

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2020

Present: Councillor Charles Maudling (Chair), Mayor Mike Starkie, Councillors David Banks, Jackie Bowman, Hugh Branney, James Date, Gwynneth Everett, Allan Forster, Jeanette Forster, Fred Gleaves, Jeffrey Hailes, Tom Higgins, Linda Jones-Bulman, Joan Hully, John Kane, Ged McGrath, Michael McVeigh, Sam Meteer, David Moore, Steven Morgan, Brian O'Kane, Sam Pollen, Andy Pratt, Russell Studholme, Peter Tyson, Carl Walmsley, Eileen Weir, Doug Wilson and Felicity Wilson.

Officers: Pat Graham (Chief Executive), Sarah Pemberton (Director of Corporate Services and Commercial Strategy (Monitoring Officer)), Steven Brown (Director of Financial Resources), Clinton Boyce (Solicitor), Stephanie Shaw (Electoral and Democratic Services Manager), Clive Willoughby (Democratic Services Officer), Rose Blaney (Electoral and Democratic Services Officer), Steve Smith (Interim Nuclear Projects Manager) and Barbara Vernon (Property and Estates Manager).

C 20/19 Attendances and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Calvin, Mike Hawkins and Graham Minshaw.

C 20/20 Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

Councillors Sam Meteer declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 3 due to having a relative working at the location to be considered.

Councillors Joan Hully declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 3 due to being Chair of Cleator Moor Town Council.

Councillors Gwynneth Everett declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 3 due to being a former Sellafeld employee.

Councillors Linda Jones-Bulman declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 3 due to being a Cleator Moor Town Councillor.

C 20/21 **Exempt Information**

It was moved by the Chair and duly seconded that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that, if they were present, there could be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Following a 30 second pause to allow for any Member to indicate otherwise, it was

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded for the following item of business in view of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

C 20/22 **Industrial Solutions Hub**

Councillor David Moore introduced a report informing Council of a new initiative designed to increase the growth and diversity of the Copeland economy. Members were asked to support the continued development and implementation of the programme.

The report was seconded by Councillor Andy Pratt.

Members considered the report and a discussion followed.

A vote was then taken, by way of a roll call.

On a vote of 29 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions, it was therefore:-

RESOLVED – that all recommendations shown in Item 3 of the Agenda report be approved without amendment.

C 20/23 **Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next virtual meeting of Council would be held at 2:00pm on Tuesday 8th September 2020.

The Meeting closed at 5.30 pm

Chair

