

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 20 May 2020

Attendance:

Councillors Present

Bell (Chairperson)

Achwal
Becker
Bentote
Bronk
Brook
Clear
Clementson
Cook
Craske
Cunningham
Cutler
Evans
Ferguson
Fern
Gemmell
Godfrey
Gordon-Smith
Gottlieb
Green
Griffiths
Hiscock
Horrill

Humby
Hutchison
Laming
Learney
Lumby
Mather
McLean
Miller
Murphy
Pearson
Porter
Power
Prince
Read
Ruffell
Rutter
Scott
Thompson
Tod
Weir
Weston
Williams

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Hiscock, Humby, Porter and Tod declared personal (but not prejudicial) interests in relation to agenda items which may relate to Hampshire County Council matters due to their role as County Councillors.

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 Godfrey.

Seconded by Councillor Horrill and resolved unanimously that Councillor Patrick Cunningham be elected Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing on 20 May 2020.

During a short adjournment to the meeting, Councillor Bell vacated the Chair, which was taken by the Mayor who made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then responded to the meeting.

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

Proposed by Councillor Evans.

Seconded by Councillor Thompson (Leader) and resolved unanimously that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Bell for her service to the Council as Mayor during the past year. Councillor Bell then responded to the meeting.

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 Murphy and resolved unanimously that Councillor Vivian Achwal be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing on 20 May 2020.

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

The Leader, Councillor Thompson, appointed Councillor Cutler as Vice-Chairman of Cabinet and Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Leader also appointed Councillors Ferguson, Learney, Porter, Prince, and Tod as the remaining Members of Cabinet.

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

RESOLVED:

The following Members were elected Chairpersons of the Committees stated for the ensuing Municipal Year:-

The Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Brook
Audit and Governance Committee – Councillor Power
Licensing and Regulation Committee – Councillor Bentote
Planning Committee – Councillor Evans
Business and Housing Policy Committee – Councillor Weir
Health and Environment Policy Committee – Councillor Clear

Licensing Sub Committee Chairpersons – Councillors Green, Laming,
Mather, Read

8. **TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH GROUP ON, AND TO ELECT THE REMAINING 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 Council determined the representation on all the bodies as set out below (under alternative arrangements for the Housing Appeals and Appeals and Disputes Committees, but having regard to the political balance formula).

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 the allocation of seats to political groups be as follows:

The Scrutiny Committee (10)

Liberal Democrats (6): Conservatives (4)

Audit and Governance Committee (11)

Liberal Democrats (7): Conservatives (4)

Licensing and Regulation Committee (11)

Liberal Democrats (7): Conservatives (4)

Planning Committee (9)

Liberal Democrats (5): Conservatives (4)

Business and Housing Policy Committee (10)

Liberal Democrats (6): Conservatives (4)

Health and Environment Policy Committee (10)

Liberal Democrats (6): Conservatives (4)

Housing Appeals Committee (3)

Liberal Democrats (2): Conservatives (1)

Licensing Sub-Committee Chairpersons (4)

Liberal Democrats (2): Conservatives (2)

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 on Committees as indicated above.

RESOLVED:

That the following appointments to Committees be made (inclusive of the Chairmen who were appointed earlier in the meeting):-

The Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Becker, Bronk, Brook, Craske, Horrill, Hiscock, Lumby, Power, Scott, Weir,

Deputies

Councillors Clear, Laming, Gemmell, Godfrey

Audit and Governance Committee

Becker, Bentote, Bronk, Craske, Gemmell, Godfrey, Laming, Mather, Miller, Power, Williams

Deputies

Councillors Gordon-Smith, Gottlieb, Read, Lumby

Licensing and Regulation Committee

Achwal, Bentote, Gordon-Smith, Green, Laming, Mather, McLean, Power, Read, Ruffell, Williams

Deputies

Councillors Clear, Fern, Pearson, Griffiths

Planning Committee

Councillors Clear, Evans, Gordon-Smith, Laming, McLean, Pearson, Read, Ruffell, Rutter

Deputies

Councillors Bell, Bentote, Brook, Horrill

Business and Housing Policy Committee

Councillors Bell, Brook, Craske, Hiscock, Horrill, Lumby, Power, Rutter, Scott, Weir

Deputies

Councillors Clear, Gottlieb, Godfrey, Miller

Health and Environment Policy Committee

Councillors Achwal, Bell, Clear, Hutchison, Laming, McLean, Pearson, Read, Scott, Williams

Deputies

Councillors Becker, Green, Brook, Gemmell

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

RESOLVED:

That the Winchester Town Forum be established for 2020/21 with membership consisting of all Members who represent the five Winchester Town Wards.

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

RESOLVED:

That alternative arrangements other than proportional representation be agreed in respect of the Housing (Appeals) Committee and that Members of the Committee be appointed as follows:-

Councillors Hutchison, Rutter, Scott
Deputies
Councillor Achwal, Clear, Horrill

11. **THE MAYOR TO MOVE AND THE DEPUTY MAYOR TO SECOND THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL TO ENABLE SHORT MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES TO TAKE PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING VICE CHAIRPERSONS AS INDICATED:**

The Mayor (Councillor Cunningham) moved and the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Achwal) seconded the adjournment of the Council so that each of the bodies listed below were able to appoint their respective Vice Chairpersons.

Each Committee then met in turn and considered nominations received and duly elected their Vice Chairperson.

RESOLVED:

The following Members were elected as Vice Chairperson by the membership of each corresponding Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year:-

The Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Lumby
Audit and Governance Committee – Councillor Bronk
Licensing and Regulation Committee – Councillor Green
Planning Committee – Councillor Rutter
Business and Housing Policy Committee – Councillor Rutter
Health and Environment Policy Committee – Councillor Laming

12. **COUNCIL TAX COVID-19 HARDSHIP FUND (CL156)**

Councillor Cutler (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Risk), moved that the Recommendations in Report CL156 be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Thompson, Leader).

Council proceeded to ask questions and debate the matters in the report and recommendations.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council approve this scheme and the distribution of funding in line with Appendix 1 – the Council Tax COVID-19 Hardship Fund Policy, to be administered by the Revenues & Benefits teams under the Service Lead for Revenues & Benefits;

2. That Council agree to delegate any further amendments to how funding will be distributed from October 2020, where required and including the event that any further funding is committed by Government, to the Section 151 Officer and in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Risk.

The meeting commenced at 6.07pm and concluded at 7.40pm

The Mayor