

# COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

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## Council Meeting

6 December 2018, 6.00pm

## Supplementary Information

Apologies: Councillors Barlow, Chuah, Coleman and Hogg

**Please note that the business will be subject to short breaks at approximately 90 minute intervals.**

### 3. Minutes

A... Motion that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record (see page 9 of the Council Summons).

### 6. Items (if any) referred under the Call-in Procedure

None

### 7. Recommendations of the Cabinet, Panels and Committees

To consider the following recommendations:-

#### (i) Colchester Northern Gateway Sports Park – Appointment of Contractor

B... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 308 of the Cabinet meeting of 21 November 2018 be approved and adopted (page 29 of the Council Summons).

#### (ii) Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2019-20

C... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 306 of the Cabinet meeting of 21 November 2018 be approved and adopted (page 31 of the Council Summons).

#### (iii) Officer Pay Policy Statement 2019-20

D... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 307 of the Cabinet meeting of 21 November 2018 be approved and adopted (page 33 of the Council Summons).

#### (iv) Taxi Policy

E... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 72 of the Licensing Committee meeting of 14 November 2018 be approved and adopted (page 35 of the Council Summons).

**(v) Gambling Policy**

F... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 73 of the Licensing Committee meeting of 14 November 2018 be approved and adopted (page 37 of the Council Summons).

**(vi) Pavement Permits (Street Restaurant, Café and Bar Furniture)**

G... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 74 of the Licensing Committee meeting of 14 November 2018 be approved and adopted (page 39 of the Council Summons).

**(vii) Review of the Council's Ethical Governance Policies**

H... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 134 of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting of 13 November 2018 be approved and adopted (page 41 of the Council Summons).

**(viii) Review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance**

I... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 136 of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting of 13 November 2018 be approved and adopted (page 43 of the Council Summons).

**8. Notices of Motion pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11**

**(i) Great Jobs**

Proposer: Cllr T. Young

J... This Council believes that:

Every job should be a great job. For us that means workers in our Borough should be paid fairly; work in a safe and healthy workplace; be treated decently and with respect; have regular hours; have the chance to be represented by trade unions and be consulted on what matters at work; and get the chance to learn and progress at work and get on in life.

This Council resolves to:

1. Support the TUC's Great Jobs Agenda which sets out the actions employers and the government must take for every job to be a great job;
2. Ensure, as an employer, we continue providing great jobs for our own employees as well as support and opportunities for personal development;
3. Continue to value meaningful workforce engagement and representation through our recognised trade unions;
4. Continue our work with employers in the Borough to influence their employment practices and to ensure that business growth is sustainable and ethical. This includes our proactive work with the digital and creative industries in Colchester as a good example;

5. Make increasing job quality a key part of the conversation when pursuing local economic development opportunities in the Borough;
6. Use our commissioning and procurement processes, where possible, to raise employment standards amongst those suppliers and providers we work with;
7. Where appropriate engage with government and other bodies who hold regulatory powers to tackle issues which local authorities do not have statutory powers to address directly;
8. Write to our Borough's MPs informing them of our position and encouraging them to support the Great Jobs Agenda too.

As the motion relates to an executive function, it stands referred direct to Cabinet.

## **(ii) Library Services**

### **Proposer: Councillor Laws**

K... Motion that:-

This Council notes the review and public consultation that has been launched by Essex County Council in regards to library provision across the county, including within the borough of Colchester to meet the modern day demands of our residents. We recognise and agree that the current library buildings are outdated and need modernising.

Therefore, Colchester Borough Council pledges to work with our County Council partners to consider options around location, service access and opening hours as part of this review. We will support efforts to involve the local community in both shaping and delivering future library service provision within the borough.

As the motion relates to a non-executive matter it will be debated and determined at the meeting.

### **Main Amendment**

#### **Proposer: Cllr J. Young**

That the motion on Library Services be approved and adopted subject to the following amendments:

In the first paragraph:-

- In the first sentence, the insertion of the words "with sadness," after the word "notes";
- In the second sentence the deletion of the words "the current" and their replacement with the word "some" and the deletion of the words "need modernising" and their replacement with the words "should be modernised."

In the second paragraph:-

- In the first sentence the deletion of the words “to consider options around location, service access and opening hours as part of this review.”
- In the second sentence the deletion of the words “We will support efforts to involve the local community in shaping and delivering” and their replacement with the words “We will ensure the local community is involved in shaping, improving and enhancing”, and the deletion of the words “within the” and their replacement with the words “across our”.

Should the amendment be agreed the revised wording of the motion would be as follows:-

*“This Council notes with sadness, the review and public consultation that has been launched by Essex County Council in regards to library provision across the county, including within the borough of Colchester to meet the modern day demands of our residents. We recognise and agree that some library buildings are outdated and should be modernised.*

*Therefore, Colchester Borough Council pledges to work with our County Council partners. We will ensure the local community is involved in shaping, improving and enhancing future library service provision across our borough.”*

### **(iii) Stop Essex County Council Library Closures**

Proposer: Councillor Cory

L... Motion that:-

This Council notes with sadness the public consultation launched by Essex County Council to close libraries across the county, including within the borough of Colchester. Whether complete closure or transition to volunteer run services, this Council cannot accept the irreversible impact such plans have upon the social mobility and educational opportunities of our residents.

This Council believes that education and information are fundamental for individuals to be socially mobile. For centuries, Libraries have provided people with available and accessible books, information and educational resources. This historic principle is now under threat in our borough.

Colchester Borough residents access many services provided at our libraries, not just books, but free Internet, DVDs, audio texts, a range of Council Services, CAB support and much more. Libraries form a bedrock of our communities and their social fabric.

This Council believes that Essex County Council should focus on greater sharing of services with Borough, Town and Parish Councils, and other community groups interested in keeping vital libraries services available to all.

Therefore, we call upon the Leader of the Council to write directly to the County Council Cabinet Member (for Customer Services) to stop the consultation and closure plans. Furthermore, this Council calls upon Essex County Council to pursue alternative arrangements of greater service sharing with appropriate partners.

In support of Essex County Council, this Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to also write to the Secretary of State for Education and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to offer the needed resources to support the continued funding of vital library services across this County and many others.

As the motion relates to a non-executive matter it will be debated and determined at the meeting.

### **Main Amendment**

#### **Proposer: Councillor Scordis**

That the motion Stop Essex County Council Library Closures be approved and adopted subject to the following amendments:-

- The deletion of paragraph 4;
- The deletion of paragraph 5 and its replacement with the following words:-  
Therefore we call upon the Leader of the Council to write directly to the Leader of Essex County Council to suspend the consultation and halt the closure plans and enter into a meaningful dialogue to shape, improve and enhance library services in our Borough.
- The deletion of paragraph 6 and its replacement with the following words:-

The Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to also write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to truly end austerity and provide local government with the resources it needs to fund vital services in the future.

Should the amendment be agreed the revised wording of the motion would be as follows:-

*This Council notes with sadness the public consultation launched by Essex County Council to close libraries across the county, including within the borough of Colchester. Whether complete closure or transition to volunteer run services, this Council cannot accept the irreversible impact such plans have upon the social mobility and educational opportunities of our residents.*

*This Council believes that education and information are fundamental for individuals to be socially mobile. For centuries, Libraries have provided people with available and accessible books, information and educational resources. This historic principle is now under threat in our borough.*

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*Therefore, we call upon the Leader of the Council to write directly to the Leader of Essex County Council to suspend the consultation and halt the closure plans and enter into a meaningful dialogue to shape, improve and enhance library services in our Borough.*

*The Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to also write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Education and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to truly end austerity and provide local government with the resources it needs to fund vital services in the future.*

**9. Questions to Cabinet Members and Chairmen pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10**

(i) Councillor Liddy to Councillor Cory, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy

*At this time of year, all of our staff on CBC and CBH, from the most senior to the most junior, deserve our gratitude for their hard work during the year. However, this year, it is our outdoor staff, particularly the recycling operatives, who deserve a special mention. In this year of climatic extremes their service to our Borough can only be described as magnificent.*

*As the year draws to a close, will the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, along with all group leaders join me in expressing our collective gratitude to all our outside workers who have worked so hard this year to keep our Borough's services operating to their usual high standard?*

(ii) Councillor Chapman to Councillor Lilley, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Public Safety and Licensing

*Could the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Public Safety and Licensing expand on his plans, outlined in 'Centurion', the Council's newspaper, to recruit a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for rural areas? Also, can he tell us about the further plans for a PC and PCSO, plus Special Constables to be match funded by Parish Councils?*

(iii) Councillor Laws to Councillor Goss, Portfolio Holder for Waste, Environment and Transportation

*Can the Portfolio Holder for Waste, Environment and Transportation kindly consider ways in which officers can assist the Roman Circus site in their desire to improve signage and wayfinding to this important heritage destination?*

(iv) Councillor Laws to Councillor Goss, Portfolio Holder for Waste, Environment and Transportation

*Can the Portfolio Holder for Waste, Environment and Transportation kindly consider supporting my request that a Cycling Infrastructure masterplan be explored through the Local Plan Committee?*

(v) Councillor Laws to Councillor Cory, Leader of the Council and Portfolio for Strategy

*The Leader of the Council will be interested to note that a reason why the Heritage Lottery Fund bid for Jumbo failed was because the Borough Council wasn't making a financial contribution to the scheme, in light of this will he meet with Colchester and North Essex Building Preservation Trust and interested parties to explore the options to take a future funding bid forward?*

(vi) Councillor Dundas to Councillor Cory, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy

*Can the Portfolio Holder confirm that the £484,000 of section 106 monies allocated from the Wyvern Farm, Stanway development to the Northern Sports Park will not impact or delay in any way the long promised Community Centre planned for the Western by-pass site in Stanway? Furthermore, whilst recognising that the Northern Sports Park is a facility which is intended to benefit all of Colchester and 35% of Wyvern Farm proceeds were always allocated for Borough wide use, why is Stanway the only area not immediately adjacent to the site in the whole Borough contributing section 106 funds?*

#### **10. Schedules of Decisions taken by Portfolio Holders**

To note schedules covering the period 20 October 2018 – 21 November 2018 (see page 45 of the Council Summons).

#### **11. Urgent items**

To consider any business not specified in this summons which by reason of special circumstances the Mayor determines should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

#### **13. Exclusion of the Public**

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 motion to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).