



STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Stockport on 17 May 2022 at 2.30 pm.

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Adrian Nottingham) in the chair; Deputy Mayor (Councillor David Wilson); Councillors Shan Alexander, Malcolm Allan, Brian Bagnall, Kate Butler, Christine Carrigan, Anna Charles-Jones, Stuart Corris, Liz Crix, Roy Driver, Colin Foster, Sue Glithero, Graham Greenhalgh, Steve Gribbon, Oliver Harrison, Linda Holt, Mark Hunter, Mike Hurleston, Gary Lawson, Carole McCann, Tom McGee, David Meller, Amanda Peers, Ian Powney, Charlie Stewart, John Taylor, Sue Thorpe, Alanna Vine, Wendy Wild and Elise Wilson.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

MOVED BY Councillor Kate Butler

SECONDED BY Councillor Roy Driver

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - That Councillor David Wilson of 28 Salisbury Street, Reddish, Stockport be elected Mayor of this Borough for the period to the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Wilson then made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office required by law to qualify him to act in the office of Mayor.

The Mayor (Councillor David Wilson) in the chair

The Mayor expressed thanks to the Council for his election.

2. INVESTITURE OF THE MAYORESS WITH HER BADGE OF OFFICE

The Mayor informed the Council that Ms Jeannette Slavinski had agreed to act as his Mayoress. The Mayoress was then invested with her badge of office by the retiring Mayoress (Mrs Diane Nottingham).

3. VOTE OF THANKS TO PAST MAYOR AND PAST MAYORESS

MOVED BY Councillor Anna Charles-Jones

SECONDED BY Councillor Carole McCann

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - That thanks be tendered to the Past Mayor and the Past Mayoress for their services during their term of office. The Mayor then presented the Past Mayor and the Mayoress then presented to the Past Mayoress, badges in the form of replicas of the badge attached to the mayoral chain as mementos of their term of office.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Hurleston

SECONDED BY Councillor Alanna Vine

That Councillor Linda Holt of 76 Lyme Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the period to the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Holt then made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office required by law to qualify her to act in the office of Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor expressed thanks to the Council for her appointment.

5. THE MAYOR'S CONSORT TO BE INVESTED WITH HER BADGE OF OFFICE

The Deputy Mayor informed the Council that Mrs Diane Nottingham had agreed to act as her Deputy Mayoress. The Deputy Mayoress was then invested with her chain of office by the Past Deputy Mayoress (Ms Jeanette Slavinski).

6. VOTE OF THANKS TO PAST DEPUTY MAYOR AND PAST DEPUTY MAYORESS

MOVED BY Councillor Kate Butler

SECONDED BY Councillor Roy Driver

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - That thanks be tendered to the Past Deputy Mayor and Past Deputy Mayoress for their services during their term of office.

The Deputy Mayor then presented the Past Deputy Mayor with a badge as a memento of his term of office.

The Past Deputy Mayor replied.

7. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31 March 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

8. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's Chaplain

The Mayor announced that this chaplain for the year would be Reverend Marie Flint, Curate of the Parish of Stockport with Brinnington.

Civic Service – 26 June 2022

The Mayor informed the Council Meeting that the Civic Service would be held on Sunday, 26 June 2022 at 2.30 pm at the Stockport (St Mary's) Parish Church.

It was stated that this would be followed at a later date by a Civic Reception in the Ballroom at the Town Hall, Stockport on Thursday, 21 July 2022.

The Mayor's Charity

The Mayor reported that the Mayor's Charity would be raising funds for NK Theatre Arts, Stockport County Community Foundation and Help for Heroes.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interest which they had in any of the items on the Summons for this meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

10. REPORT ON THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED – That the report of the Returning Officer as to the persons elected to the office of Councillor on 5 May 2022 be noted.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 3.30 pm it was

RESOLVED – That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting reconvened at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 19 May 2022.

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor David Wilson); the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Linda Holt); Councillors Shan Alexander, Malcolm Allan, Lou Ankers, Paul Ankers, Brian Bagnall, Sheila Bailey, Grace Baynham, Kate Butler, Christine Carrigan, Anna Charles-Jones, Angie Clark, Laura Clingan, Stuart Corris, Liz Crix, Dickie Davies, Will Dawson, Roy Driver, Dean Fitzpatrick, Colin Foster, Helen Foster-Grime, Sue Glithero, Graham Greenhalgh, Steve Gribbon, Oliver Harrison, Louise Heywood, Keith Holloway, Ian Hunter, Mark Hunter, Mike Hurleston, Oliver Johnstone, Jilly Julian, Gary Lawson, Rory Leonard, Colin MacAlister, Carole McCann, Tom McGee, Wendy Meikle, David Meller, Janet Mobbs, Tom Morrison, Amanda Peers, Ian Powney, Mark Roberts, Dena Ryness, David Sedgwick, Becky Senior, Vince Shaw, Frankie Singleton, Lisa Smart, Andy Sorton, Charlie Stewart, Catherine Stuart, John Taylor, Aron Thornley, Sue Thorpe, Alanna Vine, Kerry Waters, Wendy Wild, Elise Wilson, Suzanne Wyatt and Matt Wynne.

12. CABINET LEADER (LEADER OF THE COUNCIL)

Councillors Mark Hunter and Elise Wilson were nominated for appointment to the office of Cabinet Leader and Leader of the Council until the meeting of the Annual Council following the end of their term of office.

For Councillor Hunter – 31

For Councillor Wilson – 25

Abstentions - 7

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mark Hunter be appointed Cabinet Leader and Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council following the end of his term of office.

A named vote was requested in relation to the voting on this resolution and the voting was recorded as follows:-

The councillors who voted in favour of Councillor Hunter were:-

Councillors Shan Alexander, Malcolm Allan, Lou Ankers, Paul Ankers, Grace Baynham, Anna Charles-Jones, Angie Clark, Stuart Corris, Will Dawson, Helen Foster-Grime, Graham Greenhalgh, Steve Gribbon, Oliver Harrison, Keith Holloway, Ian Hunter, Mark Hunter, Jilly Julian, Colin MacAlister, Carole McCann, Wendy Meikle, Tom Morrison, Ian Powney, Mark Roberts, Becky Senior, Vince Shaw, Frankie Singleton, Lisa Smart, Catherine Stuart, Aron Thornley, Sue Thorpe and Suzanne Wyatt.

The councillors who voted in favour of Councillor Wilson were:-

The Mayor; Councillors Sheila Bailey, Kate Butler, Christine Carrigan, Laura Clingan, Dickie Davies, Roy Driver, Dean Fitzpatrick, Colin Foster, Sue Glithero, Louise Heywood, Rory Leonard, Tom McGee, David Meller, Janet Mobbs, Amanda Peers, Dena Ryness, David Sedgwick, Andy Sorton, Charlie Stewart, John Taylor, Kerry Waters, Wendy Wild, Elise Wilson and Matt Wynne.

The councillors who abstained were:-

The Deputy Mayor; Brian Bagnall, Liz Crix, Mike Hurleston, Oliver Johnstone, Gary Lawson and Alanna Vine.

13. DEPUTY CABINET LEADER (DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL), THE CABINET, AND THE ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The Cabinet Leader (Leader of the Council) reported that he had appointed Councillor Wendy Meikle as Deputy Cabinet Leader (Deputy Leader of the Council) and that details of other members of the Cabinet and the portfolios that they would be responsible for would be notified to the Chief Executive and members of the Council as soon as possible.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

14. ALLOCATION OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPORTIONALITY RULES

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Council Meeting give consideration to the adoption of alternative arrangements in respect of appointments to committees, and not an allocation strictly in accordance with proportionality under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, provided that no member votes in opposition.

RESOLVED – That the Council Meeting adopt alternative arrangements in respect of appointments to committees which are not strictly in accordance with proportionality under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989) as detailed in paragraph 1.10 of the report and to exclude the following from the Proportionality Calculation.”

- Contributors Committee
- Funding Committee
- Stockport Homes Member Committee
- Standards Committee
- Health and Wellbeing Board

15. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

and

16. APPOINTMENT OF ORDINARY COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES

and

17. REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES

With the consent of the meeting, it was agreed that items 16, 16 and 17 be taken together as the motion that was due to moved by the Liberal Democrat Group proposed to deal with all three items collectively.

It was then

RESOLVED – (1) That the Council Meeting give approval to the establishment of Scrutiny Committees, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Ordinary Committees, Area Committees, Working Parties and other Member bodies and their associated terms of reference as detailed in the schedule published with the Summons.

(2) That the Council Meeting be recommended to give approval to the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Ordinary and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the principles outlined in the document entitled “Liberal Democrat Group Committees Proposal 2022”.

(3) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to give approval to the composition of Scrutiny Committees, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Ordinary Committees, Area Committees, Working Parties, other Member bodies, appointments to Outside Bodies and the names of the Chairs and Vice- Chairs in accordance with:-

- (i) the approved allocation of places on committees in accordance with the proportionality rules;
- (ii) the expressed wishes of the political group entitled to fill those positions; and
- (iii) the schedule of political groups entitled to occupy the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair approved by the Council Meeting under resolution (2).

18. APPOINTMENT OF LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS

RESOLVED - That the appointment of the following Leaders of Political Groups be noted as follows:-

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Liberal Democrat	- Councillor Mark Hunter
Labour	- Councillor Elise Wilson
Conservative	- Councillor Mike Hurleston
Independent Ratepayers	- Councillor Anna Charles-Jones
Green Party	- Councillor Gary Lawson

19. COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That the dates and times of Council Meetings to be held during the period to the next Annual Council Meeting be noted as follows:-

14 July 2022 at 6.00 pm
6 October 2022 at 6.00 pm
17 November 2022 at 6.00 pm
12 January 2023 at 6.00 pm
23 February 2023 (Budget) at 6.00 pm
30 March 2023 at 6.00 pm

20. BUSINESS PROGRAMME

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the proposed Business Programme for the 2022/23 municipal year.

RESOLVED – That the dates and times of meetings of the Cabinet, Committees, Working Parties and other Member bodies for the Municipal Year 2022/23 be noted.

21. CONSTITUTION AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting that the Council Meeting gives approval to delegation by the Council of its executive and non-executive functions and further requesting that the Council Meeting approves and adopts a revised Constitution incorporating those amendments previously approved by the Council Meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation be approved and adopted.

The meeting closed at 6.42 pm