

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