

COUNCIL

Thursday 19 May 2011

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Benjamin (Lord Mayor), Armitage (Deputy Lord Mayor), Fooks (Sheriff), Abbasi, Altaf-Khan, Brett, Brown, Brundin, Campbell, Clarkson, Cook, Coulter, Darke, Goddard, Gotch, Hazell, Humberstone, Jones, Keen, Khan, Lygo, McCready, McManners, Mills, Pressel, Price, Rowley, Rundle, Sanders, Seamons, Sinclair, Smith, Tanner, Timbs, Turner, Van Nooijen, Williams, Wolff and Young.

1. ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2011/12

Councillor Bob Price proposed and Councillor Sanders seconded, that there being no other nominations, Council resolved that Councillor Elise Benjamin be elected as Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council Year 2011/12.

Councillor Benjamin took the chair from Councillor Goddard, then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2011/12

Councillor Bob Price proposed and Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan seconded, and there being no other nominations, Council resolved that Councillor Alan Armitage be elected Deputy Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council Year 2011/12.

Councillor Armitage then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2011/12

Councillor Jim Campbell proposed and Councillor John Tanner seconded, and there being no other nominations, Council resolved to appoint Councillor Jean Fooks Sheriff of Oxford and Conservator of Port Meadow and city Fisheries for the Council Year 2011/12.

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING LORD MAYOR

Councillor Bob Price Proposed and Councillor Stephen Brown seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Lord Mayor, Councillor John Goddard, for his services as Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council Year 2010/11

5. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING SHERIFF

Councillor Dee Sinclair proposed and Councillor Stephen Brown seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Sheriff, Councillor Colin Cook, for his services as Sheriff of Oxford for the Council Year 2010/11.

6. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Antonia Bance, Sajjad Malik, Matthew Morton, Gwynneth Royce and Ruth Wilkinson.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LORD MAYOR

No announcements were made.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

No announcements were made.

9. ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2011/12

Councillor Ed Turner proposed and Councillor Scott Seamons seconded, and there being no other nominations, Council resolved that Councillor Bob Price be elected Leader of the Council for the Council Year 2011/12.

Councillor Bob Price then proposed and Councillor Bob Timbs seconded, and there being no other nominations, council resolved that Ed Turner be elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the Council Year 2011/12.

10. APPOINTMENT OF CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Councillor Bob Price seconded by Councillor Ed Turner proposed, and there being no other propositions, Council resolved that a City Executive Board comprising of ten Members of Council be established for the Council Year 2011/12 and that the following Members of Council would be members of the Board:-

The Leader of the Council then announced the names and short descriptions of responsibilities of the City Executive Board Members as follows:-

Bob Price (Leader) Corporate Governance and Strategic Partnerships

Ed Turner (Deputy Leader) Finance and Efficiency

Antonia Bance Stronger Communities

Colin Cook City Development

Van Coulter Leisure Services

Mark Lygo Parks and Sports

Joe McManners Housing Needs

Val Smith Regeneration

John Tanner

Cleaner, Greener Oxford

Bob Timbs

Crime and Community Safety

11. APPOINTMENT OF DECISION-MAKING AND OTHER BODIES FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2011/12

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended).

Council resolved:

- (a) To appoint a Standards Committee with powers and duties as set out in paragraph 7.8 of the Constitution and with membership as set out in the appendix to the signed copy of these minutes;
- (b) To appoint a Licensing Committee to discharge the responsibilities contained in the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005, with powers and duties as set out in paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5 of the Constitution, and with a memberships as set out in the appendix to the signed copy of these minutes;
- (c) To appoint an Audit and Governance Committee, a General Purposes Licensing Committee, an Appointments Committee and a Disciplinary Committee for the Chief Executive, Directors and Heads of Service, with powers and duties as set out in Sections 5 and 7 of the Constitution, and with memberships as set out in the appendix to the signed copy of these minutes;
- (d) To appoint an East Area Planning Committee and a West Area Planning Committee to determine planning applications and discharge other responsibilities, and a Planning Review Committee to determine called in planning applications, with powers and duties as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the Constitution, and with memberships as set out in the appendix to the signed copy of these minutes;
- (e) To appoint a Communities and Partnership Scrutiny Committee and a Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee with powers and duties as set out in the Constitution, and with memberships as set out in the appendix to the signed copy of these minutes;
- (f) That all members of Council should constitute the pool of members from which an observer representative would be invited to observe at Appeals Panels into disciplinary sanctions or grievance decisions;
- (g) To appoint Councillor Susanna Pressel to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- (h) To authorise the Head of Law and Governance making any changes to the Constitution in consequence of Council's decisions on committee appointments and powers and duties.

12. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Council resolved:

- (a) To re-affirm for the Council Year 2011/12 the Council's Scheme of Delegation as set out in Section 5 of the Constitution;
- (b) To note the Executive's Scheme of Delegations as set out in Section 4 of the Constitution.

The meeting started at 4.00 pm and ended at 6.20 pm

APPOINTMENT OF DECISION-MAKING AND OTHER BODIES FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2011/12

Committees where political balance is NOT required

1. Standards Committee

Seats as follows:-

5 seats for Councillors – Councillors Clark Brundin, Michael Gotch, Gill Sanders Val Smith and Dick Wolff.

5 x Independent members – Chris Ballinger, Meryll Dean, Martin Gardner, Anne Gwinnett and John Lay

2 x Parish Council representatives – Nils Bartleet and Fred Mogridge

2. Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee

15 seats (the maximum permitted by law) – Councillors Tony Brett, Clark Brundin, Jim Campbell, Mary Clarkson, Colin Cook, John Goddard, Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan, Mark Lygo, Matthew Morton, Mike Rowley, Gwynneth Royce, Gill Sanders, Dee Sinclair, Bob Timbs and David Williams.

Committees where political balance IS required

1. General Purposes Licensing Committee

10 seats – Councillors Clark Brundin, Jim Campbell, Mary Clarkson, Colin Cook, Van Coulter, John Goddard, Michael Gotch, Bryan Keen, Gwynneth Royce and David Williams.

2. Audit and Governance Committee

7 seats – Councillors Clark Brundin, Roy Darke, Beverley Hazell, Bryan Keen, Mark Mills, Matthew Morton and Oscar Van Nooijen.

3. Appointments Committee

5 seats (including at least one Board member) – Councillors Stephen Brown, Mark Mills, Bob Price, Gill Sanders and Ed Turner.

4. Disciplinary Committee for Chief Executive, Executive Directors and Heads of Service

4 seats – Councillors Stephen Brown, Mark Mills, Bob Price and David Williams.

5. Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee

12 seats (no Board members) – Councillors Mohammed Niaz Abbasi, Stephen Brown, Michael Gotch, Rae Humberstone, Bryan Keen, Stuart McCready, Jajjad Malik, Oscar Van Nooijen, Mike Rowley, Gwynneth Royce, Scott Seamons and David Williams.

6. Communities and Partnership Scrutiny Committee

12 seats (no Board members) – Councillors Mohammed Altaf-Khan, Laurence Baxter, Jim Campbell, Mary Clarkson, Beverley Hazell, Graham Jones, Shah Jahan Khan, Gill Sanders, Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan, Ruth Wilkinson, and Nuala Young.

7. East Area Planning Committee

9 seats – Councillors Stephen Brown, Mary Clarkson, Van Coulter, Roy Darke, Jean Fooks, Bryan Keen, David Rundle, Gill Sanders and Dick Wolff.

8. West Area Planning Committee

9 seats – Councillors Elise Benjamin, Colin Cook, John Goddard, Michael Gotch, Graham Jones, Shah Jahan Khan, Bob Price, John Tanner and Oscar Van Nooijen.

9. Planning Review Committee

9 seats – Councillors Mohammed Altaf-Khan, Alan Armitage, Antonia Bance, Laurence Baxter, Tony Brett, Mark Lygo, Mike Rowley, Ed Turner and Nuala Young.