

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Friday, 17 May 2019 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Horabin, Baker, Baker, J. Bradshaw, M. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Carlin, Dennett, Dourley, 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, Logan, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Morley, Nelson, Nolan, Philbin, Polhill, Ratcliffe, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Teeling, Thompson, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Whitley, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Abbott, Cassidy, C. Plumpton Walsh and N. Plumpton Walsh

Absence declared on Council business: None

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

Also in attendance: Twenty-eight invited guests and members of the public and one member of the press

COU1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Action

Moved by Councillor June Roberts and seconded by Councillor Eddie Jones:-

RESOLVED: That Councillor Margaret Horabin be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

Moved by Councillor Gareth Stockton and seconded by Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe:-

RESOLVED: That Councillor Christopher Rowe be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR MARGARET HORABIN IN THE CHAIR

COU2 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 6 March 2019, 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 she would support during her term of office would be:-
 - Nightstop Communities North West; and
 - The Lets Go Stroke Club
- 2) The Mayor's Chaplain for 2019/20 would be Father Joe Bibby.

COU4 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS 2019/20

Details of the Borough Council elections held on 2 May 2019 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED: That the election results be noted.

COU5 EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 14 MAY 2019

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 2019/20.

COU7 BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

RESOLVED: That the Boards, Committees and Appeals Panel be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2019/20:-

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), Cassidy, Dennett, Dourley, P. Hignett, C. Loftus, Ratcliffe, June Roberts, Sinnott and Zygadlo.

Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)

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

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

Councillors MacManus (Chair), C. Plumpton Walsh (Vice Chair), J. Bradshaw, Cassidy, 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), M. Bradshaw, Carlin, Cassidy, P. Hignett, Leck, P. Lloyd Jones, J Stockton, Teeling and Whitley.

Safer Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Thompson (Chair), N. Plumpton Walsh (Vice Chair), Baker, E. Cargill, Dourley, V. Hill, P. Lloyd Jones, K. Loftus, Logan, Ratcliffe 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), E. Cargill, A. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, Philbin, N. Plumpton Walsh, Joe Roberts, G. Stockton 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, J. Bradshaw, Carlin, Dourley, Fry, Gilligan, S.Hill, Jones, Leck, C. Loftus, McDermott, Morley, Philbin, Wallace, Whitley and Woolfall.

Regulatory Committee (11)

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

Mayoral Committee (5)

The incumbent Mayor (Councillor Horabin) and Councillors J. Bradshaw, Gilligan, 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 2019/20.

COU9 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Mr David Wilson be re-appointed as the non-voting Healthwatch Halton Co-optee to the Health Policy and Performance Board for the Municipal Year 2019/20: and
- 2) Reverend David Felix be re-appointed as a non-voting Parish Council Co-optee to the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

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 2019/20:-

Leader - Councillor Polhill
Resources – Councillor Wharton
Children, Education and Social Care – Councillor T. McInerney
Health and Wellbeing – Councillor Wright
Community and Sport – Councillor Harris
Community Safety – Councillor D. Cargill
Environmental Services – Councillor Nelson
Economic Development – Councillor Jones
Physical Environment – Councillor R. Hignett
Transportation – Councillor S. Hill

Member Without Portfolio – Councillor Wall

RESOLVED: That the Portfolios be noted.

COU12 CONSTITUTION UPDATE 2019/20 (MINUTE EXB 109 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.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

COU13 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2019/20

Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20.

The Localism Act 2011 required every local authority to prepare a pay policy Statement each year, which detailed the Council's approach to a range of issues relating to the pay of its employees, principally its Chief Officers and the Authority's lowest paid employees.

The purpose of the Statement was to provide transparency with regards to the Council's approach to setting the pay of its employees by identifying the following:-

- The methods by which salaries of all employees were determined;
- The details and level of remuneration of its most senior staff (i.e. its Chief Officers); and
- The Committee responsible for ensuring the provisions set out in the Statement were applied consistently throughout the Council and recommending any amendments to the Full Council.

The report also detailed the requirement from April 2018 for employers with more than 250 employees to report on the Gender Pay Gap. The calculation was prescribed statutorily, based on a snapshot date of 31 March of the previous year. Detailed information was published on the Council's web site.

The following information was included in the report:

- Background to the Pay Structure;
- Senior Management Remuneration;
- Recruitment of Chief Officers;
- Additions to Salaries of Chief Officers;
- Pension Contributions;
- Payments on Termination;
- Publication;
- Lowest Paid Employees; and
- Accountability and Decision Making.

RESOLVED: That the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20 be adopted.

COU14 CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayor announced her intention to attend a Civic Service at St Bede's Church, Appleton Village, Widnes on Sunday 30 June 2019 starting at 11.15am.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

Meeting ended at 7.06 p.m.