

## 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, 15 May 2019.

PRESENT: Councillor R J West – Chairman.

Councillors J D Ablewhite, T D Alban,  
B S Banks, Mrs M L Beuttell, G J Bull,  
S M Burton, E R Butler, S Bywater,  
B S Chapman, J R Clarke, Mrs S Conboy,  
J C Cooper-Marsh, S J Corney, S J Criswell,  
J W Davies, D B Dew, Ms A Diaz,  
Mrs A Dickinson, R Fuller, Dr P L R Gaskin,  
D A Giles, Mrs S A Giles, J A Gray,  
M S Grice, M J Humphrey, Dr N Johnson,  
P Kadewere, D N Keane, C J Maslen,  
H V Masson, L W McGuire, D J Mead,  
J P Morris, J Neish, J M Palmer, K I Prentice,  
T D Sanderson, Mrs P E Shrapnel,  
Mrs S Smith, Mrs J Tavener, D Terry,  
R G Tuplin, D M Tysoe, D R Underwood and  
S Wakeford.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors R E Bellamy, L A Besley, K P Gulson, Mrs P A Jordan and D J Wells.

### 1. PRAYER FIELD\_PAGE\_RANGE

The Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech, Hugh McCurdy opened the meeting with Prayer.

### 2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FIELD\_PAGE\_RANGE

It was proposed by Councillor G J Bull, seconded by Councillor R Fuller 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.

In so doing, the Chairman also paid tribute to the Managing Director, Elections and Democratic Services Manager, Corporate Directors, Senior Leadership Team and Member Support Assistant for their tremendous support.

**Councillor R J West in the Chair.**

### **3. MINUTES FIELD\_PAGE\_RANGE**

Having been proposed by Councillor Dr N Johnson and seconded by Councillor S Wakeford that the final sentence of the seventh paragraph of Minute No. 65 of the Minutes of the last meeting be amended to read "In response, Councillor Dr Johnson confirmed that he had been interviewed following the announcement of the 2019/20 Local Government Financial Settlement and highlighted that the ITV team had also requested a spokesperson for the Council to be interviewed but that offer had not been taken up. He acknowledged that the interview may have raised some concerns and apologised that if during the interview and in his role of scrutinising the Local Government Financial settlement there had been any confusion for local residents. Chair of Council, Councillor Richard West, rebuked Councillor Johnson saying 'he was exceptionally disappointed in him' and stating 'it does you no favours , it does us no favours , it does us politicians no favours, if we start red herrings running and people feel they cannot trust us'".

Upon being put the vote the amendment by Councillor Johnson was declared to be LOST.

Having been proposed by Councillor S Wakeford and seconded by Councillor P Kadewere that the tenth paragraph of Minute No. 65 of the Minutes of the last meeting be amended to read "Councillor Tysoe responded to a question from Councillor S Wakeford on the terms and conditions of employment of staff at the Council and lack of recognition by the authority of a trade union representing staff, and resultant lack of protections for those apparently undertaking collective bargaining as referred to in the pay policy statement, and undertook provide a full response on the issue after the meeting".

Upon being put the vote the amendment by Councillor Wakeford was declared to be LOST.

Having been proposed by Councillor B S Chapman and seconded by Councillor D A Giles that the word "refuted" be replaced with "disagreed with" in the penultimate line of the eleventh paragraph of Minute No. 65 of the Minutes of the last meeting and upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared to be LOST.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 27th February 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. MEMBERS INTERESTS' FIELD\_PAGE\_RANGE**

No declarations were received.

### **5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FIELD\_PAGE\_RANGE**

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

RESOLVED

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

Councillor Davies made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND CABINET ASSISTANTS**  
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The Executive Leader, Councillor G J Bull, announced that he had appointed Councillors Ms M L Beuttell, R Fuller, J A Gray, J M Palmer and D M Tysoe to join him as Members of the Cabinet for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor G J Bull presented details of the Cabinet Portfolios for the 2019/20 Municipal Year:-

Councillor Ms M L Beuttell	Operations and Regulation
Councillor R Fuller	Housing, Planning and Economic Development
Councillor J A Gray	Strategic Resources
Councillor J M Palmer	Partnerships and Well-being
Councillor D M Tysoe	Digital and Customers

Councillor Bull further confirmed the appointments of Councillors D N Keane and J Neish as Cabinet Assistants.

**7. REPRESENTATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND PANELS ETC**  
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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 District Council Committees and Panels to political groups and non-aligned Members be determined as set out in the report now submitted.

**8. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS** FIELD\_PAGE\_RANGE

RESOLVED

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

<i>Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Customers and Partnerships)</i>	<i>Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth)</i>
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T D Alban	B S Chapman
B S Banks	J C Cooper-Marsh
R E Bellamy	S Corney
S Bywater	J W Davies
S J Criswell	D B Dew
Ms A Diaz	Ms A Dickinson
Ms A Dickinson	P L R Gaskin
D A Giles	M Grice
K I Prentice	J M Morris
Ms S Smith	S Wakeford
Ms J Tavener	D J Wells
D R Underwood	J White

## 9. COMMITTEES FIELD\_PAGE\_RANGE

### 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 S M Burton, E R Butler, P L R Gaskin, D A Giles, P Kadewere, D N Keane, H Masson, L W McGuire, J P Morris, D R Underwood, D J Wells and J White.

#### **Development Management Committee (16)**

Councillors J D Ablewhite, L A Besley, E R Butler, Mrs S J Conboy, S J Corney, K P Gulson, M Humphrey, N Johnson, C J Maslen, J Neish, K I Prentice, T D Sanderson, Ms S Smith, R G Tuplin, R J West and the Executive Councillor Member with appropriate portfolio responsibilities in an ex officio capacity.

#### **Employment Committee (8)**

Councillors Ms A Dickinson, Mrs P A Jordan, D N Keane, T D Sanderson, Mrs J Tavener, D Terry, R J West and the Executive Councillor Member with appropriate portfolio responsibilities in an ex officio capacity.

#### **Licensing and Protection Committee (12)**

Councillors B S Banks, J Clarke, S J Criswell, Ms A Diaz, Ms A Dickinson, Mrs S A Giles, Mrs P A Jordan, L W McGuire, D J Mead, Ms P E Shrapnel, R J West and the Executive Councillor Member with appropriate portfolio responsibilities in an ex officio capacity.

#### **Licensing Committee (12)**

Councillors B S Banks, J Clarke, S J Criswell, Ms A Diaz, Ms A Dickinson, Mrs S A Giles, Mrs P A Jordan, L W McGuire, D J Mead, Ms P E Shrapnel, R J West and the Executive Councillor Member with appropriate portfolio responsibilities in an ex officio capacity.

**Senior Officers Committee (4)**

Councillors Mrs S J Conboy, D A Giles, D M Tysoe and R J West.

- (b) that the following Members be nominated from which the Elections and Democratic Services 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 J D Ablewhite, T Alban, R E Bellamy, S Bywater, Mrs S J Conboy, S Corney, J W Davies, Mrs S A Giles, P Kadewere, H Masson, D J Mead, Ms S Smith and R G Tuplin.

**10. HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL VENTURES LTD - SHAREHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES AND REFERENCE GROUP**  
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RESOLVED

- (a) that Councillor J A Gray be appointed as a Shareholder Representative to act on behalf of the Council as Shareholder of the Council's Local Authority Trading Company; and
- (b) that Councillors S J Corney, K I Prentice, T D Sanderson and D R Underwood be appointed to the HDC Ventures Shareholder Reference Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

**11. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY - MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**  
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With the assistance of a report by the Elections and Democratic Services Manager (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 2019/20 Municipal Year.

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 G J Bull, Executive Leader of Council be appointed to act as the Council's appointee to the

Combined Authority and Councillor R Fuller be appointed as the substitute member;

- (b) the Councillors D B Dew and Mrs S J Conboy be nominated to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with Councillors S Corney and M Grice nominated as substitutes;
- (c) that Councillor L W McGuire be nominated to the Audit and Governance Committee, with Councillor P L R Gaskin 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 ended at 6.40pm.

Chairman