

# Minutes of Council

**Tuesday, 1 March 2022 at 6.00 pm  
in the Council Chamber, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street at  
Oldbury, B69 3DB**

**Present:** His Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor M Hussain;  
Deputy Mayor, Councillor R Jones;

Councillors Abrahams, Ahmed, Akhtar, Akpoteni, Allcock, Allen, Anandou, Ashman, H Bhullar, Carmichael, Chambers, Chapman, Chidley, E Costigan, Crompton, Dhallu, Fenton, Fisher, Gavan, E A Giles, L Giles, S Gill, W Gill, Hackett, Hartwell, Hinchliff, Hughes, Z Hussain, Jalil, O Jones, R Jones, Kaur, Kausar, McVittie, Melia, Millar, Moore, Owen, Padda, I Padda, Piper, Randhawa, Rollins, Rouf, Shackleton, Shaeen, Simms, Taylor, J Webb and Williams

**Officers:** Kim Bromley-Derry – Interim Chief Executive; Surjit Tour – Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer; Elaine Newsome – Services Manager – Democracy; Suky Suthi-Nagra – Democratic Services Manager; Trisha Newton – Senior Democratic Services Officer; Stephnie Hancock – Senior Democratic Services Officer; Connor Robinson – Democratic Services Officer and Kennedy Brown, Sergeant at Arms.

**23/22**

## Minute Silence

The Council observed a minute silence to mark the passing of former councillor Douglas Parish.



Members paid tribute to Douglas Parish and joined the Mayor in extending their condolences to his family.

#### **24/22 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Akhter, Ali, Bostan, Davies, E M Giles, G Gill, M Gill, Hadley, Henlan, Kalari, Khatun, Mabena, Millard, Phillips, K Singh, S Singh, Smith and Tagger.

#### **25/22 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

#### **26/22 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 18 January 2022 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **27/22 Urgent Business**

There were no additional items of business to consider.

#### **28/22 Mayor's Announcements**

Details of Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral engagements since the last meeting of the Council had been circulated to members.

The Mayor with the support of members across the Chamber took the opportunity to express support for the people of Ukraine during the ongoing international crisis.

#### **29/22 Petitions**

No petitions were received under Standing Order No. 5.

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## **Written Questions**

Questions received under Standing Order No. 6 were asked of the relevant members and responses provided.

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## **Council Finances & Council Tax Resolution 2022/23**

Council considered the Council Finances and Council Tax Resolution for the period 2022-23.

The provisional Local Government Finance Settlement was announced on 16 December. The key points from the settlement were noted as:

The settlement was for a single year only and further details on proposed funding reform and consultations were due to follow in the new year;

- The £1.6bn additional funding announced at the Spending Review had been distributed as:
  - £0.8bn to a 2022/23 Services Grant, distributed using the 2013/24 Settlement Funding Assessment formula. The statement highlighted that this was a one-off grant and will not be taken into consideration for transitional support when future system changes are made.
  - £0.7bn to social care, with additional Social Care Grant (£0.6bn, distributed using the Adult Social Care Relative Needs Formula, with equalisation for the impact of the 1% social care precept) and an inflationary increase to the Improved Better Care Fund.
  - £0.1bn provided an inflationary increase to Revenue Support Grant;
- In addition, £162m had been allocated to local authorities from the funds raised in the National Insurance Health & Social Care levy;
- Authorities did not receive separately identified funding for the costs to them of the increase in National Insurance Contributions (the funding for this is assumed to be included in the new 2022/23 Services Grant);

- Referendum limits had been confirmed at 2% (or £5 for districts and fire authorities, where this is more than 2%). PCCs would be subject to a £10 referendum limit;
- An additional 1% social care precept for social care authorities (who would also be able to raise any balance of last year's 3% social care precept);
- The New Homes Bonus had been 'rolled over' for another year, with allocations made and the final 2019/20 legacy payment honoured;
- The lower tier services grant has been 'rolled over' at £111m nationally, and with a new cash terms funding floor;
- The compensation for under-indexing of the business rates multiplier would continue at RPI, though the settlement figures only include this at CPI;
- No detailed announcements were made on future funding reform.

The Council had benefited from additional grant funding from the settlement, although much of it was either ring-fenced or to cover additional costs (such as the 1.25% increase in National Insurance Contributions).

### **Fees and Charges**

A review of Fees and Charges had been undertaken as part of the budget setting process to ensure that each charge was appropriate and achieving its objective. Where charges had been intended to either break even or maximise income, analysis had been carried out to look at the total costs of providing the service to understand what the position was.

### **Reserves Position**

The Council had two types of reserves:-

- earmarked Reserves which were for specific future projects, commitments or risks, both revenue and capital;

- unallocated balance, which was to ensure the Council can manage unexpected financial challenges.

The level of unallocated balances at the end of March 2022 was £8.4m, which was the lower end of a prudent level. Part of the budget strategy for 2022/23 had been to restructure reserves to increase the level of unallocated balances and also to create an Invest to Save reserve. This would allow transformational projects to be carried out to both improve the way the Council delivers services to its customers but also enable service to delivery to be provided in a more efficient and effective way.

### **Council Tax proposals**

The budget assumed a 3.99% increase in Council Tax, made up of 2% 'core' increase and 1.99% for Adult Social Care. In 2021/22 all local authorities with responsibility for Social Care were able to apply an Adult Social Care precept of up to 2.99%, spread over two years (21/22 and 22/23). The Council opted to apply 1% in 2021/22 and therefore has the ability to use the remaining 1.99% in 2022/23.

The provisional settlement confirmed a referendum principle of 2% for core Council Tax and 1% for the Adult Social Care precept. This meant that the Council could raise Council Tax by a total of 4.99% in 2022/23 which would be made up of:-

- 2% core Council Tax
- 1.99% Adult Social Care precept from 2021/22
- 1% Adult Social Care precept for 2022/23

Each 1% increase in Council Tax raised approximately £1.1m in additional Council Tax income. The draft budget assumption of 3.99% will generate increased income of approximately £4.3m for the Council. Approving the further 1%, to take the total increase to 4.99%, would generate additional income of £1.1m compared to the current draft budget forecast.

Furthermore, because of the referendum principles that limited Council Tax increases every year, if the Council opted not to apply the further 1% increase, the Council taxbase would be

permanently reduced and the £1.1m additional income would be forgone every year. Over a 5-year period for instance, the taxbase would be around £5.5m lower that it would have been if the additional 1% had been approved for 2022/23.

The majority of properties in Sandwell were in Council Tax Bands A and B, with 43% being in Band A and 32% Band B. A Band B property, as an example, currently pays £1,167.43 per year for the Council's element of the Council Tax.

## **Capital Programme**

The total Capital Programme for 2022/23 was recommended to be set at £118.3m, of which £69.5 was for the HRA. This was to be funded by a combination of grants, earmarked reserves, revenue contributions, Right to Buy receipts and borrowing.

This programme did not yet include the Children's Services programme as the Basic Need Allocations had not yet been confirmed. A separate report would be brought to Cabinet with proposed schemes once allocations have been announced.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 11, Councillor Williams moved an alternative budget proposal, which was duly seconded by Councillor Anandou:-

- (1) approve the expenditure level for 2022-23 as set out in Appendix E and the resultant Council Tax as set out in Appendix E including the following amendments:
  - a.) A saving of £130k from an efficiency review of the Museum service, with a 30% saving to be achieved through a combination of reduced opening hours or closures. This is a part year saving to allow time for the required consultation and notice periods.
  - b.) A saving of £1.25m from a partial recruitment freeze of non-frontline posts. Although this will have an impact on the Council's capacity in delivering certain services and its Improvement Plans, these cost cuts are deemed necessary to reduce the burden on taxpayers.
  - c.) A Council Tax increase of 3.49%, which is a reduction of 1.5% compared to the budget proposals recommended by Cabinet.

The Council's S151 officer, in compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, had confirmed that the alternative proposal put forward enabled the Council to agree a balanced budget.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, and Standing Order 12 (4), the amendment relating to Council Finances 2022-23 was put to a named vote as follows:-

For

Councillors Abrahams, Anandou, Chapman, Fisher, W Gill and Williams

Against

Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Akpoteni, Allcock, Allen, Ashman, Bhullar, Carmichael, Chambers, Chidley, Costigan, Crompton, Dhallu, Fenton, Gavan, E A Giles, L Giles, S Gill, Hackett, Hartwell, Hinchliff, Hughes, M Hussain, Z Hussain, Jalil, O Jones, R Jones, S Jones, Kaur, Kausar, Khatun, McVittie, Melia, Millar, Moore, Owen, C Padda, I Padda, Piper, Randhawa, Rollins, Rouf, Shackleton, Shaeen, Simms, Taylor and Webb.

Abstentions

None

On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost and Council moved to consider the original budget.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, and Standing Order 12 (4), the decision relating to Council Finances 2022-23 was put to a named vote as follows:-

For

Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Akpoteni, Allcock, Allen, Ashman, Bhullar, Carmichael, Chambers, Chidley, Costigan, Crompton, Dhallu, Fenton, Gavan, E A Giles, L Giles, S Gill, Hackett, Hartwell, Hinchliff, Hughes, M Hussain, Z Hussain, Jalil, O Jones, R Jones, S Jones, Kaur, Kausar, McVittie, Melia, Millar, Moore, Owen, C Padda, I Padda, Piper, Randhawa, Rollins, Rouf, Shackleton, Shaeen, Simms, Taylor and Webb.

Against

Councillors Abrahams, Anandou, Chapman, Fisher, W Gill and Williams.

Abstentions

None

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried and it was

**Resolved:-**

- (1) that the expenditure level for 2022-23 as set out in Appendix E and the resultant Council Tax as set out in Appendix E of the report to Cabinet on 23 February 2022 be approved;
- (2) that the budget for 2022/23 and provisional budgets for 2023/24 to 2024/25 as shown in Appendix E of the report to Cabinet on 23 February 2022 be approved;
- (3) that Council note the supporting information on the robustness of the budget process and adequacy of the Council's reserves as detailed in Appendix G of the report to Cabinet on 23 February 2022;
- (4) that the Treasury Management & Investment Strategy, together with prudential indicators outlined in Appendix J of the report to Cabinet on 23 February 2022, be approved;
- (5) that the Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2025/26, as set out in Appendix H and the Capital Strategy as set out in Appendix I of the report to Cabinet on 23 February 2022, be approved
- (6) that Council note that the amount of 74,858.45 had been approved as its Council Tax base for the year 2022/2023 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (7) that the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2022/2023 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992: -



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| (a) | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act;  | £1,155,646,739 |
| (b) | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act;  | £1,037,678,805 |
| (c) | Being the amount by which the aggregate at 9(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 9(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year; | £117,967,934   |
| (d) | Being the amount at 9(c) above, all divided by the amount at 8 above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;               | £1575.88       |
| (e) | Valuation Bands  |                |

£

A	1,050.59
B	1,225.68
C	1,400.78
D	1,575.88
E	1,926.08
F	2,276.27
G	2,626.47
H	3,151.76

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 9(d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

- (8) that it be noted that for the year 2022/2023 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

Valuation Bands	West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority	Police & Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands
	£	£
A	45.35	125.03
B	52.91	145.87
C	60.47	166.71
D	68.03	187.55
E	83.14	229.23
F	98.26	270.91
G	113.3	312.58
H	136.0	375.10

- (9) that, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 9(e) and 10 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2020/2021 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Band	£
A	1,220.97
B	1,424.46
C	1,627.96
D	1,831.46
E	2,238.45
F	2,645.44
G	3,052.43
H	3,662.91

- (10) that the Chief Financial Officer be authorised to take any necessary action to collect revenues and disburse monies from the relevant accounts;

- (11) that the requirements of any relevant legislation, to consider reports as a consequence of the approval of the Council's Finances

2022/2023 report, be dispensed with on the grounds that in the opinion of the Council the items are urgent.

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## **Pay Policy 2022 and Gender Pay Gap Reporting**

The Council considered the Pay Policy Statement and Gender Pay Gap data.

The Council was required by the Localism Act 2011 to annually prepare and publish a Pay Policy Statement setting out its policies relating to the remuneration of their chief officers and employees.

The Council was required by the Equality Act (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017, to prepare and publish its Gender Pay Gap data on an annual basis. This formed part of an equality measure and transparency obligation placed upon local authorities to illustrate the difference in average earnings between men and women.

The Council's previous Annual Pay Policy statement 2021 had informed that the pay ratio between the median FTE employee and the Chief Executive had narrowed from 1:6 to 1:5. Although this pay ratio had remained at 1:5, this median salary figure had increased over the last year from £27,741 to £28,672 per annum.

Sandwell Council's 'mean' Gender Pay Gap figure for 2022 had narrowed from 5.1% to 3.4% over the last 12 months.

By way of a benchmark, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) recently published the results of its annual survey of the gender pay gap in the United Kingdom. The mean Gender Pay Gap figure as at 1 April 2021 was 7.9%.

### **Resolved that:-**

- (1) the Pay Policy Statement 2022, as submitted, be approved;
- (2) the Gender Pay Gap data, as submitted, be approved.

**33/22**

### **Proposed Departure from the Development Plan on land at Summerton Road, Oldbury**

At the meeting of Planning Committee held on the 19 January 2022 consideration was given to planning application DC/21/66106 for a proposed industrial unit (Use Class E(g)(iii) Industrial processes) with ancillary offices and associated parking. At the meeting, the Committee approved the planning application with conditions subject to the application being referred to Full Council as a departure from the approved development plan.

The proposal was on land allocated for housing within the Site Allocations and Delivery Development Plan Document. It was necessary for the Council to consider whether or not to grant an exception to its policy to allow the application to proceed.

Although the site was allocated for housing land, it was part of a wider allocation and could not be developed in isolation for residential development, as adjacent to the site were located existing employment uses. For housing to be acceptable on the site, the Council would be looking for a comprehensive development of the wider residential allocation. The proposed development was acceptable in its scale, design and appearance, and would not cause significant harm to the amenity of the occupiers of adjacent properties. Furthermore, there would be no significant impact to the safety and convenience of users of the highway as a result of the proposed development.

**Resolved** that an exception to the local development plan in respect of planning application DC/21/66106 - Proposed industrial unit (Use Class E(g)(iii) Industrial processes) with ancillary offices and associated parking, land at Summerton Road, Oldbury be approved.

**34/22**

### **Appointment to the Statutory roles of Electoral Registration Officer, Returning Officer and Deputy Electoral Registration Officer**

The Council was required to appoint a Returning Officer in accordance with Section 35(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983. The duties of the Returning Officer were separate and one of a personal nature from his/her duties as a local government

officer. The Returning Officer was directly accountable to the courts as an independent statutory office holder.

Returning Officers were under Sections 28(5) and 35(4) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 entitled to appoint deputies to discharge all or any of the duties placed upon them. There were no restrictions on the number of Deputies that could be appointed.

The Council was required to appoint an Electoral Registration Officer in accordance with Section 8(2)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983. By virtue of Section 23 (1) of the Act, only the appointed ERO may act as Acting Returning Officer at Parliamentary Elections. A previous resolution by Council confirmed the appointment of the Chief Executive as the Council's Electoral Registration Officer and was detailed within the Council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

The responsibility to appoint a Deputy Returning Officer fell to the Returning Officer. However, Section 52(2) of the Act provided that any Deputy Electoral Registration Officer must be appointed by the Council.

**Resolved that:-**

- (1) the Interim Chief Executive, Kim Bromley–Derry, be appointed as Returning Officer, in accordance with section 35(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 with immediate effect;
- (2) Council notes the Interim Chief Executive, Kim Bromley–Derry is appointed under the Council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as the Electoral Registration Officer in accordance with section 8(2)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983;
- (3) the Monitoring Officer and Director of Law and Governance, Surjit Tour, be appointed as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer under Section 52 (2) & (3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

### **35/22 West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority Update**

Council received an update on the work of the Fire Authority from Councillor C S Padda, the member nominated pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 to report on the activities of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority.

### **36/22 Transport for West Midlands Update**

Council received an update on the work of the Transport Authority from Councillor Jalil, on behalf of the member nominated pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 to report on the activities of Transport for West Midlands.

In response to questions raised, Councillor Jalil requested that Councillor Fenton send through the details of bus routes that were mentioned in order that he could raise the matter with the Authority.

### **37/22 West Midlands Police and Crime Panel**

Council received an update on the work undertaken by the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel from Councillor R Jones, the Council's representative on the Panel.

In response to enquiries regarding off-road bikes and the ability of the police to deal effectively with these incidents, Councillor Jones gave assurances these concerns would be taken to the Panel.

### **38/22 West Midlands Combined Authority**

Council received an update on the work undertaken by the West Midlands Combined Authority from the Leader of the Council.

### **39/22 The Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020**

The Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020 were new regulations and authorisation was sought for a revision to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers to

enable both Trading Standards and Pollution Control Officers to act.

The Regulations introduced restrictions on the sale of wet wood for domestic burning, limits on the emission of sulphur and smoke from manufactured solid fuels and phases out the sale of bituminous coal (traditional house coal). The restrictions had criminal sanctions if breached, which could be enforced by local authorities. Such action was necessary since domestic burning through wood burning stoves and open fires was a major contributor to national emissions of fine particulate matter.

**Resolved:-**

- (1) that both Directors of Public Health and Borough Economy be granted delegated authority to exercise the statutory provisions of The Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020;
- (2) that the Director of Law and Governance be authorised to revise the Scheme of Delegation to Officers in the Council's Constitution with the following:-

**The Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020**

To act and authorise other to act on his/her behalf under the Council's functions under the provisions of the Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020.

**40/22**

**Constitution and Political Balance of Committees and Boards and Appointment to Vacancies on Committee, Boards and Other Bodies**

Council considered revisions to the appointments to committees, boards and other bodies.

**Resolved:-**

- (1) that the political balance of the committees, boards and other fora for the remainder of 2021-22, be approved;

- (2) that the revisions to appointments on committees, boards and other bodies, as set out in the Appendix, be approved with immediate effect.

**41/22**

### **Extension to Six Month Attendance Rule**

Consideration was given to a formal request to waive the requirements of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 and approve an extension of the six-month attendance rule due to ill health.

Under the circumstances, it was requested that Council approve an extension of the six-month rule for Councillor Tagger and that Council's best wishes be conveyed to the Councillor for a speedy recovery. The extension of time would be effective for a six-month period, however, this did not, of course, prevent the councillor returning to meetings at any time if his health improved sufficiently.

**Resolved** that, having regard to the circumstances of the absence of Councillor Tagger from Council meetings, the requirements of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 be waived and an extension of the six-month rule in respect of Councillor Tagger be approved for a further period, with effect from 3 March 2022 expiring at the Annual Meeting of Council 2022.

**42/22**

### **To receive the minutes and recommendations of Cabinet**

The minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 12 January and 9 February 2022 were received.

**43/22**

### **To receive the minutes of Audit and Risk Assurance Committee**

The minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee held on 11 January 2022 were received.

The Council considered the recommendations of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee on the following matter of strategic significance:-



**43/22a Appointment of External Auditor**

Council considered recommendations in relation to the Appointment of External Auditor.

**Resolved** that the invitation from Public Sector Audit Appointments to opt into the national scheme for external auditor appointments from April 2023 be approved.

**44/22 To receive the minutes of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee**

The minutes of the meetings of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee held on held on 9 November 2021 were received.

**45/22 To receive the minutes of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board**

The minutes of the meetings of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board held on 8 February 2021 were received.

**46/22 Notice of Motion**

The Council proceeded to consider motions received under Standing Order No. 7.

**47/22 Armed Forces Bill 2021**

An amended motion was moved by Councillor Melia and seconded by Councillor Moore:-

“This Council:

Stands firmly behind our UK Armed Forces and fully supports the aims of the Armed Forces Covenant as amended.

Welcomes the new Armed Forces Act but sees the legislation as a missed opportunity to improve the lives of veterans in the Birmingham and Black Country Area.

Notes with disappointment that the Act which makes Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council and local public bodies legally bound to have “due regard” to the Covenant when providing support to Forces communities but exempts central government from any such duty, creating a two-tier Covenant for veterans.

Notes with further disappointment that Labour led proposals backed by the Royal British Legion and Ex-Service organisation chiefs to enshrine the Covenant fully into law but Conservative MPs voted down these plans to improve Armed Forces accommodation.

Resolves to continue the campaign with Forces charities to see the Government strengthen the Covenant and improve vital services to veterans.”

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried and it RESOLVED accordingly.

#### **48/22a Equality and Diversity**

It was moved by Councillor McVittie and seconded by Councillor Taylor:-

“Sandwell Council understands the harm caused to our LGBT+ community in the past by certain elements within society through the denial of rights and equal treatment and recognises that despite all the efforts to address such discrimination, it still exists today.

This Council recognises and opposes the ongoing harm the practice of so-called conversion therapy brings to LGBT+ people.

This Council calls on the Government to follow through on promises made for a number of years, to outlaw the practise of so-called conversion therapy.

This Council notes the ongoing Government consultation on this matter and requests that the Leader of the Council writes to Government and calls for the introduction of an effective ban on conversion therapy within England, supported by a programme of work to help tackle these practices in all their forms.

Furthermore this Council renews its commitment to highlight promote and improve the continued support, counselling and advocacy our local groups provide to members of the LGBT+ Community.”

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried and it RESOLVED accordingly.

**49/22**

### **Response to Notice of Motion**

Council noted the response that had been received in relation to the motion in relation to Fireworks.

Meeting ended at 8.30 pm

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