

Council
24 MAY 2023

Present: Councillors: Sam Bateman, Mark Baynham, Emma Beard, Colette Blackburn, Martin Boffey, Peter van der Borgh, James Brookes, Jon Campbell, Philip Circus, Paul Clarke, Mike Croker, Joy Dennis, Malcolm Eastwood, Len Ellis-Brown, Nigel Emery, Victoria Finnegan, Claudia Fisher, Ruth Fletcher, Chris Franke, Nick Grant, Joan Grech, Kasia Greenwood, Warwick Hellawell, Tony Hogben, Alex Jeffery, Liz Kitchen, Lynn Lambert, Richard Landeryou, Dennis Livingstone, Nicholas Marks, Jay Mercer, John Milne, Colin Minto, Roger Noel, Jon Olson, Josh Potts, Sam Raby, Kate Rowbottom, David Skipp, Jonathan Taylor, John Trollope, Clive Trott, Belinda Walters and Mike Wood

Apologies: Councillors: Tony Bevis, Anthony Frankland, Joanne Knowles, Alan Manton and Tricia Youtan

CO/1 **TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

It was moved by Councillor Martin Boffey and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Taylor that Councillor David Skipp be elected Chairman of the Council until the next annual meeting of the Council. There being no other nominations, Councillor David Skipp was then declared elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Council year.

CO/2 **TO MOVE A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN**

The new Chairman of the Council moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman. Councillor Philip Circus spoke in support and it was resolved that the Council's grateful thanks be extended to the retiring Chairman, Councillor Kate Rowbottom, for her service as Chairman of the Council during the Municipal Year 2022 to 2023.

CO/3 **TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

It was moved by Councillor Chris Franke and seconded by Councillor Nick Grant that Councillor Nigel Emery be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council until the next annual meeting of the Council. There being no other nominations, Councillor Nigel Emery was declared appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Council year.

CO/4 **TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

There were no announcements.

CO/5 **RETURNING OFFICER'S RETURN OF MEMBERS ELECTED ON 4 MAY 2023**

Members were informed that the candidates elected on 4 May 2023 elections were as detailed in the report.

RESOLVED

That the Return of Members Elected be noted.

CO/6 **REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS**

The Interim Monitoring Officer advised Members that the political balance and allocation of seats on committees to political groups was as outlined in the report. Councillor Martin Boffey moved that the recommendations be approved. Councillor Philip Circus seconded the recommendations.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the membership of the political groups contained in paragraph 3.1 be noted;
- (ii) That the allocation of committee seats to each political group and the Independent Member as noted in paragraphs 3.2 – 3.6 be noted; and
- (iii) That the Employment Committee and the two Planning Committees are not politically balanced.

REASON:

To comply with the proportionality requirements contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

CO/7 **TO ELECT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was moved by Councillor Belinda Walters and seconded by Councillor Alexander Jeffery that Councillor Martin Boffey be elected Leader of the Council.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Boffey was declared elected as Leader of the Council. The Leader then advised the Council that his Cabinet would be as follows:

John Milne - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning & Infrastructure
Mark Baynham - Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources
Colette Blackburn - Cabinet Member for Climate Action & Nature Recovery

Ruth Fletcher - Cabinet Member for Local Economy & Place
Jay Mercer - Cabinet Member for Environmental Health, Recycling & Waste
Jon Olson - Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture & Green Spaces
Sam Raby - Cabinet Member for Housing, Communities & Wellbeing

CO/8 **TO APPOINT THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

It was moved by Councillor Martin Boffey, seconded by Councillor Philip Circus and **RESOLVED**

That the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/24 be as follows:

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| Cllr Sam Bateman | Cllr Anthony Frankland |
| Cllr Tony Bevis | Cllr Alexander Jeffery |
| Cllr Philip Circus | Cllr Liz Kitchen |
| Cllr Paul Clarke | Cllr Dennis Livingstone |
| Cllr Mike Croker | Cllr Jonathan Taylor |
| Cllr Malcolm Eastwood | Cllr Belinda Walters |
| Cllr Len Ellis-Brown | Cllr Mike Wood |
| Cllr Nigel Emery | |

CO/9 **CONSTITUTION OF THE PLANNING AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEES**

- a To appoint the Planning Committees of the Council and Members thereto for the year:

It was moved by Councillor Martin Boffey, seconded by Councillor Philip Circus and **RESOLVED**

That the membership of the Planning Committee (North) of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/24 be as follows:

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| Cllr Tony Bevis | Cllr Richard Landeryou |
| Cllr Colette Blackburn | Cllr Dennis Livingstone |
| Cllr Martin Boffey | Cllr Jay Mercer |
| Cllr James Brookes | Cllr John Milne |
| Cllr Nigel Emery | Cllr Colin Minto |
| Cllr Ruth Fletcher | Cllr Jon Olson |
| Cllr Chris Franke | Cllr Sam Raby |
| Cllr Anthony Frankland | Cllr David Skipp |
| Cllr Nick Grant | Cllr Jonathan Taylor |
| Cllr Kasia Greenwood | Cllr Clive Trott |
| Cllr Warwick Hellawell | Cllr Peter van der Borgh |
| Cllr Tony Hogben | Cllr Mike Wood |

Cllr Alexander Jeffery
Cllr Liz Kitchen

Cllr Tricia Youtan

Plus the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Development Management (Councillor John Milne) and the Chairman of Planning Committee (South)

It was moved by Councillor Martin Boffey, seconded by Councillor Philip Circus and **RESOLVED**

That the membership of the Planning Committee (South) of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/24 be as follows:

Cllr Sam Bateman
Cllr Mark Baynham
Cllr Emma Beard
Cllr Jon Campbell
Cllr Philip Circus
Cllr Paul Clarke
Cllr Michael Croker
Cllr Joy Dennis
Cllr Malcolm Eastwood
Cllr Len Ellis-Brown

Cllr Victoria Finnegan
Cllr Claudia Fisher
Cllr Joan Grech
Cllr Joanne Knowles
Cllr Lynn Lambert
Cllr Nicholas Marks
Cllr Alan Manton
Cllr Roger Noel
Cllr Josh Potts
Cllr John Trollope

Plus the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Development Management (Councillor John Milne) and the Chairman of Planning Committee (North)

CO/10 **TO APPOINT THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AND MEMBERS THERETO FOR THE YEAR:**

It was moved by Councillor Martin Boffey, seconded by Councillor Philip Circus and **RESOLVED**

That the membership of the Employment Committee of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/24 be as follows:

Chairman of the Council, Leader of the Council and Leader of the Minority Group. Plus a pool of six additional substitute Members: Cllr Colette Blackburn, Cllr Mike Croker, Cllr Tony Hogben, Cllr Colin Minto, Cllr Roger Noel, Cllr John Trollope

CO/11 **TO APPOINT THE ORDINARY COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR**

It was moved by Councillor Martin Boffey, seconded by Councillor Philip Circus and **RESOLVED**

That the membership of the ordinary committees of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/24 be as follows:

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Cllr Anthony Frankland, Cllr Tony Hogben, Cllr Richard Landeryou, Cllr Len Ellis-Brown, Cllr Dennis Livingstone, Cllr Belinda Walters, Cllr Mike Wood

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Cllr James Brookes, Cllr Tony Bevis, Cllr Paul Clarke, Cllr Jon Campbell, Cllr Mike Croker, Cllr Jay Mercer, Cllr Roger Noel, Cllr David Skipp, Cllr Belinda Walters

LICENSING COMMITTEE:

Cllr Emma Beard, Cllr Tony Bevis, Cllr Ruth Fletcher, Cllr Nick Grant, Cllr Joan Grech, Cllr Kasia Greenwood, Cllr Lynn Lambert, Cllr Richard Landeryou, Cllr Dennis Livingstone, Cllr Jay Mercer, Cllr John Milne, Cllr Jon Olson, Cllr Lynn Lambert, Cllr Clive Trott

STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

Cllr Mark Baynham, Cllr Tony Bevis, Cllr Joan Grech, Cllr Roger Noel, Cllr David Skipp, Cllr Belinda Walters, Cllr Tricia Youtan

Plus two Parish Council Representatives nominated by the Horsham Association of Local Councils (HALC) and two independent persons already co-opted). Note: One Parish Representative has already been co-opted, one to be nominated by HALC for recommendation to Council in September

CO/12 **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE HENFIELD COMMONS JOINT COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL)**

It was moved by Councillor Martin Boffey, seconded by Councillor Philip Circus and **RESOLVED**

That Members be appointed to the Henfield Commons Joint Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/23 be as follows:

Councillor Malcolm Eastwood
Councillor Roger Noel
Councillor Josh Potts

CO/13 **POLICY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUPS**

It was noted that Cabinet Members' Policy Development Advisory Groups would be appointed and reported to the next meeting of the Council.

CO/14 **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

It was noted that the Leader would appoint representatives to outside bodies, as set out under Part Three, paragraph three 3.3.2 (k) of the Constitution and would be reported to the next meeting of the Council.

CO/15 **ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

It was moved by Councillor Martin Boffey, seconded by Councillor Philip Circus and **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the dates of ordinary meetings of the council during the municipal year 2023/24 be on the following Wednesdays:

Wednesday 21 June 2023

Wednesday 6 September 2023

Wednesday 11 October 2023

Wednesday 13 December 2023

Wednesday 21 February 2024

Wednesday 24 April 2024

Wednesday 29 May 2024 (Annual Meeting)

- (ii) That ordinary meetings of the Council during the municipal year 2023/24 commence at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 6.39pm having commenced at 6.00pm

CHAIRMAN