

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL COUNCIL

19 MAY 2022

At an Annual Meeting of the Rugby Borough Council held on 19 May 2022 at 11am.

PRESENT:

[The retiring Mayor Councillor Mrs Deepah Brojohomun-Roberts in the Chair]

Councillors Mrs Allanach, A'Barrow, Mrs Brown, Mrs Crane, Edwards, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Harrington, Mrs Hassell, Miss Lawrence, Lawrence, Lewis, Mrs Livesey, Lowe, Mahoney, Mrs Maoudis, Mistry, Moran, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Parker, Picker, Poole, Rabin, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Ms Robbins, Roberts, Slinger, Srivastava, Mrs Timms, Ward, Ms Watson-Merret and Willis.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Daly, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Eccleson, Ellis, Mrs New, Sandison and Dr Williams.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

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

RESOLVED THAT – Councillor Ms Carolyn Watson-Merret be and is hereby appointed Mayor of Rugby Borough Council for the ensuing year.

[The Mayor (Councillor Ms Carolyn Watson-Merret) made and subscribed a declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair].

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

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

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

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Parker, seconded by Councillor Roberts and

RESOLVED THAT – the Council places on record its appreciation of the manner in which the retiring Mayor (Councillor Mrs Deepah Brojohomun-Roberts) 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 Lowe, seconded by Councillor Mrs O'Rourke and

RESOLVED THAT – the Council places on record its appreciation of the contribution which former Councillors Bearne, Brader, Keeling, McQueen, Dr Shera and Mrs Simpson-Vince made during their service as members of the Borough Council.

6. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members had recently been informed that Past Mayor and former Councillor Ray Kirby sadly passed away last month. Ray was a Councillor for the former Newbold and the current Newbold and Brownsover Wards from 1989 to 2012 and was Mayor of Rugby for the 2001-2002 municipal year. Ray was also Chair of Planning Committee for a number of years.

The Mayor and all those present at the meeting stood for a moment's silence in memory of Ray.

7. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER – RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 5 MAY 2022

The Council received the report of the Returning Officer (agenda item 7) following the Borough Council Elections held on 5 May 2022.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Councillors Edwards, Harrington, Lawrence, Livesey, Moran, Slinger and Ward 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 2022/23

The Executive Director submitted a report (agenda item 8) in respect of constitutional arrangements and the allocation of seats to party groups for the municipal year 2022/23.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the composition of Cabinet for the 2022/23 municipal year, as detailed in the report, be noted;
- (2) 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;
- (3) 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
- (4) 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 2022/23 – BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

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

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the appointments listed in the tables attached at Appendices 1 and 2 be approved, making any amendments as appropriate; and
- (2) new representatives be appointed to Bilton Poor's Land and other Charities, Rugby Borough Neighbourhood Watch and as substitute for the Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder to Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Board, with nominations being submitted to the Democratic Services team as soon as possible.

MAYOR