



# Rutland County Council

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Minutes of the **TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVENTH MEETING of the COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Monday, 12th November, 2018 at 7.00 pm

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Mr I Arnold	Mr G Brown
	Mr N Begy	Mr K Bool
	Mr E Baines	Mr O Bird
	Ms R Burkitt	Mr B Callaghan
	Mr W Cross	Mr R Foster
	Mrs J Fox	Mr R Gale
	Mr O Hemsley	Mr J Lammie
	Mr A Lowe	Mr A Mann
	Mr M Oxley	Mr C Parsons
	Miss G Waller	Mr A Walters
	Mr D Wilby	

## **OFFICERS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Dr T O'Neill	Director for People and Deputy Chief Executive
	Mr P Horsfield	Deputy Director for Resources – Corporate Governance (Monitoring Officer)
	Mrs K Leishman	Licensing and Business Manager (PCC)
	Mrs N Taylor	Governance Manager

<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mr R Alderman	Mr G Conde
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## **400 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Dale and Mrs Stephenson.

## **401 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that the list of engagements had been circulated.

The Chairman also wanted to congratulate all those that had been involved in the organisation of the programme of events held in Rutland to commemorate the WW1 Armistice Centenary.

The Chairman also noted that the Civic Event held on 1 November 2018 at Kendrew Barracks had been a resounding success and it had been a pleasure to hold an event

to thank the community champions in Rutland who work so hard for the benefit of their communities.

#### **402 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

Mr Hemsley, Leader of the Council, confirmed that further to the Report approved by Council in October 2018 increasing the number of places on the Planning and Licensing Committee to 12, the additional members appointed to the Committee were Mr Bird and Mr Lowe.

#### **403 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

#### **404 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes the Minutes of the 276th meeting of the Rutland County Council District Council held on 8 October 2018 were confirmed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

#### **405 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A deputation was received from Mrs R Mayho as printed below:

*I am Rosalyn Mayho and am here with members, attenders and friends of Oakham Friends Meeting House and local members of Amnesty International. We are supporting the work of Safe Passage, a charity whose mission is to provide unaccompanied child refugees safe and legal routes to the UK.*

*Safe Passage, and other individuals and charities concerned with asylum seekers and refugees are working to ensure that following Brexit and the end of the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme in 2020, the UK government has something in place for these voiceless youngsters. David Cameron pledged places for 22,000 people to be resettled by 2020 through a fully funded central government scheme, the VPRS; and indeed, we are on track to resettle 23,000 Syrians by 2020. However there is nothing yet in place following Brexit and the 2020 deadline to ensure Britain continues to receive refugees. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; last year there were 63 million people worldwide fleeing war and terror. The UNHCR has calculated that the UK has the capacity \ responsibility to resettle a further 10,000 people from 2020-30. That is only 1,000 a year for ten years. To put it in perspective, before the beginning of World War 1 Britain took in over 250,000 refugees fleeing Belgium, most arriving in small boats. In fact, in Ketton there are a couple of houses next door to the post office, where Belgium refugees were housed during WW1. Again, in 1938 -39, in just over one year during yet another period of major political upheaval, the UK resettled 10,000 children.*

*In June this year Lord Dubs visited refugee camps in Lesbos, Greece, where children have arrived from Turkey. He said of his visit "I am still haunted by what I saw." He described the camps as being as bad as the "Calais Jungle," these people have no*

*means of release unless some other country is prepared to help them, he described them as virtually prison camps.*

*This is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kindertransport when Britain took in 10,000 unaccompanied children from Czechoslovakia and Germany. Lord Dubs was one of the children who arrived in Britain on one of those trains. It saved his life – and he now passionately believes that we once more step up to the plate. Rural communities could do it 100 years ago, we are sure we can do it again.*

*We, as members of the Rutland community, are asking our County Council as a matter of urgency, to lobby parliament to show core humanity and compassion by funding a new scheme within the local government framework to provide the appropriate infrastructure and support to properly enable unaccompanied child refugees to be resettled within the East Midlands Councils.*

Mr Foster, Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding - Children and Young People responded to the deputation as follows:

*The Council is grateful to receive this deputation and I am sure that we whole heartedly agree that central government need to ensure that they properly fund a new scheme within the local government framework to provide the appropriate infrastructure and support to enable unaccompanied child refugees to be resettled within the East Midlands Councils to which Rutland belongs.*

*Here in Rutland we have a proud record of looking after unaccompanied young people, one such young person comes to mind who we were able to support through to gaining a University Degree, and we are determined to continue to provide support in the future to unaccompanied child refugees.*

*Unless there is objection this evening then I will write to the appropriate Minister to make this clear.*

During discussion the following points were noted:

- Mr Foster confirmed that the topic of unaccompanied child refugees was a standing item on the East Midlands Councils Leaders for Childrens Services meeting; and
- Mr Walters confirmed that he would also be taking this subject forward to the East Midlands Councils Migration Board of which he was the Council's representative.

#### **406 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

There were no questions from members of the council.

#### **407 REFERRAL OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

No committee decisions had been referred.

#### **408 CALL-IN OF DECISIONS FROM CABINET MEETINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 8 OCTOBER 2018 TO 9 NOVEMBER 2018 (INCLUSIVE)**

No call-ins were received.

## 409 REPORT FROM THE CABINET

Report No. 213/2018 from the Cabinet was received, the purpose of which was to consider the recommendations and note the key decisions of the Cabinet since the publication of the agenda for the previous ordinary meeting of the Council on 8 October 2018.

Mr Brown introduced and moved the recommendations in the report. Mr Callaghan seconded the recommendations in the report.

Mr Brown noted that the Growth, Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny Panel had reviewed the Corporate Debt Policy in September and the Panel had been supportive and were keen to ensure that people experiencing problems were identified and offered appropriate support as early as possible.

### RESOLVED

- 1) Council **NOTED** the key decisions made by Cabinet since the publication of the agenda for the previous ordinary meeting of the Council on 8 October 2018, as detailed in Appendix A of Report No. 213/2018;
- 2) Council **APPROVED** the recommendations from Cabinet:
  - i) To approve the Corporate Debt Policy detailed at Appendix A of Report No. 145/2018;
  - ii) To approve the adoption of the Council Tax Protocol detailed at Appendix B of Report No. 145/2018;
  - iii) To approve the authorisation of the Strategic Director for Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory Services, Waste Management, Planning Policy & Operations, Property Services, Finance including Revenues & Benefits and Internal Audit to review and make minor changes to the policy and the Council Tax Protocol in line with changes to legislation, guidance and best practice.

## 410 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Report No. 220/2018 was received from the Strategic Director for Places the purpose of which was to provide members with the information they need to assist them with their decision to adopt the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles for Rutland County Council (Appendix C of Report No. 220/2018).

Mr Baines introduced and moved the recommendations in the report. Mr Oxley seconded the recommendations.

During debate the following points were noted:

- i. Members were impressed with the way in which the report had been written with clarity and clear language;
- ii. Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau had been contacted, as requested at the Licensing Committee, they had confirmed that they had received no referrals or notifications with regard to gambling in Rutland.

## RESOLVED

Council **APPROVED** the recommendations of the Planning and Licensing Committee to adopt the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles for Rutland County Council (Appendix C of Report No. 220/2018)

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Mrs K Leishman left the meeting and did not return.

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### 411 REPORTS FROM SCRUTINY COMMISSION / SCRUTINY PANELS

There were no reports from the Scrutiny Commission/Scrutiny Panels.

### 412 JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- i. Mr Bool - Combined Fire Authority  
All areas of administration, budget and service delivery were as expected. A recruitment campaign was currently underway to increase diversity in the Fire Service. There were now five rapid response vehicles which were proving to be very valuable, Mr Bool would provide some statistics to members on the use of these vehicles.
- ii. Miss Waller - SACRE  
Earlier this year the Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Panel suggested that the next presentation of the SACRE Annual Report may include a video of young people talking about their experiences in relation to religious education. This has been taken forward and a video was being put together by participating schools.
- iii. Mr Baines - Rural Community Council Awards  
Event held on 11 October 2018 Rutland had three nominations and two came away with an award, with one achieving runner up. Members were encouraged to nominate projects for next year.
- iv. Mr Baines - Scholarships for Leicester University Launch Event  
Event held on 8 November 2018 and all members should have received an invite, but Mr Baines had become aware that this invite had not been received by some members. Sir Laurence Howard former Lord Lieutenant had agreed to be the patron of this scholarship fund which was aimed at students who would struggle financially to attend university and it was hoped that it would encourage those who would not have considered university education due to financial constraints to apply. Mr Baines would circulate nominations forms and would be happy to speak to any members to provide further information.
- v. Mr Hemsley - Meeting with Federation of Small Business(FSB)  
Mr Hemsley had met with the Chairman of the FSB regarding the impact of Brexit on small businesses. Agreed that small businesses would need support, but there was little that could be done to influence the outcomes.

### 413 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

### 414 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Chairman confirmed that this item had been withdrawn.

**415 ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no other urgent business.

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**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.47 pm.**

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