

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 17 May 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor P L E Bucknell – Chairman.

Councillors J D Ablewhite, K M Baker, C E Bober, Mrs B E Boddington, G J Bull, E R Butler, R C Carter, S Cawley, B S Chapman, J E Corley, S J Criswell, J W Davies, D B Dew, Mrs A Dickinson, Mrs A Donaldson, Mrs L A Duffy, R Fuller, I D Gardener, 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, Mrs R E Mathews, D J Mead, J M Palmer, P D Reeve, Mrs D C Reynolds, T D Sanderson, M F Shellens, L R Swain, Mrs J Tavener, Mrs S L Taylor, R G Tuplin, D M Tysoe, 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, D Brown, M Francis, L George and J P Morris.

1. PRAYER

The Reverend Andrew Milton, Vicar of All Saints and St Mary's Huntingdon opened the meeting with Prayer.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

RESOLVED

that Councillor R J West be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

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

Councillor J W Davies expressed his support for Councillor West, in particular his role in supporting Councillor P L E Bucknell as the outgoing Chairman over the past two years.

With further reference to the former Chairman, Councillor B S Chapman thanked Councillor Bucknell for his organisational skills at managing the Council meetings that had been appreciated by all Members. This was supported by Councillor D A Giles, in particular

support through the Civic functions in and around the District. The Executive Leader paid tribute to the former Chairman for his work undertaken over the previous two years and welcomed Councillor West to his new role.

The Chairman referred to the previous Chairman's calm demeanour, together with the support that he had received as Vice-Chairman and thanked Members for the tributes that had been paid.

The Chairman presented Councillor Bucknell with a past Chairman's badge and he indicated that it had been an honour to fulfil this role, having attended 325 events over his term of office and wished the new Chairman well in his new role.

Councillor R J West in the Chair.

3. MINUTES

Subject to deletion of the words "an additional" and replacement of the word "in" with "to" in the penultimate line of the second paragraph of Minute No. 79, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29th March 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were declared by Members present.

5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor R J West, seconded by Councillor G J Bull and

RESOLVED

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

Councillor Carter made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and expressed his gratitude to Members and those Members that nominated him in his role as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972: SECTION 89 - ST NEOTS EATON FORD WARD

The Returning Officer reported that following a by-election in the St Neots Eaton Ford Ward on 4th May 2017, Councillor Charles Bober had been elected to the District Council.

7. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET

The Executive Leader, Councillor R B Howe, announced that he had appointed Councillors D Brown, G J Bull, S Cawley, Mrs A Dickinson, R Fuller, J A Gray, R Harrison, and J White to join him as Members of the Cabinet for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor R B Howe presented details of the Cabinet Portfolios for the 2017/18 Municipal Year:-

Councillor D Brown	Commercial and Shared Services
Councillor G J Bull	Deputy Executive Leader
Councillor S Cawley	Transformation and Customers
Councillor Mrs A Dickinson	Community Resilience and Wellbeing
Councillor R Fuller	Housing and Regulatory Services
Councillor J A Gray	Strategic Resources
Councillor R Harrison	Growth
Councillor J White	Operations

8. 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 and 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 Committees and Panels to political groups and non-aligned Members be determined as set out in the report now submitted.

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

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

<i>Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers)</i>	<i>Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Communities and Environment)</i>	<i>Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Economy and Growth)</i>
K M Baker	T Alban	K M Baker
Mrs B E Boddington	P L E Bucknell	C E Bober
R C Carter	B Chapman	E R Butler
Mrs L A Duffy	S Criswell	Mrs S Conboy
S Greenall	J W Davies	D B Dew
Mrs R E Mathews	Mrs A Donaldson	I Gardener
J M Palmer	D Giles	B Hyland
Mrs D C Reynolds	Mrs P A Jordan	D Mead
M F Shellens	P Kadeware	T D Sanderson
Mrs S L Taylor	L R Swain	Mrs J Tavener
D M Tysoe	Mrs J Tavener	D R Underwood
R J West	D Watt	K D Wainwright

10. COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

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

Corporate Governance Committee (12)

Councillors E R Butler, Mrs S J Conboy, D B Dew, Mrs L A Duffy, M F Francis, D Giles, T Hayward, P Kadeware, Mrs R E Mathews, J M Palmer, D M Tysoe, and R J West.

Development Management Committee (16)

Councillors J D Ablewhite, C E Bober, P L E Bucknell, G J Bull, E R Butler, R C Carter, Mrs S J Conboy, J E Corley, D B Dew, M F Francis, I D Gardener, J P Morris, P D Reeve, L R Swain, R G Tuplin, and R J West (including one Member of the Cabinet in an ex officio capacity with appropriate portfolio responsibilities).

Employment Committee (8)

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

Licensing and Protection Committee (12)

Councillors Mrs B E Boddington, Mrs S J Conboy, J E Corley, S J Criswell, J W Davies, R Fuller, L George, Mrs S Giles, J M Palmer, Mrs J Tavener, R G Tuplin and R J West.

Licensing Committee (12)

Councillors Mrs B E Boddington, Mrs S J Conboy, J E Corley, S J Criswell, J W Davies, R Fuller, L George, Mrs S Giles, J M Palmer, Mrs J Tavener, R G Tuplin and R J West.

Senior Officers Committee (4)

Councillors S Cawley, B S Chapman, Mrs R E Mathews and R J West.

- (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, K M Baker, Mrs B E Boddington, J E Corley, J W Davies, D B Dew, S Greenall, P Kadeware, P D Reeve, Mrs D C Reynolds, L Swain, Mrs J Tavener, R G Tuplin and D Watt.

11. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

With the assistance of a report by the Managing Director (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Council were invited to make appointments/ nominations to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

In discussing the Independent representation on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor B S Chapman raised the question of whether Independents could be nominated from the other constituent authorities, whereby the Managing Director explained that although technically possible the net effect would mean that the Council would only have one Independent representation.

Councillor P D Reeve registered his concern regarding the political proportionality on the Combined Authority and suggested that best practice should follow the Local Government Association model, whereby Independent and political parties below a smaller size should be brought together to ensure a larger voice.

Having noted that the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny and the Audit Committees was required to reflect the balance of political parties of the constituent councils, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that Councillor R B Howe, Executive Leader of Council be appointed to act as the Council's appointee to the Combined Authority and Councillor D Brown be appointed as the substitute member;
- (b) the Councillors R C Carter and T Hayward be nominated to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with Councillors P L E Bucknell and R G Tuplin nominated as substitutes;
- (c) that Councillors B S Chapman be nominated to the Audit and Governance Committee, with Councillor T D Sanderson as the substitute member; and
- (d) that the Managing Director be authorised to make any amendments to the appointments to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee in consultation with the Executive Leader, should the political balance be amended by the Combined Authority between now and the next Council meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6.55pm.

Chairman