Council

Wednesday, 26 May 2021

Attendees: Councillor Lewis Barber, Councillor Lyn Barton, Councillor Kevin Bentley, Councillor Tina Bourne, Councillor Michelle Burrows, Councillor Roger Buston, Councillor Nigel Chapman, Councillor Peter Chillingworth, Councillor Helen Chuah, Councillor Phil Coleman, Councillor Nick Cope, Councillor Mark Cory, Councillor Pam Cox, Councillor Simon Crow, Councillor Robert Davidson, Councillor Paul Dundas, Councillor Andrew Ellis, Councillor Adam Fox, Councillor Mark Goacher, Councillor Martin Goss, Councillor Jeremy Hagon, Councillor Dave Harris, Councillor Chris Hayter, Councillor Pauline Hazell, Councillor Mike Hogg, Councillor John Jowers, Councillor David King , Councillor Darius Laws, Councillor Martin Leatherdale, Councillor Michael Lilley, Councillor Sue Lissimore, Councillor Derek Loveland, Councillor Andrea Luxford Vaughan, Councillor Jackie Maclean, Councillor Roger Mannion, Councillor Sam McCarthy, Councillor Patricia Moore, Councillor Steph Nissen, Councillor Beverley Oxford, Councillor Gerard Oxford, Councillor Philip Oxford, Councillor Chris Pearson, Councillor Lee Scordis, Councillor Lesley Scott-Boutell, Councillor Leigh Tate, Councillor Martyn Warnes, Councillor Lorcan Whitehead, Councillor Dennis Willetts, Councillor Barbara Wood, Councillor Julie Young, Councillor Tim Young

443 Prayers

The meeting was opened with prayers from the Reverend Terry Walker.

444 One Minute Silence

The Mayor invited Council to stand for a minute's silence in memory of those whose lives were lost or affected by the Covid 19 pandemic.

445 Have Your Say

The High Steward, Sir Bob Russell, addressed Council pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 6(1) to offer his congratulations to he Mayor on his election. He

was the first Mayor to serve who was the grandson of a former Mayor. He paid tribute to the work of the preceding Mayor, Councillor Nick Cope. The eight newly elected Councillors were welcomed, and it was noted that this was the first occasion on which all County Councillors representing the borough were also serving on the Borough Council. He hoped that all Councillors would support the Mayor and future mayors.

He expressed his wish that the Cabinet system of Council governance be replaced by the Committee system. All 51 Councillors were elected with an equal mandate and should be equally involved in Council decision making.

446 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Council)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2021 and 24 February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

447 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor invited Councillors to attend the following events:-

- Charity Garden Party, 3 July
- Civic Service, 18 July, Peldon Church

448 Appointment of the Leader of the Council

Councillor Laws moved a motion proposing that Councillor Dundas be appointed Leader of the Council for the remainder of his term of office.

Councillor Fox moved a secondary amendment proposing that the motion be agreed subject to the substitution of Councillor Cory for Councillor Dundas.

Councillor Laws indicated that he did not accept the secondary amendment.

Council was then invited to vote on whether it wished to treat the secondary amendment as a main amendment. On being put to the vote, the proposal that the secondary amendment be treated as a main amendment was lost (TWENTY FIVE voted FOR,

TWENTY SIX voted AGAINST).

A named vote having been requested pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 15(2). the voting was as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Barton, Bourne, Burrows, Chuah, Coleman, Cope, Cory, Cox, Fox, Goacher, Goss, Harris, Hogg, King, Lilley, Luxford Vaughan, McCarthy, Nissen, Pearson, Scordis, Scott-Boutell, Warnes, Whitehead, J. Young and T. Young (Deputy Mayor).

AGAINST: Councillors Barber, Bentley, Buston, Chapman, Chillingworth, Crow, Dundas, Ellis, Hagon, Hayter, Hazell, Jowers, Laws, Leatherdale, Lissimore, Loveland, Maclean, Mannion, Moore, B. Oxford, G. Oxford, P. Oxford, Tate, Willetts, Wood and Davidson (The Mayor).

On being put to the vote, the secondary amendment was lost (TWENTY FIVE voted FOR, TWENTY SIX voted AGAINST).

A named vote having been requested pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 15(2). the voting was as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Barton, Bourne, Burrows, Chuah, Coleman, Cope, Cory, Cox, Fox, Goacher, Goss, Harris, Hogg, King, Lilley, Luxford Vaughan, McCarthy, Nissen, Pearson, Scordis, Scott-Boutell, Warnes, Whitehead, J. Young and T. Young (Deputy Mayor).

AGAINST: Councillors Barber, Bentley, Buston, Chapman, Chillingworth, Crow, Dundas, Ellis, Hagon, Hayter, Hazell, Jowers, Laws, Leatherdale, Lissimore, Loveland, Maclean, Mannion, Moore, B. Oxford, G. Oxford, P. Oxford, Tate, Willetts, Wood and Davidson (The Mayor).

The substantive motion for the appointment of Councillor Dundas as. Leader of the Council for the remainder of his period of office was then put to the vote and was carried (TWENTY FIVE voted FOR, TWENTY FOUR voted AGAINST and TWO ABSTAINED from voting).

FOR: Councillors Barber, Bentley, Buston, Chapman, Chillingworth, Crow, Dundas, Ellis, Hagon, Hayter, Hazell, Jowers, Laws, Leatherdale, Lissimore, Loveland, Maclean, Mannion, Moore, B. Oxford, G. Oxford, P. Oxford, Tate, Willetts and Wood

AGAINST: Councillors Barton, Bourne, Burrows, Chuah, Coleman, Cope, Cory, Cox, Fox, Goacher, Goss, Harris, Hogg, King, Lilley, Luxford Vaughan, McCarthy, Nissen, Pearson, Scordis, Scott-Boutell, Warnes, Whitehead and J. Young.

ABSTAINRD FROM VOTING: Davidson (The Mayor) and T. Young (The Deputy Mayor).

449 Delegations Made by the Leader of the Council

RESOLVED that the delegations made by the Leader of the Council, the appointment of Cabinet members and the responsibility for Portfolios, as set out in the Supplementary Information for the meeting, be noted.

450 Appointments of Panels, Committees and Sub-Committees

RESOLVED that:-

(i) In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the number of seats, group representation and membership of the Environment and Sustainability Panel, Licensing Committee, Local Plan Committee, Planning Committee and Scrutiny Panel (including the Crime and Disorder Committee) for the ensuing municipal year be as set in the Supplementary Information, subject to the substitution of Councillor B. Oxford for Councillor P. Oxford on the Planning Committee.

(ii) In accordance with the provisions of section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the appointments to the Governance and Audit Committee and Policy Panel for the ensuing municipal year not be on a Group basis and membership be as in the Supplementary Information.

(iii) That the membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel be as set out in the Supplementary Information.

(v) The revised terms of reference for the Policy Panel set out in the Supplementary Information be agreed.

451 Motion of Thanks

*RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY) t*hat Council records its grateful thanks to former Councillors Arnold, Barlow, Davies, Elliott, Higgins, Jarvis, Liddy and Fiona Maclean 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 under the Common Seal of the Borough as a permanent record of the appreciation of the Council.

The Mayor invited newly elected Councillors Burrows, Cox, Hagon, Mannion, Laws, Leatherdale, Nissen and Tate to introduce themselves to Council.