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COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2017 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill

101 Election of Chairman 2017/18

The Chairman, Councillor Richard Britton, welcomed all those present to the meeting and gave an address, as outgoing Chairman of Council, thanking the officer, councillors and his wife for supporting him in the role.

The Chairman also took the opportunity to make the following announcements:

Outgoing Councillors – Acknowledgement Of Service

It was noted that at the last council meeting, the meeting acknowledged those councillors who had let it be known they would not be standing for re-election,

and that it had now been confirmed that the following members did not seek reelection:

Chris Auckland, Rosemary Brown, Chris Caswill, Jamie Capp, Charles Howard, Keith Humphries, Julian Johnson, Simon Killane, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, Helen Osborn, Mark Packard, Linda Packard, Nina Phillips and Dick Tonge;

And the following members were not returned:

Desna Allen, Glenis Ansell, Nick Blakemore, Terry Chivers, Dennis Drewett, Peter Edge, John Knight, Magnus Macdonald, Alan Macrae, Howard Marshall, David Pollitt, Sheila Parker, Ian Tomes and Ian West.

The Chairman paid tribute to their hard work and the contribution they made to wiltshire and the communities they represented.

The Chairman also took the Opportunity Of Welcoming The 29 New Councillors On The Council. Councillors:

Philip Alford, Ben Anderson, Ian Blair-Pilling, Derek Brown, Clare Cape, Pauline Church, Jane Davies, Matthew Dean, Peter Fuller, Sarah Gibson, Gavin Grant, David Halik, Deborah Halik, Ross Henning, Darren Henry, Sven Hocking, Ruth Hopkinsin, Tony Jackson, Johnny Kidney, Edward Kirk, Jim Lynch, Brian Mathew, Nick Murry, Ashley O'neill, Stewart Palmen, Andy Phillips, Tom Rounds, Hayley Spencer and Robert Yuill.

Engagements

The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to engagements undertaken, including:

- The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain Western Section's Annual Luncheon, Swindon
- Nadder Centre Campus Opening, Tisbury.
- Young Voice of Trowbridge Competition, John of Gaunt School.
- B.E.M. Medal Presentation Ceremony, Bowood House.
- Visit Of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales to Wadworth Brewery, Devizes.
- High Sheriff's Reception, The Members' Room, County Hall.
- Amesbury Mayor's Civic Service, St. Mary & St. Melor Church, Amesbury.
- Service For The Rule Of Law, Salisbury Cathedral.
- Mayor of Warminster's Civic Service, St. Denys (Minster) Church, Warminster.

- Salisbury City Council Mayor Making Ceremony.
- Salisbury City Council Annual Mayoral Civic Service And Luncheon.

Death Of Retired Councillors

The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to following deaths of retired Councillors:

Mr. Charles Winchcombe, who represented Devizes as a county councillor and was a former mayor of Devizes, died on 26th March, 2017. Mr. Winchcombe served 30 years as a town councillor and was also a member of Kennet District Council.

Col. Michael Mounde, M.B.E. (Re), who Died On 2nd March, 2017, was a West Wiltshire District Councillor for 10 Years. He Was also chairman of the Heart Of Wessex (Formerly Sowing Seeds) local action group which covers south Wiltshire And South Somerset, and of the Warminster and Villages Development Trust.

The Chairman then sought nominations for the position of Chairman of Council for 2017/18.

Councillor Alison Bucknell was proposed by Councillor Jerry Kunkler and seconded by Councillor Stuart Wheeler.

There being no further nominations it was;

Resolved

That Councillor Alison Bucknell be elected Chairman of Wiltshire Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

The Chairman subsequently read out and signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman of the Council witnessed by the Monitoring Officer.

Councillor Alison Bucknell in the Chair

102 Election of Vice-Chairman 2017/18

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of Council for 2017/18.

Councillor James Sheppard was proposed by Councillor Chris Williams and seconded by Councillor Alan Hill. There being no other nominations, it was

Resolved:

That Councillor James Sheppard be elected Vice-Chairman of Wiltshire Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

The Vice-Chairman subsequently read out and signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chairman of the Council witnessed by the Monitoring Officer.

103 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Trevor Carbin.

104 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman asked if there were any declarations of interest to be made, drawing the meeting's attention to the previously circulated advice of the Monitoring Officer in relation to consideration of item 13 - Adoption Chippenham Site Allocations Plan.

Councillor Johnny Kidney stated that as he had a pecuniary interest in it, he would leave the chamber for the consideration of item 13 – Adoption Chippenham Site Allocations Plan

105 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on 23 February 2016 were presented.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 23 February 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

106 Election Results

A report was presented which gave Council the detailed results of the Unitary Council Elections on the 4th May 2017.

The Chairman commended the work of the Elections team, who were now preparing for the General Election, and asked that if members had any further questions they directed them to the relevant officers.

Resolved

To note the results of the Unitary Council Elections on the 4th May 2017.

107 Announcements by the Chairman

The Chairman drew the meetings attention to the arrangements for the day's meeting, specifically referencing fire safety and that the meeting was being recorded for live webcast.

108 **Public Participation**

The Chairman drew attention to the statement from Mr Brian Warkwick, circulated with the agenda supplement, and gave him the opportunity to address the meeting. Mr Warwick took the opportunity to introduce himself to the new Councillors and to outline his role as Older People's Champion.

109 Petitions Received

The Chairman reported that no petitions had been received for presentation at the meeting.

110 **Petitions Update**

The Chairman reported that, as of the 2nd May 2017, fours petitions had been received since the last meeting.

Having been duly proposed and seconded, and upon being put to the vote, it was,

Resolved

To note the petitions received and the action taken, as set out in the appendix to this report.

111 Appointment of Leader

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Leader of Wiltshire Council for 2017-2021.

Councillor Mollie Groom, subsequently seconded by Councillor Mary Douglas, that Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE be elected Leader.

There being no further nominations, it was;

Resolved

That Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE be elected Leader of Wiltshire Council for 2017-2021.

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE then took the opportunity to thank all the candidates and parties who participated in the election and thanked officers for their work during that period. The Leader then announced the composition of her Cabinet as follows:

- Cllr John Thomson Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Communications, Communities, Leisure and Libraries
- Cllr Chuck Berry Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Housing
- Cllr Richard Clewer Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts and Tourism

- Cllr Laura Mayes Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills
- Cllr Toby Sturgis Cabinet Member for Planning and Strategic Asset Management
- Cllr Bridget Wayman Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste
- Cllr Philip Whitehead Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement, IT and Operational Assets
- Cllr Jerry Wickham Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection

The Leader stated that further details about the Portfolio Holders would be announced at a later date.

112 Appointment of Committees and Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups

113 Appointments to the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

The Chairman stated that she would take items 11 and 12 together and invited the Leader to propose a motion, drawing attention to the recommendations included in Agenda Supplement two.

Leader in proposing the motion stated that, in an amendment to the motion in the paper, that Councillor Mollie Groom become a full member of the Northern Area Planning Committee with Councilor Jacqui Lay as a substitute member.

Councillor Ernie Clark stated that the following substitute members should be added: Southern Area Planning Committee – Councillors George Jeans and Graham Wright;

Eastern Area Planning Committee – Councillors George Jeans and Graham Wright; Western Area Planning Committee – Councillors George Jeans and Graham Wright; Licensing Committee – Councillor Graham Wright; Children's Select Committee – Councillors Ernie Clark, Nick Fogg and Russell Hawker; Environment Select Committee Councillors Ernie Clark, George Jeans and Russell Hawker; Health Select Committee Councillors Ernie Clark, George Jeans and Russell Hawker; and Standards Committee – Councillors Nick Fogg and George Jeans.

Having been put to the vote, the meeting;

Resolved

- (a) To note this report and the legal requirements.
- (b) To re-appoint the following committees with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution:-
 - Appeals Committee
 - Area Planning Committees: Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western
 - Audit Committee

- Children's Select
 Committee
- Environment Select Committee
- Health Select Committee
- Health and Wellbeing
 Board
- Licensing Committee
- Officer Appointments
- Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
- Pension Fund Committee
- Police and Crime Panel
- Staffing Policy
 Committee
- Standards Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- (c) To re-appoint those Area Boards, constituted as area committees as set out in paragraphs 13 to 15 and Appendix 1 of the report presented and within the Constitution, to comprise the Unitary Councillors for that area. To re-appoint the Local Pension Board established under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and consequent amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution.
- (d) To approve a scheme of committee places which sets out the number of seats available to members of the Council and to political groups as follows:

Committee	Total Number of Places for Elected Members	Conservativ e Group Allocation (68 seats)	Liberal Democra t Group Allocatio n (20 seats)	Labour Group Allocatio n (3 seats)	Independent Group Allocation (7 seats)
Strategic Planning	11	8	2	0	1
Area Planning Committees; North	11	8	3	0	0
South	11	7	1	1	2
East	8	7	0	0	1
West	11	7	3	0	1
Licensing	12	8	3	0	1

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		(68 seats)	(20 seats)	(3 seats)	(7 seats)
Overview and Scrutiny Management	15	10	3	1	1
Children's Select	13	9	3	0	1
Environment Select	13	8	3	1	1
Health Select	13	9	3	0	1
Standards	11	8	2	0	1
Police and Crime Panel	7	5	2	0	0
Audit	11	8	2	1	0
Appeals	8	5	2	0	1
Staffing Policy	9	6	2	1	0
Officer Appointments	5	4	1	0	0
Pension Fund	5	4	1	0	0
TOTALS:	174	121	36	5	12
		(120.735)	(35.510)	(5.327)	(12.429)

- (e) To appoint councillors to serve on those committees in accordance with the agreed scheme of committee places, until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 (as attached).
- (f) To appoint substitute members (to a maximum of four per group) to the committees referred to in (A) above (as attached).
- (g) To appoint those councillors representing electoral divisions to their respective area boards as set out in Appendix 1 of the report
- (h) To delegate to the Standards Committee the appointment of four non-voting co-opted members, and to delegate the arrangements for selection of such members to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee

(i) To appoint the following persons as Independent Persons each for a four year term:

Mr Tony Drew

Mrs Caroline Baynes

Mr Stuart Middleton (please note change from papers circulated)

and to thank Mr Colin Malcolm for his excellent service to the Council for the past 5 years as an Independent Person and to Mr Tony Drew and Mrs Caroline Baynes for their continued excellent service.

(j) To reappoint the following non-elected members to the Children's Select Committee:-

Non-Elected Voting Members	Representing		
Vacancy	Church of England		
Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocese Roman Catholic Church		
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Secondary-		
	maintained)		
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Secondary – academy)		
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Vacancy	Parent Governor (Special Educational		
Ms Jill Hughes	Parent Governor (Primary)		
Non-Elected Non-Voting	Representing		
Members			
James Wilkins	School, Children and Young People		
	representatives		
Ms Cathy Shahrokni	Further Education Representative		
(Substitute Ms.Jen	·		
Miss Sarah Busby	Secondary Schools Head teacher		
Miss Tracy Cornelius	Primary School Head teacher		
Mr John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative		
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(k) To re-appoint the following co-opted members to the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee:

Name	Representing
currently Cllr Steve Weisinger.	Swindon Borough Councillor (as determined by Swindon Borough
currently Cllr Steve Allsopp.	Swindon Borough Councillor (as
Diane Hall	Employer Representative
Linda Stuart	Employer Representative
currently Stuart Dark	Scheme Member Observer- appointed by Unison

currently Mike Pankiewicz	Scheme Member Observer-	
	annointed by Unison	

(m) To re-appoint the Local Pension Board under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and consequent amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution:

Name	Representing
Howard Pearce	Independent Chairman
David Bowater	Scheme Member Representative
Barry Reed	Scheme Member Representative
Mike Pankiewicz	Scheme Member Representative
Sarah Holbrook	Employer Member Representative
Lynda Croft	Employer Member Representative
*Vacancy	Employer Member Representative

*and to appoint Councillor Richard Britton to the vacant position of Employer Member Representative

(n) To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the following meetings:

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Area Planning	Mark Connolly	Paul Oatway
Committee –		
Area Planning	Tony Trotman	Peter Hutton
Committee –		
Area Planning	Fred Westmoreland	Richard Britton
Committee –		
Area Planning	Christopher Newbury	Jonathon Seed
Committee –		
Audit Committee	Richard Britton	Stewart Dobson
Health and	Baroness Scott of	
Wellbeing Board	Bybrook OBE	
Licensing Committee	Peter Hutton	Josie Green
Officer	Baroness Scott of	John Thomson
Appointme	Bybrook OBE	
Pension Fund Committee	Tony Deane	Roy While
Staffing Policy	Allison Bucknell	Tony Jackson
Committee		
Standards Committee	Paul Oatway	Howard Greenman
Strategic Planning	Fleur de-Rhé-Philipe	Derek Brown
Committee		

- (o) To note that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, the Select Committees, and the Police and Crime Panel will be asked to elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen at their first meeting following the annual meeting of council. Area Boards have each been convened to meet on the rising of this Council meeting to elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.
- (p) To note that the Appeals Committee does not meet as a formal committee. However, three members who have undergone appropriate training are drawn from its membership to form Appeal Panels to consider and determine various types of appeals. No appointment of chairman or vice-chairman to the committee is therefore necessary. Each panel when convened will elect its own chairman.
- (q) That Council appoint the following 10 members to serve as Council representatives on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority:

Conservatives (7)

Liberal Democrat (2)

Independent (1)

Peter Hutton Pip Ridout Andrew Davis Paul Oatway Christopher Newbury Robert Yuill Matthew Dean

Bob Jones Brian Dalton **Ernie Clark**

114 Adoption Chippenham Site Allocations Plan

The Chairman invited the Cabinet Member for Planning, Councillor Toby Sturgis, to present the item, which asked Council to consider the recommendations of Cabinet at its meeting on 14 March 2017 concerning the adoption of the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan.

In moving the motion, duly seconded by the Leader, Councillor Sturgis thanked officers for their hard work in producing the plan, and outlined the benefits of adopting the plan and the risks of seeking to refuse or amend the plan now that it had been amended following its consideration by the Planning Inspector.

Whilst he expressed a wish to support the plan. Councillor Ian Thorn and Councillor Ernie Clark both expressed some concern as to whether lessons had been learnt about the delays in adopting the plan.

Councillors Clare Cape and Councillor Ross Henning expressed concerns that infrastructure requirements of the town would not be adequately addressed.

Councillor Jon Hubbard stated that he could not support the plan as it did not adequately address the transport issues.

Councillor Christine Crisp stated that whilst she knew that the plan would not meet approval across the community, it had addressed some of them.

Councillor Peter Hutton spoke in support of the plan as, even though he recognised some of the concerns of residents, it was an opportunity to lead development in the town.

Councillor Nick Murry expressed major reservations about the plan, including the impact of additional traffic on residents and the need for infrastructure issues to be addressed.

In response to a question from Councillor Nick Murry, the Monitoring Officer stated that he had advised that Chairman that the proposed amendment would have had a material effect on the plan, in effect negating its adoption, and thus was recommended to be refused permission to be tabled as an amendment.

In closing, Councillor Toby Sturgis stated that infrastructure requirements of the community could only be delivered through new housing development.

Having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

- (i) To note the content of the Inspector's Report into the examination of the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan (Appendix 1) and his conclusions regarding legal compliance and soundness and accepts the modifications in the Appendix of the Inspector's Report, which the Inspector considers are necessary to make the plan sound in accordance with legislation
- (ii) To adopt the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan, as amended as set out in Appendix 2, including the Additional Modifications set out in Appendix 3.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Associate Director for Economic Development and Planning in consultation with the Associate Director for Legal and Governance and the relevant Cabinet Member to amend the Policies Map as set out in Appendix 5 and for further minor textual changes to be made to the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan prior to publication in the interests of accuracy and consistency.
- (iv) That, subject to Council approval of (ii) above, to delegate authority to the Associate Director for Economic, Development and Planning in consultation with the Associate Director for Legal and Governance and the relevant Cabinet Member, to undertake the final stages associated with the formal adoption and publication of the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan.

Admin Note: Councillor Johnny Kidney left the chamber for the consideration of the item having previously declared an interest.

Recorded votes for the motion were as follows:

For the motion (89):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqui Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Thomas Rounds, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Against the motion (4):

Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Nick Murry and Cllr Ross Henning

Abstentions (2)

Cllr Ian Mclennan and Cllr Nick Fogg MBE

115 Notices of Motion

The Chairman noted that no notices of motion submitted to the meeting.

116 **Proposed changes to the Constitution - Parts 11A & 11B**

The Chairman introduced the report which asked Council to consider the proposed amendments to Part 11A of the Constitution, Corporate Parenting Strategy and Part 11B of the Constitution, Role and Function of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel.

There being no questions, and having been duly proposed and seconded, the meeting;

Resolved

- 1) To approve the proposed changes to Part 11A of the Constitution as detailed in Appendix 1; and to delegate any future changes to introductory sections to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Children's Services.
- 2) To approve the proposed changes to Part 11B of the Constitution as detailed in Appendix 2.

117 Minutes of Cabinet and Committees

The Chairman moved that Council receive and note the following minutes as listed in the separate Minutes Book and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman:

Cabinet: 14 March, 4 April 2017 Cabinet Capital Assets Committee: 14 March 2017 Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: 28 March 2017 31 January 2017 Children's Select Committee: Children's Select Committee: 14 March 2017 Environment Select Committee: 22 February 2017 10 January, 7 March 2017 Health Select Committee: Strategic Planning Committee: 8 February 2017, 26 April 2017 Northern Area Planning Committee: 15 February, 8 March 2017 Eastern Area Planning Committee: 16 February, 20 April 2017 Southern Area Planning Committee: 23 February, 16 March, 6 April 2017 Western Area Planning Committee: 15 March, 5 April 2017 Licensing Committee: 13 March 2017 Audit Committee: 24 January 2017 Joint Strategic Economic Committee (SWLEP): 14 February, 13 April 2017 Local Pension Board: 25 January 2017 Pension Fund Committee: 23 March 2017 Police and Crime Panel: 2 February, 2 March 2017 Standards Committee: 16 September, 27 April 2016 Staffing Policy Committee: 1 March 2017

The Chairman then invited questions from members on points of information or clarification on the above minutes and gave the Chairmen of those meetings the opportunity to make any important announcements on the work of their respective Committees.

The Leader confirmed that all key decisions taken by Cabinet had been taken in accordance with the 28 day notice period and that no special urgent decisions had been taken in the same period.

Resolved:

That the above mentioned minutes be received and noted.

118 Councillors' Questions

The Chairman reported receipt of questions from Councillors Ernie Clark and Brian Dalton details of which were circulated in Agenda Supplement No. 1.

Questioners were permitted to each ask one relevant supplementary question per question submitted and where they did so, the relevant Cabinet member responded as summarised below:

1. Councillor Ernie Clark to Councillor Toby Sturgis (Ref 17-44)

In a verbal response given, Councillor Toby Sturgis stated that the term 'abeyance' suggested that consideration of an application had been suspended. This term was not formally recognised as a planning term and, as such, there are no records are kept to fully answer the question.

2. Councillor Brian Dalton to Councillor Toby Sturgis (Ref 17-45)

In a verbal response given, Councillor Toby Sturgis stated that Chairs of the Planning Committees were consulted on the time change, and that he felt the benefits of having afternoon meetings outweighed those for having meetings in the evening.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – membership of Area Boards Appendix 2 – membership of Committees Appendix 3 - Councillors' questions

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.07 pm)

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