

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the COUNCIL held in Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Thursday, 16 November 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor R J West – Chairman.

Councillors J D Ablewhite, T D Alban,
K M Baker, C E Bober, Mrs B E Boddington,
D Brown, P L E Bucknell, G J Bull,
E R Butler, R C Carter, S Cawley, J E Corley,
S J Criswell, J W Davies, D B Dew,
Mrs A Dickinson, Mrs A Donaldson,
Mrs L A Duffy, M Francis, R Fuller,
I D Gardener, L George, J A Gray,
S Greenall, T Hayward, R B Howe,
Mrs P A Jordan, P Kadewere,
Mrs R E Mathews, D J Mead, J M Palmer,
M F Shellens, L R Swain, Mrs J Tavener,
R G Tuplin and J E White.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs S Conboy, D A Giles, Mrs S A Giles, R Harrison, B Hyland, J P Morris, P D Reeve, T D Sanderson, Mrs S L Taylor, D M Tysoe, D R Underwood and K D Wainwright.

37. MEMBERS INTERESTS'

No declarations were received.

38. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY - APPOINTMENT

Following the resignation of Councillor R B Howe from the Cabinet and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority consideration was given to the appointment of a replacement representative. In so doing Councillor T Hayward outlined his concern that the previous Executive Leader, Councillor Howe, had resigned from his position as Executive Leader to enable him to manage his workload as Deputy Mayor of the Combined Authority and questioned how Councillor G J Bull would fulfil a similar role with the two responsibilities. In response, Councillor Bull referred to his shared concerns but explained that the Combined Authority had requested that the District Council be represented at the highest level and commended Councillor Howe's contribution to the work of the Combined Authority.

Councillor Bull reported that his role would be to liaise with other Leaders on the Combined Authority to build relationships and it was felt that the role should continue to be held by a Member that could speak with authority rather than place the responsibility with other less senior Members. Furthermore he explained that his priority was

to focus on his role as Executive Leader and support the work of the Combined Authority as the Council's representative.

Councillor Howe reinforced the comments made by Councillor Bull and explained that his role on the Combined Authority was of Deputy Mayor, so that combined with his role as Executive Councillor with additional responsibility had made it difficult to manage and had been time consuming. Councillor Howe confirmed his support for Councillor Bull as the Council's representative on the Combined Authority. Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor G J Bull , Executive Leader of the Council be appointed to act as the Council's appointee to the Combined Authority and Councillor R Fuller be appointed as the substitute member

39. VARIATIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

On the recommendation of the Executive Leader, Councillor G J Bull, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor R B Howe be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers) in place of Councillor R J West.

The meeting ended at 6.08pm.

Chairman