

FULL COUNCIL

3 SEPTEMBER 2020

Present:

Councillors Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, Cook, D Cox, H Cox, Daws, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Haines, Hayes, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffery, Jeffries, Jenks, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Parker-Khan, Parker (Vice-Chairman), Patch, Peart, J Petherick (Chairman), L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne, Tume and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors Austen and Orme

Officers in Attendance:

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Phil Shears, Managing Director
Beth Tipton, Administrative Assistant
Karen Trickey, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Austin and Orme.

40. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

41. URGENT ITEM - ELECTION OF LEADER

It was proposed by Councillor G Hook and seconded by Councillor Russell that Councillor Connett be elected Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor Connett be elected Leader of the Council.

A Roll Call taken.

Voting for

Councillors Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, Cook, H Cox, D Cox, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Hayes, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffrey, Jeffries, Jenks, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Nutley,

Nuttall, Parker-Khan, Peart, L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne, Tume, Wrigley, Parker and J Petherick
(Total: 39)

Abstain

Councillors Daws, Hocking, Mullone and Patch
(Total: 4)

Absent

Councillors Bradford and Haines
(Total: 2)

Apologies

Councillors Austin and Orme
(Total: 2)

The Leader addressed the Council, he stated that his administration priorities were Climate Change, Jobs and Homes and advised that his Executive members were:-

Portfolio	Member
Deputy Leader of the Council Recycling, Household Waste & Environmental Health	Cllr A Dewhirst
Climate Change	Cllr J Hook
Economy & Jobs	Cllr N Jeffries
Homes & Communities	Cllr M Wrigley
Planning	Cllr G Taylor
Sport, Recreation & Culture	Cllr A MacGregor
Corporate Resources (remains Member Champion for Armed Forces Covenant and Fair Trade)	Cllr R Keeling
Without Portfolio – assisting with response to Covid-19	Cllr S Purser

42. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STANDARDS COMMITTEE (AGENDA ITEM 7 AS PER PUBLISHED AGENDA 28 JULY 2020)

The recommendations of the Standards Committee 26 February 2020 were moved by the Standards Committee Chair (2019/20). These were not seconded.

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Sport, Culture & Recreation that the recommendations be referred back to the Standards Committee for further consideration.

RESOLVED that the recommendations from the Standards Committee 26 February 2020 be referred back to the Standards Committee for further consideration.

A Roll Call was taken.

Voting for

Councillors Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, Cook, H Cox, D Cox, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Hayes, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffrey, Jeffries, Jenks, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Parker-Khan, Patch, Peart, L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne, Tume, Wrigley, Parker and J Petherick
(Total: 42)

Abstain

Councillor Daws
(Total: 1)

Absent

Councillors Bradford and Haines
(Total: 2)

Apologies

Councillors Austin and Orme
(Total: 2)

**43. RECOMMENDATION FROM STRATA JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(AGENDA ITEM 8 AS PER PUBLISHED AGENDA -28 JULY 2020)**

The Portfolio Holder for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health advised that the Strata Business Plan was currently being updated as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and as a consequence this item was being withdrawn.

**44. SECOND REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP
(AGENDA ITEM 9 AS PER PUBLISHED AGENDA 28 JULY 2020)**

The Leader presented the report recommendations numbered (1), (2) and (3) from the Constitution Review Group.

He proposed report recommendations (1), (2), 3(a) with the amendments below; and that the report recommendations 3 (b), 3 (c) and 3 (d) to be referred back to the Constitution Working Group for further consideration:-

- i) A councillor can resign from a Committee by notifying their Group Leader/Deputy Leader who will advise the Managing Director in writing or by email (Where a councillor is not in a Group, they should advise the Managing Director in writing/by email);

- ii) If a councillor stops being a member of the Authority, or resigns from a committee, the Leader of the relevant Group (or, in their absence, the Deputy Leader), will appoint a replacement committee member to fill the vacancy;
- iii) Appointments of replacement councillors or changes to committee membership will be reported to the next available Council meeting; and
- iv) Councillors appointed to committees will undertake the appropriate training before being able to serve, for example Planning, Licensing; and

The recommendation was seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The Executive and Scrutiny Committee Chairs should meet as required (but preferably no less than quarterly) to consider the forthcoming work of the their committees;
- (2) The Regulatory & Appeals and Licensing Act 2003 committees be replaced with a new committee called Licensing and Regulatory Committee as provided for in Section 3 of the circulated report;
- (3) The Constitution be amended so that in respect to committee appointments:
 - i) A councillor can resign from a Committee by notifying their Group Leader/Deputy Leader who will advise the Managing Director in writing or by email (Where a councillor is not in a Group, they should advise the Managing Director in writing/by email);
 - ii) If a councillor stops being a member of the Authority, or resigns from a committee, the Leader of the relevant Group (or, in their absence, the Deputy Leader), will appoint a replacement committee member to fill the vacancy;
 - iii) Appointments of replacement councillors or changes to committee membership will be reported to the next available Council meeting; and
 - iv) Councillors appointed to committees will undertake the appropriate training before being able to serve, for example Planning, Licensing; and
- (4) The report recommendations 3 (b), 3 (c) and 3 (d) to be referred back to the Constitution Working Group for further consideration.

A Roll Call was taken.

Voting for

Councillors Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, Cook, H Cox, D Cox, Daws, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Hayes, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffrey, Jeffries, Jenks, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Parker-Khan, Patch, Peart, L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne, Tume, Wrigley, Parker and J Petherick
(Total: 43)

Abstain

Councillors Bradford and Haines
(Total: 2)

Apologies

Councillors Austin and Orme
(Total: 2)

Members then debated items numbered recommendations 4 and 5 of the circulated report.

The Leader proposed recommendations 4 and 5 and this was seconded by the Portfolio Holder for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health.

RESOLVED that:-

- (5) The current Overview and Scrutiny Committee be replaced with two new scrutiny committees as provided for in paragraph 2.5 of the circulated report; and
- (6) The Planning Committee comprise of 17 members.

A Roll Call was taken.

Voting for

Councillors Connett, Cook, H Cox, D Cox, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Hayes, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffries, Jenks, Keeling, MacGregor, Morgan, Nutley, Nuttall, Rollason, Swain, Taylor, Wrigley and Parker
(Total: 24)

Against

Councillors Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Daws, Gribble, Haines, Hocking, Jeffrey, Kerswell, Mullone, Parker-Khan, Patch, Peart, L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Russell, Thorne, Tume and J Petherick
(Total: 20)

Absent

Councillor Bradford
(Total: 1)

Apologies

Councillors Austin and Orme
(Total: 2)

45. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND POLITICAL BALANCE (AGENDA ITEM 10 AS PER PUBLISHED AGENDA 28 JULY 2020)

Further to the Council's immediately preceding two resolutions, the Council received nominations from Group Leaders regarding Option C (as per the supplementary report paper) and the Chair advised that in respect of Option C the following updates had been received from the Independent Group Leader:-

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1) nominations - Cllrs Hocking and Patch; and
- Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee nomination - Cllr Orme.

The recommendation for the committee seat allocations as per Option C and with the said updates was proposed by the Leader and seconded by Cllr H Cox.

RESOLVED that the nominations to allocate committee seats for 2020/21 as per Option C (subject to the updates from the Independent Group Leader) be approved.

A Roll Call was taken.

Voting for

Councillors Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, H Cox, D Cox, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Hayes, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffrey, Jeffries, Jenks, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Nutley, Nuttall, Parker-Khan, Peart, L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne, Tume, Wrigley, Parker and J Petherick
(Total: 39)

Abstain

Councillors Daws, Hocking, Mullone and Patch
(Total: 4)

Absent

Councillors Bradford and Cook
(Total: 2)

Apologies

Councillors Austin and Orme
(Total: 2)

The meeting started at 2.15 pm and finished at 4.20 pm.

Chair