

**COUNCIL BUSINESS  
COMMITTEE**

**12.30 P.M.**

**29TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Joyce Pritchard (Chair), David Whitaker and Katie Whearty.

Apologies for Absence:

There were no apologies. Councillor Joan Jackson was unable to be present and participating due to technical issues, however was able to observe the meeting on the public link.

Officers in attendance:

Debbie Chambers	Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Rebecca Richards	Planning Policy Officer
Eric Marsden	Democratic Support Officer
Molly Bolton	Corporate Services Apprentice

**THE MEETING WAS NOT QUORATE AT THE START, THEREFORE THE CHAIR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:30 P.M.**

**THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:34 P.M., WHEN QUORATE.**

**1 MINUTES**

The minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were agreed as a true record, and would be signed by the Chair at a later date.

**2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

The Chair requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council Business Committee for the municipal year 2020-21.

It was proposed and seconded:

“That Councillor David Whitaker be appointed Vice-Chair of the Council Business Committee for the municipal year 2020-21”.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared the proposal to be carried.

***Resolved:***

That Councillor David Whitaker be appointed Vice-Chair of the Council Business Committee for the municipal year 2020-21.

**3 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR**

There were no items of urgent business.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor David Whitaker declared that he was a member of Morecambe Town Council who had also submitted a response to the consultation at item 5.

There were no further declarations of interest.

**5 RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM CONSULTATION**

Rebecca Richards, Planning Policy Officer, presented a report submitted by the Director of Economic Growth and Regeneration informing the Committee of the Proposed Changes to the Current Planning System, currently out for consultation but for which responses had to be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

The Committee were taken through the four main proposed changes, and asked a number of questions regarding the draft response (circulated prior to the meeting).

The Committee recognised the work that had been put into responding in detail to all 35 questions of the consultation, and it was proposed that the Officer recommendations be accepted.

***Resolved:***

- (1) That the comments raised in appendix 1 of the Report are submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government as a formal response from the City Council;
- (2) That officers keep Members informed of progress on the implementation of these reforms.

**6 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP**

There were no appointments to committees or changes to membership to report.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 12.55 p.m.)

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