

Council

Monday, 2nd June, 2014
2.30 - 3.00 pm

Attendees	
Councillors:	Simon Wheeler (Chair), Duncan Smith (Vice-Chair), Wendy Flynn, Andrew Chard, Matt Babbage, Garth Barnes, Nigel Britter, Flo Clucas, Chris Coleman, Jacky Fletcher, Colin Hay, Penny Hall, Tim Harman, Rowena Hay, Sandra Holliday, Peter Jeffries, Steve Jordan, Andrew Lansley, Chris Mason, Helena McCloskey, Andrew McKinlay, Dan Murch, John Payne, David Prince, John Rawson, Anne Regan, Rob Reid, Chris Ryder, Diggory Seacome, Malcolm Stennett, Klara Sudbury, Pat Thornton, Jon Walklett, Roger Whyborn, Suzanne Williams and Max Wilkinson

Minutes

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Fisher, Lillywhite, Nelson and Wall.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR (CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL) FOR 2014-15

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Wendy Flynn, took the opportunity to thank all members for their support in her role as Mayor over the past year. She welcomed newly elected Councillors to the meeting and wished the incoming Mayor well in his new role.

Councillor Simon Wheeler was proposed for the office of Mayor by Councillor C Hay and seconded by Councillor Whyborn.

Upon a vote it was unanimously

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

The Chief Executive invited the Mayor to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Council chairman for the ensuing municipal year 2014 – 2015.

Councillor Simon Wheeler took the chair.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR (VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL) 2014-15

Councillor Ryder proposed Councillor Smith for the office of Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Chard.

Upon a vote it was unanimously

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

The Chief Executive invited the Deputy Mayor to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Council vice-chairman for the ensuing municipal year 2014 – 2015.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment :

Minute 8-Process for approval of the Gloucestershire Strategic Economic Plan (points of clarification):

the figure of 3200 homes referred to in the document related to the potential development capacity at junction 9 and 10. This number has only been incorporated in the higher end figure for the JCS.

Longer term there would be discussions on how to fund the proposed infrastructure which could include the use of the New Homes Bonus etc.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Councillor Suzanne Williams had submitted her dispensation which had been granted by the Standards Committee to participate and vote in the meeting.

6. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor wished to put on record his thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Wendy Flynn. He also congratulated those new members and those members who had been re-elected.

He informed members of his nominated charities for the year. The Aston Project works with youngsters locally to improve their life opportunities and the Butterfly Garden which is a project for people of all ages dealing with disablement of any kind. He also informed members that he would be entering the Cheltenham Challenge and would welcome sponsorship.

7. TO APPOINT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING 2 YEARS AND TO NOTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET INCLUDING THE DEPUTY LEADER

Councillor Jordan was proposed as the Leader of the Council by Councillor Rawson and seconded by Councillor Thornton.

Upon being put to the vote the proposal was CARRIED, with 1 abstention.

The Mayor invited the Leader to address the meeting. He thanked colleagues for their support. He also congratulated those newly elected members and members who had been re-elected. He also thanked former Councillors for their contributions to the work of the Council. The Leader then outlined the changes to the Cabinet membership; Councillor Rawson (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member Finance), Councillor McKinlay (Cabinet Member Built Environment), Councillor R. Hay (Cabinet Member Sport & Culture), Councillor Coleman (Cabinet Member Sustainability), Councillor Jeffries (Cabinet Member Housing & Safety) and Councillor Walklett (Cabinet Member Corporate Services). There would be minor adjustments to portfolios, which would be published in the coming days.

The Leader finally wished to put on record his thanks to Councillor Roger Whyborn for all his hard work as Cabinet Member Sustainability.

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

The nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee were approved in accordance with the nominations contained in the table circulated and now attached to these minutes for information.

10. GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH, COMMUNITY AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Mayor invited nominations to the Gloucestershire County Council Health, Community and Care Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Sudbury nominated Councillor Clucas for representative, with Councillor Flynn nominated as substitute.

Councillor Smith nominated Councillor Hall for representative and as a substitute should she not be elected as representative.

Upon a vote Councillor Clucas was elected representative. (in favour :23; against:13)

Upon a vote Councillor Flynn was elected substitute. (in favour :23; against:13)

11. GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Mayor invited nominations to the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Jordan nominated Councillor Clucas for representative, with Councillor Whyborn nominated as substitute.

Councillor Smith nominated Councillor Chard for representative and for substitute should he not be elected as representative.

Upon a vote Councillor Clucas was elected representative. (in favour :23; against:12)

Upon a vote Councillor Whyborn was elected substitute. (in favour :23; against:12)

12. GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The Mayor invited nominations to the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel.

Councillor Walklett nominated Councillor McCloskey for representative, with Councillor Murch nominated as substitute.

Councillor Smith nominated Councillor Nelson for representative and for substitute should he not be nominated as representative.

Upon a vote Councillor McCloskey was elected representative. (in favour :23; against:12)

Upon a vote Councillor Murch was elected substitute. (in favour :23; against:12)

13. APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUPS AND WORKING GROUPS

Councillor Rawson proposed that Councillor Harman continued in his role as Chair of the Treasury Management Panel. This was agreed.

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.

14. TO APPROVE THE CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

There were none.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

There were none.

16. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

There were none.

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

None.

Simon Wheeler
Chair

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TO BE APPOINTED AT SELECTION COUNCIL																				
CBC Committees																	Working/Ad Grps		Joint/County committees	
Members	Party	Cabinet	O&S	Audit	Planning	Licensing	Standards	Appointments	Disciplinary	Appeals	Treasury Mgmt	Constitution	GHOSC(non-exec)	Glos Economic Growth O&S	Police and Crime panel	TOTAL for Member				
Substitutes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Size		7	10	7	15	10	3	9	5	5	9	4	1	1	1					
no of Conservatives on each committee		3 2 5 3 2 3 2 1 3 1														25				
Babbage, Matt			1	1							1									
Chard, Andrew	c	S		1	1											2				
Fletcher Jacky	c			1	S	1	1 Vc									2				
Hall Penelope	c	S		1 Vc	S		1		S							1				
Harman, Tim	c	1 Ch	S				S				1 Ch					0				
Mason, Chris	c	1		S			1									2				
Nelson, Chris	c		1 Vc	S							1					2				
Regan Anne	c				1	1 Vc		S								1				
Ryder, Chris		1						1 Vc								1				
Seacome Diggory	c			1	1 Vc											1				
Smith Duncan	c		S				S					1				1				
Wall Andrew	c							1	1							2				
total nominated		0	2	1	4	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	12				
no of labour on each committee	lab															0				
total nominated																0				
		Ch/Vc indicates proposed nomination for Ch/Vc																		
no of lib dem on each committee		6 4 9 6 4 5 3 3 5 2														47				
Barnes Garth	ld	sub		1 Ch	1	1	Sub				1					3				
Britter Nigel	ld	1						Sub			1					2				
Clucas, Flo	ld		1	1				1 Ch				1	1							
Coleman,Chris	ld	Cabinet	Sub	Sub												0				
Fisher Bernard	ld			1		1 Ch	Sub		1							2				
Flynn Wendy	ld			Sub	1		1 Ch	Sub					S			1				
Hay Rowena	ld	Cabinet	Sub	Sub			1									1				
Hay Colin	ld		1 Vc	1	1		1					1				4				
Holliday Sandra	ld		1			Sub		Sub								1				
Jeffries Peter	ld	Cabinet					Sub					1				1				
Jordan Stephen	ld	Cabinet														0				
Lansley, Andrew	ld							1								1				
McCloskey Helena	ld		1		1	Sub			1 Ch	Sub					1	3				
McKinlay Andrew	ld	Cabinet			1											1				

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Murch, Dan			1	1											S	1
Rawson John	ld	Cabinet									1					1
Reid, Rob	ld		Sub			1		1	1							3
Sudbury Klara	ld		Sub		1											1
Vacancy	ld															0
Thornton Pat	ld			1	1	1				Sub	1					4
Walklett Jon	ld	Cabinet			Sub	1					1					2
Wheeler Simon	ld				1	Sub	1	1								3
Williams, Suzanne	ld									1						
Wilkinson, Max	ld		1													
Whyborn Roger	ld					1 Ch	1							S		1
no of lib dem nominated		0	5	4	8	5	3	4	2	2	5	2	1	1	1	41
no of independent on each committee			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ind															0
	ind															0
no of independents nominated			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
no of pab on each committee			1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1				9
Payne, John	pab		1	s		s	1					1				3
Lillywhite, Adam	pab		s		s	1		s		1						2
Prince, David				1							1					2
Stennett Malcolm	pab				1		s	1		s						2
no of pab nominated		0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	7
Total nominated			8	6	13	8	5	7	3	4	8	4	1	1	1	
Total on committee			10	7	15	10	7	9	5	5	9	4	0	0	0	
Substitutes	For each committee the Council will appoint the same number of substitutes in respect of each political group as that group holds ordinary seats on that committee up to a maximum of 3															
	Put a 1 in the above table to indicate a member has been nominated a seat on a committee															
	Put a s in the above table to indicate a member has been nominated as a substitute															