermarket, bearing in mind these were some of our most vulnerable families in the borough. Councillor Lindley referred to his earlier answers that the one supermarket was chosen for its location and hoped that families would be able to travel to the supermarket without too much distress. On a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked if the portfolio holder thought it was convenient for residents in Scartho to go to the branded supermarket. Councillor Lindley explained that residents who received the voucher, irrespective of where they lived, would simply travel to their nearest store.

Councillor Goodwin asked a question on CB.61, that if we were to do this again did the Portfolio Holder think he should be talking to neighbouring authorities to identify how they arranged for vouchers to be used in all other supermarkets. Councillor Lindley agreed and confirmed he would be talking to neighbouring authorities but noted at that time there was little opportunity to compare notes as the priority was to get vouchers out to families.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 4th November, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.97 MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

At PHET.11 (petition for installation of speed bumps on the corner of Beeson Street and Armstrong Street, Grimsby), Councillor Wilson asked for an update on any progress made on this minute since the meeting. Councillor Swinburn confirmed that this matter had been discussed at his latest meeting the previous

Monday and would remain on tracking; he was currently waiting for speed data reports which would be available by the end of this month and noted further updates would be considered at future meetings.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor S Swinburn and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport meeting held on 28th September 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.98 MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER, 2020

Councillor Hyldon-King asked a question on PHETE.18 (traffic regulation order 19-06: Marklew Avenue - right turn ban) regarding concerns over the health and safety aspect of the decision at this junction. Councillor Swinburn explained that Councillor Hyldon-King had been advised of the procedure taken, and that he was happy with the advice of officers and the legal team. Councillor Swinburn also reminded members that similar Orders were in operation on Victoria Street and that was proving to be quite successful. In a supplementary question, Councillor Hyldon-King raised her concerns over the same issue but for cyclists also, Councillor Swinburn reaffirmed his answer and stated the decision had been taken in the interest of public safety.

On the same minute, Councillor Goodwin questioned if they had got the wrong street and should it have been Marshall Avenue. In response Councillor Swinburn confirmed that Marklew Avenue was indeed correct.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor S Swinburn and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport meeting held on 23rd November, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.99 MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

At SPCLL.21 (Children’s Services COVID-19 response), Councillor Wheatley asked if the Chair would agree with her on the importance of children having access to the correct equipment to facilitate learning during the difficult time of lockdown. Councillor Freeston did agree and was confident that both the Government and the Council were doing all in their powers to ensure the children who needed the support were receiving it.

A supplementary question was asked by Councillor Wheatley; why, when members had previously sought clarification over the laptop provision of equipment in the event of a future lockdown, were there numerous families still without laptops to maintain their learning progress. Councillor Freeston

acknowledged that it was a difficult time for all and explained that it would take time to complete but confirmed that he was assured the Council were working at full steam to deliver all that was possible.

On minute SPCLL.20 (special educational needs and disability update), Councillor Wilson asked if the Chair would agree that the lack of resource referred to in the minute, was due to government cuts in the last 10 years and the massive increase of children in need due to policies of this government, which had impacted this Council's ability to adequately fund the SEND provision. Councillor Freeston stated that every council was facing struggling times and had every confidence that this authority was taking the necessary approach to divert funds to where they were needed most.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked what was the increase of children in need numbers since 2010. Councillor Freeston stated that this question highlighted the need for questions on minutes to be submitted in advance, so detailed answers could be given.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Freeston and seconded by Councillor Bramley.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 24th September 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.100 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 1st OCTOBER, 2020

Councillor Beasant asked a question on minute SPC.26 (Humberside Police crime statistics), whether the Chair agreed that it was somewhat unusual that residents had said they were concerned with fly tipping, littering and dog fouling in the borough; when there was major areas of crime such as domestic abuse.

Councillor Silvester acknowledged it was unusual, but he was confident that the Council was doing all they could to address the issues around anti-social behaviour. In a supplementary question, Councillor Beasant asked the Chair if he would accept that there was no pride within the borough currently. Councillor Silvester disagreed and believed that the authority was doing a very good job at bringing back pride in the borough.

At SPC.27, Councillor S Swinburn noted that himself and Councillor Shepherd had declared personal interests as members of the Humberside Fire Authority but that it had not been minuted.

On minute SPC.28 (Rough Sleeping Strategy), Councillor Patrick referred to the current ban on evictions from privately rented accommodation being lifted at the end of the pandemic, and the number of rough sleepers and homelessness raised as a result; what other measures might be brought in by the authority to deal with the problem, beyond the measures that were currently in place?

Councillor Silvester agreed to provide a written response.

At SPC.26 (Humberside Police crime statistics), Councillor Wilson asked if the Chair was considering drug crime and crime related to drugs, given this was a priority. Councillor Silvester confirmed that the panel would be having an in depth look at this at a future panel meeting. In response to a supplementary question on the relationship of the cost of issues caused by drugs and drug crime to the council, Councillor Silvester advised that this would be covered when the topic came to a future meeting.

Councillor Wheatley asked on SPC.28 (Rough Sleeping Strategy), if the Chair could confirm whether the provision for rough sleepers which was in place for the first lockdown, was in place again for the current lockdown. Councillor Silvester didn't feel this was relevant to the minute and stated the strategy did not mention reference to lockdowns.

On the same minute Councillor Wilson asked for the Chair to explain where the figures for the homeless came from, given that it stated sofa surfers were not considered homeless. Councillor Silvester confirmed that sofa surfers were not counted in the figures. In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked if the Chair thought that people who were sofa surfers should be counted as homeless, as nationally he believed they were. Councillor Silvester confirmed that government guidelines were followed to count those figures.

On SPC.30 (Food Bank Forum), Councillor Watson referred to the second community shop for Centre4, and whether this had been progressed. Councillor Silvester advised that he believed the new shop would be in Freeman Street and would confirm to Councillor Watson in writing when the shop would be opening.

On the same minute Councillor Patrick referred to the more rigorous means testing requested by members, and asked the Chair why members felt this was necessary. Councillor Silvester explained that members felt people were taking advantage of the food banks and wanted assurance it was being used by the right people. In a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick asked the Chair if he felt more means testing was required. In response, Councillor Silvester wished for there to be a system in place to ensure the right people were accessing the food bank and people were not taking advantage.

Councillor Rogers asked a question on SPC.28 (Rough Sleeping Strategy), if the Chair had consulted with his colleagues who were trustees of the Citizens Advice Bureau to offer reassurance that all which was possible, was being done to help those in the dire situation of being homeless as a result of debt. Councillor Silvester clarified that the debt referred to within the minutes was historic debt and not current debt. In a supplementary question, the Chair was asked to acknowledge that the present debt caused by the pandemic and policies imposed by the government over the last 10 years had exacerbated the situation. Councillor Silvester reaffirmed that the minute referred to historic debt and not current debt, therefore he did not believe the question was relevant.

Councillor Wilson referred to SPC.30 (Food Bank Forum) and asked what evidence the scrutiny panel had heard in order for the means testing response to be given and minuted. Councillor Silvester explained that members had been advised of evidence that was required from food banks before they would hand over food parcels, and it varied greatly from bank to bank.

Councillor Wilson asked a question on SPC.28 (Rough Sleeping Strategy), as to whether the Chair thought that the increase in council tax for the most vulnerable people in our society might lead to more homelessness. Councillor Silvester did not think that the increase in council tax would cause homelessness to rise, as it hadn't the previous year and he didn't believe it would in the forthcoming year either.

Councillors Rogers asked a question on SPC.28 (Rough Sleeping Strategy), did the Chair agree that there could be many more homelessness people because of the pandemic and what matters should be put into place to address this? Councillor Silvester acknowledged that the pandemic may have impacted on the number of homeless, but we were unable to identify sofa surfers and often they would not engage with services. As a supplementary, Councillor Rogers asked if the Chair was blaming those in dire circumstances for not engaging with services when we were in the middle of a pandemic. Councillor Silvester explained he was not saying that, but often those identified as homeless would not engage with services.

Councillor Sheridan referred to SPC.30 (Food Bank Forum) and the catch all term of 'Members' being used regarding the evidence required by Food Banks as this implied there was a consensus which there wasn't, and would the Chair confirm which member it was. Councillor Silvester could not recall the member.

On the same minute Councillor Goodwin asked if the Chair thought the reason for an increase in food bank users was related to the pandemic and the increase in council tax. Councillor Silvester agreed that the pandemic had likely affected the number of people using food banks but did not agree that council tax was a factor. In a supplementary question, the Chair was asked if he believed the residents of South Ward would be impacted by the council tax increase, to which Councillor Silvester did not believe South Ward would be impacted more so than any other ward.

Councillor Patrick referred back to SPC.28 and asked if the council tax reduction scheme increase hadn't been implemented last year could that be why it hadn't yet impacted on the number of homeless. Councillor Silvester did not agree, there was no evidence to suggest that council tax had impacted on the number of homeless. In a supplementary question, the Chair was asked that given the amendment to the council tax reduction scheme was due to come into place this year, did he believe it would impact on the number of homeless? Councillor Silvester reminded Councillor Patrick that the minute was on historic debt not current debt.

On SPC.30, Councillor Green asked what 'more rigorous means testing' was expected, when most food banks were run by charities and the only criteria was 'do you require food'; did the Chair expect food banks to start quizzing customers on their benefits. Councillor Silvester believed he'd already answered this question; he did acknowledge that food banks were run by charities and they had their own criteria for issuing food parcels and therefore it would be difficult to enforce.

Regarding SPC.28 (Rough Sleeping Strategy), Councillor Wheatley asked, now that the Chair had confirmed that sofa surfers could not be counted due to COVID, how would we reach these people when it was time for their COVID vaccination. Councillor Silvester stated he did not say it was due to COVID, but that sofa surfers were not included in the homelessness figures.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Silvester and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED –

1. That subject to the amendment noted above, the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 1st October 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Patrick explaining what other measures might be brought in by the authority to deal with the increase of homelessness, beyond the measures that were currently in place.
3. That a written response be provided to Councillor Watson as to when the second community shop for Centre4 would be open.

NEL.101 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

On minutes SPE.30 (Public Toilets - Update) Councillor Patrick asked for an update on the reopening of the public toilets on the North Promenade in Cleethorpes, Councillor Furneaux agreed to provide a written response.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Furneaux and seconded by Councillor Hasthorpe.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 8th September, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Patrick giving an update on the reopening of the North Promenade public toilets.

NEL.102 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER, 2020

On minute SPE.39 (Grimsby town centre masterplan framework), Councillor Patrick asked the Chair if he agreed there was a risk the scheme would be less efficient as a result of the Council not being awarded the full £25m earmarked. Councillor Furneaux felt it would be remiss of him to comment until he had seen any new proposals. In a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick referred to the original Cabinet report which stated that anything less than the £25m would result in an insufficient scheme, and asked if the report was wrong? Councillor Furneaux believed that any scheme for the borough was only ever a positive and could not comment on the revised scheme until he had seen it.

On the same minute, Councillor Hyldon-King asked what progress had been made on improving the bus facilities in the town centre. Councillor Furneaux explained that the plans were preliminary until funding was allocated and was awaiting further proposals to come to the panel. In a supplementary question, the Chair was asked if the meetings with Stagecoach had been held yet. Councillor Furneaux confirmed that these again were preliminary plans and he didn't believe any meetings had taken place and none involving the scrutiny panel.

Councillor Goodwin wanted to know if the Council would be covering the shortfall of funding to cover the refurbishment of the bus hub or transport interchange. Councillor Furneaux agreed to provide a written response.

Councillor Wheatley referring to the shortfall of funding, asked the Chair if he agreed that the £25m earmarked for Grimsby town centre by the Government, actually wasn't earmarked at all. Councillor Furneaux could not comment until a further report had come back to the panel, which was due next month.

Councillor Jackson asked if the Chair would agree that the towns fund which kept being referred to in the questions on this minute, had yet to be confirmed. Councillor Furneaux agreed and clarified that the funding which was being referred to was the Future High Street funding bid.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Furneaux and seconded by Councillor Hasthorpe.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 13th October, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Goodwin confirming if the Council would be covering the shortfall of funding to cover the refurbishment of the bus hub or transport interchange.

NEL.103 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 3RD NOVEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Furneaux and seconded by Councillor Hasthorpe.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 3rd November, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.104 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

On minute SPH.21 (impact of COVID-19 on adult social care), Councillor Wheatley referred to the vaccination programme and asked why domiciliary carers had not been included in first tranche of vaccinations, given their role of commuting around the borough in and out of homes. Councillor Hudson was not aware of this and was pleased it had been brought to his attention and agreed to provide a written response.

Councillor Hyldon-King referred to SPH.20 (Humber acute services review) and asked what progress had been made with transport plans to access hospital appointments across the area. Councillor Hudson reassured members that a report was due to the panel just before the outbreak, and since then the message had changed for everyone to remain at home and, as a result, a further review had taken place taking into consideration the pandemic. Councillor Hudson confirmed that it would remain on the panel's work programme and would be progressed.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hudson and seconded by Councillor Furneaux.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 16th September, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Wheatley explaining why domiciliary carers had not been included in first tranche of COVID vaccinations.

NEL.105 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER, 2020

On minute SPH.33 (adult social care charging review 2020) Councillor Wilson asked for the Chair to explain why he felt the need to use his casting vote when the panel was evenly split; noting that this was not a decision and therefore the casting vote was not warranted. Councillor Hudson stated that he stuck to his original vote.

With regard to SPH.31 (COVID-19), Councillor Wheatley asked the Chair about the need to ensure that letters inviting people for doses 1 and 2 of the vaccine would be honoured, to which the Chair agreed. In a supplementary question, the Chair was asked why booster doses were being cancelled less than 24 hours before the appointment, causing damaging mental health issues to the elderly. Councillor Hudson explained that the booster was now up to 3 months not 3 weeks, and the first dose provided cover of up to 87%, meaning it was vitally important that more people were vaccinated with the first dose offering greater protection against the virus, when the second dose only topped up to 95% protection.

Councillor Cairns referred to a statement from Mr Pintus saying that the taking of temperatures for COVID was ineffective and therefore wondered why Freshney Green medical centre was making residents stand outside in the cold until they had their temperature taken. Councillor Hudson agreed to provide a written response.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hudson and seconded by Councillor Furneaux.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 11th November, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Cairns explaining why Freshney Green medical centre was making residents stand outside in the cold until they had their temperature taken, if the process was ineffective.

NEL.106 MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER, 2020

On minute SPTVE.19 (priorities for the resort manager), Councillor Wheatley referred to the plans for eco-tourism and asked if the salt marsh would now be considered an asset. In response, Councillor Brookes agreed, if kept under control.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Brookes and seconded by Councillor Parkinson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 15th October, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.107 MINUTES OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER, 2020

On minute CD.3 (joint strategic intelligence assessment), Councillor Beasant referred to the item on noise and the mention of 'persistent offenders' and noted that noise logs had to be completed but asked how many sheets or complaints were needed before someone was made a 'persistent offender'. Councillor Silvester agreed to provide a written response. In a supplementary question, Councillor Beasant asked that Councillor Silvester also ask how many community protection notices and warnings had been implemented during this period over the last 12 months (specifically for noise).

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Silvester and seconded by Councillor Beasant.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Crime and Disorder Committee meeting held on 5th November, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Beasant confirming what the criteria was for noise complaints before someone was classed as a 'persistent offender'; and confirming how many community protection notices and warnings had been implemented during this period over the last 12 months in relation to noise.

NEL.108 MINUTES OF THE PLACE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Cracknell and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Place Board meeting held on 7th September, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.109 MINUTES OF THE PLACE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Cracknell and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Place Board meeting held on 2nd November, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.110 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Harness and seconded by Councillor Hudson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 24th September, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.111 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER, 2020

On minute AC.33 (statement of accounts 2019/2020), Councillor Wilson referred to a written response promised on an additional £25.1m increase in long term assets and asked if a verbal update could be shared by the Deputy Chair. Councillor Harness explained that no written response had been received and agreed to follow this up and share the response with Councillor Wilson.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Harness and seconded by Councillor Furneaux.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 12th November, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a copy of the written response referred to in AC.33 be provided to Councillor Wilson once available.

NEL.112 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Harness and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th September, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.113 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Harness and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th October, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.114 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Harness and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th November, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.115 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hasthorpe and seconded by Councillor Harness.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee meeting held on 9th September, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.116 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hasthorpe and seconded by Councillor Rodwell.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee meeting held on 18th November, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.117 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hasthorpe and seconded by Councillor Callison.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meeting held on 6th October, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.118 MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS AND ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2020

Councillor Wilson raised a point of accuracy regarding the title of the meeting and requested that 'special' be added to the title.

On minute SA.6 (Amendment to Council Standing Orders), Councillor Patrick asked of all those members who spoke on and voted in favour of this item, which members argument did the Chair find most compelling and why. Councillor Cairns agreed to provide a written response. In a supplementary question

Councillor Patrick asked the Chair to confirm that, of all those who voted, not one member spoke; Councillor Cairns agreed to respond in writing.

In a second question on the same minute, Councillor Patrick wanted to know why this item of business came to a special meeting when that was unconstitutional. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that on a technicality the matter was deferred to a future ordinary meeting of the Committee.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Cairns and seconded by Councillor Bramley.

RESOLVED –

1. That subject to the amendment noted, the minutes of the Standards and Adjudication Committee meeting held on 18th November, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Patrick detailing the compelling arguments put forward by committee members in favour of the amendment, and to confirm which members who voted spoke.

NEL.119 MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS REFERRAL PANEL MEETING HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Bramley and seconded by Councillor Goodwin.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Standards Referral Panel meeting held on 29th September, 2020 be approved and adopted.

NEL.120 MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

The Deputy Mayor noted that this meeting concerned proposed changes to senior management arrangements now confirmed as implemented, with any matters requiring approval of Council referred accordingly. The one matter which required ratification by Council was the salary for the position of the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, approved by Appointments Committee at £110,000. The Leader was invited to move the minutes, with this addition, on that basis.

Councillor Patrick challenged the additional motion on the basis of standing order 10.B.3. The Monitoring Officer made reference to standing order 12 (f) whereby such motions without notice are permitted, noting that the minutes had been moved with an additional and separate motion.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 30th September, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That the salary for the position of the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources, approved by Appointments Committee at £110,000, be ratified.

NEL.121 MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER, 2020

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 23rd November, 2020 be approved and adopted.

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.