

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL COUNCIL

18 MAY 2023

PRESENT:

[The retiring Mayor Councillor Ms Carolyn Watson-Merret in the Chair], Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Barnett, Mrs Brown, Daly, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Mrs Hassell, Karadiar, D Keeling, J Keeling, Lawrence, Lewis, Ms Livesey, Mrs Maoudis, Mrs McKenzie, Mistry, Moran, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Parker, Picker, Poole, Rabin, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Russell, Sandison, Mrs Sayani, Slinger, Srivastava, Mrs Timms, Ward and Willis.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Edwards, Harrington, Mrs New and Robinson.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mistry, seconded by Councillor Roodhouse and

RESOLVED THAT – Councillor Mrs Maggie O'Rourke be and is hereby appointed Mayor of Rugby Borough Council for the ensuing year.

[The Mayor (Councillor Mrs O'Rourke) made and subscribed a declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair].

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Garcia, seconded by Councillor Slinger and

RESOLVED THAT – Councillor Simon Ward be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Rugby Borough Council for the ensuing year.

[The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Ward) made and subscribed a declaration of acceptance of office].

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Garcia, seconded by Councillor Poole and

RESOLVED THAT – the Council places on record its appreciation of the manner in which the retiring Mayor (Councillor Ms Carolyn Watson- Merret) has presided over the Council during the past year and she be thanked for her services to the Borough.

5. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS

It was proposed by Councillor Poole, seconded by Councillor Moran and

RESOLVED THAT – the Council places on record its appreciation of the contribution which former Councillors Mrs Allanach, Mrs Crane, Eccleson, Ellis, Miss Lawrence, Lowe, Mahoney and Dr Williams made during their service as members of the Borough Council.

6. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

7. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER – RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 4 MAY 2023

The Council received the report of the Returning Officer (agenda item 7) following the Borough Council Elections held on 4 May 2023.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Councillors Barnett, Dale Keeling, John Keeling, Mrs McKenzie, Karadiar, Mrs Robinson, Russell and Mrs Sayani as new Members and wished them well in their future service of the Council.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO PARTY GROUPS 2023/24

The Chief Executive submitted a report (agenda item 8) in respect of constitutional arrangements and the allocation of seats to party groups for the municipal year 2023/24.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) Councillor Poole be elected Leader of the Council;
- (2) the composition of Cabinet for the 2023/24 municipal year, as detailed in the report, be noted;

- (3) the following appointments be made to the Audit and Ethics Committee:
Paul Dudfield (Chairman);
John Eves (Vice Chairman); and
Four borough councillors and named substitutes as set out in Appendix 2 to this report;
- (4) the following appointments be made to the Shareholders Committee:
Paul Shackley (Chairman); and
five borough councillors and named substitutes as set out in Appendix 2 to this report; and
- (5) appointments to all other committees be made in accordance with the arrangements set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2023/24 – BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive in respect of appointments to outside bodies by virtue of office and Miscellaneous Appointments.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the appointments and re-appointments listed in the tables attached at Appendices 1 and 2 be approved, making any amendments as appropriate;
- (2) a member of the Scrutiny Committee be appointed to the Warwickshire County Council Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, nominations to be submitted to the Democratic Services team;
- (3) an appointment be made to Rugby Welfare Charities to fill a current vacancy, nominations to be submitted to the Democratic Services team; and
- (4) the Regulation and Safety Portfolio Holder be appointed to represent PATROL by virtue of office.

MAYOR