

Council

Monday, 17th May, 2021
2.30 - 3.45 pm

Attendees	
Councillors:	Steve Harvey (Chair) Sandra Holliday (Vice-Chair), Victoria Atherstone, Matt Babbage, Garth Barnes, Dilys Barrell, Angie Boyes, Nigel Britter, Jonny Brownsteen, Flo Clucas, Mike Collins, Iain Dobie, Bernard Fisher, Wendy Flynn, Tim Harman, Rowena Hay, Martin Horwood, Peter Jeffries, Chris Mason, Paul McCloskey, Andrew McKinlay, Tony Oliver, John Payne, Louis Savage, Jo Stafford, Simon Wheeler, Max Wilkinson, Suzanne Williams, David Willingham, Barbara Clark, Stephan Fifield, Alisha Lewis, Guy Maughfling, Emma Nelson, Richard Pineger and Julie Sankey
	Roger Whyborn (Chair)

Minutes

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Councillors Baker, Bassett-Smith, Hegenbarth and Seacome

Present in Cheltenham Town Hall : Cllrs Atherstone, Barnes, Barrell, Boyes, Britter, Clark, Collins, Dobie, Fisher, Flynn, Harman, Harvey, Hay, Holliday, Horwood, Jeffries, Lewis, Maughfling, McCloskey, McKinlay, Oliver, Payne, Pineger, Sankey, Savage Wheeler, Wilkinson, Willingham, Williams

Present via Webex (non voting) Cllrs Babbage, Brownsteen, Clucas, Fifield, Mason, Nelson, Stafford

2. **COMMUNICATIONS BY THE RETIRING MAYOR**

The retiring Mayor wished to acknowledge the level of commitment, initiative and enthusiasm from officers at Cheltenham Borough Council during the unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic through 2020/21. He recognised the amazing feat of keeping so many complex services going, while also inventing new ones, and with most staff working from home. He thanked all officers and Members for their sacrificial commitment to help the people of Cheltenham through this period and ongoing. In particular he wished to thank the Strategy and Engagement Manager and his team and the Revenues and Benefits team and apologised if there were some individuals who had also gone beyond the call of duty and he had failed to mention. He also wished to thank the Mayor's PA, Mayor's driver and the Democratic Services team for their support over the last two years. Finally, he referred to his work with the food network and thanked Cllr Clucas and the Leader Cllr Hay and former Leader Steve Jordan in relation to their work relating to the Mayor's foodbank fund.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR (CHAIR OF COUNCIL) 2021-2022

The Mayor called on Councillor Hay to move the motion proposing Councillor Steve Harvey as Mayor.

Councillor Harvey was proposed for the office of Mayor by Councillor Hay and this was seconded by Councillor Payne.

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor Steve Harvey be, and is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham and Council Chairman for the ensuing Municipal 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 2021-22.

Councillor Steve Harvey took the chair.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR (VICE CHAIR OF COUNCIL) 2021-22

The Mayor called on Councillor Fisher to move the motion proposing Councillor Sandra Holliday as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Holliday was proposed for the office of Deputy Mayor by Councillor Fisher and this was seconded by Councillor Collins.

Members spoke both for and against the nomination.

Upon a request for a recorded vote on the nomination it was

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor Sandra Holliday be, and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham and Council Vice Chair for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Head of Paid Service invited the Deputy Mayor to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Council Vice-Chair for the ensuing municipal year 2021-22.

Voting

FOR (16)-Barrell, Barnes, Britter, Collins, Fisher, Harman, Harvey, Holliday, Jeffries, McCloskey, McKinlay, Oliver, Payne, Pineger, Wheeler, Willingham

AGAINST(4)-Boyes, Flynn, Horwood, Lewis

ABSTAIN-(8) Atherstone, Clark, Dobie, Hay, Maughfling, Sankey, Savage, Wilkinson

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Babbage, Fifield, Fisher, Harman, Nelson, Wheeler, Williams, Willingham declared an interest as County Councillors.

**6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
RESOLVED THAT**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

7. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor reminded Members that they had been invited to attend the Inauguration of the Mayor virtually that evening.

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Jeffries proposed that Councillor Hay be appointed the Leader of the Council for the ensuing 4 years.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor Rowena Hay be appointed the Leader of the Council for the ensuing 4 years.

9. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader took the opportunity to welcome the 8 newly elected Councillors- Councillors Alisha Lewis, Emma Nelson, Guy Maughfling, Barbara Clark, Ian Bassett-Smith, Richard Pineger, Stephan Fifield, Julie Sankey,

She wished to put on record her thanks to the Elections Manager and the Returning Officer for all they did in making the election venues safe and secure for all.

She then went on to thank the outgoing Police and Crime Commissioner, Martin Surl and wished him well in his next venture.

Congratulations were awarded to Chris Nelson on his election to the office of Police and Crime commissioner she looked forward to hearing his vision for Gloucestershire in due course.

Congratulations were also given to the new Mayor, Councillor Steve Harvey and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sandra Holiday.

Finally, she sincerely thanked the Chief Executive and the Democratic Services Team Leader and all others involved in moving this Annual meeting to the Town Hall to allow all Members that wished to attend in person to do so.

10. TO NOTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET INCLUDING THE DEPUTY LEADER

The Leader informed Council of her new cabinet and deputy leader as follows :

Councillor Peter Jeffries-Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member Finance and Assets

Councillor Iain Dobie –Cabinet Member Waste, Recycling & Street Services,

Councillor Max Wilkinson –Cabinet Member Climate Emergency
Councillor Andrew Mckinlay –Cabinet Member Cyber and Strategic Transport
Councillor Victoria Atherstone-Cabinet Member Culture Wellbeing & Business
Councillor Mike Collins –Cabinet Member Housing
Councillor Flo Clucas-Cabinet Member Safety & Communities
Councillor Martin Horwood –Cabinet Member Customer & Regulatory Services

The Leader explained that the portfolio names had changed. She had worked with the Chief Executive to ensure that the administration was working in alignment with the officer resources to deliver our Liberal Democrat vision for Cheltenham and had therefore taken the opportunity to redesign the areas of responsibility. These would be shared with all Members and residents.

11. TO ESTABLISH AND APPOINT TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES, (INCLUDING THE 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, Compliance and Governance Committee
- c) Planning
- d) Licensing
- e) Standards Committee
- f) Appointments and Remuneration Committee
- g) JNC Disciplinary Committee
- h) JNC Appeals Committee

12. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Chris Mason was appointed as Chair of Overview and Scrutiny and Councillor Alex Hegenbarth was appointed as Vice Chair.

13. APPOINTMENT TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Dilys Barrell was appointed to the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

14. APPOINTMENT TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

15. APPOINTMENT TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Councillor Jonny Brownsteen was appointed to the Police and Crime Panel.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY PANELS AND WORKING GROUPS

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).

Councillor Paul McCloskey was appointed Chair of the Treasury Management Panel.

Councillor Iain Dobie was appointed Chair of the Constitution Working Group.

17. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER CHAMPIONS

Councillors Victoria Atherstone and Martin Horwood were appointed Mental Health Champions

Councillor Dilys Barrell was appointed Safeguarding Champion.

Councillor Steve Harvey was appointed Armed Forces Champion

Councillor Richard Pineger was appointed Cycling and Walking Champion.

18. TO APPROVE CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION RESOLVED

To approve the consequential changes to the constitution.

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

20. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

There were none.

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

The Mayor proposed that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs where necessary be elected by Council rather than by individual committees in separate meetings.

RESOLVED

To elect the Chairs and Vice-Chairs as proposed in the table circulated.

Steve Harvey
Chair

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APPOINTED AT SELECTION COUNCIL 17 MAY 2021

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Political proportionality across committees

CBC Committees - must be politically balanced

Working/Ad Grps - cr Member Champions Champions

Joint/County committees

Members	Party	Cabinet	O&S	Audit, Compliance and Governance	Planning	Licensing	Misc Lic Sub (tba by Lic Com)	AI and gamb sub (tba by Lic Co)	Standards	App sub committee (tba by A&I)	Appointments & Remuneration	Disciplinary	Appeals	Treasury Mgmt	Constitution	Cycling and Walking	Safeguarding	Mental Health	Armed Forces	GHOSC(non-exec) + deputy	Glos Ec.Growth O&S (non exec)	Police and Crime O&S (non exec)	TOTAL for Member	
		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Substitutes																								
Size		9	10	7	11	10	5	5	7	6	9	5	5	8	4						0	0	0	
no of Conservatives on each committee		2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	20	
Babbage, Matt	con			1										1										
Harman, Tim	con	Sub			1		1		1	1	1	1												
Fifield, Stephan	con			1																				
Mason, Chris	con	CH																						
Nelson, Emma	con	1								1														
Savage, Louis	con			sub				1							1									
Seacome Diggory	con			1	1	1																		
total nominated		0	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
no of labour on each committee																							0	
total nominated																							0	
no of lib dem on each committee		11	7	5	8	8	4	4	5	5	7	4	4	6	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	76		
Atherstone, Victoria	ld	1								VC								1						
Baker, Paul	ld				VC																			
Barnes Garth	ld				CH	Sub		1																
Barrell, Dilys	ld		1		1					1						1				1				
Boyes, Angie	ld				Sub	VC					CH													
Britter Nigel	ld		1																					
Brownsteen, Jonny	ld					1					1											1		
Clark, Barbara	ld					1					1													
Clucas, Flo	ld	1		1							1			1								Sub		
Collins, Mike	ld	1						Sub			1	1												
Dobie, Iain	ld	1													CH									
Fisher Bernard	ld				1	Sub																		
Flynn Wendy	ld		1										1											
Harvey, Steve	ld		Sub			1							1						1					
Hay Rowena	ld	Leader									CH													
Hegenbarth, Alex	ld		VC												1									
Horwood, Martin	ld	1						VC										1						

Ch/Vc indicates proposed nomination for Ch/Vc

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		Deputy											CH										
Jeffries Peter	ld								1		1		CH										
Lewis, Alisha	ld		1						1														
Maughfling, Guy	ld			CH						1				1									
McCloskey Paul	ld		Sub	Sub	1									CH							1		
McKinlay Andrew	ld	1																					
Pineger, Richard	ld			1	1									1		1							
Sankey, Julie	ld		1									1											
Stafford Jo	ld		1	1	Sub	1								1									
Oliver, Tony	ld				1																		
Wheeler Simon	ld		Sub		1	1																	
Williams, Suzanne	ld					1																	
Willingham, David	ld		Sub	VC		CH								1									
Wilkinson, Max	ld	1							CH														
no of lib dem nominated		9	7											6				1		1	1		0
no of non aligned on each committee			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holliday Sandra	na																						
no of non aligned nominated			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
no of pab on each committee			1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1						0	0	0	6
Bassett-Smith, Ian	pab							1						1									
Payne, John	pab		1	1	1																		
no of pab nominated		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total nominated			9	2	2	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total on committee			10	7	11	10	5	6	7	6	9	5	5	8	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	102	

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