



City of Douglas

City Hall,
Douglas,
9th October, 2024

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CITY OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2024, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the CITY HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS NATALIE BYRON-TEARE, JP

Councillors

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr F. Schuengel

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr F. Horning

Mr P.J. Washington

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Environment and Regeneration, and the Director of Housing and Property were in attendance.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin and Councillor Ms J. Thommeny.

1. **One Minute Silence**

The Council stood to observe a one-minute silence for former Member of the Council, Mr Kevin Charles Kelly who had sadly passed away.

2. **Minutes – 14th August, 2024**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14th August, 2024, were approved and signed.

3. **Executive Committee – 26th September, 2024**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Thursday, 26th September, 2024, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr F. Horning, the Mayor – 7

Against: Mr Councillor P.J. Washington – 1

Motion carried.

4. **Housing and Property Committee – 18th September, 2024 – Clauses A1 to A9**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A9 inclusive of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September, 2024, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – 7

Against: Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts – 1

Motion carried.

5. **Housing and Property Committee – 18th September, 2024 – Clause C10**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in Clause C10 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September, 2024, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

6. **Housing and Property Committee – 18th September, 2024 – Clause C11**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in Clause C11 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September, 2024, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

7. **Pensions Committee – 11th September, 2024**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 11th September, 2024, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

8. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 17th September, 2024 – Clauses A1 to B11**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to B11 inclusive of report of meeting held on Tuesday, 17th September, 2024, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Mr S.R. Pitts, Mr D.R. Watson, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Schuengel, Mr F. Horning, Mr P.J. Washington – 6

Against, Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague, the Mayor - 2

Motion carried.

9. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 17th September, 2024 – Clause C12**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in Clause C12 of report of meeting held on Tuesday, 17th September, 2024, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

10. **Environmental Services Committee – 16th September, 2024 – Clauses A1 to A13**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A13 inclusive of report of meeting held on Monday, 16th September, 2024, be received by the Council, subject to an amendment to Clause A8, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner voted against the resolution, and the vote was 3 For – 1 Against and to Clause A4 to record that Executive Committee had requested that the funding for KBT membership be budgeted for in future years, with annual consideration of continued membership as part of the budget process.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

11. **Environmental Services Committee – 16th September, 2024 – Clause B/C14**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clause B/C14 of report of meeting held on Monday, 16th September, 2024, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

12. **Standing Order 30 – Notice of Motion – Mr Councillor D.R. Watson**

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson moved the following Motion, notice of which had been given:

“That Douglas Council undertakes efforts to encourage the extension of both the location and the time period for the pedestrianisation of North Quay, with a view to permanently pedestrianising the area.”

Under the provisions of Standing Order 30, the matter was referred to the Regeneration and Community Committee for consideration and report to the Council by 8th January, 2025.

13. **Standing Order 30 – Notice of Motion – Mr Councillor D.R. Watson**

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson moved the following Motion, notice of which had been given:

“In exceptional circumstances, tenants who come to the end of their tenancies, should be offered a further twelve-month contract until such time as the Department of Infrastructure sets new financial thresholds for eligibility to remain in social housing.”

Under the provisions of Standing Order 30, the matter was referred to the Housing and Property Committee for consideration and report to the Council by 8th January, 2025.

14. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 3.50pm and resumed at 4.10pm with the same Members and officers present.

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15. **Executive Committee – 26th September, 2024**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Thursday, 26th September, 2024, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

16. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 17th September, 2024**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Tuesday, 17th September, 2024, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

The Council rose at 4.19pm.



For: Town Clerk & Chief Executive