

Notes of Key Decisions/Actions

Meeting: Council

Date: Wednesday, 15 September 2021

Agenda Item	Decision
1 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2021 were agreed by the members present and then signed by the Mayor.
2 Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
3 Public Participation	None.
4 Announcements	<p>4.1 By the Mayor:</p> <p>“I am delighted to tell Council that at this year’s Chartered Institute of Housing Annual Conference, our Group Manager for Strategic Housing, Natasha Beresford, won the national award for the Inspirational Colleague of the Year. This followed submissions from our staff as to the special contribution made by Natasha during what has been an extremely busy and stressful time for staff and our vulnerable residents. It is a tribute to Natasha in particular but also to staff who have kept services running so effectively in what has been a very trying time.</p> <p>Fiona Williamson and Councillor Margaret Griffiths were also shortlisted at the awards.</p> <p>On behalf of Members I would like to say Congratulations to Natasha and our Housing Team at Dacorum.”</p> <p>4.2 By the Chief Executive:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>4.3 By the Group Leaders:~</p> <p>Councillor Griffiths gave apologies on behalf of Councillors Guest, Harden, Sutton and Williams.</p> <p>Councillor Tindall gave apologies on behalf of Councillors Allen, Freedman, McDowell, Uttley and Woolner.</p> <p>4.4 Council Leader and Members of the Cabinet:</p>

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	(Full details are in the minutes under Announcements of the Leader and Cabinet).
<p>5 Motion</p>	<p>The following Motion was proposed by Councillor England and seconded by Councillor Barrett:</p> <p><u>Climate Emergency and COP26</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dacorum Borough Council notes that the important Climate Summit COP26 is being held in Glasgow this November, with only eight years remaining of the ten that were available when the Climate Emergency was recognised and declared by this council. 2. Council also notes that the local response to the Climate Emergency, while capable of undertaking many urgent and useful actions within its powers and capacity and able to energise local people and businesses, faces critical limitations in key areas for scaling-up change, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient and adequate workforce, trained and scaled for deployment to install Ground-Source and Air Source Heat Pumps and other innovative renewables and insulating technologies to reduce CO2 production in housing and other buildings • Funding for the front-loaded costs of insulation schemes and conversion to renewables of present carbon-intensive systems used in Dacorum, both by the Council and by residents and businesses. 3. These work-streams and others require urgent action by Government, to improve capacity for local authorities to draw on, particularly those authorities like Dacorum with large housing stock, who are required to insulate buildings, adopt non-fossil-fuel sources of heat and power, and to reduce or recycle waste products safely and efficiently. 4. To ensure this council and others can undertake this critical work, local authorities need reassurance from Government that they can confidently prepare budgets knowing that that capacity will be available. 5. Council agrees to ask the Portfolio-holder for Environment to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and Alok Sharma, President of COP26 to urge a commitment on spending and timing for an urgent and effective scheme of investment in workforce training, technological innovation and industry standards to allow local government to make urgent progress in meeting its challenges meaningfully in the financial year 22/23. <p>A vote was held:</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed,</p> <p>Therefore the Motion was carried.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>None.</p>

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Questions	
7 Business from the last council meeting	None.
8 Cabinet referrals	None.
9 Overview and Scrutiny referrals	None.
10 Changes to committee membership	The following changes to committee membership were agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Councillor Ransley to replace Councillor Tindall on the Housing and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
11 Change to committee dates	The following changes to committee dates were agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Move Strategic Planning and Environment OSC from 20 October to 2 November. ➤ Schedule an Extraordinary Council meeting on Wednesday 6 October.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm