

Council

Tuesday, 18 June 2024

7.45 pm

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr Daniel Adewale King
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jenny Wallace

Councillors:

Derek Ashenden	Jordan Meade
Helen Ashenden	Alan Metcalf
Rajinder Atwal	Lyn Milner
Gurjit Bains	Shane Mochrie-Cox
David Beattie	Emma Morley
John Burden	Karina O'Malley
Lee Croxton	Leslie Pearton
Dakota Dibben	Tony Rana
Aaron Elliott	Alan Ridgers
Emma Elliott	Christina Rolles
Gary Harding	Lenny Rolles
Jo Hart	Benjamin Sizer
Baljit Hayre	Lauren Sullivan
Leslie Hills	Ektaveen Thandi
Samir Jassal	Narinderjit Singh Thandi
Gavin Larkins	Alison Williams

Stuart Bobby	Chief Executive
Jamie Izzard	Director (Communities & Inclusive Growth) & Deputy Chief Executive
Daniel Killian	Director (Housing)
Sarah Parfitt	Director (Corporate Services)
Tom Reynolds	Director (Environment)
Simon Walsh	Assistant Director (Organisational Development & Democratic Support)
Vicky Nutley	Head of Legal Services
Andy Rayfield	Communications Manager
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Manager (Minutes)

24. Glen Handley and Kenneth Jones

Those present stood in silence in memory of Glen Handley and Kenneth Jones, former Councillors of the Council, who had passed away.

25. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ejaz Aslam, Gurdip Bungar, Deborah Croxton, Peter Scollard and Frank Wardle.

26. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2024 were signed by the Mayor.

27. Declarations of Interest

The Chief Executive advised that, in accordance with advice received from the Council's Monitoring Officer, Members only needed to declare interests which had not already been listed within their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form.

No declarations of interest were made.

28. To answer any questions received from members of the public of which notice has been given under Council Procedure Rule 13

The following question had been submitted:-

Question received from Michael Hughes:-

Given that every computer model published by the IPCC has been wildly at odds with the evidence,

- that the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere is controlled primarily by atmospheric interaction with oceans, vegetation and other sinks,
- that man-made emissions of CO₂ make very little difference (if any) to the total amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere,
- that the eye-wateringly expensive attempts to mitigate or control CO₂ are futile and an unsustainable drain on the country's let alone the borough's finances,
- that it is clear that the public is being hoodwinked. The numbers do not add up.

Given the above will the council exercise its right, known as the Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates, and refuse all central government policies that impoverish people, adversely impact people's lives or restrict people's freedoms in any way?

Response by Cllr John Burden, Leader of the Council:-

In declaring a climate emergency and adopting its own Climate Change Strategy, the Council followed the evidence set out by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The Council considers the information produced by the IPCC as an internationally recognised source of scientific research in the area of Climate Change.

The Council does not consider climate change policies to be manifestly unjust or to have an adverse impact on people's freedom. It therefore will not be looking to refuse central government policies on this issue.

29. Minutes of Committees

Motions that proceedings, reports and recommendations of Committees, except those reserved under Council Procedure 5.2(6) as referred to below be received and adopted and where applicable the Orders made by them be ratified and confirmed were duly proposed, seconded and resolved in each case.

- Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday, 30 April 2024;
- Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 22 May 2024;
- Minutes of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 28 May 2024; and
- Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 12 June 2024.

30. Reserved Minutes

There were no reserved minutes.

31. To consider reports from officers of the Council

There were no reports from officers of the Council.

32. To consider questions from Members of the Council of which notice has been given under Council Procedure Rule 14.

No questions had been received.

33. To receive the Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor informed Members that 'What Ellenor Means to Me' Art Exhibition had now opened at the St Georges Art Centre and encouraged everyone to attend if they could.

The Mayor advised that he would be organising charity events throughout his mayoral year and encouraged everyone to come together to support those events.

The Mayor invited those present to join him in the Parlour for refreshments.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm.