

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the COUNCIL held in Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 18 May 2016.

PRESENT: Councillors J D Ablewhite,
Mrs B E Boddington, D Brown, E R Butler,
R C Carter, S Cawley, B S Chapman,
Mrs S Conboy, J E Corley, S J Criswell,
J W Davies, D B Dew, Mrs A Donaldson,
Mrs L A Duffy, M Francis, R Fuller,
I D Gardener, L George, D A Giles,
Mrs S A Giles, J A Gray, S Greenall,
R Harrison, T Hayward, R B Howe, B Hyland,
Mrs P A Jordan, P Kadewere, D J Mead,
J M Palmer, P D Reeve, M F Shellens,
L R Swain, Mrs J Tavener, Mrs S L Taylor,
R G Tuplin, D M Tysoe, D R Underwood,
K D Wainwright, D Watt, R J West and
J E White.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors T D Alban, K M Baker, G J Bull, Mrs A Dickinson, D Harty, Mrs R E Mathews, J P Morris, Mrs D C Reynolds and T D Sanderson.

1. PRAYER

The Canon Richard Darmody, from St Thomas a Becket Church Ramsey opened the meeting with Prayer.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor M Francis, seconded by Councillor R J West and

RESOLVED

that Councillor P L E Bucknell be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Bucknell made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members for their support and the honour which the Council had bestowed upon him.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 March 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman presented to the Council an account of the activities both he and the Vice-Chairman Councillor R J West had attended

since the last meeting. The Chairman informed Members of the Chairman's charitable donations made to Disabled Huntingdonshire, the Riverside Theatre Company and Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind for the last financial year.

The Chairman made reference to his attendance at the Young Enterprise Awards Ceremony, raising of the flag for the Queen's Birthday on the 21st April 2016 and reminded Members of the commemoration of the Battle of Jutland.

Members were informed of forthcoming events that the Chairman had indicated that he would be supporting, including the St Ives Civic Parade and centenary commemorations of the Battle of the Somme.

5. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were declared by Members present.

6. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor J W Davies, seconded by Councillor Mrs B E Boddington and

RESOLVED

that Councillor R J West be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor West made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and expressed his gratitude to Members and those Members that nominated him for another term of office as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

7. LOCAL ELECTIONS: 5TH MAY 2016

The report of the Returning Officer with regard to the District Council elections held on 5 May 2016 was received and noted (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), subject to the replacement of Andrew John Hardy with Stephen Greenall in Appendix B of the report.

The Chairman conveyed his appreciation to those Members who did not seek re-election or were not re-elected, congratulated the returning Members who were successful in their re-election and welcomed the newly elected Members of the Council.

8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor J A Gray, seconded by Councillor S Cawley and

RESOLVED

that Councillor R B Howe be elected Executive Leader of the Council for the period to the Annual Meeting in May 2018.

Councillor Howe thanked Members for their support and wished to

place on record his appreciation for the work of his predecessor, Councillor J D Ablewhite, over the past five years in leading the Council and congratulated Councillor Ablewhite on his newly elected position as Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire. He paid particular tribute to Councillor Ablewhite's contribution to the economic challenges that the Council had faced over the previous years and the legacy that he had left with a reduction of overall costs and restoring the economic equilibrium. Councillor Howe also referred to the growth in the District's economy since Councillor Ablewhite's term in office as Executive Leader, including the creation of new jobs and the Enterprise Zone at Alconbury.

Councillors J W Davies, J A Gray, D M Tysoe and Mrs S J Conboy paid their own personal tributes to Councillor Ablewhite for the contribution that he had made to the Council as Executive Leader.

Councillor Ablewhite expressed his gratitude to the tributes that he had received and support of his Political Group. He made particular reference to his most successful legacy of the appointment of Mrs J Lancaster, Managing Director and conveyed his best wishes to Councillor Howe in taking forward his new role.

9. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE LEADER

The Executive Leader, Councillor R B Howe, announced that he had appointed Councillors D Brown, G J Bull, R C Carter, S Cawley, S Criswell, J A Gray, R Harrison, J M Palmer and D M Tysoe to join him as Members of the Cabinet for the ensuing Municipal Year. He also announced the Councillor J A Gray would be the Deputy Executive Leader and Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet. Councillor Howe outlined to Members how the Cabinet Portfolios would align to the Corporate Priorities as set out in Corporate Plan.

Councillor R B Howe presented details of the Cabinet Portfolios for the 2016/17 Municipal Year:-

Councillor D Brown	Strategic Partnerships and Shared Services
Councillor G J Bull	Planning Policy, Housing and Infrastructure
Councillor R C Carter	Environment, Street Scene and Operations
Councillor S Cawley	Organisation and Customer Services
Councillor S Criswell	Community Resilience
Councillor J A Gray	Strategic Resources
Councillor R Harrison	Business, Enterprise and Skills
Councillor J M Palmer	Leisure and Health
Councillor D M Tysoe	Operational Resources.

10. REPRESENTATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEES, ETC

A report was submitted by the Elections and Democratic Services Manager (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) relating to the principles of proportionality to be applied to the appointment of Committees and Panels in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Part II of the Local Government Act 2000.

Whereupon it was

RESOLVED

that the allocation of seats on Panels to political groups and non-aligned Members be determined as set out in the report now submitted.

11. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS

RESOLVED

that the following Members be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels for the ensuing Municipal Year –

Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers)	Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Communities and Environment)	Overview & Scrutiny (Economy and Growth)
P L E Bucknell	T D Alban	Mrs B E Boddington
Mrs A Dickinson	B S Chapman	E R Butler
Mrs L A Duffy	J W Davies	D B Dew
S Greenall	Mrs A Dickinson	R Fuller
D Harty	Mrs A Donaldson	I D Gardener
Mrs R E Mathews	M Francis	L George
Mrs D C Reynolds	D Harty	D Giles
T D Sanderson	T Hayward	B Hyland
M F Shellens	Mrs P A Jordan	D J Mead
Ms S Taylor	P Kadewere	D R Underwood
R G Tuplin	L R Swain	K Wainwright
J White	Mrs J Tavener	D Watt

12. COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

- (a) that Members be appointed to serve on the Corporate Governance, Development Management, Licensing and Protection, Licensing and Senior Officers' Committees for the ensuing Municipal Year as follows:-

Corporate Governance Committee (12)

Councillors K M Baker, E R Butler, Mrs S J Conboy, Mrs L A Duffy, M Francis, R Fuller, T Hayward, P Kadewere, Mrs R E Mathews, T D Sanderson, R J West, and J White

Development Management Committee (16)

Councillors J D Ablewhite, K M Baker, E R Butler, P L E Bucknell, G J Bull, Mrs S J Conboy, J E Corley, D B Dew, I D Gardener, J P Morris, P D Reeve, T D Sanderson, L R Swain, R G Tuplin, K D Wainwright, and J White (including one Member of the Cabinet in an ex officio capacity with appropriate portfolio responsibilities).

Employment Committee (8)

Councillors S Cawley, Mrs L A Duffy, T Hayward, R B Howe, Mrs R E Mathews, Mrs P A Jordan, R J West and J White (including one Member of the Cabinet in an ex officio capacity with appropriate portfolio responsibilities).

Licensing and Protection Committee (12)

Councillor Mrs B E Boddington, Mrs S J Conboy, J E Corley, S Criswell, J W Davies, R Fuller, Mrs S A Giles, D J Mead, Mrs J Tavener, D Watt, R J West and D R Underwood (including one Member of the Cabinet in an ex officio capacity with appropriate portfolio responsibilities).

Licensing Committee (12)

Councillor Mrs B E Boddington, Mrs S J Conboy, J E Corley, S Criswell, J W Davies, R Fuller, Mrs S A Giles, D J Mead, Mrs J Tavener, D Watt, R J West and D R Underwood (including one Member of the Cabinet in an ex officio capacity with appropriate portfolio responsibilities).

Senior Officers' Committee (4+1)

Councillors S Cawley, Mrs S J Conboy, Mrs R E Mathews and R J West together with the relevant Executive Councillor in relation to the post(s) under consideration.

Electoral Boundary Review Working Group (8)

Councillors G J Bull, S Criswell, Mrs L A Duffy, M Francis, T Hayward, R B Howe, T D Sanderson and M F Shellens

- (b) That the following Members be nominated from which the Corporate Team Manager be authorised when necessary, to convene a meeting of the Appeals Sub-Group in include up to five Members (excluding Members of the Employment Committee) to determine appeals under the Council's disciplinary and appeals procedures –

Councillors T Alban, Mrs B E Boddington, J W Davies, D B Dew, Mrs A Dickinson, R Fuller, S Greenall, P D Reeve, Mrs D C Reynolds, Mrs J Tavener, R G Tuplin and D Watt.

Chairman