

Minutes

Sunderland City Council

At a meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the MONTGOMERY SUITE, STADIUM OF LIGHT, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2021 at 4.00pm

Present: The Mayor (Councillor H Trueman) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor A Smith)

Councillors	Ali	Foster	Mason-Gage	Smith, P
	Bewick	Gibson, E	McClennan	Snowdon, D
	Blackburn	Gibson, P	McKeith	Snowdon, D E
	Blackett	Greener	Miller, F	Speding
	Burnicle	Hartnack	Miller, G	Stewart
	Chequer	Haswell	Morrissey	Taylor, A
	Crosby	Heron	Nicholson	Thornton
	Dixon	Hodson	O'Brien	Trueman, D
	Dodds	Howe	Peacock	Tye
	Donaghy	Jenkins	Potts	Walker, M
	Doyle	Johnston, K	Price	Warne
	Dunn	Johnston, S	Reed	Williams
	Edgeworth	Lauchlan	Rowntree	Wilson
	Essl	Laws	Samuels	Wood, A
	Fagan	Leadbitter	Scott	Wood, P
	Farthing	MacKnight, N	Scanlan	
	Fletcher	Mann	Smith, G	

Also Present:-

Honorary Alderman Greenfield

The notice convening the meeting was read.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Butler, PWL Gibson, D MacKnight, McDonough, Mullen, Noble, P Walker and Aldermen Arnott, Forbes and Tate.

Minutes

Councillor Peter Gibson referred to the vote recorded on page 8 of the Minutes which showed that 'Gibson, P' had voted both for and against the reference back. He informed the meeting that he had only voted once and that this had been against the motion. The meeting was informed that the 'Gibson, P' shown as voting in favour was Councillor Paul Gibson and that this should have been recorded as 'Gibson, PWL'.

28. RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15 September 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the above amendment.

Declaration of Interests

The following declarations of interest were made and the Members concerned left the meeting during consideration of the item: -

Councillor M. Walker	Item 11(2) - Licensing Act 2003 - Review of Cumulative Impact Assessment	Employee of a Bingo Company and holder of a Gambling Commission Licence
Councillor Hodson	“	A consultee was a close family member

Announcements

Councillor Farthing informed Council of the receipt of the following two awards presented to the Council in respect of its School Meal Service;-

- i) The Green Kitchen Standard – presented by the Soil Association and the Carbon Trust.
- ii) The Food for Life Served Here Bronze Award – presented by the Soil Association.

Covid-19 – Verbal Update by the Leader of the Council

The Mayor invited the Leader to provide a verbal update on the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Leader commented that when he last provided an update in September the city was two months on from the Government's final step in the easing of Covid restrictions, and there was a feeling that things had returned to something like normality, and people had been able to enjoy a really good summer in Sunderland.

The city had hosted world-class events including the British Tour Series cycling event, and the Council had made announcement after announcement in terms of investments and the progress made with its ambitious regeneration plans for the city, all of which were central to ensuring the city and its people recovered from the pandemic in as strong and competitive position as possible.

This progress had continued into the Autumn with the opening of the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor Phase 3 linking Wessington Way to the city centre and the Riverside Sunderland site; the successful return of the Festival of Light and Illuminations; and the return of key events celebrating the success and achievements of the city's businesses and organisations.

It went without saying that the virus was very determined and hadn't gone away therefore if the city was to be kept open and moving forward; its businesses open and building back; people going to work, school, college and university; and friends and family free to be with one another, everyone must keep on doing their bit. There was also the very serious imperative for everyone to keep taking responsibility, individually and collectively, to prevent the transmission of the virus, heading into the Winter to protect the NHS and care sector. These vital services and the workforces who provided them, were under enormous pressure.

As expected, the city's health and social care workers across the city were as dedicated as ever to do the best job possible and to provide essential care, treatment and support to those who needed it. Partner organisations were continuing to create joint, innovative solutions to the ever increasing demand on services and resources and the city's community networks and volunteers were still there, working tirelessly as ever, doing whatever they could to support families and individuals.

Local Government continued to shout loud to central Government about the reality of not being out of the woods yet and the fact that ongoing, and increased levels of support, both financial and in terms of policy were going to be needed, to achieve full and proper recovery, and the levelling-up promised. The Leader was delighted to say that Sunderland was being heard and was being recognised as a place and a people who could be central to national recovery, growth and levelling-up. He stated that the Council and its partners wouldn't stop banging the drum and forging compelling plans to secure further Government backing and other public and private sector investment, in order to press ahead with delivering the City Plan and creating a connected, international city with opportunities for all.

The Leader reminded everyone of the need to play their part and pull together at the same time by following current public health guidance and advice for the sake of the more vulnerable members of the city's communities, the health and care sectors and their employees, and its businesses, so that everybody in Sunderland could look forward to a better festive season this year. He reiterated that getting as many people as possible fully vaccinated, was the city's best defence against Covid and pleaded with everyone in the city, to please do the right thing, for ourselves, our loved ones and everyone around us.

In conclusion, he stated "We've built up a fantastic momentum with the city's recovery from an extremely challenging period in everyone's lives, so let's keep it going and look forward to a great 2022 in Sunderland." The Leader thanked the Mayor for receiving the update.

29. RESOLVED that the update from the Leader be noted.

Citywide approach to carbon reduction – Verbal update by the Deputy Leader of the Council

The Deputy Leader provided an update on the ongoing progress being made in relation to the city's goal of being carbon neutral by 2030 and reducing its carbon emissions. The Deputy Leader highlighted key progress and development work that had taken place in recent months which included:-

- The first young people's advisory group meeting which took place on the 4th of October 2021. The young people were asked to choose their own group name – and renamed the group 'Environmental, Green and Sustainable (EGS)' and also voted for the new city-wide hashtag #WearSustainable. Two representatives from EGS attended the 2030 Shadow Board and got a great response from partners across the city as they shared details of their first meeting and what they would like to learn about and develop at future meetings.
- The selection of Sunderland as one of 11 cities to take part in the European Covenant of Mayors peer learning programme. In October, Sunderland hosted an online 4-day event with Vitoria Gasteiz from Spain and Parma in Italy to share

learning and expertise. Topics discussed included transport, energy and green infrastructure, and Sunderland as the designated expert city, led discussions on community and partner engagement, which culminated in the city's European partners participating alongside young people's representatives in October's city-wide 2030 Low Carbon Shadow Board's meeting.

- The circulation of a COP26 Grant opportunity to Sunderland schools to encourage young people to design and get involved in a project that helped tackle climate change. A total of £2,600 had been given out to schools who applied for this grant across 6 Secondary Schools and 2 Primary Schools.
- Sunderland had recently joined the Cities Race to Zero campaign, a global campaign run by the COP26 presidency, to become part of a coalition to build momentum around the shift towards a decarbonised economy; and had also recently joined the Race to Resilience campaign, to strengthen the Council's commitments towards encouraging global climate action as well as to build the resilience of the city against climate hazards.
- The pursuit of external funding to support the Council in its delivery e.g. the award of £45,000 from DEFRA's Local Authority Treescapes Fund. The Council had also just been awarded £20 million through the Levelling-up Fund to support the development of a Housing Innovation and Construction Skills Academy (known as HICSA) in the Riverside Sunderland area. This would enable Sunderland to build the skills-base needed to upgrade the city's homes, using modern construction methods, low carbon, renewable energy and smart technology. The funding would also enable the creation of new sustainable communities in Sunnyside and on Riverside Sunderland.

The Deputy Leader stated that she hoped that she had provided a useful and positive update on work that was ongoing and would continue to provide updates to Council as appropriate going forward.

30. RESOLVED that the information be noted.

Reception of Petitions

31. RESOLVED that the petitions listed below submitted by the Councillors named be received and referred to the appropriate Chief Officer for consideration in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme: -

Councillor Mann – Petition urging the Council to support the reopening of Pallion Shipyard.

Councillor Edgeworth – Petition asking the Council to make free domestic rodent control permanent and to put in place a long-term plan to tackle rat infestations in public places and local parks.

Written Questions by Members of the Public under Rule 10

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Council Rules of Procedure, the Leader and Members of the Cabinet were asked questions which had been submitted by members of the public.

Written Questions by Members of the Council under Rule 11

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Council Rules of Procedure, the Leader and Members of the Cabinet were asked questions which had been submitted by Members of the Council.

Report of the Cabinet

The Cabinet reported and recommended as follows: -

1. Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 – 2025/2026

That they had given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services (copy attached) which :

- Identified the key factors influencing the development of the Council's financial plans into the medium term and set out the budget planning framework for the Council for 2022/2023;
- Set out the headlines and context for the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2022/2023 to 2025/2026;
- Set out the consultation / communication strategy for the budget 2022/2023; and
- Sought a recommendation to Council for the approval of the updated Council Capital Strategy.

In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework Council Approval was required for changes to the Council Capital Strategy and an extract from the report on the Capital Strategy Update – 2021/2022 was attached.

The report was also considered by the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 14 October 2020.

The Cabinet noted the following comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee:-

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee noted the budgetary information provided including the Medium Term Financial Plan, Budget Planning Framework and Capital Strategy. The Committee acknowledged the current financial situation of the Council, including the spending pressures that exist.

The Committee also recognised the importance of robust budget consultation and engagement with all stakeholders to ensure there was a clear understanding not only of the challenges and pressures that faced the local authority, but also how resources were prioritised and assigned.

Finally, the Committee thanked officers and members for their continued work. The Committee would also continue to receive budgetary information and the opportunity to scrutinise these reports.

The Cabinet recommended the Council to approve the Council's Capital Strategy.

2. Annual Health and Safety Report: April 2020 – March 2021

That they had given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services (copy attached) on the Annual Health and Safety Report: April 2020 – March 2021. The report gave an overview of the management of health and safety at work within the Council.

The Cabinet recommended the Council to note the content of the Annual Health and Safety Report: April 2020 to March 2021.

3. Update to Constitution – Article 2, Article 15 and Council Procedure Rules

That they had given consideration to a report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance (copy attached) to seek agreement to recommend to Council proposed changes to the Constitution with respect to:-

- a) clarifying the position of Members appointed to Committees and Sub-Committees between re-election and the date of the Annual Council meeting;
- b) authorising certain additional Officers to attest to the application of the Authority's Seal on deeds, agreements and other documents;
- c) limiting the number of questions on notice at Council meetings to three from each political group per meeting (excluding urgent questions); and
- d) accepting the service of notices of motion electronically.

The Cabinet recommended the Council to:

1. approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution as set out in the report and at Appendix 1, 2 and 3; and
2. authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly, including the making of any consequential amendments, stylistic or typographical changes, to ensure consistency throughout the Constitution.

4. Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Licensing Principles

That they had considered a report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods (copy attached) on a revision to appendix three under the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, ("the Act") following the consultation exercise.

At its Meeting held on 6 September 2021 the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, having considered a report concerning the outcome of the consultation exercise on the Council's draft Statement of Principles under the Act, resolved as follows:-

That the contents of the report be noted and approval be given to the submission of the draft Statement of Principles to Council for approval under the relevant provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 at its Meeting on 17 November, 2021.

On 12 October 2021, the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee considered a Report concerning the outcome of the consultation exercise on the Council's draft Statement of Principles and resolved that the outcome be noted and agreed.

The Cabinet recommended the Council to approve the Statement of Principles in accordance with the Act set out at Appendix 3 of the report.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Rowntree, moved the report of the Cabinet and the supplementary report.

32. RESOLVED that the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted.

Report of the Audit and Governance Committee

The Audit and Governance Committee reported and recommended as follows:-

1. Annual Report on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee 2020/21

That they had given consideration to a report by the Assistant Director of Business and Property Services (copy attached) on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee during 2020/21, demonstrating how they had fulfilled their delegated responsibilities.

The Committee recommended Council to note the Annual Report on the Work of the Audit and Governance Committee 2020/21.

The Cabinet Secretary, Councillor Stewart, duly seconded by Councillor N. McKnight, moved the report of the Audit and Governance Committee and accordingly it was:-

33. RESOLVED that the Annual Report on the Work of the Audit and Governance Committee 2020/21 be noted.

Action taken on petitions

The Council received and noted the report below which detailed the action taken in relation to the following petition which had been presented to the Council.

(i) Petition – Chester Road – Pedestrian Crossing – Presented by Councillor Edgeworth on 23 June 2021

As stated in the petition there was a subway located between Hastings Hill and Pennywell close to the new Aldi Development that ran beneath Chester Road providing a vehicle free, safe and grade separated crossing facility.

The speed limit on the A183 was recently reduced to 30 mph along the dual carriageway and a signalised junction to the Chester Gate housing development installed which helped to slow vehicles on the road and provide an additional crossing facility for residents and users at the location.

The lighting in the subway was replaced last year with new LED ECO SAFELIGHT fittings designed to provide a robust lighting solution achieving the required lighting standard for the subway. The lighting units were maintained, inspected and cleaned every 2 years however the contractor would respond if any are damaged in the meantime.

In terms of surrounding street lighting, there had been no reports of outages recently, the units were checked at night monthly with faults being responded to within 5 working days. The only exception to this would be if there was an electrical supply fault requiring intervention from Northern Power Grid.

Officers were currently reviewing all subways across the City which would include the subway on Chester Road. Any changes considered would be subject to the consultation process. This petition would be forwarded to the relevant officers for consideration when they undertook the subway review.

Report on Special Urgency Decisions

The Leader of the Council submitted a quarterly report on executive decisions which had been taken as a matter of special urgency, which advised that there were no such instances since the last report.

The Leader of the Council, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, moved the report.

34. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

The Assistant Director of Law and Governance submitted a report seeking approval for a number of proposed changes to various committees and outside bodies which had arisen since the Annual Council meeting.

The Leader of the Council, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, moved the report and accordingly it was:

35. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) Councillor Nicholson be appointed to the seat on the Planning and Highways Committee (East) held by the former UKIP Group;
- (ii) the appointment of Councillor Scott to the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel in place of Councillor Rowntree be approved;
- (iii) the appointment of an elected member representative to the Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group be deferred to a future meeting;
- (iv) the appointment of Councillor Scott to Hetton Town Trust in place of Councillor Rowntree be approved;
- (v) the appointment of Councillor Scott to the Samuel Dobson Trust in place of Councillor Rowntree be approved; and

- (vi) the appointments of an elected member representative to the Samuel Dobson Trust and to the Victoria House Trust previously held by former Councillor Turner, be deferred to a future meeting.

Notices of Motion

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Rowntree, moved the suspension of Council Procedure Rules 11.1 and 14.1 so far as they required the signing and delivering of a notice of motion to be carried out in person.

36. RESOLVED that the suspension of the relevant Council Procedure Rules be agreed.

(i) Addressing Government Failure to Reduce Inequality

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Rowntree moved the following motion:-

“This Council notes that since 2010 successive Conservative led governments have

- failed to address inequalities in society, noting that levels of deprivation and poverty have significantly increased since the introduction of the 2010 equality act.
- continually refused to enact section 1 of the Equality Act that would place a legal duty on governments to address these inequalities and reverse this rise in poverty and deprivation.

This Council now requires to further provide leadership in supporting struggling families in this City and therefore resolves, with immediate effect:

- to voluntarily adopt the socio-economic duty that Conservative Led Governments refuse to enact, ensuring that when making decisions of a strategic nature it will act in a way that is designed to reduce the inequalities of outcome which result from disadvantage.

That in adopting this duty the council will:

- incorporate poverty and socio-economic disadvantages, into equality impact assessments, equality plans, and the wider decision-making process and all strategic planning.
- use a range of quantitative and qualitative data to inform the implementation of this duty and develop clear success criteria to measure the impact in reducing levels of inequality.
- recognise the value of engaging with struggling families directly impacted by these inequalities, working together to find new and sustainable ways to support them and reduce poverty.
- in addition, work with stakeholders and voluntary/community sector organisations, to build awareness and understanding of this new duty adopted by this Council.
- Receive reports on progress on a six-monthly basis.

Councillor Hodson, duly seconded by Councillor Morrissey moved the following amendment:-

In the first bullet point, delete the word “since” and replace it with the word “despite”.

Delete the third bullet point and replace it with the following two bullet points:

- to voluntarily adopt the socio-economic duty, as stated in Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010, which Conservative led Governments have refused to enact.
- to ensure strategic decisions are designed to reduce and/or mitigate the inequalities of outcome which result from disadvantage.

At the end of the final bullet point, delete the words “on progress on a six-monthly basis.” and insert the words: “on a six-monthly basis on progress in achieving clearly-defined and actionable targets both for this new duty and for the nine existing protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act of 2010.”

So that the amended motion would read:

This Council notes that since 2010 successive Conservative led governments have

- failed to address inequalities in society, noting that levels of deprivation and poverty have significantly increased despite the introduction of the 2010 Equality Act.
- continually refused to enact section 1 of the Equality Act that would place a legal duty on governments to address these inequalities and reverse this rise in poverty and deprivation.

This Council now requires to further provide leadership in supporting struggling families in this City and therefore resolves, with immediate effect:

- to voluntarily adopt the socio-economic duty, as stated in Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010, which Conservative-led Governments have refused to enact.
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- recognise the value of engaging with struggling families directly impacted by these inequalities, working together to find new and sustainable ways to support them and reduce poverty.
- in addition, work with stakeholders and voluntary/community sector organisations, to build awareness and understanding of this new duty adopted by this Council.
- Receive reports on a six-monthly basis on progress in achieving clearly defined and actionable targets both for this new duty and for the nine existing protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act of 2010.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried with 51 Members voting in favour: -

Councillors	Bewick	Haswell	Nicholson	Speding
	Blackburn	Heron	O'Brien	Stewart
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	Foster	Miller, F	Smith, P	Wilson
	Gibson, E	Miller, G	Snowdon, D	Wood, A
	Gibson, P	Morrissey	Snowdon, DE	

And 17 voting against

Councillors	Ali	Doyle	Johnston, S	Reed
	Blackett	Dunn	Leadbitter	Wood, P
	Burnicle	Greener	Mann	
	Dixon	Hartnack	McKeith	
	Donaghy	Howe	Peacock	

The Mayor read the new Substantive Motion.

Councillor Hartnack, duly seconded by Councillor Doyle moved the following amendment to the new substantive motion:-

Delete from “This Council notes...” to the end of the second bullet point and insert “The Joseph Rowntree Foundation shows that, at present, in England childhood poverty, pension poverty, low income household inequality and working-age adult poverty are all lower than they were at their peak under the last Labour government.”

Add to the end of this motion: “This Council regrets the increases in Council Tax which the Chief Finance Officer has previously noted could disadvantage those on low incomes, in his equality impact assessments of Labour’s budgets.”

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was defeated with 17 Members voting in favour: -

Councillors	Ali	Doyle	Johnston, S	Reed
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	Donaghy	Howe	Peacock	

And 51 members voting against:-

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The Mayor then put the Substantive Motion to the meeting and upon being put to the vote the motion was carried with 51 Members voting in favour :-

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It was therefore:-

37. **RESOLVED** that:-

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This Council now requires to further provide leadership in supporting struggling families in this City and therefore resolves, with immediate effect:

- to voluntarily adopt the socio-economic duty, as stated in Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010, which Conservative-led Governments have refused to enact.
- to ensure strategic decisions are designed to reduce and/or mitigate the inequalities of outcome which result from disadvantage.

That in adopting this duty the council will:

- incorporate poverty and socio-economic disadvantages, into equality impact assessments, equality plans, and the wider decision-making process and all strategic planning.
- use a range of quantitative and qualitative data to inform the implementation of this duty and develop clear success criteria to measure the impact in reducing levels of inequality.

- recognise the value of engaging with struggling families directly impacted by these inequalities, working together to find new and sustainable ways to support them and reduce poverty.
- in addition, work with stakeholders and voluntary/community sector organisations, to build awareness and understanding of this new duty adopted by this Council.
- Receive reports on a six-monthly basis on progress in achieving clearly defined and actionable targets both for this new duty and for the nine existing protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act of 2010.

The Mayor referred to Paragraph 8.1 of the Council's rules of procedure and advised that the meeting had now extended beyond its permitted 3 hours. He informed Council that he would allow a further 30 minutes to allow as much business to be transacted as possible.

(ii) Automated External Defibrillators

Councillor Crosby, duly seconded by Councillor Edgeworth moved the following motion:-

“Council notes that on average 30,000 people each year suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital, and 20% of these incidents occur in public spaces. Council further notes only 10% of victims of cardiac arrests survive when the incident occurs outside hospital.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can play a significant role in saving the lives of people who suffer heart attacks in public. It is estimated that a shock from an AED, alongside CPR treatment, increases survival rates to 75-80%.

Council notes that, though there are public defibrillators in various places across the city including some council premises and assets, there are gaps in the provision of publicly accessible AEDs and at present there is no holistic mapping system listing all AEDs across Sunderland, Washington, Houghton and Hetton.

Therefore Council agrees to:

- Compile and maintain a list, and an interactive map, of all public defibrillators in the Sunderland City Council area including those in non-council premises.
- Review and, where appropriate, increase the provision of defibrillators across all council-owned spaces including public parks, community centres, leisure facilities, and areas of high public footfall.
- Bring a report to Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee no later than February 2022 detailing a plan to roll out more Automated External Defibrillators across the city, and to produce and maintain a fully interactive mapping system to locate all public defibrillators in the Sunderland City Council area.”

The Deputy Leader, Councillor Rowntree duly seconded by Councillor K. Johnston moved the following amendment:-

Third Paragraph

After Washington delete “, Houghton and Hetton”

Add “and Coalfield.”

Bullet points

Delete first bullet point

Final bullet point delete from word “city”

Add new bullet point

“Ensure all current and future defibrillators on council land and property are registered with The National Defibrillator Network, which is supported by the British Heart Foundation, the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, Resuscitation Council UK, and St John Ambulance.”

So that the amended motion would read:

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- Bring a report to Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee no later than February 2022 detailing a plan to roll out more Automated External Defibrillators across the city.
- Ensure all current and future defibrillators on council land and property are registered with the National Defibrillator Network, which is supported by the British Heart Foundation, the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, Resuscitation Council UK, and St John Ambulance.

Upon being moved, the amendment was declared to be carried unanimously. The Mayor then put the new substantive motion to the meeting and accordingly it was: -

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The meeting adjourned at this point, having reached three hours' duration.

(Signed) H TRUEMAN,
Mayor.