



COUNCIL

MEETING : Monday, 24th May 2021

PRESENT : Cllrs. Finnegan, Walford, Cook, H. Norman, Gravells MBE, Melvin, Morgan, Hilton, Pullen, Tracey, Lewis, Wilson, Bhaimia, Williams, D. Brown, Taylor, Field, Organ, Patel, Toleman, J. Brown, Hyman, Bowkett, Ackroyd, Castle, Chambers, Chambers, Chambers-Dubus, Conder, Dee, Durdey, Evans, Hudson, Kubaszczyk, O'Donnell, Padilla, Radley and Zaman

Others in Attendance

The Right Worshipful Mayor of Gloucester, Kate Haigh
The Sheriff and Deputy Mayor of Gloucester, Jan Lugg
Managing Director
Corporate Director
Monitoring Officer
Policy and Governance Manager
Democratic and Electoral Services Team Leader
Democratic and Electoral Services Officer (Civic Support)

APOLOGIES : Cllrs. Brooker

1. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Mayor noted details of Councillors elected to the Council for a three-year term following the election of 6 May 2021 as set out below:

Abbeydale

Collette Finnegan (Conservative)
Andrew Gravells (Conservative)

Abbeymead

Laura Brooker (Conservative)
Gordon Taylor (Conservative)

Barnwood

Ashley Bowkett (Liberal Democrat)
Joanne Brown (Liberal Democrat)

Barton and Tredworth

Usman Bhaimia (Labour)
Sajid Patel (Conservative)
Shamsuz Zaman (Conservative)

Coney Hill

Andrew Durdey (Conservative)

Elmbridge

Howard Hyman (Liberal Democrat)
Anne Radley (Liberal Democrat)

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Grange

Sylvia Evans (Conservative)
Steve Morgan (Conservative)

Kingsholm and Wotton

Angela Conder (Liberal Democrat)
Jeremy Hilton (Liberal Democrat)

Longlevens

Linda Castle (Liberal Democrat)
Clive Walford (Conservative)
Kathy Williams (Conservative)

Moreland

Lyn Ackroyd (Conservative)
Tree Chambers-Dubus (Labour)
Terry Pullen (Labour)

Quedgeley Fieldcourt

Stephanie Chambers (Conservative)
Hannah Norman (Conservative)

Tuffley

Paula Dee (Conservative)
Colin Organ (Conservative)

Hucclecote

David Brown (Liberal Democrat)
Declan Wilson (Liberal Democrat)

Kingsway

Richard Cook (Conservative)
Jaro Kubaszczyk (Conservative)

Matson and Robinswood

Alastair Chambers (Conservative)
Brendon O'Donnell (Conservative)
Raymond Padilla (Conservative)

Podsmead

Sebastian Field (Liberal Democrat)

Quedgeley Severn Vale

Justin Hudson (Conservative)
Andrew Lewis (Conservative)

Westgate

Dawn Melvin (Conservative)
Paul Toleman (Conservative)
Pam Tracey (Conservative)

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Gravells, seconded by Councillor Morgan.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Finnegan be elected Mayor of the City of Gloucester until the Annual Council Meeting in 2022.

3. ELECTION OF SHERIFF AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Toleman

RESOLVED - That Councillor Walford be elected Sheriff and Deputy Mayor of the City of Gloucester until the Annual Council Meeting in 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm and reconvened at 4.15pm with Councillors Finnegan and Walford in the roles of Mayor and Sheriff/Deputy Mayor respectively.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2021 be approved and signed by the Mayor.

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5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made on this occasion.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor

The Mayor informed Members that former Councillor Michael Rentle had sadly passed away. She conveyed condolences on behalf of the Council.

The Mayor announced that the postponed Retro Festival would be taking place on 28th August 2021 and that Councillor Organ had begun planning for the event.

Head of Paid Service

The Head of Paid Service announced that would be Corporate Director, Anne Brinkhoff's final meeting. He outlined some of her major contributions to the City including her work with Stronger, Safer Gloucestershire, being a driver behind the Community Building Collective, Race Commission and chaired the Covid resilience Board.

7. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Leader of the Council.

Councillor Norman moved the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Morgan:

'That Councillor Cook be elected as Leader of the Council for the proceeding three-year term.'

RESOLVED – That Councillor Cook be elected Leader of the Council for the proceeding three-year term.

Following election, the Leader of the Council advised of appointments to the Cabinet and allocations of portfolios as follows:

Councillor Norman – Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources
Councillor Gravells – Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy
Councillor Morgan – Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure
Councillor Hudson – Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods

The Leader also advised the Council that he had appointed Councillor Norman as Deputy Leader of the Council to act in his absence

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8. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND WORKING GROUPS AND NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR 2021/22

The Council considered the Schedule of Appointments to Committees, Consultative Forums and Working Groups, and nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs for the municipal year 2021-22. The appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs to committees would be made at the first meeting of each committee.

Councillor Cook moved the motion set out in the schedule and advised that Group Leaders would nominate Members to the vacancies noted in respect of their Group's entitlement to seats.

Councillor Norman seconded the motion.

RESOLVED that

The schedule of appointments of Members to Committees, Consultative Forums and Working Groups for 2021-22 be approved.

In respect of the above, the Council, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules, appoint all Members as named deputies for all those meetings (with the exception of Cabinet, Planning Committee and Licensing and Enforcement Committee) to which the Member has not been appointed.

That the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of Committees, as set out in the schedule, be noted and that each Committee at its first meeting in the new municipal year 2021-22 confirms and appoints its Chair and Vice Chair.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2021/22

The Council considered the Schedule of Appointments to Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2021-22.

Councillor Cook moved that the Schedule be approved.

Councillor Norman seconded the motion.

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Appointments to Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2021-22 be approved.

10. DESIGNATION OF MONITORING OFFICER

The Leader of the Council moved and the Deputy Leader of the Council seconded the motion.

RESOLVED – That:

- (1) Patrick Arran be designated Monitoring Officer for the City Council in accordance with section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

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with immediate effect for an interim period of up to 6 months but no more than 12 months.

- (2) To enter into an agreement to second the above mentioned officer from Stroud District Council to Gloucester City Council on terms to be agreed between Stroud District Council, Gloucester City Council and the officer.
- (3) To delegate authority to the Managing Director to agree the terms of the secondment and to sign the secondment agreement on behalf of Gloucester City Council and to make any necessary consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution arising from the agreed terms and any re-assignment of the current Monitoring Officer functions.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion from Members.

Time of commencement: 3.00 pm hours

Time of conclusion: 4.45 pm hours

Chair