

## COUNCIL

*At a meeting of the Council on Friday, 20 May 2016 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall*

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Edge and Joe Roberts

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, G. Meehan, M. Reaney, A. Scott and S. Wallace-Bonner

Also in attendance: Thirty-eight invited guests and members of the public

		<i>Action</i>
COU1	<b>ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR</b>  Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Tom McInerney -  RESOLVED: That Councillor Ged Philbin be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2016/17.  Moved by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor John Stockton –  RESOLVED: That Councillor Alan Lowe be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2016/17.  <b>THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR GED PHILBIN IN THE CHAIR</b>	
COU2	<b>COUNCIL MINUTES</b>  The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 2 March 2016, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.	

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

### 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:-
  - Child Bereavement UK; and
  - Lets Go Stroke Club.
- 2) The Mayor's Chaplain for 2016/17 would be Father Joe Bibby; and
- 3) Congratulated Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director, People and Economy, on his appointment as Chief Executive for Cheshire West and Chester Council and thanked him for his ten years of service at Halton Borough Council.

### COU4 BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 2016/17

Details of the Borough Council elections held on 5 May 2016 were submitted for information.

The Mayor congratulated all returning Members and welcomed newly-elected Councillor John Abbott to the Council.

RESOLVED: That the election results be noted.

### COU5 EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 17 MAY 2016

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

### COU6 LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Councillor Rob Polhill be appointed Leader of the Council in accordance with the Council's Constitution; and
- 2) Councillor Mike Wharton be appointed Deputy Leader

of the Council for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

COU7 BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND APPEALS PANEL AND WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED: That the Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel and Working Party be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2016/17:

**Health & Wellbeing Board**

Councillors Polhill, T. McInerney, Woolfall and Wright.

**Corporate Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Gilligan (Chair), A Lowe (Vice Chair), Abbott, E. Cargill, Howard, C.Loftus, A McInerney, N. Plumpton Walsh, Joe Roberts, G.Stockton and Wainwright.

**Health Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors J. Lowe (Chair), Osborne (Vice Chair), Baker, M. Bradshaw, E. Cargill, Dennett, C.Gerrard, Horabin, M. Lloyd Jones, Parker, and Sinnott.

**Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Woolfall (Chair), Fry (Vice Chair), V.Hill, Howard, Morley, Nolan, Joe Roberts, Sinnott, J.Stockton, Wall and Zygadlo.

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

Councillors MacManus (Chair), Edge (Vice Chair), Baker, Cassidy, J.Gerrard, Logan, J.Lowe, C.Plumpton Walsh, June Roberts, Wallace and Rowe.

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

Councillors Dennett (Chair), Logan (Vice Chair), Cassidy, Edge, C. Gerrard, P.Hignett, Horabin, P.Lloyd Jones, Parker, Rowe and J Stockton.

**Safer Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Thompson (Chair), N. Plumpton Walsh (Vice Chair), Abbott, Baker, Edge, J.Gerrard, V.Hill, P. Lloyd Jones, K.Loftus, Osborne and Zygadlo.

**Development Control Committee (11)**

Councillors Nolan (Chair), Morley (Vice Chair), J.Bradshaw, Cole, Gilligan, R.Hignett, C.Plumpton Walsh, June Roberts, Thompson, Woolfall and Zygadlo.

**Business Efficiency Board (11)**

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

**Standards Committee (9)**

Councillors P.Lloyd Jones (Chair), M.Bradshaw, Cole, Howard, C.Loftus, J.Lowe, McDermott, Wainwright and Wharton.

**Appeals Panel (20)**

Councillors Wainwright (Chair), A. McInerney (Vice Chair), Abbott, M.Bradshaw, Cassidy, Fry, C.Gerrard, J.Gerrard, P.Hignett, V.Hill, Horabin, K.Loftus, MacManus, Morley, Osborne, C.Plumpton Walsh, June Roberts, Rowe, Wallace and Woolfall.

**Regulatory Committee (11)**

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

**Local Development Framework Working Party (15)**

Councillors R.Hignett (Chair), J.Bradshaw, Cole, Gerrard, MacManus, Morley, Nolan, Parker, C Plumpton Walsh, Roberts, Rowe, Thompson, Wainwright, Woolfall and Zygadlo.

**Mayoral Committee (5)**

The incumbent Mayor (Councillor Philbin) 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 (Rowe and J.Bradshaw).

**COU8 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tony McDermott be appointed Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

**COU9 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES**

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the re-appointment of Mr Tom Baker as the Healthwatch Halton representative and non-voting Co-optee to the Health Policy and Performance Board for the Municipal Year 2016/17 be

confirmed;

- 2) the re-appointment of Mr Tony Luxton and Mrs Anita Morris as non-voting Independent Co-optees to the Standards Committee for four years be confirmed;
- 3) the re-appointment of Reverend David Felix and Mr Stephen Cluff as non-voting Parish Council Co-optees to the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2016/17 be confirmed;
- 4) the re-appointment of Professor David Norman, Mrs Diane Howard and Mr Roy Radley as Independent Persons for the purposes of the Localism Act 2011, be confirmed.

#### COU10 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, 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 report.

#### COU11 EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIOS

The Leader confirmed that the Executive Board would consist of the following Portfolio holders for the Municipal Year 2016/17:

Leader's - Councillor Polhill  
Children, Young People and Families – 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 2016/17 (MINUTE EXB 139 REFERS)

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

RESOLVED: That Council approve

- 1) the revised Constitution, including the matters set out in Appendix 1, attached to the report;
- 2) all references to the term "Chairman" be replaced with the term "Chair"; and
- 3) all references to the term "Vice Chairman" be replaced with the term "Vice-Chair".

COU13 CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayor announced his intention to attend a Civic Service at St Bede's Church, Leigh Avenue, Appleton Village, Widnes on Sunday 26 June 2016 starting at 11.15am.

*Meeting ended at 7.09 p.m.*