

Council

Monday, 15th May, 2017
5.00 - 5.20 pm

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

Minutes

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Wilkinson and Thornton had given their apologies.

Presentation of the Wellbeing Charter Award

The Mayor provided a brief background to the Wellbeing Charter before presenting the award to Barbara Cole and Tracy Brown.

She explained that the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning group funded 40 organisations in Gloucestershire to gain the Workplace wellbeing charter and Cheltenham borough council are one of the first organisations to achieve this.

The Workplace Wellbeing Charter is an opportunity for employers to demonstrate their commitment to the health and well-being of their workforce, whilst providing employers with an easy and clear guide on how to make workplaces a supportive and productive environment in which employees can flourish. These standards reflect best practice and are endorsed nationally by Public Health England. The Charter takes a holistic approach that includes leadership, culture and communication, as well as health & wellbeing topics such as physical activity, alcohol and mental health. The framework promotes rounded discussions between employer and employees about health, safety and wellbeing.

Many strengths and areas of good practice arose during the course of this accreditation. It was clear that CBC has fully integrated policies and procedures and that these had been cascaded to all employees; evidence showed that employees are engaged at the start of employment about the ethos of the organisation and the support that is available. All those interviewed expressed how much they appreciate their job and role. They all spoke highly of their line management and how well supported they are; but more importantly, how

appreciated they felt. This indicates that Cheltenham Borough Council values their employees and understands that the employees are the biggest asset of the organisation.

2. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR (CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL) FOR 2017-2018

The outgoing Mayor, Chris Ryder, called on Councillor Flynn to move the motion proposing Councillor Klara Sudbury as Mayor.

Councillor Klara Sudbury was proposed for the office of Mayor by Councillor Flynn and seconded by Councillor Walklett.

Upon a vote it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Klara Sudbury 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 2017-18.

Councillor Klara Sudbury took the chair.

3. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR 2017-18

Councillor Coleman proposed Councillor Bernard Fisher for the office of Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Clucas.

Upon a vote it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Bernard Fisher 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 2017-18.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

5. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Hegenbarth and congratulated him on his election.

6. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader congratulated the Mayor on her election and wished her well for the ensuing year and took the opportunity to thank Councillor Ryder for her year as Chair of Council and representing the borough at both charity and civic events.

He welcomed Councillor Hegenbarth and announced that he would replace Councillor Sudbury on Planning Committee and fill the vacancy on Overview and Scrutiny Committee following the departure of Dan Much.

The Mayor invited Councillor Harman, as Leader of the Conservative group to announce any committee changes.

Councillor Harman announced that he would replace Councillor Nelson on the Cheltenham Development Task Force and that Councillor Babbage would replace Councillor Nelson as Chair of the Budget Scrutiny Working Group.

7. COUNCIL DIARY 2017-18

The Cabinet Member Corporate Services introduced the Council Diary for September 2017 to August 2018. He acknowledged that there had been some discussion regarding the timings of day time meetings and reiterated that if smaller individual groups wished to change the time of their meetings, they were welcome to do so.

In the very unlikely event that a second budget meeting was required (February 2018) it would be fixed for a date and time when as many members as possible could attend.

Members were reminded that the diary would no longer be printed but was instead available in summary form, as a Filofax insert, as well as being available to download electronically from the website and that this facility allowed the user to download selected committees.

Upon a vote it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the draft Council Diary of meetings for September 2017 to August 2018 be approved.

8. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

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

There were no urgent items requiring a decision.

Chairman