

Council

Tuesday, 11 October 2022

7.30 pm

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr Peter Scollard
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr John Caller

Councillors:

Derek Ashenden	Lyn Milner
Helen Ashenden	Shane Mochrie-Cox
Ejaz Aslam	Emma Morley
Conrad Broadley	Diane Morton
Gurdip Ram Bungar	Elizabeth Mulheran
John Burden	Leslie Pearton
Harold Craske	Tony Rana
Dakota Dibben	Tony Rice
Aaron Elliott	Alan Ridgers
Emma Elliott	Christina Rolles
Sarah Gow	Lenny Rolles
Gary Harding	Brian Sangha
Baljit Hayre	Gurbax Singh
Leslie Hills	Lauren Sullivan
Leslie Hoskins	Narinderjit Singh Thandi
Nirmal Khabra	Denise Tiran
Bob Lane	Jenny Wallace
Jordan Meade	Frank Wardle

Stuart Bobby	Chief Executive
Daniel Killian	Director (Housing)
Jamie Izzard	Director (Communities)
Sarah Parfitt	Director (Corporate Services)
Vickey Nutley	Interim Head of Legal Services
Simon Walsh	Service Manager (Communities)
Andy Rayfield	Communications Manager
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Manager (Minutes)

31. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gurjit Bains, Lee Croxton, Brian Francis, Samir Jassal, Anthony Pritchard and Steve Thompson.

32. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 June 2022 were signed by the Mayor.

33. Declarations of Interest

The Chief Executive advised that, in accordance with advice received from the Council's Monitoring Officer, Members only needed to declare interests which had not already been listed within their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form.

No declarations of interest were made.

34. To answer any questions received from members of the public of which notice has been given under Council Procedure Rule 13

No questions had been received.

35. Minutes of Committees

Motions that proceedings, reports and recommendations of Committees, except those reserved under Council Procedure 5.2(6) as referred to below be received and adopted and where applicable the Orders made by them be ratified and confirmed were duly proposed, seconded and resolved in each case.

- Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 27 June 2022
- Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee held on Tuesday, 19 July 2022
- Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 27 July 2022
- Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday, 5 September 2022
- Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee held on Monday, 26 September 2022
- Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 28 September 2022
- Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 3 October 2022

36. Reserved Minutes

It was moved by Cllr John Burden and seconded by Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox that:-

- the reserved Minute of Cabinet (Risks and Financial Pressures) held on Monday 3 October 2022 be ratified and confirmed.

37. Contract Procedure Rules

The Council was presented with proposed revisions to Annex 2.7, Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs), of the Constitution. The CPRs had been updated to bring them in line with current legislative requirements and the Council's governance arrangements.

Resolved that the proposed revisions to Annex 2.7, Contract Procedure Rules, of the Constitution, as set out within the report agreed by Cabinet on 3 October 2022, be adopted.

38. Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

The Council received a report on the outcome of the review of polling district, polling places and polling stations in Gravesham.

In April 2022, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) published its final recommendations setting out new electoral arrangements for Gravesham which will come into effect for the Local Elections in May 2023. The recommendations set out new electoral arrangements for the Borough, resulting in a reduction of Councillors from 44 to 39, representing 17 wards. As a result of the recommendations, it was necessary for the Council to conduct a review of all polling districts and therefore polling places, to ensure that the changes were in place for the next elections in May 2023.

Resolved that, having taken into account all representations received, the revised schedule of polling districts and polling places be adopted with effect from 1 March 2023, with the current scheme remaining valid until that date.

39. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Resolved that Councillor Elizabeth Mulheran and Mr Peter Rayner be replaced by Councillors Lyn Milner and Gurbax Singh on the Charity of Knight's Almshouses for a four-year term.

Resolved that Councillor Shane Mochrie-Cox be appointed to the Council for Voluntary Service North West Kent for a one-year term.

40. To consider questions from Members of the Council of which notice has been given under Council Procedure Rule 14.

No questions had been received.

41. To receive the Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor wished a Happy Diwali to all those celebrating.

The Mayor invited Members to attend his Charity Chinese Meal at Twin Dynasty on Wednesday 16 November 2022.

The Mayor welcomed Jamie Izzard, Director (Communities), to the Council.

The Mayor invited those present to join him in the Parlour for refreshments.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 8.11 pm.