

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Friday, 18 May 2018 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors J. Bradshaw, Abbott, Baker, M. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Carlin, Cassidy, Dennett, Fry, Gilligan, Harris, P. Hignett, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Horabin, Howard, Jones, Leck, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Morley, Nelson, Nolan, Philbin, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Teeling, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Whitley, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Logan, Osborne and Thompson

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Vasic, M. Reaney and A. Scott

Also in attendance: Twenty-five invited guests and members of the public

Action

COU1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Alan Lowe and seconded by Councillor Rowe –

RESOLVED: That Councillor John Bradshaw be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

Moved by Councillor Eddie Jones and seconded by Councillor June Roberts –

RESOLVED: That Councillor Margaret Horabin be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR JOHN BRADSHAW IN THE CHAIR

COU2 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 18 April 2018, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

COU3 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:-

- 1) That the Charities he would support during his term of office would be:-
 - Widnes Fellowship Centre; and
 - Widnes and Runcorn Cancer Support
- 2) The Mayor's Chaplain for 2018/19 would be Reverend David Felix.

COU4 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS 2018/19

Details of the Borough Council elections held on 3 May 2018 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED: That the election results be noted.

COU5 EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 15 MAY 2018

The following results of the Executive Board (Selection Committee) were moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor.

COU6 DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mike Wharton be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

COU7 BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

RESOLVED: That the Boards, Committees and Appeals Panel be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2018/19:-

Health & Wellbeing Board

Councillors Polhill, T. McInerney, Woolfall and Wright.

Corporate Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Gilligan (Chair), Philbin (Vice Chair), Abbott, Howard, M. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, A. Lowe, A. McInerney, N. Plumpton Walsh, Joe Roberts and Wainwright.

Health Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors J. Lowe (Chair), Baker (Vice Chair), M. Bradshaw, Cassidy, Dennett, C. Gerrard, Horabin,

C. Loftus, Osborne, June Roberts, and Sinnott.

Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Woolfall (Chair), Fry (Vice Chair), M. Bradshaw, Gilligan, Howard, A. Lowe, Morley, Nolan, Joe Roberts, Sinnott, and Teeling.

Employment, Learning, Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors MacManus (Chair), C. Plumpton Walsh (Vice Chair), Cassidy, C. Gerrard, Leck, Logan, June Roberts, Rowe, Teeling, Wallace and Whitley.

Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Dennett (Chair), Logan (Vice Chair), Carlin, Cassidy, P. Hignett, Horabin, Leck, P. Lloyd Jones, Rowe, J. Stockton and Whitley.

Safer Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Thompson (Chair), N. Plumpton Walsh (Vice Chair), Baker, E. Cargill, V. Hill, P. Lloyd Jones, K. Loftus, Logan, Osborne, G. Stockton and Zygadlo.

Development Control Committee (11)

Councillors Nolan (Chair), Morley (Vice Chair), Carlin, R. Hignett, V. Hill, J. Lowe, C. Plumpton Walsh, June Roberts, Thompson, Woolfall, and Zygadlo.

Business Efficiency Board (11)

Councillors M. Lloyd Jones (Chair), Wall (Vice Chair), M. Bradshaw, E. Cargill, A. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, Philbin, N. Plumpton Walsh, Joe Roberts and J. Stockton.

Standards Committee (9)

Councillors P. Lloyd Jones (Chair), M. Bradshaw, Howard, J. Lowe, McDermott, Sinnott, Wainwright, Wharton and Zygadlo.

Appeals Panel (20)

Councillors Wainwright (Chair), A. McInerney (Vice Chair), Abbott, M. Bradshaw, Carlin, Fry, Gilligan, S. Hill, Horabin, Jones, Leck, C. Loftus, McDermott, Morley, Osborne, Philbin, Rowe, Wallace, Whitley and Woolfall.

Regulatory Committee (11)

Councillors Wallace (Chair), Abbott (Vice-Chair), Fry, P. Hignett, K. Loftus McDermott, A. McInerney, Nelson, G. Stockton, Wainwright and Wall.

Mayoral Committee (5)

The incumbent Mayor (Councillor J. Bradshaw) and Councillors Gilligan, R. Hignett, Morley and Wright.

Appointments Committee (6)

Councillors Polhill and Wharton (plus relevant PPB Chairs x 2) and Opposition Group Leaders (Councillors Rowe and J. Bradshaw).

COU8 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tony McDermott be appointed Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

COU9 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES

RESOLVED: That

- 1) A Healthwatch Halton representative be appointed as a non-voting Co-optee to the Health Policy and Performance Board for the Municipal Year 2018/19 (name to be supplied); and
- 2) Reverend David Felix be re-appointed as a non-voting Parish Council Co-optee to the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

COU10 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, regarding the appointment of Members to serve on various Outside Bodies. A document was tabled showing the recommendations put forward.

RESOLVED: That representatives be appointed to Outside Bodies in accordance with the tabled document.

COU11 EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIOS

The Leader confirmed that the Executive Board would consist of the following Portfolio holders for the Municipal Year 2018/19:-

Leader's – Councillor Polhill
Children, Education and Social Care – Councillor Tom McInerney
Health and Wellbeing – Councillor Wright
Transportation – Councillor Stan Hill

Community Safety – Councillor Dave Cargill
Economic Development – Councillor Jones
Resources – Councillor Wharton
Environmental Services – Councillor Nelson
Community and Sport – Councillor Harris
Physical Environment – Councillor Ron Hignett

RESOLVED: That the Portfolios be noted.

COU12 CONSTITUTION UPDATE 2018/19 (MINUTE EXB 132 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval of a number of changes to the Council's Constitution.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

RESOLVED: That Council approve the revised Constitution, including the matters set out in Appendix 1, attached to the report.

COU13 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW - COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval to submit a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the Commission), in relation to a Ward Boundary Review.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

It was noted that the Commission had conducted an Electoral Review of the Council, which had been triggered by a significant increase in the average electorate in the Farnworth Ward in Widnes. The report set out the ward boundary review process, which would be undertaken in four stages.

As part of the preliminary phase of the review, the Council had been invited to submit its views on the size of Council it believed was right for Halton. This submission document was attached to the report.

RESOLVED: That Council endorse the submission attached to the report, and that it be forwarded to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

COU14 CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayor announced his intention to attend a Civic Service at All Saints Church, Daresbury, Runcorn on

Sunday 24 June 2018 starting at 10.30am.

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Meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.