

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 10 July 2024 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Ball, Begg, Bevan, Carlin, Dennett, Davidson, Dourley, Fry, Garner, Gilligan, Goodall, Harris, Hutchinson, Jones, Leck, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, Logan, A. Lowe, McDermott, Nelson, L. Nolan, P. Nolan, Philbin, Polhill, N. Plumpton Walsh, Ratcliffe, Stockton, Stretch, Thompson, Thornton, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Woolfall and Wright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Abbott, Baker, Bramwell, S. Hill, V. Hill, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, C. Plumpton Walsh, Rowe, Ryan, Skinner and Teeling

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Reaney, S. Young, G. Ferguson and W. Rourke

Also in attendance: None

Action

COU16 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 17 May 2024 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

COU17 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the Council had received an award at the Halton Chamber of Commerce Business Awards – Celebrating 50 Years of the Borough of Halton.

COU18 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader in his report to Council:

- Commented on last week's General Election result and the successful new Labour Government;
- Provided an update on the Council's finances and the budget pressures it is facing;
- reported that the full Ofsted Inspection of the Council's Children Services was completed, and a report would be published on Friday;

- expressed his congratulations to Brindley Theatre on the Tripadvisor traveller feedback which had identified the venue as one of the top 10% of things to do worldwide; and
- passed on the Council's congratulations to Riverside and Cronton College on their Outstanding Ofsted inspection result, which made them one of only two such institutions across the North West.

COU19 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Executive Board meetings on 14 March, 18 April, 14 May and 13 June 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU20 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 17 January 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU21 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

It was noted that no questions had been submitted under Standing Order No. 8.

COU22 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE BOARD

The Council considered the reports of the following Boards in the period since the meeting of Council on 17 May 2024:-

- Employment, Learning and Skills and Community;
- Health;
- Safer;
- Environment and Urban Renewal;
- Corporate Services; and
- Audit and Governance.

COU23 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered the reports of the following Committees in the period since the meeting of Council on 17 May 2024:-

- Development Management;

- Appointments;
- Taxi Licensing Sub Committee; and
- Regulatory Sub Committee,

COU24 APPOINTMENT TO POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD AND OUTSIDE BODY

Council was requested to agree appointments to Corporate Services and Safer Policy and Performance Boards and an Outside Body.

RESOLVED: That Council approve the following appointments detailed below:

- Corporate Policy and Performance Board – Councillor V. Hill
- Safer Policy and Performance Board – Councillor A. McInerney
- Cheshire and Merseyside Joint Health Scrutiny – Councillor Goodall.

Meeting ended at 6.55 p.m.