

Minutes of a meeting of Council on Thursday 16 May 2024

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Council members present:

Councillor Rowley (Lord Mayor)

Councillor Fry (Sheriff)

Councillor Arshad

Councillor Brown

Councillor Clarkson

Councillor Diggins

Councillor Fouweather

Councillor Goddard

Councillor Henwood

Councillor Hunt

Councillor Jupp

Councillor Latif

Councillor Malik

Councillor Alistair Morris

Councillor Munkonge

Councillor Powell

Councillor Railton

Councillor Regisford

Councillor Sandelson

Councillor Roz Smith

Councillor Stares

Councillor Upton

Councillor Yeatman

Councillor Corais (Deputy Lord Mayor)

Councillor Altaf-Khan

Councillor Azad

Councillor Chapman

Councillor Coyne

Councillor Djafari-Marbini

Councillor Gant

Councillor Harley

Councillor Hollingsworth

Councillor Jarvis

Councillor Kerr

Councillor Lygo

Councillor Miles

Councillor Max Morris

Councillor Ottino

Councillor Pressel

Councillor Rawle

Councillor Rehman

Councillor Linda Smith

Councillor Smowton

Councillor Turner

Councillor Waite

Also present for all or part of the meeting:

Caroline Green, Chief Executive

Tom Bridgman, Executive Director (Development)

Tom Hook, Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Emma Jackman, Head of Law and Governance
Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy
Jonathan Malton, Committee and Member Services Manager
Alice Courtney, Scrutiny Officer

Apologies:

Councillor(s) Muddiman, Mundy and Qayyum sent apologies.

The minutes show when Councillors who were absent for part of the meeting arrived and left.

1. Election of Lord Mayor for the Council year 2024/25

Cllr Turner proposed, seconded by Cllr Lygo, that Cllr Mike Rowley be elected Lord Mayor to the start of the Annual Council meeting in May 2025.

There were no other nominations.

Council resolved to elect Cllr Mike Rowley as Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council year 2024/25.

Cllr Goddard joined the meeting.

2. Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor for the Council year 2024/25

Cllr Hollingsworth proposed, seconded by Cllr Arshad, that Cllr Tiago Corais be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor to the start of the Annual Council meeting in May 2025.

There were no other nominations.

Council resolved to appoint Cllr Tiago Corais as Deputy Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council year 2024/25.

3. Appointment of Sheriff for the Council year 2024/25

Cllr Munkonge proposed, seconded by Cllr Jarvis, that Cllr James Fry be appointed Sheriff to the start of the Annual Council meeting in May 2025.

There were no other nominations.

Council resolved to elect Cllr James Fry as Sheriff of Oxford for the Council year 2024/25.

Cllr Regisford joined the meeting.

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Announcements

The Lord Mayor announced his chosen charities for the 2024/25 Civic Year were Love Barton, SeeSaw and Yellow Submarine. The Lord Mayor also announced that, since the last meeting of Full Council, former Cllr Mike Gotch had sadly passed away; Council held a minute's silence in his memory.

There were no announcements from the Chief Executive.

Rev Buckley, City Rector congratulated the Civic Office holders and new Councillors on their recent appointments and offered his support and gratitude to Councillors and Council staff for the work they continued to do. He read aloud a quote from the Oxford writer J.R.R. Tolkien and concluded that he was looking forward to the year ahead.

6. Report of the Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council moved her report. She congratulated the Civic Office holders and welcomed new and returning Councillors. She reminded Councillors of the importance of ensuring that behaviour in the Council Chamber remained courteous.

Appointments of Deputy Leader, Cabinet portfolio holders and other executive appointments were detailed in her report circulated to all Councillors and given below:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet appointments and responsibilities:

Role	Member	Portfolio
Leader	Cllr Susan Brown	Partnership Working
Deputy Leader (statutory)	Cllr Ed Turner	Finance and Asset Management
Deputy Leader (non-statutory)	Cllr Anna Railton	Zero Carbon Oxford
Cabinet Member	Cllr Lubna Arshad	A Safer Oxford
Cabinet Member	Cllr Nigel Chapman	Citizen Focused Services and Council Companies
Cabinet Member	Cllr Alex Hollingsworth	Business, Culture and an Inclusive Economy
Cabinet Member	Cllr Chewe Munkonge	A Healthy Oxford
Cabinet Member	Cllr Linda Smith	Housing and Communities
Cabinet Member	Cllr Louise Upton	Planning

Future Oxfordshire Partnership appointments:

Body	Member	Named substitute
Future Oxfordshire Partnership (<i>Leader</i>)	Cllr Susan Brown	Cllr Anna Railton
Housing Advisory Group	Cllr Linda Smith	Cllr Nigel Chapman
Infrastructure Advisory Group	Cllr Louise Upton	Cllr Linda Smith
Environment Advisory Group	Cllr Anna Railton	Cllr Louise Upton
Planning Advisory Group	Cllr Louise Upton	Cllr Alex Hollingsworth

Shareholder and Joint Venture Group appointments:

Body	Members
SJVG for ODS, OCHL & Joint Ventures	Cllr Susan Brown Cllr Nigel Chapman Cllr Ed Turner Cllr Chewe Munkonge Cllr Linda Smith

7. Appointment to Council Committees 2024/25

Council had before it a report from the Head of Law and Governance asking Council to appoint committees and the members serving on those committees for the Council year 2024/25 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Section 15) and other relevant legislation.

On being proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Snowton and put to the vote, Council approved the recommendations and nominations to committee places.

Council **resolved** to:

1. **Approve** the structure of the Council committees, as defined within the Council's Constitution and set out in Appendix 1: Committee structure 2024/25;
2. **Approve** the methods, calculations and conventions used in determining political representation on committees as outlined in the report and shown in Appendix 2: Political proportionalities on Council committees 2024-25;

3. **Appoint** to committee seats in accordance with the requirements of political proportionality and the nominations made by political groups, as shown in Appendix 3: Committee nominations 2024-25;
4. **Agree** that all members of Council will form the pool of members able to observe on appeals and some grievances panels in accordance with the Council's policies;
5. **Appoint** three non-executive members to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel (see Appendix 3: Committee nominations 2024-25);
6. **Appoint** one non-executive member to the Joint Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (see Appendix 3: Committee nominations 2024-25).

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 5.25 pm

Lord Mayor

Date: Monday 15 July 2024

Decisions on items of business take effect immediately:

Motions may be implemented immediately or may require further budget provision and/or reports to Cabinet before implementation.

Details are in the Council's Constitution.