

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Friday, 20 May 2022 in the Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn

Present: Councillors Abbott, Ball, Baker, Begg, Bevan, J. Bradshaw, M. Bradshaw, Bramwell, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Carlin, Davidson, Dennett, Dourley, Fry, Garner, Gilligan, Goodall, Harris, S. Hill, V. Hill, Jones, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, Loftus, Logan, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Nelson, Nolan, Nolan, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Ratcliffe, Rowe, Stockton, Stretch, Aimee Teeling, Angela Teeling, Thornton, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Woolfall and Wright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Hutchinson, Leck, Philbin and Thompson

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: I. Leivesley, M. Vasic, M. Reaney, S. Young and G. Ferguson

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

	<i>Action</i>
<p>COU1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR</p> <p>Moved by Councillor J Lowe and seconded by Councillor Abbott:-</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Mark Dennett be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2022/23.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Polhill and seconded by Councillor A McInerney:-</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Valerie Hill be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2022/23.</p> <p>THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR DENNETT IN THE CHAIR</p>	
<p>COU2 COUNCIL MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 2 March 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.</p>	

COU3 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcement:-

That the Charities he would support during his term of office would be:-

- Runcorn Carers Centre; and
- Widnes and Runcorn Cancer Support

COU4 LEADER'S REPORT

This was Ian Leivesley's, Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, last full Council meeting. Ian would be retiring on 31 May 2022, after 43 years in Local Government, of which 32 were at Halton Council. On behalf of the Council the Leader thanked Ian for his outstanding contribution moving the Borough forward and wished Ian a very happy retirement, Ian had been a great friend to everyone and would greatly be missed.

COU5 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS 2022/23

Details of the Borough Council elections held on 5 May 2022 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED: That the election results be noted.

COU6 EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 17 MAY 2022

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

COU7 LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mike Wharton be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23 and Councillor Dave Thompson be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

COU8 BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

RESOLVED: That the Boards, Committees and Appeals Panel be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2022/23:-

Executive Board (9)

Councillors Wharton, (Chair), Harris, J. Lowe, M. Lloyd Jones, T. McInerney, Nelson, P. Nolan, Thompson and Wright.

Health & Wellbeing Board

Councillors Wright (Chair), J. Lowe, T. McInerney and Woolfall.

Corporate Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Gilligan (Chair), Philbin (Vice Chair), Hutchinson, P. Lloyd Jones, A. Lowe, N. Plumpton Walsh, Stockton, Angela Teeling, Thornton, Wainwright and Wall.

Health Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors P. Lloyd Jones (Chair), Baker (Vice Chair), Ball, Bevan, J. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, Dourley, Goodall, Leck, McDermott and L. Nolan.

Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors Woolfall (Chair), Fry (Vice Chair), Ball, D. Cargill, Davidson, Gilligan, S. Hill, Logan, McDermott, Stretch and Thornton.

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

Councillors Jones (Chair), E. Cargill (Vice Chair), Begg, Dourley, Garner, S. Hill, Logan, C. Plumpton Walsh, Rowe, Stretch and Aimee Teeling.

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

Councillors Logan (Chair), C. Plumpton Walsh (Vice Chair), Abbott, M. Bradshaw, Bramwell, Carlin, Goodall, V. Hill, Jones, Loftus and Aimee Teeling.

Safer Policy and Performance Board (11)

Councillors N. Plumpton Walsh (Chair), V. Hill (Vice Chair) Baker, Begg, Bevan, Bramwell, Carlin, Loftus, A. McInerney, Ratcliffe and Wall.

Development Management Committee (11)

Councillors S. Hill (Chair), Leck (Vice Chair), Abbott, J. Bradshaw, Carlin, Hutchinson, A. Lowe, Philbin, Polhill, Thompson, Woolfall.

Audit and Governance Board (11)

Councillors Polhill (Chair), A. Lowe (Vice Chair), J. Bradshaw, E. Cargill, Garner, Harris, Jones, McDermott, L. Nolan, Philbin and Wallace.

Regulatory Committee (11)

Councillors Wallace (Chair), Abbott (Vice-Chair), D. Cargill, Dourley, Fry, Loftus, A. McInerney, Stockton, Angela Teeling, Wainwright and Woolfall.

Mayoral Committee (5)

Councillors Dennett, Gilligan, Philbin, Rowe and Wright.

Appointments Committee (6)

Councillors Wharton (Leader), Thompson (Deputy Leader), P. Nolan (or another portfolio holder as selected by Leader), McDermott (or a Chair of a PPB, selected by Leader) Ratcliffe and J. Bradshaw.

COU9 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tony McDermott be appointed Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

COU10 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEE

RESOLVED: That Mr David Wilson be re-appointed as the Healthwatch Halton representative and non-voting Co-optee to the Health Policy and Performance Board for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

COU11 APPOINTMENT OF 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.

COU12 EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIOS

The Leader confirmed that the Executive Board would consist of the following Portfolio holders for the Municipal Year 2022/23:-

Leader – Councillor Wharton - Overall Leadership and Corporate Strategy, Communications and Liverpool City Region matters

Deputy Leader – Councillor Thompson - Leadership on Cheshire Sub-Regional matters and Major Projects

Councillor T. McInerney - Children and Young People
Councillor J. Lowe - Adult Social Care
Councillor Wright - Health and Wellbeing
Councillor M. Lloyd Jones - Community Safety
Councillor Nelson - Environmental & Urban Renewal
Councillor P. Nolan - Employment, Learning & Skills and
Community
Councillor Harris - Climate Change

RESOLVED: That the Portfolios be noted.

COU13 ELECTORAL MATTERS

Council considered a report of the Chief Executive, which sought approval that the statutory duties in relation to Electoral Administration and of the Returning Officer in relation to all Elections and Referenda be assigned to the Chief Executive. The report was brought before Members in light of the forthcoming retirement of Ian Leivesley, who was the Council's Electoral Registration Officer and Proper Officer for electoral purposes, and also the recent appointment of Stephen Young as Chief Executive.

RESOLVED: That Council appoint the Chief Executive Stephen Young to carry out the Electoral Registration Officer Functions for the registration of Parliamentary and Local Government Electors and the Returning Officer Functions for Parliamentary, Local, Parish, Combined Authority Mayoral, Police & Crime Commissioner Elections and Referenda under all relevant legislation and to act as the Proper Officer for all related functions and relevant legislation with immediate effect.

COU14 UPDATES TO COUNCIL CONSTITUTION 2022 (MINUTE EXB 94 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.

COU15 REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS (MINUTE AGB25 REFERS)

Audit and Governance Board had considered a report of the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED: That the revised Code of Conduct for Members attached to the report as Appendix 1 be adopted.

COU16 CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayor announced his intention to attend a Civic Service at St Michael's & All Angels Church, Greenway Road, Runcorn, WA7 5BS, on Sunday 17th July 2022, at 10am.

Meeting ended at 7.25 p.m.