

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd MAY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor M J Greatorex (Mayor), Councillors J Harper, C Adams,

M Bailey, C Bain, L Bone, B Clarke, L Clarke, R Claymore, T Clements, G Coates, D Cook, A Cooper, S Daniels, C Dean, S Doyle, T Jay, J Jones, R Kingstone, D Maycock, J Oates, B Price, R Pritchard, S Smith, M Summers, P Thompson,

P Thurgood, P Turner, J Wade, J Wadrup and L Wood

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Nicola Hesketh (Monitoring Officer) and Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

2 MAYOR'S CADET

Cayden Rose was inaugarted as the Mayors Cadet for 2023/2024

3 TO ELECT A MAYOR

Councillor J Harper was nominated

(Moved by Councillor A Cooper and seconded by Councillor P Thompson)

The vote unanimous and it was therefore declared that Councillor J Harper is elected as Mayor

A Vote of thanks was proposed to thank outgoing Mayor Moira Greatorex

The Outgoing Mayor, Moira Greatorex spoke the following words

All good things come to an end, and have had not a good year but a fantastic year a unique year for a mayor. I'm sure |John will have his own events to look back on but the won't be as good as mine. The death of the queen was the saddest thing, but the proudest moment was to do the proclamation for the king. I came in here to read the speech but when I went out there was a big crowd

waiting. I want to thank someone in this room today, he has always had faith in me but I know you won't believe it but in my life I have had three phobias, I'm afraid of spiders, flying and public speaking. I could never do any of those things when I became the Mayor, I thought what have I let myself in for here but Jeremy Oates continually gave me the confidence every time I had a big event to do he was thee so I want to thank you Jeremy it was very kind of you and I did appreciate it. So, I am going off to do what all politicians do I am going to spend some more time with my family. I didn't stand again as I thought the residents needed someone a bit younger than me. I would like to thank you all and I hope you have a good year.

4 TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor D Maycock was nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor

(Moved by Councillor A Cooper and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

It was therefore declared that Councillor D Maycock is elected as Deputy Mayor

5 TO ELECT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor D Cook was nominated as Leader of the Council

(Moved by Councillor B Price and seconded by Councillor P Thurgood)

Votes in favour of Councillor D Cook 5 Against 13 Abstain 11

Councillor P Turner was nominated as Leader of the Council

(Moved by Councillor A Cooper and seconded by Councillor T Jay)

Votes in favour of Councillor P Turner 20 Votes against 0 Abstain 10

It was therefore declared that Councillor P Turner is elected as Leader of the Council

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

7 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TWO PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February and 21st March were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor J Harper and seconded by Councillor T Clements)

8 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Councillor J Harper made the following announcement

Well I haven't got too much to say other than perhaps one or two words, I don't know if the Chief Executive is going to put on a clock on me or anything, hopefully not. I'll be as brief as I can.

As some of you here tonight may recall I well remember Robert Neville being appointed Tamworth's very first specifically designated mayor in this very room. That was in 1835, I was of course a young cub reporter at the Tamworth Herald at the time but Mr Neville could not have been any prouder than I am this evening. According to studious research carried out by Tamworth & District Civic Society's esteemed Chairman David Biggs I'm the 142nd Mayor to occupy this great civic office. I'm honoured and deeply moved to be so and promise to do my utmost to be fair, equitable and impartial in all my Council business. If at any time I have to use my casting vote I will do so out of genuine best person for the job reasons. We Councillors and our Officers must never forget that we are here for one reason and one reason only and that's to look after and safeguard the interests of the people of Tamworth regardless of the party-political interests of any description. There is a huge amount of talent on all sides of this Chamber, let's put it to good use to the benefit of our people. Apart from being indebted to Moira as I mentioned earlier. I'd also like to thank two times Tamworth's former Mayor. Councillor Richard Kingstone for his wise counsel and for taking the time to help ease me into the role of as he referred so much distinction, thank you Richard. Your sagacious advice is so very much appreciated, and I hope I've earnt this and I don't disappoint.

I'd also like to thank my Conservative colleagues for putting me in this position, I promise that I will attempt to do it well and hopefully fulfil all you ask and expect of me. Above all I'd like to thank the people of Bolehall who voted for me in the 2021 election, I will continue to do my very best to repay that trust with hard work and determination in helping to maintain and wherever possible help improve the quality of life of local people. Whether that be trying to get someone to trim the trees, keep the streets clean and free of litter or trying to fill the infernal potholes, that's more difficult than people envisaged. But what of the future, Tamworth is a fantastic, brilliant town, we all know that, every single one of us that's why we're here. But we face considerable challenges, we know that too. Our town centre retail shopping has seriously declined and if Tamworth has to re-establish itself it has to re-establish itself as a destination, a place that people want to live in and to visit and a place to be proud of. People need to be determined and will need a good deal of courage to overcome our problems but we have the tools to do it. I might have mentioned it once or twice over the years just in passing that our town has an amazing history. It is here and for all of us to use and it doesn't cost a penny and won't cost the rate payers a single penny. If empraised with energy and enthusiasm heritage opportunities are ready and waiting to be used it just needs drive, initiative and confidence to do what has to be done. With this in mind, I've put together a number of my own personal aims and aspirations I'd like to see come to fruition. All of them may not materialise in fact none of them may

come to fruition but I'll do my very best to persuade each and every one of you to make them happen. Various things that I've had for many of years wanting to see the Corporation Street Pay & Display Car Park converted into Offa Square as a town centre performance space with Christmas lights, concerts, arts events, celebrations etc. I'd like to see a physical heritage trail established around the town centre involving tour directors, direction markers setting the scene for the benefit of tourists. I'd would also like to see a tourist map of Tamworth created and be available at the properly set up Tamworth Information Centre, this could possibly be incorporated into a TBC front office which I believe this is something that people want and deserve.

My Mayoral Charities will be divided between Tamworth Parish Church and Tamworth Civic Society both of whom are close to my heart, and I will do my very best to raise as much money as I can for these two very very worthy causes.

I would also like the town to stage a winter celebration an old English tradition as well as a Mayoral joy of Christmas Carol Service at our magnificent church. I've also been giving some thought to organising a Mayoral Concert for Tamworth, this will be a charity fundraising event in two halves, first half all about Tamworth, second half a concert by a well-known performer.

I'd like to see the creation of the Youth Garden for young people which could be situated in the town anywhere and would involve groups of young people taking ownership of it for a certain length of time and maybe six months or whatever and producing whatever they can of an area of ground. My priority however is to stage or try to establish a series of events under the banner of Young Tamworth this would be a long week festival of youth, which aims to involve Tamworth schools and youth groups and a coordinated series of sports events, arts events, quizzes, music events, photographic, film making and writing competitions we've got an endless choice to go for, maybe even a chess competition.

I would also investigate ways to provide every Tamworth school child with a Tamworth Borough Council journey through time souvenir booklet, I'm currently writing it. If I can make it happen, I hope to see a copy given to every one of the 7000 children in Tamworth schools. Obviously, I'll need to find people to finance this but if I can do it it will tell our history throughout important landmark dates that mark our journey through time from when Tamworth was first established around the year 600AD all of 1,423 years ago. And before anyone says it no, I wasn't there reporting for the Herald but my dad was. And if this can come a sense of civic pride in young people for this is the town in a few years' time they will be running it. I hope we can leave them a worthy legacy.

Finally, I'd like to thank my dear wife Maureen who will serve as Mayoress who without whom I would not be here indeed without Maureen I doubt I'd be anywhere. I'd also like to mention my dear grandson Callum where he and his generation are the future of our town. Callum is 16 and who I hope I can leave a town that you'd be proud of and in very good shape.

Thank you Andrew our esteemed Chief Executive, Tracey, Nicola, and all officers who've been brilliant and so very helpful and you are all highly valued and treasured. Councillors, Council officers, ladies, and gentlemen we have a challenging but a brilliantly exciting year ahead of us, we just need to work with our civic leads and get on with it.

Thank you everyone, I will remember this evening for the rest of my life.

Right now you've all listened to all that diatribe I will now pass you over to the Leader of the Council for any announcements, ladies and gentlemen, Councillor Paul Turner.

The Leader Councillor P Turner made the following announcement

Thank you Mr. Mayor, well how do you follow that, that was rousing to say the least but first of all may I take this opportunity to congratulate you on becoming our Mayor on becoming Deputy Mayor I'm sure it's in great hands that excellent state of office.

First of all a couple of thank you's and I'll keep it brief in particular my predecessors which includes you Danny you've led this Council and Jeremy it's big shoes to jump into and I hope that I do you proud with your help and support I'm sure we can move this town forward.

It is a new chapter again, Deputy Leader Rob thanks for all your work and support behind the scenes over the last year. I've only been a councillor for a year and didn't expect to be standing here now. We have a new team, we have listened and we are listening so please you know you if you don't think we're listening shout a bit louder.

It's also I wouldn't think prudent of me to thank our outgoing mayor Moira, thank you on behalf of everything. Next and it's a little speech to the outgoing Councillors, whichever persuasion you are thank for your service to the town thank you for your friendship and support and I'm sure we'll see you again at some other point. And also a huge thank you for you new Councillors, thank you for taking up the role of being a councillor, we all need Councillors to run this beautiful town, we will be using all our brain power to keep it going and make it better and as John says it's for us to pass on to the youth, we are just custodians of this lot and we hope to do it better so that's my little stand up and say hello and please come and shake my hand and may even have a drink later.

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor C Dean made the following announcement

Thank you, Mr. Mayor, firstly can I congratulate you on your appointment and hope that you have a successful year and I'm very intrigued by your aims and visions for the next year and I hope that my team can be part of putting that together for you.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say how honoured my group have been by the opportunity that's been given by the residents of Tamworth. We've been humbled by the trust they've have put in us and we won't let them down. I'm saying that on behalf of every one of us we will surely be there, and we will be doing our best, we're keen to be working on behalf of the residents and making a difference to the town. We know from the comments that we've received talking to the residents that they have lots of concerns though. People are concerned about the state of the town centre, the state of their roads especially on their estates

and the state of their housing the lack of visible policing, about the facilities that Tamworth has lost, we all know about what we've lost our Police Station our Magistrates Court, our Youth Centre, our Surestart's, the George Bryant Centre and even most of our public loos. I want to reassure our residents that we'll be holding the controlling group to account but we will be a constructive opposition acting in the best interests of the people of Tamworth because that's what our residents deserve, but these will be discussions for another day.

Finally I'd like to thank the Chief Executive and his officers for the welcome they've given us and the support that they've shown. Whilst we know we have a lot to learn the people of Tamworth can be assured that the members of the Labour group are ready to do all they can to make a difference that they were elected for.

The Leader of the minority opposition Councillor D Cook made the following announcement.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor congratulations, to yourself on the position you've attained this evening and congratulations to Cllr Maycock. Echo a lot of what Councillor Dean said really, I hope that the public have given us a strange situation in Tamworth, not happened in a long, long time no overall control. I'm not going to use the term factions but there are groups within this Chamber that I'm sure when its right for us to work together we'll work together and challenge but I'm sure as Councillor Turner says that with good conversations and listening we can take this town forward.

9 QUESTION TIME:

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor G Coates will ask the following question:-

What are the levels of Bin provision in the Spital and Mercian Wards? I would like either a new bin or one relocated to an area that has a lot of litter gathering around it daily. This area depending on the side of the road is either Spital Ward or Mercian Ward, the idea location of the bin is at the top of Thackeray Drive by Comberford road.

Answer

An Officer has been tasked to visit Thackeray Drive by Comberford Road, to determine if there is a location suitable for a new litter bin, if there is a suitable location I will arrange the installation of a new litter bin will be arranged and Cllr Coates will be updated.

Supplementary

Is there a timescale on when they are going to check and I would like to thank all the residents who litter pick and take pride in our Town.

Answer

Officers have visited the location and can certainly look into putting a litter bin on the slabbed area at the top of Thackeray drive, this area has good accessibility for our vehicles to pull up safely to empty and too install, this would be multi use bin, for dog waste and litter.

The timescale for instillation will depend how quickly we can get the litter bin from the suppliers, hopefully we can have the bin installed within the next 4 weeks,

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Carol Dean will ask the following question:-

Could you please tell me how long the backlog is for council house repairs in the Bolehall Ward?

Answer

We don't carry a known backlog of repairs in any area of Tamworth. When tenants report a repair through the contact centre that is our responsibility it will be issued to the contractor for completion within the prescribed response times (1,5 or 26 days).

Supplementary

Thank you that doesn't seem to be the perception of residents I have spoken to. Could you tell me the average waiting time between a complaint being received and repair being finished and what can be done to reduce that time and how many times a resident as to contact the council before a contractor arrives.

Answer

Tenants report repairs through our own call centre. Our call centre staff determine which priority to allocate a repair to and issue this to the contractor.

Attached is a KPI report that gives an indication as to the number of jobs completed on time. The report relates to April 2023 but the numbers have generally been consistent.

	<u>Total</u>	KPI Figures		<u>Target</u>
KPI3a Priority emergency completed within 24 hours	311	298	95.82%	100%
KPI3b Priority urgent completed within 5 days	196	183	93.37%	90%
KPI3c Priority routine completed within 26 days	526	497	94.49%	90%
KPI5 Average time to complete voids			69.19 days	8.6 days

KPI7 Repairs completed on first visit	1033	897	86.83%	85%
KPI8 Recalls to previous repairs		37	3.1%	8%

Tenants should only need to make contact with us once to report their repair; at the time of calling, they will be advised of the priority.

The average time between reporting a repair and it being completed is dependant upon the priority it is given at the time of reporting. As can be seen in the report a higher proportion of jobs reported sit in the 26 day category. In order to reduce the overall waiting time for repairs additional resource would be needed on the ground which will have cost implications.

We have identified some areas for improvement, in particular relating to appointments and communications.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Sarah Daniels will ask the following question:-

Can you please give details on the state of and plans for the disused community centre on Masefield Drive?

Answer

The Commercial & Industrial Team have been engaged in negotiations with a potential tenant for some time now. The prospective tenant is a sport-based community organisation and is currently waiting on confirmation of Sport England grant funding before they are able to formalise a lease.

Supplementary

Thank you, Councillor Turner that is really good news I stand here following on the work of several Councillors who have been exploring this issue as many of you have over the years I ask, as someone who grew up on the border of Spital /Mercian Wards my mum lives there too and she is also involved in several charities, Mr Mayor thinking of your plans for the year Councillor Turner do you think that through the council's communications channels we could make groups and citizens aware of our community centres and can you tell me ways that you might action this.

Answer

Thank you for your question. We do want to use all the assets within the borough so some co-ordinated conversations what's available when and how, we will be communicating more effectively more efficiently will the help of everybody.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Craig Adams will ask the following question:-

Is the portfolio holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing aware of any structure problems with council housing in Belgrave ward?

Answer

We are not aware of any wholesale structural issues with properties in Belgrave. But if you do specific details please come back to me lets focus on and lets put it right.

Supplementary

I will get back to on this I have been talking to quite a few different people when out campaigning and noticed there are quite a few problems around.

Answer

Thank you for that yes it is attention to detail without the evidence without the documentation we can't provide details

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO.5

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Chris Bain will ask the following question:-

Residents who attend St Editha's Church have expressed concern that the recent practice of Tamworth Borough Council's switching on of the Christmas lights on the same weekend as Advent Sunday will continue. Can the switching on of the lights be held on the weekend 24th to 26th November to avoid clashing with Advent Sunday and the Darkness to Light service which will take place in St Editha's Church from the 1st to the 3rd December.

Answer

The Christmas Lights Switch On Event has been held on the last Sunday of November for the past 6 years, and all stakeholders, including the town market, Church and businesses have been communicated with. Therefore the event will take place on Sunday 26th November 2023 which coincides with Councillor Bain's suggestion.

Further to this as St Editha's Square and the old Co-op building are part of the town regeneration plan, the Square itself is unavailable for this and any other events for the next two years. Therefore the Christmas Lights Switch On Event will be taking place in the Castle Grounds, away from St Editha's Church.

Supplementary

Thank you that it what the people I spoke to were asking for. I think it is important there are three iconic buildings in Tamworth. There is the Castle , this magnificent town hall and St Editha's and I think it behoves us to talk on a regular basis with the custodians of one of those three buildings which is the people of St Editha's so keeping open those lines of communication I think will avoid any misunderstanding in the future and can I thank you Councillor Turner for your answer today.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO.6

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Lee Wood will ask the following question:-

What consultation has taken place with the retailers involved in the regeneration work on the Middle Entry?

Answer

The FHSF bid to government which sets out the detail of all of the projects in the Programme was approved, unanimously by Full Council in July 2020.

In general terms, the FHSF programme of works has been communicated via the Borough Council's communications team on a number of occasions and also through articles in the Herald. The Borough Council held a business meeting in October 2021 and invited the town centre businesses to attend and ask questions about the FHSF Programme and approximately 30 attended. Each attendee was given a pack of useful information including the details of the Borough Council's Transforming Tamworth website which has been widely publicised, dedicated to the various regeneration projects across the town. In addition to the website the Borough Council held drop-in sessions at the TEC centre on the first Wednesday of every month between 4-7 to assist any businesses with queries. Unfortunately, and despite running for about a year, no one attended.

The landowner Peer Group have been keeping their tenants up to date with progress on the programme and have been in regular communication with the Borough Council. Most recently, about 3 weeks ago.

There are two parts to the Middle Entry project.

Part 1: Demolition of units 9 Middle Entry and 18, 18a and 19 Market Street and Nos 20, 20a and 21 George Street and redevelopment to provide a flexible, multi use building.

The Borough Council took vacant possession of these units in October last year following a number of years of discussion and negotiation with the landowner, Peer Group. Peer Group negotiated with the existing tenants to ensure that their tenancies were terminated to allow for the FHSF project to proceed. A number of tenants re-located to other premises in the town centre. For this part of the project

the tenants were aware of plans early on in the project and the landowner Peer Group have kept them up to date as the project has progressed.

Part 2: Removal of existing glazed roof, demolition of projecting canopies and first floor gantries

A planning application for this part of the project was determined by Planning Committee in January2023. As part of that process 70 neighbours were notified. No comments were received by the Local Planning Authority. Again, the landowner Peer Group has been in regular communication with their tenants about the FHSF proposals which they fully support. That's latest I have please let me know if you need anymore.

Supplementary

Having gone round the town centre earlier and having spoken to some of the businesses their understanding of the plans is sketchy at best would it be prudent to use one of the empty local properties we seem to have to display the plans for those who don't go on social media and its for people as they are walking past to have a look and perhaps go from there.

Answer

We are open to all suggestions but as you know we ran an open event and if people don't attend so lets have a chat and knock the doors as we come to the next rebuild stage of the project which is going to be very, very exciting for the town.

10 APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The Membership of Cabinet for 2023/24 was received and circulated as below:

Councillor P Turner - Leader of the Council

Mid Term Financial Strategy
Organisational Development inc HR & Payroll
Education and Aspiration
Corporate Assessments
WMCA Member
Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP's)
Performance
Climate change & Green Agenda Lead
Future High Street Fund
Town Centre Regeneration
Town Centre Master-planning
Economic & Business Development
Organisational Financial Sustainability
General Regeneration opportunity

Councillor T Jay Deputy Leader - Operations & Finance

Revenues & Benefits
Treasury Management
Finance
Procurement
Audit & Governance
Corporate Risk Management
Land Charges/Legal/Right To Buy
Customer Services and insight
TIC
Information
Mgt/GDPR/Ombudsman
Waste Management
Joint Waste Board with LDC.
Communication and engagement

Councillor S Smith - Housing & Planning

Disabled Facilities Grants and Disabled Facilities Adaptations
Planning: Development Control, Building Control and Conservation
Local Plan Development/Implementation
HRA Repairs standards /performance
HRA Regeneration and Communal Buildings
HRA Business Planning
Tenant Regulation / enforcement
HRA Community contribution
Homelessness Prevention
Private Rental Sector (including private sector enforcement)
Social Landlord Providers
HRA Strategy
Chairman of Shadow Housing Committee
Electric vehicle strategy and wider provision

Councillor P Thompson – Town Centre & Commercial Property

Property Management Investment

GF Repairs

Commercial Property Portfolio

Asset Management

Evening economy

Town Centre Relationships

Heritage Assets - maintenance, upkeep

Town Centre Strategy

Tourism / Destination Tamworth

Town Centre Car Parks

Public Toilets

Councillor A Cooper - Entertainment & Leisure

Street Scene

Tamworth in Bloom

Cemeteries

Community Leisure / Sport

Nature Reserves

Parks and Play

Entertainment - Assembly Rooms, Castle Operations, Outdoor events, Arts,

Culture, Heritage experience, Street Markets

Sports Development

HRA Green Spaces and Neighbourhoods

Councillor M Summers

Partnerships and Voluntary Sector

Environmental Health (all disciplines)

Community Safety and ASB

Safeguarding

neighbourhood resilience

CCTV

Car parking Enforcement

Emergency Planning

Partnership Development

Litter

Business Continuity

11 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Membership of Committees for 2023/24 is as follows:

Cabinet

Councillors

P Turner

T Jay

- A Cooper
- S Smith
- M Summers
- P Thompson

Appointments & Staffing Committee

Councillors

- P Turner
- D Cook
- C Dean
- T Jay
- J Wadrup

Audit & Governance Committee

Councillors

- D Maycock
- **B** Clarke
- D Cook
- S Daniels
- R Pritchard
- P Thurgood
- S Doyle

Planning Committee

Councillors

- T Clements
- C Adams
- R Claymore
- **G** Coates
- A Cooper
- S Daniels
- R Kingstone
- D Maycock
- D Cook
- S Smith
- P Thompson
- P Thurgood
- Lee Wood

Licensing Committee

Councillors

B Price

- L Clarke
- T Clements
- **G** Coates
- A Cooper
- R Kingstone
- T Jay
- J Jones
- D Maycock
- P Thurgood
- J Wade
- J Wadrup
- L Wood

Nominations & Grants Committee

Councillors

- T Jay
- M Bailey
- J Harper
- J Wade
- J Wadrup
- C Bain
- R Kingstone

Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee

Councillors

- C Dean
- **B** Clarke
- R Claymore
- T Clements
- J Jones
- J Oates
- **B** Price
- R Pritchard
- L Wood

Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Councillors

- D Cook
- M Bailey
- C Bain
- L Clarke
- R Claymore
- **G** Coates
- S Doyle
- D Maycock

B Price

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Councillors

C Bain

R Claymore

T Clements

D Cook

S Daniels

C Dean

J Jones

D Maycock

J Oates

Chief Officer Conduct Committee

Councillors

M Summers

C Adams

L Bone

P Turner

D Maycock

Statutory Officer Conduct Committee

Councillors

R Pritchard

M Bailey

C Bain

L Bone

T Jay

(Moved by Councillor P Turner and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

12 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

A motion was moved to elect each chair separately

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor B Price)

This motion was carried

Appointments & Staffing Committee

Nomination Councillor P Turner (Moved by Councillor T Jay and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

Councillor P Turner was elected as Chair of Appointments & Staffing Committee

Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee

Nomination Councillor T Clements (Moved by Councillor T Jay and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

Nomination Councillor C Dean (Moved by Councillor C Bain and seconded by Councillor L Wood)

Councillor C Dean was elected Chair of Infrastructure Safety & Growth

Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Nomination Councillor D Maycock

(Moved by Councillor T Jay and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

Nomination Councillor C Bain

(Moved by Councillor C Dean and seconded by Councillor S Daniels)

The vote was equal

A motion without notice was moved to have a short adjournment to allow a discussion with the Leaders to take place

(Moved by Councillor R Kingstone and seconded by Councillor B Price)

The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Following the adjournment

The following nominations were put forward for Chair of Health & Wellbeing

Nomination Councillor C Bain (Moved by Councillor C Dean and seconded by Councillor S Daniels)

Councillor C Bain was elected of Chair of Health & Wellbeing Committee

Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Nomination Councillor D Cook (Moved by Councillor B Price and seconded by Councillor J Wade)

Nomination Councillor D Maycock (Moved by Councillor T Jay and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

Councillor D Cook was elected Chair of Corporate Scrutiny

Planning Committee

Nomination Councillor T Clements

(Moved by Councillor T Jay and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

Councillor T Clements was elected as Chair of Planning

Licensing Committee

Nomination Councillor B Price

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Claymore)

Councillor B Price was elected Chair of Licensing Committee

Audit & Governance Committee

Nomination Councillor D Maycock

(Moved by Councillor T Jay and second by Councillor A Cooper)

Councillor D Maycock was elected as Chair of Audit and Governance

Statutory Officer Conduct

Nomination Councillor R Pritchard (moved by Councillor T Jay and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

Councillor R Pritchard was elected Chair of Statutory Officer Conduct Committee

Chief Officer Conduct Committee

Nomination R Pritchard (Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

Nomination Councillor M Summers (Moved by Councillor T Jay and seconded by Councillor P Turner)

Councillor M Summers was elected as Chair of the Chief Officer Conduct Committee

13 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2023/24

This item was deferred to be discussed at Council on Tuesday 18th July 2023

14 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGULATIONS) 2012

The Leader of the Council informed members that The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) Regulations 2012 specifies and requires inter alia under Regulation 19 that the executive leader must submit a report on a regular basis to Council containing details of particulars of each urgent executive decision together with a summary of the matters in respect of which the decision was made.

RESOLVED That Council

Endorsed the Annual Executive Arrangements Report.

(Moved on block by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Kingstone)

15 ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2022-23

Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee 2022 – 2023 to present the report to Council.

RESOLVED That Council

Endorsed the annual Report of the Audit & Governance committee 2022-2023

(Moved on block by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Kingstone)

16 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES 2022-23

The annual reports from the Chairs of Corporate Scrutiny, Infrastructure, Safety & Growth and Health & Wellbeing to formally update Council on the activities of the Committees over the year 2022/23 which included,

Chair's overview

- Working Groups
- Recommendations made in the year to Cabinet
- Committee Terms of Reference
- Membership and Attendance
- Training & Effectiveness
- Work Plan
- Resource implications

RESOLVED That Council

Endorsed the Annual Report of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Committee and the Health & Wellbeing Committee

(Moved on block by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Kingstone)

17 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - 2023/2024

The Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24 was received and circulated at the meeting

RESOLVED: That Members

Accepted the Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24

(Moved on block by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Kingstone)

The Mayor