

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 18 May 2022

Attendance:

Councillors Present

Achwal (Chairperson)

Becker	Laming
Bronk	Learney
Bolton	Lumby
Brook	McLean
Clear	Pearson
Cook	Power
Cramoysan	Radcliffe
Craske	Reach
Cunningham	Read
Cutler	Rutter
Edwards	Scott
Evans	Small
Ferguson	Thompson
Fern	Tippett-Cooper
Godfrey	Tod
Gordon-Smith	Wallace
Green	Warwick
Horrill	Weston
Isaacs	Westwood
Kurn	Williams

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Clementson, Miller, Batho and Porter

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1. **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for the meeting were noted as above.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.**

None.

3. **TO ELECT FROM AMONGST THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL A PERSON TO BE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

Proposed by Councillor Tod.

Seconded by Councillor Thompson and unanimously resolved that Councillor Derek Green be elected the 823rd Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 18 May 2022.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Derek Green be elected the 823rd Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 18 May 2022.

4. **TO MOVE A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR.**

Proposed by Councillor Evans.

Seconded by Councillor Thompson and unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the council be accorded to Councillor Vivian Achwal for her service to the council during the past year.

RESOLVED:

That the best thanks of the council be accorded to Councillor Vivian Achwal for her service to the council during the past year.

5. **TO ELECT FROM AMONGST THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL A PERSON TO BE DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

Proposed by Councillor Evans.

Seconded by Councillor Cutler and unanimously resolved that Councillor Angela Clear be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 18 May 2022.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Angela Clear be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 18 May 2022.

6. **TO CONFIRM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

Council noted that Councillor Thompson had formally resigned as Leader of the Council and the Mayor asked for nominations.

Councillor Thompson proposed Councillor Tod to be Leader (Chairperson of Cabinet) and was seconded by Councillor Ferguson.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Tod be appointed Leader of the Council (Chairperson of Cabinet).

7. **THE LEADER TO CONFIRM THE DEPUTY LEADER (VICE CHAIRPERSON OF CABINET) AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF CABINET.**

The Leader, Councillor Tod, confirmed the Deputy Leader (Vice Chairperson of Cabinet) and other members of Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Ferguson be appointed as Deputy Leader (Vice Chairperson of Cabinet) and Councillors Learney, Power, Gordon-Smith, Porter and Thompson as remaining members of Cabinet.

8. **TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH GROUP AND TO CONFIRM THE MEMBERS AND DEPUTY MEMBERS OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES (OR OTHER BODIES AS COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE) FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:-**

With the exception of Cabinet, the Council reviewed the political representation on Committees in accordance with the provisions of Section 15(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The number of seats to be allocated to each group and members and deputy members of each body were confirmed as set out in the appendix to these minutes and as set out below.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any minor consequential amendments to the Constitution to give effect to the decisions made.

2. That allocation of seats to political groups and memberships of the following bodies be confirmed be as follows:

Scrutiny Committee (8) – Councillors Becker, Craske, Laming, Cutler, Westwood (Liberal Democrats 5) and Councillors Brook, Horrill, Cook (Conservatives 3) plus deputies – Councillors Rutter, Edwards (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Bolton, Godfrey (Conservatives 2)

Audit and Governance Committee (8) – Councillors Cutler, Craske, Bronk, Laming, Achwal (Liberal Democrats 5) and Councillors Godfrey, Miller, Bolton (Conservatives 3) plus deputies – Councillors Radcliffe, Batho (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Cunningham, Lumby (Conservatives 2)

Licensing and Regulation Committee (11) – Councillors Williams, Laming, Reach, Small, Achwal, Westwood, Batho (Liberal Democrats 7) and Councillors Cunningham, Kurn, McLean, Isaacs (Conservatives 4) plus deputies – Councillors Clear, Cramoysan (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Pearson, Read (Conservatives 2)

Planning Committee (9) – Councillors Evans, Rutter, Laming, Clear, Edwards, Westwood (Liberal Democrats 6) and Councillors Pearson, Read, McLean (Conservatives 3) plus deputies – Councillors Small, Achwal (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Cunningham, Cook (Conservatives 2)

Business and Housing Policy Committee (8) – Councillors Bronk, Cramoyson, Radcliffe, Fern, Small (Liberal Democrats 5) and Councillors Isaacs, Scott, Miller (Conservatives 3) plus deputies – Councillors Edwards, Batho (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Horrill, Brook (Conservatives 2)

Health and Environment Policy Committee (8) – Councillors Laming, Batho, Clear, Achwal, Tippet-Cooper (Liberal Democrats 5) and Councillors Pearson, Warwick, Cook (Conservatives 3) plus deputies – Councillors Williams, Becker (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Kurn, Brook (Conservatives 2)

Housing Appeals Committee (3) - Councillors Rutter, Edwards (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillor Scott (Conservatives 1) plus deputies – Councillor Horrill (Conservatives 1)

Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Committee (5) – Councillors Evans, Laming, Clear (Liberal Democrats 3) and Councillors Read, McLean (Conservatives 2) plus deputies – Councillors Rutter, Edwards (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillor Pearson (Conservatives 1)

Further to the above, and pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Chief Executive served notice on each of the leaders of the two political groups on the Council as to the allocation of seats as indicated above.

9. **TO ELECT THE CHAIRPERSONS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES (OR OTHER BODIES AS COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE) FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:-**

RESOLVED:

That chairpersons of the following bodies be confirmed be as follows:

Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Brook

Audit and Governance Committee – Councillor Cutler

Licensing and Regulation Committee – Councillor Williams

Planning Committee– Councillor Evans

Business and Housing Policy Committee – Councillor Bronk

Health and Environment Policy Committee – Councillor Laming

Housing Appeals Committee - Councillor Rutter

Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Committee – Councillor Evans

10. **TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM:-**

Proposed by The Leader, Councillor Tod and seconded by Councillor Ferguson.

RESOLVED:

That the Winchester Town Forum be established for 2022/23 with membership consisting of all Members who represent the five Winchester Town Wards.

11. **TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THE HOUSING (APPEALS) COMMITTEE:-**

Proposed by The Leader, Councillor Tod and seconded by Councillor Ferguson.

RESOLVED:

That alternative arrangements other than proportional representation be agreed in respect of the Housing (Appeals) Committee.

12. **PRESENTATIONS TO FORMER COUNCILLORS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AS PREVIOUS MEMBERS OF WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL.**

The Mayor firstly presented a certificate to former councillor Roger Bentote in recognition of his service to the communities of the Whiteley & Shedfield ward where he was ward member between 2016 and 2022.

The Mayor then presented a certificate to former councillor Lawrence Ruffell in recognition of his service to the communities of the previous Owslebury & Curdrige ward (until 2016) and the Upper Meon Valley ward between 2006 and 2022.

The Mayor then acknowledged the service of other retired members of the Council who had been unable to attend the meeting:

Former councillor Anne Weir, in recognition of her service to the communities of the St Barnabas ward where she was ward member between 2012 and 2022 and was also a member of Cabinet between 2019 and 2020.

Former councillor Malcolm Prince, in recognition of his service to the communities of the Worthys ward where he was ward member between 2016 and 2022 and was also a member of Cabinet between 2019 and 2021.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 8.10 pm

The Mayor

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND CHAIRPERSONS 2022/23 (APPROVED)

The Scrutiny Committee	Audit and Governance Committee	Licensing and Regulation Committee	Planning Committee	Business and Housing Policy Committee	Health and Environment policy committee	Housing Appeals Committee *1	Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Committee *4
COMMITTEE SIZE 8	COMMITTEE SIZE 8	COMMITTEE SIZE 11	COMMITTEE SIZE 9	COMMITTEE SIZE 8	COMMITTEE SIZE 8	COMMITTEE SIZE 3	COMMITTEE SIZE 5

Main Committee Members *2

Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats
Cllr Becker	Cllr Cutler	Cllr Williams	Cllr Evans	Cllr Bronk	Cllr Laming	Cllr Rutter	Cllr Evans
Cllr Craske	Cllr Craske	Cllr Laming	Cllr Rutter	Cllr Cramoysan	Cllr Batho	Cllr Edwards	Cllr Laming
Cllr Laming	Cllr Bronk	Cllr Reach	Cllr Laming	Cllr Radcliffe	Cllr Clear		Cllr Clear
Cllr Cutler	Cllr Laming	Cllr Small	Cllr Clear	Cllr Fern	Cllr Achwal		
Cllr Westwood	Cllr Achwal	Cllr Achwal	Cllr Edwards	Cllr Small	Cllr Tippett-Cooper		
		Cllr Westwood	Cllr Westwood				
		Cllr Batho					

Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives
Cllr Brook	Cllr Godfrey	Cllr Cunningham	Cllr Pearson	Cllr Isaacs	Cllr Pearson	Cllr Scott	Cllr Read
Cllr Horrill	Cllr Miller	Cllr Kurn	Cllr Read	Cllr Scott	Cllr Warwick		Cllr McLean
Cllr Cook	Cllr Bolton	Cllr McLean	Cllr McLean	Cllr Miller	Cllr Cook		
		Cllr Isaacs					

Deputy Members *3

The Scrutiny Committee	Audit and Governance Committee	Licensing and Regulation Committee	Planning Committee	Business and Housing Policy Committee	Health and Environment Policy Committee	Housing Appeals Committee *1	Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Committee *4
Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats
Cllr Rutter	Cllr Radcliffe	Cllr Clear	Cllr Small	Cllr Edwards	Cllr Williams		Cllr Rutter
Cllr Edwards	Cllr Batho	Cllr Cramoysan	Cllr Achwal	Cllr Batho	Cllr Becker		Cllr Edwards
Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	Conservatives	
Cllr Bolton	Cllr Cunningham	Cllr Pearson	Cllr Cunningham	Cllr Horrill	Cllr Kurn	Cllr Horrill	Cllr Pearson
Cllr Godfrey	Cllr Lumby	Cllr Read	Cllr Cook	Cllr Brook	Cllr Brook		

*1 For the Housing Appeals Committee, as in previous years, alternative, non-proportional arrangements are proposed.

* 2 Committee Chairpersons are indicated in bold.

* 3 Groups can appoint fewer deputy members to committees than those specified above if they choose.

*4 The Chairperson of the Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Committee is , by default the Chairperson of the Planning Committee

NB. In approving the above (including any amendments) it will be taken that Council is authorising the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution to give effect to the decisions made.

Committees Political Balance (in accordance with Act) 2022/23									
	Committee Size	Allocation of Seats to Groups							
		Total	Conservative		Un grouped		Liberal Democrat		Vacancy
COUNCIL SIZE	45	15	33%	3	7%	27	60%	0	0%
Cabinet (not politically balanced) (TBC)	7	0				7			
Winchester Town Forum (not politically balanced)	14	1				13			
The Scrutiny Committee *1	8	3	38%		0%	5	63%		
Health & Environment Policy Committee *3	8	3	38%		0%	5	63%		
Business & Housing Policy Committee*2	8	3	38%		0%	5	63%		
Audit and Governance Committee *6	8	3	38%		0%	5	63%		
Planning Committee *5	9	3	33%		0%	6	67%		
Licensing and Regulation Committee *4	11	4	36%		0%	7	64%		
Joint West of Waterlooville MDA Planning Committee *8	5	2	40%		0%	3	60%		
TOTAL BY GROUP exc. Council, Cabinet & WTF	57	21	36.84%		0.00%	36	63.16%		0.00%
Notes									
1. The Scrutiny Committee - up to 10 members (up to 2 substitutes per group)									
2. Business and Housing Policy Committee - up to 10 members (up to 2 substitutes per group)									
3. Health & Environment Policy Committee - up to 10 members (up to 2 substitutes per group)									
4. Licensing and Regulation Committee - up to 11 members (up to 2 substitutes per group)									
5. Planning Committee - up to 9 members (up to 2 substitutes per group)									
6. Audit and Governance Committee - size not specified (up to 2 substitutes per group) - normally politically balanced and size determined by council. HR Sub Committee and Standards Hearing Sub Committee will be appointed from the membership of the Audit and Governance Committee and shall be politically balanced.									
7. Housing Appeals - size not specified (up to 2 substitutes per group)									
8. Joint WoW MDA . 5 members (to include chair of Planning) plus 2 deputies per political group.									
The proportionality rules are as set out below:									
(1) No political group can have all the places on a committee (the exception is the Cabinet).									
(2) A group having an overall majority on the Council is entitled to a majority of seats on each committee.									
(3) The gross number of seats is allocated in accordance with each group's entitlement.									
(4) The number of seats on each committee is allocated in accordance with each group's entitlement.									

