

COUNCIL

At a meeting of Annual Council on Friday, 19 May 2017 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors C. Loftus, McDermott, Osborne and Wright

Absence declared on Council business: None

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

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

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Action

The Mayor made the following announcements:-

- He thanked Members, Officers and all those individuals that had supported him during a very successful Mayoral year. Thanks were also extended to Ms Ros Wong who had undertaken the duties of Mayoress and had provided much support and encouragement during the past twelve months;
- The Mayor presented John Whittaker, Mayoral Attendant, with a Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding contribution to the Civic Office in Halton.

(N.B. Councillor Joan Lowe declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the following item of business as her husband, Councillor Alan Lowe, was to be elected as Mayor of the Borough and that Councillor Joan Lowe would become Mayoress of the Borough)

COU1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor John Stockton –

RESOLVED: That Councillor Alan Lowe be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

Moved By Councillor Philbin and seconded by Councillor Rowe –

RESOLVED: That Councillor John Bradshaw be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR ALAN LOWE IN THE CHAIR

COU2 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 8 March 2017, 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 :-

- Halton Speak Out
- Halton Entertainment Arts Regional Theatre School - HEARTS

2) The Mayor's Chaplain for 2017/18 would be Reverend Ray Jones.

COU4 LIVERPOOL CITY REGION MAYORAL ELECTION RESULTS 2017/18

Details of the results of Liverpool City Region Mayoral Election held on 4 May 2017 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED: That the election results be noted.

COU5 EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 16 MAY 2017

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 2017/18.

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 2017/18:-

Health and Wellbeing Board

Councillors Polhill, T. McInerney, Woolfall and Wright.

Corporate Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Gilligan (Chair), Philbin (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 and 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, MacManus, McDermott, Philbin, 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 A Lowe) 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 2017/18.

COU9 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Mr Tom Baker be re-appointed as the Healthwatch Halton representative and non-voting Co-optee to the Health Policy and Performance Board for the Municipal Year 2017/18; and
- 2) Reverend David Felix and Mr Stephen Cluff be re-appointed as non-voting Parish Council Co-optees to the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

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 2017/18:-

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 2017/18 (MINUTE EXB 115 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.

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

COU13 CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayor announced his intention to attend a Civic Service at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Greenway Road, Runcorn on Sunday 25 June 2017 starting at 10.00am.

Meeting ended at 7.10 p.m.