

# Council

Monday, 16 June 2014

- Attendees:** Councillor Christopher Arnold (Member), Councillor Kevin Bentley (Member), Councillor Elizabeth Blundell (Member), Councillor Mark Cable (Member), Councillor Nigel Chapman (Member), Councillor Peter Chillingworth (Member), Councillor Beverly Davies (Member), Councillor John Elliott (Mayor and Chairman), Councillor Andrew Ellis (Member), Councillor Margaret Fairley-Crowe (Member), Councillor Marcus Harrington (Member), Councillor Pauline Hazell (Member), Councillor Brian Jarvis (Member), Councillor John Jowers (Member), Councillor Sue Lissimore (Member), Councillor Richard Martin (Member), Councillor Will Quince (Member), Councillor Dennis Willetts (Member), Councillor Tina Bourne (Member), Councillor Dave Harris (Member), Councillor Cyril Liddy (Member), Councillor Michael Lilley (Member), Councillor Kim Naish (Member), Councillor Julie Young (Member), Councillor Tim Young (Member), Councillor Nick Barlow (Member), Councillor Lyn Barton (Member), Councillor Helen Chuah (Member), Councillor Barrie Cook (Member), Councillor Nick Cope (Member), Councillor Annie Feltham (Member), Councillor Bill Frame (Member), Councillor Ray Gamble (Member), Councillor Julia Havis (Member), Councillor Jo Hayes (Member), Councillor Professor Peter Higgins (Member), Councillor Mike Hogg (Member), Councillor Martin Hunt (Member), Councillor Nigel Offen (Member), Councillor Lesley Scott-Boutell (Member), Councillor Paul Smith (Member), Councillor Laura Sykes (Member), Councillor Anne Turrell (Member), Councillor Beverley Oxford (Member), Councillor Gerard Oxford (Member), Councillor Philip Oxford (Member), Councillor Roger Buston (Member), Councillor Robert Davidson (Member), Councillor Chris Pearson (Member), Councillor Dominic Graham (Member), Councillor Justin Knight (Member), Councillor Jessica Scott-Boutell (Member), Councillor Theresa Higgins (Deputy Mayor)
- Apologies:** Councillor Margaret Kimberley (Member), Councillor Jackie Maclean (Member), Councillor Peter Sheane (Member), Councillor Mark Cory (Member), Councillor Martin Goss (Member), Councillor Jon Manning (Member)
- Substitutes:**

## 2 Election of Mayor

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Bentley, SECONDED by Councillor Smith and SUPPORTED by Councillors Liddy and G. Oxford and:-

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Councillor John Elliott be elected Mayor of the

Borough of Colchester for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Elliott took the customary oath and made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor then took the Chair and returned thanks for his election.

### **3 Minutes (Council)**

*RESOLVED* that the minutes of the Council meeting on 19 February 2014 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the amendment of minute 59 to read:-

"*RESOLVED* that Councillor Theresa Higgins be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Colchester for the 2014-15 municipal year".

### **4 Election of Deputy Mayor**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Barlow, SECONDED and SUPPORTED by Councillors Quince, T. Young and G. Oxford and:-

*RESOLVED* UNANIMOUSLY that Councillor Theresa Higgins be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Colchester for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Higgins then made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office and returned thanks for her election as Deputy Mayor.

### **5 Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Frame, SECONDED and SUPPORTED by Councillors Quince, T. Young and G. Oxford and

*RESOLVED* UNANIMOUSLY that the best thanks of the Council are due and are hereby accorded to Colin Sykes for the admirable manner in which he has discharged the responsible duties of the Mayoralty during the past year and that a transcript of this resolution under the Common Seal be furnished to him.

### **6 Mayor's Chaplain and Other Announcements**

The Mayor indicated that he had appointed the Reverend Anne-Marie Renshaw to be his Chaplain for the ensuing year.

He indicated he would be supporting the following charities:-

- ABF The Soldier's Charity
- Action for Family Carers
- Grassroots
- Essex Air Ambulance

- Marie Curie Cancer Care
- Friends of Tiptree Heath

## **7 Presentation**

The Mayor informed Council that Steve Newall of Oakpark Security had won a prestigious Security Industry Authority Award for his work in Castle Park. He had been named as one of only ten "Security Officers of Distinction" in the UK and had done much to ensure that Castle Park was a welcoming, safe place for families to enjoy. The Mayor passed on Council's congratulations to Steve and presented him with his award.

## **8 Adjournment**

*RESOLVED* that the meeting stand adjourned until 11.50 am and be resumed in the Council Chamber.

## **9 Appointment of the Leader of the Council**

*RESOLVED* that Councillor Martin Hunt be appointed as Leader of the Council for the remainder of his term of office as a Councillor.

## **10 Delegations made by the Leader of the Council**

*RESOLVED* that the appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council, the appointment of Cabinet members and the allocation of responsibility for portfolios, as determined by the Leader of the Council and as set out in the Supplementary Information for the meeting, be noted.

## **11 Appointment of Panels, Committees and Sub-Committees**

*RESOLVED* that:-

(i) in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the number of seats, Group Representation and membership of the Governance Committee, Licensing Committee, Local Plan Committee, Planning Committee, Scrutiny Panel (including the Crime and Disorder Committee) and Trading Board, for the ensuing Municipal Year be as set out in the Supplementary Information for this meeting, subject to the replacement of Councillor Hayes with Councillor Graham on the Governance Committee.

(ii) in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the appointments of Task and Finish Groups not be on a Group basis and the membership be as set out in the Supplementary Information for this meeting.

(iii) the membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel be as set out in the

Supplementary Information for this meeting.

**12 Designation of Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer**

*RESOLVED* that Sean Plummer be designated as Section 151 Officer and Andrew Weavers be designated as Monitoring Officer with immediate effect.

**13 Amendments to the Constitution**

*RESOLVED* that :-

- (a) the proposed amendments to the Constitution set out in the Monitoring Officer's report be approved and adopted and be implemented with immediate effect;
- (b) the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution.

**14 Former Councillors**

*RESOLVED* that the Council recorded its grateful thanks to former Councillors Blandon, Greenhill, Lewis, Mudie, Sutton and Sykes, for the public service rendered by them to this Borough during their period of office as a Councillor and instructs that a transcript of this resolution be furnished to them on parchment under the Common Seal of the Borough as a permanent record of the appreciation of the Council.