

Council

Monday, 16th May, 2016
2.30 - 3.10 pm

Attendees	
Councillors:	Chris Ryder (Vice-Chair), Matt Babbage, Flo Clucas, Adam Lillywhite, Chris Mason, Dan Murch, Chris Nelson, John Payne, Max Wilkinson, Wendy Flynn, Paul Baker, Garth Barnes, Ian Bickerton, Nigel Britter, Chris Coleman, Mike Collins, Bernard Fisher, Tim Harman, Steve Harvey, Colin Hay, Rowena Hay, Karl Hobley, Sandra Holliday, Peter Jeffries, Steve Jordan, Helena McCloskey, Paul McCloskey, Andrew McKinlay, Tony Oliver, Dennis Parsons, Louis Savage, Diggory Seacome, Malcolm Stennett, Klara Sudbury, Pat Thornton, Jon Walklett, Simon Wheeler, Roger Whyborn and David Willingham

Minutes

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Williams.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR (CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL) FOR 2016-17

The outgoing Mayor, Duncan Smith, called on Councillor Harman to move the motion proposing Councillor Chris Ryder as Mayor.

Councillor Chris Ryder was proposed for the office of Mayor by Councillor Harman and seconded by Councillor Barnes.

Upon a vote it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Ryder be, and is hereby, elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham and Council chairman for the ensuing year.

The Head of Paid Service invited the Mayor to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Council chairman for the ensuing municipal year 2016-17.

Councillor Chris Ryder took the chair. She took the opportunity to welcome new members to the Council and she also thanked retiring Members Jacky Fletcher and Andrew Chard for their service to the council.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR (VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL) FOR 2016-17

Councillor Flynn proposed Councillor Klara Sudbury for the office of Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Walklett.

Upon a vote it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Klara Sudbury be, and is hereby, elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham and Council vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

The Head of Paid Service invited the Deputy Mayor to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Council vice-chairman for the ensuing municipal year 2016-17.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

6. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor reminded Members that two extraordinary meetings of Council had been convened with regard to the Joint Core Strategy, namely Thursday 30 June at 6 pm and Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 6pm.

The Mayor also reminded Members of her inauguration ceremony at the Town Hall on Wednesday 18 May and hoped as many Councillors would be in attendance as possible to represent their wards.

7. TO APPOINT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING 4 YEARS AND TO NOTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET INCLUDING THE DEPUTY LEADER

Councillor Jordan was proposed as the Leader of the Council by Councillor Rowena Hay and seconded by Councillor Jeffries.

Upon being put to the vote the proposal was unanimously CARRIED.

The Mayor invited the Leader to address Council.

The Leader congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their respective appointments and thanked colleagues for his appointment. He welcomed all new Members and thanked those who had not been re-elected for their contributions to the Council during their years of service. He paid tribute to Councillor Jon Walklett who was stepping down from his role as Cabinet Member Corporate Services.

He confirmed the following appointments to Cabinet :

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member Clean and Green Environment- Councillor Chris Coleman

Cabinet Member Finance- Councillor Rowena Hay

Cabinet Member Healthy Living-Councillor Flo Clucas

Cabinet Member Corporate Services-Councillor Roger Whyborn

Cabinet Member Housing-Councillor Pete Jeffries

Cabinet Member Development and Safety-Councillor Andrew McKinlay

He explained that within these portfolios there had been minor adjustments but he would circulate the detailed Cabinet portfolio document over the coming days. He believed the new Cabinet represented a strong team for Cheltenham.

8. TO ESTABLISH AND APPOINT TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS)

The appointments to the following Committees were approved in accordance with the nominations contained in the table circulated and now attached to these minutes for information.

- a) Overview and Scrutiny committee
- b) Audit Committee
- c) Planning
- d) Licensing
- e) Standards Committee
- f) Appointments and Remuneration Committee
- g) JNC Disciplinary Committee
- h) JNC Appeals Committee

9. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Tim Harman was appointed as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Jordan nominated Councillor Walklett as Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and upon a vote was unanimously elected.

10. 2020 PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

Councillor Wendy Flynn was appointed as the non-Executive member to the 2020 Partnership Joint Committee.

Councillor Roger Whyborn was appointed as the Executive member to the 2020 Partnership Joint Committee.

11. GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Paul McCloskey was appointed to the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Klara Sudbury was appointed as substitute.

12. GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH, COMMUNITY AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Steve Harvey was appointed to the Gloucestershire Health, Community and Care Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Mike Collins was appointed as substitute.

13. GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Councillor Helena McCloskey was appointed to the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel.

Councillor Karl Hobley was appointed as substitute.

It was recognised that Councillor Chris Nelson had offered to be on this committee as a “top-up” Member for the purposes of political balance across the County but this was not a Council appointment.

14. APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUPS AND WORKING GROUPS

Councillor Paul Baker was appointed Chair of the Treasury Management Panel. Councillor Britter was appointed Vice Chair of the Treasury Management Panel.

Councillor Colin Hay was appointed Chair of the Constitution Working Group.

The appointments to the Treasury Management Panel and the Constitution Working group were then approved in accordance with the nominations contained in the table circulated (as amended) and now attached to these minutes for information.

15. TO APPROVE THE CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

There were none.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

17. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

There were none.

18. ANY OTHER ITEM THE MAYOR DETERMINES AS URGENT AND WHICH REQUIRES A DECISION

The Mayor advised members that in appointing Chairs and Vice chairs of committees and working groups there were a number of options as follows :

Option 1: Chairs and Vice chairs could be elected at the first meeting of the committee.

Option 2: Each committee could be asked today to elect their Chair and Vice-Chair today by effectively having separate meetings of each committee.

Option 3: is that the Chairs and Vice Chairs can be elected today by Council.

The Leader added that in the past once Council had elected the Chairs and Vice Chairs the Committee could not elect a Chair in its own right. He therefore explained that should Option 3 be adopted the following additional resolution is proposed which arose out of discussions at the Mayor’s briefing for this meeting:

- i) *It be agreed that any changes to the Chair and Vice-Chair of any committee in the period up to the next Selection Council be approved by that committee and to authorise the Democratic Services Manager to amend the Constitution to enable this to happen.*

Upon a vote it was unanimously

RESOLVED THAT

- 1. any changes to the Chair and Vice-Chair of any committee in the period up to the next Selection Council be approved by that committee**
- 2. the Democratic Services Manager be authorised to amend the Constitution to enable this to happen.**

The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the following committees were elected and contained in the table attached to these minutes.

Audit Committee
Planning Committee
Licensing Committee
Standards Committee
Appointments and Remuneration Committee
JNC Disciplinary Committee
JNC Appeals Committee

Chairman

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