



Council

Monday, 24 May 2021

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Gareth Prosser (Mayor), Councillor Ann Isherwood (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Julian Grubb, Imran Altaf, Karen Ashley, Tom Baker-Price, Joanne Beecham, Juliet Brunner, Michael Chalk, Debbie Chance, Brandon Clayton, Luke Court, Matthew Dormer, Aled Evans, Peter Fleming, Alex Fogg, Andrew Fry, Lucy Harrison, Wanda King, Anthony Lovell, Emma Marshall, Gemma Monaco, Nyear Nazir, Timothy Pearman, Mike Rouse, David Thain, Craig Warhurst and Jennifer Wheeler

Officers:

Kevin Dicks and Claire Felton

Committee Services Officer:

Sarah Sellers

1. WELCOME

The Mayor, Councillor Gareth Prosser, welcomed all those present to the meeting which was the first Council meeting to take place in person for over 12 months and was being held at the Abbey Stadium as an alternative venue. Members were reminded that the meeting was open to the public to attend. However, as space was limited due to restrictions on social distancing, the meeting was being live streamed for the public on the Council's website.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Salman Akbar.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR FOR 2021/22

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Chair

Councillor Gareth Prosser was elected Mayor of the Borough for a second term of office for the municipal year 21/22. He signed the statutory declaration of office and thanked Members for re-electing him.

RESOLVED that

Councillor Gareth Prosser be elected Mayor of the Borough of Redditch to serve until the next Annual General Meeting of the Council.

5. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2021/22

Councillor Ann Isherwood was elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Redditch for the forthcoming year. She signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and received the Deputy Mayor's Badge of Office.

RESOLVED that

Councillor Ann Isherwood be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Redditch to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Monday 12th April 2021 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor explained that he would not be making any announcements to the meeting but would instead arrange for his announcements to be circulated separately in writing.

b) The Leader's Announcements

The Leader welcomed all the Members to the meeting, and in particular welcomed the newly elected Members who were attending their first Council meeting.

The Leader also paid tribute to the contribution to the Council made by Joe Baker, Bill Hartnett and Greg Chance who had not been re-elected, and thanked them for their service to the Borough as Councillors.

c) The Chief Executive Announcements

The Chief Executive confirmed that he had not announcements to make on this occasion.

8. RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The report was noted.

9. LEADER'S APPOINTMENTS

The Leader announced that he had appointed nine members of the Executive and the remit of each portfolio holder was outlined in the papers that had been provided in the Supplementary Papers Pack. The Leader welcomed two new members to the Executive. Councillor Gemma Monaco was joining as Deputy Leader (without Portfolio) and Councillor Peter Fleming (also without Portfolio).

RESOLVED that

The appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and of Members of the Executive Committee and to the individual portfolios be noted.

10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, PANELS ETC. AND THEIR CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

The Council considered the report setting out the proposed political balance of the Council's Committees and lists of nominations to Committees, Sub-Committee and other bodies, which were circulated in a supplementary pack prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the Political balance of the Committees of the Council be agreed as set out in paragraph 4.5;**
- 2) appointments by political group leaders to the places on each Committee etc. be noted;**
- 3) the Council appoints Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the Committees and other bodies as set out in Appendix 1;**
- 4) appointments to Working Groups and other bodies listed in the appendix be agreed;**
- 5) the terms of reference for the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee be amended, as detailed at Appendix 2; and**

- 9) the terms of reference for the Committees as set out at Appendix 3 be confirmed.

11. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members considered a report setting out proposed appointments to various outside bodies.

RESOLVED that

The Council makes appointments to the bodies listed in the appendix to the report.

12. OFFICER SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS

Members considered a report setting out the current version of the Scheme of Officer Delegations which included any updating or alterations added during the preceding year.

RESOLVED that

The current version of the Officer Scheme of Delegations is agreed as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

13. URGENT BUSINESS - RECORD OF DECISIONS

Members noted the details of the two urgent decisions that had been taken since the previous meeting of the Council regarding “Licensing Delegations – Taxis” as set out at pages 151 to 152 of the main agenda, and “Public participation at formal meetings where there are public speaking rights” as set out at pages 19 to 40 of the supplementary papers pack.

14. URGENT BUSINESS - GENERAL (IF ANY)

There was no general urgent business for consideration on this occasion.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 7.23 pm

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LEADER'S APPOINTMENTS (and places from outside the controlling group)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair: Leader of the Council by office – Councillor Matthew Dormer

Vice-Chair: Deputy Leader by office – Councillor Gemma Monaco

Councillors: 9 = 9 – not required to be proportional

Conservative – Councillors Brandon Clayton, Peter Fleming, Anthony Lovell, Nyear Nazir, Mike Rouse, David Thain and Craig Warhurst.

Cannot be members of O&S Committees

Named

Substitutes: Not permitted.

Members

without Portfolio: Councillors Peter Fleming and Gemma Monaco

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Portfolio Holders (7)

Numbers of Portfolios and range of services covered are reviewable annually.

Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Development, Commercialism and Partnerships – Councillor Dormer – aligned to run and grow a successful business – covering planning and land use, economic development, commercialism (including local authority trading companies), asset management, key partnerships, grants and the lottery.

Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling – Councillor David Thain – Aligned to Enabling Services covering Finance, Audit, Revenue and Benefits, governance, human resources and customer services.

Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Regulatory Services – Councillor – Nyear Nazir - aligned to communities which are safe, well maintained and green and aspiration, work and financial independence – community safety, crime and disorder, safer communities, regulatory services, public transport, children, youth, children’s centres, corporate parenting and health, emergency planning and enforcement.

Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services – Councillor Brandon Clayton – aligned to communities which are safe, well maintained and green – covering Licensing impacts, better environment, cleansing and waste management, landscaping including trees, woodland and grounds maintenance, sustainability and bereavement services.

Portfolio Holder for Leisure – Councillor Mike Rouse– aligned to living independent, active and healthy lives– covering culture and recreation, management of facilities including sports centres, theatres and community centres, parks and open spaces strategy including allotments, playing pitches and play areas, sports, arts, physical activity and development, community training, education, learning and skills and IT.

Portfolio Holder for Housing and Procurement – Councillor Craig Warhurst – aligned to finding somewhere to live - covering Housing Services (delivery and development), procurement and Council contracts.

Portfolio Holder for Climate Change – Councillor Anthony Lovell – covering the green thread that runs throughout the Council Plan. This is an overarching portfolio due to the implications of climate change in a range of service areas.

Strategic Purposes will not be achieved by one service area alone and an individual service area will undoubtedly help achieve more than one strategic purpose. Services have been listed under strategic purposes to which they most directly relate and Portfolio Holders will be responsible for these services. However, it is incumbent on each Portfolio Holder to work with the other Portfolio Holders to ensure most effective use of resources and achievement of strategic purposes.

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**Annual Council**24th May 2021**Appendix 1 - Nominations and Appointments to Offices, Committees, Sub-Committees etc.**

Committee / Sub-Committee etc.	Size (Members)	Conservative	Labour	Non-aligned Member
Audit, Governance and Standards Committee	9	7 Cllrs Akbar, Baker-Price, Court, Evans, Grubb, Marshall, Pearman	1 (Ch) Cllr Jenny Wheeler	1 (V Ch) Cllr Brunner
Licensing Committee (note the sub-committees are now selected from the committee membership)	11	10 (Ch) Cllr Akbar (V Ch) Cllr Harrison Cllrs Ashley, Baker-Price, Beecham, Chalk, Evans, Grubb, Isherwood, and Thain	1 Cllr Andrew Fry	-
Planning Committee (A pool of named substitutes would be welcomed for this Committee from both groups)	9	8 (Ch) Cllr Chalk (V Ch) Cllr Grubb Cllrs Altaf, Ashley, Baker-Price, Evans, Monaco, Pearman <u>Named substitutes:</u> Cllrs Clayton, Court, Fogg, Prosser, Rouse and Warhurst	1 Cllr Andrew Fry <u>Named Substitutes:</u> Cllr Jenny Wheeler	-

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee	9	7 Cllrs Akbar, Ashley, Beecham, Chalk, Fogg, Grubb and Harrison.	2 (Ch) Cllr Chance (VC) Cllr Wheeler	-
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel	5	4 Cllrs Altaf, Beecham, Harrison and Isherwood	1 (Ch) Cllr Wheeler	-
Corporate Health, Safety and Welfare Committee	1	1 Member Cllr Nazir	-	-
Members' Support Steering Group	5	4 (Ch) Cllr Dormer (V Ch) Cllr Fleming Cllrs Court and Harrison	1 Cllr Chance	-
Worcestershire Shared Services Joint Board	2 (+ 2 subs)	1 Member Cllr Nazir Sub: Cllr Beecham	1 Member Cllr Fry Sub: Cllr King	-
Planning Advisory Panel	5	4 Members (Ch) Cllr Dormer (V Ch) Cllr Monaco Cllrs Evans and Lovell	1 Member Cllr Fry	-
Climate Change Advisory Panel	5	4 Members (Ch) Cllr Lovell Cllrs Court, Evans, Marshall	1 Member (V Ch) Cllr Chance	-

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Constitutional Review Working Party	5	4 Members (Ch) Cllr Dormer (V Ch) Cllr Monaco Cllrs Baker-Price and Court	1 Member Cllr Fry	-
Appointments Committee	5	4 Members (Ch) Cllr Dormer (V Ch) Cllr Monaco Cllrs Altaf and Rouse	1 Member Cllr King	-
Shareholders Committee (Rubicon Leisure)	5	4 Members (Ch) Cllr Thain (V Ch) Cllr Beecham Cllrs Altaf and Harrison	1 Member Cllr Fry	-
Electoral Matters Committee	5	4 Members (Ch) Cllr Dormer (V Ch) Cllr Monaco Cllrs Evans and Rouse	1 Member Cllr Fry	-
Statutory Officers Disciplinary Panel	5	4 Members (Ch) Cllr Dormer (V Ch) Cllr Monaco Cllrs Evans and Rouse	-	1 Cllr Brunner
Holocaust Memorial Steering Group	5	4 Members (Ch) Cllr Fleming (V Ch) Cllr Beecham Cllrs Marshall and Nazir	1 Member Cllr Wheeler	-

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Committee / Sub-Committee etc.	Size (Members)	Conservative	Labour	Non-aligned Member
Redditch Matters Editorial Panel	3	2 Members Cllrs Beecham and Rouse	1 Member Cllr Chance	-

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Working Group / Task Group / Short Sharp Review	Size (Members)	Conservative	Labour	Non-Aligned
Budget Scrutiny Working Group	5 (maximum)	Cllrs Chalk, Evans and Marshall	(Ch) Cllr Wheeler Cllr Chance	
Performance Scrutiny Working Group	5 (maximum)	Cllrs Altaf, Court and Grubb	(Ch) Wheeler Cllr Chance	
Dementia Task Group (As this review is close to completion and has only one meeting left to take place it is suggested that the membership should not change)	3	Cllr Chalk (Ch) Cllr Beecham	Cllr Wheeler	
Unicorn Hill Short, Sharp Review (This review is partially completed)	4	(Ch) Cllr Beecham Cllrs Evans and Marshall		

*The Chairs of each of these scrutiny groups must be a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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OUTSIDE BODIES – NOMINATIONS FOR 2021/2022****STRATEGIC APPOINTMENTS TO NOTE:**

Organisation	Appointee 2020/21	Appointment Requirements	Nomination 2021/22
Local Government Association	Councillor Matt Dormer	1 Representative (usually Leader) must be a Councillor Term : 1 year No liability issues identified.	Councillor Matt Dormer
West Mercia Police and Crime Panel	Councillor Nyear Nazir Sub: Councillor Julian Grubb	1 representative (Relevant Portfolio Holder) and 1 substitute Term: 1 year No liability issues identified	Councillor Nyear Nazir Sub: Councillor Joanne Beecham
Assembly of the District Councils' Network	Councillor Matt Dormer (as Leader of the Council)	1 Nomination To represent the Council on the Assembly of this body which is a voice for District Councils within the Local Government Association. The Assembly of the DCN comprises the Leaders of the Member Authorities or equivalent. Term : 1 year No liability issues identified.	Councillor Matt Dormer

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Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) [Also referred to as the LEP Board]	Councillor Karen May (Bromsgrove) Sub: Councillor Matt Dormer	1 (plus 1 Substitute) representing the 3 North Worcestershire District Councils.	Councillor Matt Dormer Sub: Councillor Helen Dyke (Wyre Forest Councillor)
GBSLEP – Joint Committee (Local Supervisory Board)	Councillor Matt Dormer Leader Ex-officio for Redditch BC Councillor Mike Rouse Deputy Leader Ex-officio for Redditch BC	1 Member (Leader) from each constituent Authority plus substitute	Councillor Matt Dormer Sub: Councillor Gemma Monaco
GBSLEP - Local Enterprise Partnership - EU Structural and Investment Fund Strategy Committee (ESIF)	Councillor Fran Oborski (Wyre Forest) Sub: Councillor Matt Dormer	1 Representative and 1 Substitute from the three North Worcestershire Districts.	Councillor Matt Dormer Sub: Councillor Tom Baker-Price
Worcestershire Local Transport Board (WLTB)	Councillor Nyear Nazir Wyre Forest Councillor	2 representatives from North Worcestershire Councils plus one substitute. 2 representatives not to be drawn from the Council supplying the “main” representative on Worcestershire LEP	Cllr Adam Kent (Bromsgrove Councillor) Second representative to be confirmed

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Corporate Parenting Board (Worcestershire County Council)	Councillor Nyear Nazir	1 RBC Representative (elected) <u>Must be relevant Portfolio Holder</u> Until next RBC Annual Meeting. (Monthly meetings – approx. 2 hrs each time – generally Friday mornings – 9.30a.m. start) No liability issues identified.	Councillor Nyear Nazir
Redditch Partnership (Local Strategic Partnership)	Councillor Matt Dormer Leader by Office	1 Member Representative Leader Term : 1 year No liability issues identified.	Councillor Matt Dormer
Redditch Partnership Business Leaders Group (formerly an Economic Theme Group)	Councillor Matt Dormer	Following changes this group is now operating under a new title and promoting greater links with local business leaders. For 2020/21 representatives required, by office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader • Economic Development Portfolio Holder 	Councillor Matt Dormer
Redditch BID Limited (Company number 11964088)	New appointment	1 RBC Representative to act as a Director of the company Term: to be confirmed No liability issues identified	Councillor Matt Dormer

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North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership	Councillor Nyear Nazir	1 representative and one named substitute Term: 1 year Terms of Reference indicate the representative should be the relevant Portfolio Holder. Each district Council has a place on the Partnership Board as an Invitee to Participate. No liability issues identified.	Councillor Nyear Nazir Sub: Councillor Joanne Beecham
Waste Management Board (Lead Officer – Guy Revans)	Councillor Brandon Clayton (as relevant Portfolio Holder) Sub – Councillor Anthony Lovell	1 representative Representative must be a Councillor and relevant Portfolio Holder Term : 1 year <u>Note: Meets Friday mornings -</u> 4 times per year No liability issues identified	Councillor Brandon Clayton Sub: Councillor Anthony Lovell
Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor Shirley Webb Bromsgrove DC Sub: Councillor Nyear Nazir	1 representative and 1 substitute from North Worcestershire Councils	Councillor Nyear Nazir Sub: Councillor Shirley Webb (Bromsgrove Councillor)

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Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership	Vacancy Sub: Councillor Karen May (Bromsgrove)	1 representative on behalf of the 3 North Worcestershire authorities Plus substitute(s)	Councillor Karen May (Bromsgrove) Sub: Councillor Helen Dyke (Wyre Forest)
Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership - European Structural and Investment Funds Strategy Committee (ESIF)	Vacancy Sub: Councillor Karen May (Bromsgrove)	1 representative from the North Worcestershire Councils and 1 substitute	Councillor Matt Dormer (Redditch) Sub: Councillor Tom Baker-Price
Health Improvement Group	Councillor Nyear Nazir Sub: Councillor Julian Grubb	1 RBC Representative (Elected) Relevant Portfolio	Councillor Nyear Nazir Sub: Councillor Joanne Beecham
West Midlands Combined Authority Board	Councillor Matt Dormer Sub: Councillor Mike Rouse	1 nomination and one substitute Leader by office	Councillor Matt Dormer Sub: Councillor Gemma Monaco
West Midlands Combined Authority Housing and Land Delivery Board	Councillor Matt Dormer Sub: Councillor Craig Warhurst	1 RBC Representative (Elected) Relevant Portfolio <u>Must be relevant Portfolio Holder (function to include Housing and/or Land Use</u>	Councillor Matt Dormer Sub: Councillor Craig Warhurst

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West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Committee	Councillor Tom Baker-Price Sub: Councillor David Thain	1 nomination and one substitute Must be members of the majority group	Councillor Tom Baker-Price Sub: Councillor Aled Evans
West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Michael Chalk Sub: Councillor Julian Grubb	1 nomination and one substitute Must be members of the majority group and ideally members of O&S	Councillor Michael Chalk Sub: Councillor Julian Grubb
Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) – Joint Scrutiny Board	Councillor Michael Chalk Councillor Julian Grubb (alternate)	1 representative and 1 substitute Term: 1 year	Councillor Michael Chalk Sub: Councillor Julian Grubb
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Worcestershire County Council)	Councillor Mike Chalk	1 representative (Must be a member of Redditch Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee). Term: 1 year. Comprises 8 County Councillors and 6 District Councillors who scrutinise the local NHS and are consulted by the NHS on any proposed substantial changes to local health services.	Councillor Michael Chalk

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<p>Redditch Highways & Transportation Forum Members Discussion Group (Worcestershire County Council)</p>	<p>Councillor Michael Chalk Councillor Yvonne Smith</p>	<p>Up to 2 Representatives (Must be Councillors) Term: To RBC AGM Role is that of non-voting observers only. No liability issues identified.</p>	<p>Councillor Michael Chalk Councillor Andrew Fry</p>
<p>Worcestershire Local Access Forum (Worcestershire County Council)</p>	<p>Councillor Julian Grubb Membership comprises 1 County Council Member; one Member from North District Councils and one Member from the Southern Districts Bromsgrove DC do not participate.</p>	<p>1 nomination from north Worcestershire District Councils (must be a Councillor) Term : 1 year (<u>Note</u>: Would be beneficial if the representative had a keen interest in countryside access and recreation issues.) No liability issues identified.</p>	<p>Councillor Julian Grubb</p>
<p>Redditch Eastern Gateway Steering Group (Contact Officer Simon Jones)</p>	<p>Councillor Peter Fleming</p>	<p>1 Representative to be a ward member for Winyates Ward Term : 1 year Group of local stakeholders set up by Stratford on Avon District Council to consider proposals regarding the Eastern Gateway Development as to reserved matters and routing strategy/survey. No liability issues identified.</p>	<p>Councillor Anthony Lovell</p>

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Citizens Advice Bromsgrove and Redditch	New 2016 No appointments made since 2017	1 representative and 1 substitute Appointments will be trustees of the CAB which is a charitable company limited by guarantee Term: 3 years	
Redditch Co-operative Homes	Councillors Joe Baker, Brandon Clayton, Bill Hartnett and Ann Isherwood and	4 Nominations (must be Councillors) Term: 1 year Nature of representation: to primarily represent the Organisation and not the Borough Council. Notified in 2014 that only 4 nominations were now required Liability appears to be limited providing there are no breaches of duty or trust.	Councillors Tom Baker-Price and Emma Marshall Councillor Debbie Chance and Andrew Fry
Redditch One World Link Executive Committee	Councillor Joanne Beecham and Peter Fleming	2 Representatives Nominations should not include the Mayor who is a Member ex-officio*. Term : 1 year Liability appears to be limited, provided there are no breaches of duty or trust.	Councillors Emma Marshall and Karen Ashley

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<p>PATROL Traffic Penalty Tribunal (Civil Parking Enforcement)</p>	<p>Councillor Gareth Prosser</p>	<p>1 Representative plus 1 Deputy (must be Councillors) Term: AGM to AGM No liabilities identified / unlikely to be any liabilities.</p>	<p>Councillor Gareth Prosser</p> <p>Deputy: Councillor Joanne Beecham</p>
<p>'Where Next' Association</p>	<p>Councillors Anthony Lovell and Wanda King</p>	<p>2 Representative must be Councillors – 2 <i>places variation previously agreed</i></p> <p>Term: 1 year to Council's AGM</p> <p>Nature of representation: to represent the Borough Council. Liability appears to be limited.</p>	<p>Cllr Anthony Lovell</p> <p>Councillor Wanda King</p>
<p>Eadie Mews Trust</p>	<p>Current appointee Councillor Andy Fry</p>	<p>1 representative.</p> <p>Term: 4 years (current term of office expiring in May 2021)</p> <p>This organisation is registered as a charity and governed in accordance with the Charity Commission Scheme.</p>	<p>Councillor Tim Pearman</p>

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<p>Tardebigge Relief in Need and Sickness Charities</p>	<p>Councillor Gemma Monaco (until May 2022)</p> <p>Vacant position</p>	<p>2 representatives.</p> <p>One new appointment is required to replace the vacancy left by the late Cllr Pattie Smith</p> <p>Term: 4 years</p> <p>This organisation is registered as a charity and governed in accordance with the Charity Commission Scheme.</p>	<p>Councillor Lucy Harrison</p>
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