



COUNCIL

MEETING : Monday, 1st June 2020

PRESENT : Cllrs. Finnegan (Sheriff & Deputy Mayor), Cook, H. Norman, Gravells, Melvin, Morgan, Watkins, Hilton, Stephens, Tracey, James, Lugg, Hanman, Lewis, Wilson, Bhaimia, Haigh, Williams, D. Brown, Dee, Taylor, Field, Hansdot, Patel, Toleman, D. Norman, Pullen, Hampson, Brooker, Brazil, J. Brown, Coole, Derbyshire, Hyman, Ryall, Walford and Bowkett

Others in Attendance

Managing Director
Corporate Director, Transformation
Solicitor, One Legal
Policy and Governance Manager
Democratic and Electoral Services Team Leader

APOLOGIES : The Right Worshipful Mayor of Gloucester, Cllr. Organ

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

1.1 Moved by Councillor Coole, seconded by Councillor Stephens.

1.2 **RESOLVED** - That Councillor Haigh be elected Mayor of the City of Gloucester until the Annual Council Meeting in 2021.

2. ELECTION OF SHERIFF AND DEPUTY MAYOR

2.1 Moved by Councillor Pullen, seconded by the Mayor, Councillor Haigh.

2.2 **RESOLVED** - That Councillor Lugg be elected Sheriff and Deputy Mayor of the City of Gloucester until the Annual Council Meeting in 2020.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2020 were confirmed by the Sherriff as a correct record.

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4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made on this occasion.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor

5.1 The Mayor announced that, in line with her nominated Civic Charity being Pride in Gloucestershire, June was Pride month and that she hoped Members would support members of the LGBTQ+ community in their month of celebration.

5.2 The Mayor announced that her first engagement would be to open the Idun Spirit shop in Westgate Street at 10.30am on Tuesday 2 June 2020. She stated that she hoped that this would show that Gloucester was on the road to recovery and that she would be socially distancing as she attended.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND WORKING GROUPS AND NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR 2020/21

6.1 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 2020-21. The appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs to committees would be made at the first meeting of each committee.

6.2 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.

6.3 Councillor H. Norman seconded the motion.

6.4 **RESOLVED** - that

(1) The schedule of appointments of Members to Committees, Consultative Forums and Working Groups for 2020/21 be approved.

(2) 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.

(3) 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 2020/21 confirms and appoints its Chair and Vice Chair.

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7. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2020/21

- 7.1 The Council considered the Schedule of Appointments to Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2020-21.
- 7.2 Councillor Cook moved that the Schedule be approved.
- 7.3 Councillor H. Norman seconded the motion.
- 7.4 **RESOLVED that** the Schedule of Appointments to Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2020/21 be approved.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - REMOTE MEETINGS

- 8.1 Councillor H. Norman proposed and Councillor Cook seconded the motion.
- 8.2 Councillor Norman outlined that one of the unprecedented challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic was the requirement to restore democratic decision making at a time when it was not possible for Members to meet in-person. She also outlined the legislative provisions enabling Councils to meet by video-conferencing and other virtual methods. Councillor Norman further explained that it was prudent to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect the method by which the Council would meet and how the public could take part.
- 8.3 Councillor Norman thanked the Policy and Governance Manager, Civica IT and their respective teams for their endeavour in sourcing and testing the solution. She outlined that, while the Council would require notice of a member of the public wishing to participate, questions would still be presented live and in real time.
- 8.4 Councillor Stephens conveyed the thanks of the Labour Group to the Democratic Services Team for successfully restoring democratic decision making. He stated that he would prefer there to not be a notice period for participating but was aware of the technological limitations in this regard. Councillor Stephens further stated that he was keen that officers continued looking for a way to permit spontaneous participation in the future as the technology developed.
- 8.5 **RESOLVED - that**
 - (1) The proposed temporary changes to the Constitution be approved with immediate effect.
 - (2) Authority be delegated to the Managing Director to make any consequential changes to the Remote Meetings Standing Order as a result of any issues arising from conducting remote meetings in consultation with Group Leaders.

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9. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion from Members.

Time of commencement: 5.00 pm hours

Time of conclusion: 5.50 pm hours

Chair