



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL**

**DECISION LIST FROM THE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH JULY 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
1	Apologies for Absence	To note any apologies for absence from Councillors.	No apologies were received.	
2	Councillor Requests for Dispensations	To note any Councillor requests for dispensations.	No requests for dispensations were received.	
3	Declarations of Interests	To note any declaration of interests from Councillors.	No declarations of interests were received.	
4	Minutes of the Last Meeting Held on the 29th June 2020 and Matters Arising and Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making Held on the 13th July 2020 and Matters Arising	To agree the minutes of the last two meetings and any matters arising from these.	The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th June 2020 were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising. The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making held on the 13th July 2020 were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising	
5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive any announcements from the Chairman.	Councillors noted the announcements made by the Chairman.	
6	Question Time	To receive questions from the public.	A parishioner said that they wished to comment on item 18. They felt that Ely was very inclusive and considered that all lives mattered and although black lives mattered, everyone in Ely matters.	

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7	Reports from County Councillors and District Councillors	To receive reports from County Councillors and District Councillors.	Reports were received from County Cllr Every and ECDC Councillors Every, A Whelan, C Whelan and Downey.	
8	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended.	No engagements had been undertaken.	
9	Planning	To receive a report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee on the planning applications considered at the meeting before the Full Council meeting.	Councillors noted the report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee.	
10	Information Only Items	To receive and note items for information only.	Councillors noted the items for information only.	
11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	No Committee meetings had taken place. Cllr Morgan informed Councillors of the zoom meeting with ECDC representatives regarding the Maltings Cottage and concerns raised by the survey undertaken. A letter is awaited from ECDC, confirming the action they wish this Council to undertake.	

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12	Working Group Reports	To note minutes of Working Groups.	Cllr Every gave an update on the recent meeting of the CCTV Working Group.	
13	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	Cllr Lindsay informed Councillors he had attended the Stuntney Village Council meeting on the 8th July. SVC would like to apply to rename part of the Stuntney Bypass. The City Council is assisting them with this.	<b>TC</b>
14	To Consider the Following Motion:- Local Electricity Bill *	To consider a motion regarding the Local Electricity Bill	It was resolved the Council unanimously approve this motion. This will be moved to Climate Change & Environment Committee to move forward.	<b>Climate Change &amp; Environment Committee</b>
15	To Make Comments on ECDC'S Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy	To make comments on ECDC's Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy consultation	Councillors agreed to make comments as individuals.	
16	To Make Comments on the Local Government Association Model Member Code of Conduct Consultation	To make comments on the Local Government Association Model Member Code of Conduct consultation	Councillors unanimously agreed the Governance Working Group would look at this consultation and make comment. All Councillors were urged to look at the Council's adopted Code of Conduct Policy, to ensure they abide by these, as there are consequences if this Code is not adhered to.	<b>Governance Working Group and all Councillors</b>

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17	To Make Comments on the Tables and Chairs Application for the Riverside Inn, 8 Annesdale, Ely	To make comments on the Tables and Chairs Application for the Riverside Inn, 8 Annesdale, Ely	It was unanimously agreed to support this application. However, the applicant should ensure that barriers are in place, as visually impaired people find it very difficult when there are tables and chairs in the highway. If a barrier is in place this aids their movement and prevents them from bumping into the tables and chairs. There must also be enough space between the outside space and the highway and does not cause an obstruction, as there are many cyclists and pedestrians that use this route.	<b>TC</b>
18	To Consider Motion Proposed by Councillor Downey and Seconded by Cllr C Whelan Regarding Black Lives Matter **	To Consider Motion Proposed by Councillor Downey and Seconded by Cllr C Whelan Regarding Black Lives Matter	It was resolved this Council, by a majority, approve this motion. Cllr Downey to produce an Action Plan with dates and lead this forward. Press release will be issued by the Chairman of the Council.	<b>Cllr Downey Chairman of Council</b>
19	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council and to not the bank reconciliation up to the 30.6.20.	Councillors noted and approved the payments of the Council and noted the bank reconciliation up to the 30.6.20.	<b>TC</b>

**\*Item 14. Local Electricity Bill**

That City of Ely Council:

- i. acknowledges the efforts that this council is making to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- ii. recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;
- iii. further recognises
  - a. that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,

- b. that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils and local community co-operatives to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- c. that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;
- iv. accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 187 MPs; and
- v. further resolves to write to the local MP asking them to support the Bill in Parliament and to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

**\*\* Item 18. City of Ely Council: Black Lives Matter Motion**

**Council notes:**

1. In the UK 26% of instances of police using firearms are against Black people, despite Black people making up only 3.3% of the population. 51% of young men in custody 1 in the UK are from Black, Asian or minority ethnic backgrounds, despite these groups making up only 14% of the UK population. The 2017 Lammy Report concluded that 2 “BAME individuals still face bias, including overt discrimination, in parts of the justice system”. Most recently, we’ve seen that BAME people are 54% more likely than 3 white people to be fined under the new coronavirus lockdown laws.
2. Here in Ely, Black people face being stopped by police just because they are Black. An example of this happening in Ely was recently posted on social media. Data from Stop Watch shows that in 2018/2019, police officers in Cambridgeshire subjected Black people to stop and search at a rate of 6 times more than white people.
3. The police killing of George Floyd in June 2020, has led to protests against the killing of Black people by police everywhere from Floyd’s home of Minneapolis, to the UK, Japan, and New Zealand. The world knows George Floyd’s name, and his death has fuelled a movement to end police violence against Black people.

City of Ely Council extends our solidarity to the Black Lives Matters movement and believes that:

- A. Racism in all forms, both structural and in individuals, continues to be a serious and often unseen problem throughout the UK, including in the City of Ely. The needs and challenges of Black people may differ from those of Asian people and also those of other minority ethnic groups and the Council will ensure that this is reflected in our approach to equality, diversity and inclusion.
- B. Although progress has been made in combating racism in all its forms, more work is needed to eradicate it entirely.

This Council, representing people in Ely, welcomes its duty to actively lead that work locally. Council resolves to meet the challenge head-on with immediate action to:

- I. Review and recommend concrete actions to ensure that we maintain an actively anti-racist outlook, ensuring Ely is a welcoming and inclusive place for all.
- II. Commit to taking an active part in Black History Month.
- III. Write to the Minister for Schools asking the government to provide resources to schools to support them in providing further historical context for events normally only seen through the lens of white British history.
- IV. Ask the Police & Crime Commissioner to put in place measures to ensure that arrest and custody measures are proportionate.
- V. Write to the MP representing Ely to ask that rather than spending money on another race inequality review, the Government implements recommendations of previous reviews - specifically including but not restricted to, the Lammy and Windrush recommendations.

On a long term basis this Council believes there is a need to further address racism, and therefore resolves to, over time:

- VI. Ask officers to regularly review our progress on the measures above, report progress to the Personnel Finance & Governance Committee and recommend to Council any additional steps required to achieve these goals.
- VII. Ask the Governance Working Group & the Strategic Plan Working Group to review and examine the internal structures of the City of Ely Council to ensure Black Asian and Minority Ethnic people are not disadvantaged. Ask them to work to understand specifically how many minority ethnic people the council employ, where they are working, what barriers, if any exist to their career progression and recommend any changes required to our staff policies and procedures to ensure that they are inclusive.
- VIII. Act on any concerns raised about street names which derive from individuals or organisations that have racist links.
- IX. Ask the Police & Crime Commissioner to report on what measures have been put in place to reduce the disproportionality of BAME people affected by the use of stop and search powers seen locally and nationally and how often are these measures are reviewed; and to provide a regular report as to initiatives and progress.
- X. Ask the Combined Authority to produce a toolkit for businesses to help broaden their understanding of race inequality in the workplace, including but not limited to materials, signposts to relevant local groups and training that can be provided for staff, and links to relevant networks.