

Council

Tuesday, 16 May 2023

7.00 pm

Present:

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

Councillors

Derek Ashenden	Jordan Meade
Helen Ashenden	Alan Metcalf
Ejaz Aslam	Lyn Milner
Rajinder Atwal	Shane Mochrie-Cox
Gurjit Bains	Emma Morley
David Beattie	Karina O'Malley
Gurdip Bungar	Leslie Pearton
John Burden	Tony Rana
Deborah Croxton	Alan Ridgers
Lee Croxton	Christina Rolles
Dakota Dibben	Lenny Rolles
Aaron Elliott	Benjamin Sizer
Emma Elliott	Lauren Sullivan
Gary Harding	Ektaveen Thandi
Baljit Hayre	Narinderjit Singh Thandi
Leslie Hills	Jenny Wallace
Samir Jassal	Frank Wardle
Daniel Adewale King	Alison Williams
Gavin Larkins	

Stuart Bobby	Chief Executive
Nick Brown	Director (Environment) & Deputy Chief Executive
Jamie Izzard	Director (Communities)
Daniel Killian	Director (Housing)
Sarah Parfitt	Director (Corporate Services)
Vicky Nutley	Head of Legal Services
Simon Walsh	Service Manager (Communities)
Andy Rayfield	Communications Manager
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Manager
Ben Clarke	Committee Services Officer
Karen Gingles	Committee Services Officer
Chloe Taylor	Committee Services Officer
Kirsty Gaunt	Community Involvement Officer

1. Prayer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Cllr Peter Scollard asked the Chaplain, Mrs Marion Fielder-White to say a prayer for the meeting.

2. Gravesham Civic and Community Awards

The Chief Executive stated that the Council had instituted an award scheme to recognise and honour individual and collective contributions to community life. Awards were presented by the Mayor to the under-mentioned persons/organisations:-

Dave Parnell
Marie Butler
Maxime Carolan
Elliott Holmes Foundation – (Peter Scutts & Kerry Holmes)
Adrian Flaherty
Graham Broadbent
Andrea Jackova
Michael Cubitt
Riverview Little Knits – (Denise Parris & Wendy Hull)
Janet Yeo
Eileen Perks

3. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jo Hart.

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

5. Election of Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

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

Cllr Gurdip Bungar be elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2023/24.

It was resolved unanimously that Cllr Gurdip Bungar be duly elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2023/24.

Cllr Gurdip Bungar made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Mayor, in giving his acceptance speech, stated that his charities for 2023/24 would be Ellenor, Mencap and Home-Start.

6. Vote of thanks to Outgoing Mayor

It was moved by Cllr Gurdip Bungar that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Cllr Peter Scollard for the manner in which he carried out the office of Mayor for the past municipal year.

Cllr Scollard suitably replied and in doing so offered thanks to those who had assisted him during his year in office.

7. Presentation of the Past Mayor's Badge

The Worshipful the Mayor presented Cllr Peter Scollard with a Past Mayor's Badge.

8. Presentation of the Past Mayoress's Badge

The Worshipful the Mayor presented Julie Easy with a Past Mayoress's Badge.

9. Mayoress

The Mayor stated that the Mayoress would be Nanjo Bungar and invested her with the Mayoress's Chain.

10. Appointment of the Civic Chaplain

The Worshipful the Mayor stated that the Civic Chaplain would be Mrs Marion Fielder-White and invested her with the Civic Cross.

11. Election of the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

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

Cllr Daniel Adewale King be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2023/24.

It was resolved unanimously that Cllr Daniel Adewale King be duly elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal year 2023/24.

Cllr Daniel Adewale King made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. Deputy Mayoress

The Deputy Mayor stated that the Deputy Mayoress will be Jokotade Arinola King and invested her with the Deputy Mayoress's Chain.

13. Presentation of Bouquets

Bouquets were presented to the Mayoress, Deputy Mayoress, outgoing Mayoress, outgoing Deputy Mayoress and outgoing Mayor's consort Mo Trigg.

14. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 11 April 2023

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 11 April 2023 were signed by the Mayor.

15. To elect a Leader

It was moved by Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox and seconded by Cllr Lenny Rolles that:-

Cllr John Burden be elected as Leader of the Executive for the term of four years in accordance with Section 44A of the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

The motion was put to the meeting and declared to be carried.

The Council noted the arrangements put in place for the Cabinet and the names of the Members that would comprise the Cabinet:-

Cllr John Burden (Leader)
 Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox (Deputy Leader) - Strategic Environment Portfolio
 Cllr Emma Morley - Operational Services Portfolio
 Cllr Jenny Wallace - Housing Services Portfolio
 Cllr Lauren Sullivan - Community & Leisure Portfolio
 Cllr Narinderjit Singh Thandi - Performance and Administration Portfolio

Cllr Lenny Rolles will be undertaking a non-Cabinet position and will chair the 'Special Cabinet Advisory Committee' which will oversee activities such as Commercial Activities, Property Investment, Climate Change and Outside Bodies and Partnerships.

The following items (Minute 16 to 20) were moved by Cllr John Burden, seconded by Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox and agreed en-bloc unanimously.

16. Representation on Political Groups on Committees

1. Having reviewed the representation of the political groups on Council Committees and Boards, that the allocation of seats thereon to the political groups be determined as follows:-

Planning Committee	9 Members
Labour Group	5 seats
Conservative Group	4 seats
Licensing Committee	15 Members
Labour Group	8 seats
Conservative Group	7 seats
Finance and Audit Committee	9 Members
Labour Group	5 seats
Conservative Group	4 seats
Overview Scrutiny Committee	9 Members
Labour Group	5 seats
Conservative Group	4 seats

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee 15 Members

Labour Group	8 seats
Conservative Group	7 seats

Appointments Board 15 Members

Labour Group	8 seats
Conservative Group	7 seats

Standards Committee 9 Members

Labour Group	5 seats
Conservative Group	4 seats

Appeals Sub-Committee 3 Members

Labour Group	2 seats
Conservative Group	1 seat

Appointments Panel 3 Members

Labour Group	2 seats
Conservative Group	1 seat

Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee 3 Members

Labour Group	2 seats
Conservative Group	1 seat

Licensing Panel 3 Members

Labour Group	2 seats
Conservative Group	1 seat

2. That each political group may appoint substitute Members for all of the above Committees and Boards in accordance with Procedural Rule 7.

17. Appointment of Members to Committee and Boards

1. That the Committees and Boards of the Council be appointed as set out below so as to give effect to the wishes of the political groups as notified to the Service Manager (Communities) and that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs be as shown.

Planning Committee – 9 SeatsLabour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Lee Croxton (Chair)
Cllr Rajinder Atwal (Vice Chair)
Cllr Alison Williams
Cllr Lyn Milner
Cllr Peter Scollard

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Ejaz Aslam
Cllr Alan Metcalf
Cllr Samir Jassal
Cllr Gary Harding

Licensing Committee – 15 SeatsLabour Group (8 seats)

Cllr Baljit Hayre (Chair)
Cllr Jenny Wallace (Vice Chair)
Cllr Jo Hart
Cllr Ektaveen Thandi
Cllr Peter Scollard
Cllr Lyn Milner
Cllr Lee Croxton
Cllr Deborah Croxton

Conservative Group (7 seats)

Cllr Frank Wardle
Cllr Helen Ashenden
Cllr Derek Ashenden
Cllr Gary Harding
Cllr Alan Metcalf
Cllr Leslie Pearton
Cllr Gurjit Bains

Finance and Audit Committee – 9 SeatsLabour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Gavin Larkins (Chair)
Cllr Ektaveen Thandi (Vice Chair)
Cllr Jo Hart
Cllr Karina O'Malley
Cllr Lee Croxton

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Dakota Dibben
Cllr Derek Ashenden
Cllr Samir Jassal
Cllr Aaron Elliott

Overview Scrutiny Committee – 9 SeatsLabour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Karina O'Malley (Vice Chair)
Cllr Gavin Larkins
Cllr Daniel Adewale King
Cllr Deborah Croxton
Cllr Tony Rana

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Jordan Meade (Chair)
Cllr Leslie Hills
Cllr Emma Elliott
Cllr Ejaz Aslam

Crime and Disorder Committee – 15 SeatsLabour Group (8 seats)

Cllr Baljit Hayre (Chair)
 Cllr Lyn Milner (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Deborah Croxton
 Cllr Jo Hart
 Cllr Christina Rolles
 Cllr Tony Rana
 Cllr Karina O'Malley
 Cllr Ektaveen Thandi

Conservative Group (7 seats)

Cllr Gary Harding
 Cllr Frank Wardle
 Cllr Derek Ashenden
 Cllr Helen Ashenden
 Cllr Aaron Elliott
 Cllr Leslie Pearton
 Cllr Ejaz Aslam

Appointments Board – 15 SeatsLabour Group (8 seats)

Cllr John Burden (Chair)
 Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Lyn Milner
 Cllr Lenny Rolles
 Cllr Lauren Sullivan
 Cllr Jenny Wallace
 Cllr Lee Croxton
 Cllr Gurdip Bungar

Conservative Group (7 seats)

Cllr Jordan Meade
 Cllr Ejaz Aslam
 Cllr Ben Sizer
 Cllr Leslie Hills
 Cllr Helen Ashenden
 Cllr Alan Ridgers
 Cllr Frank Wardle

Standards Committee – 9 SeatsLabour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Lenny Rolles (Chair)
 Cllr Lyn Milner (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Tony Rana
 Cllr Emma Morley
 Cllr Rajinder Atwal

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Leslie Hills
 Cllr Jordan Meade
 Cllr Emma Elliott
 Cllr Helen Ashenden

Appeals Sub-Committee – 3 seatsLabour Group (2 seats)

Cllr Lyn Milner (Chair)
 Cllr Jo Hart (Vice Chair)

Conservative Group (1 seat)

Cllr Jordan Meade

Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee – 3 seatsLabour Group (2 seats)

Cllr John Burden (Chair)
 Cllr Lee Croxton (Vice Chair)

Conservative Group (1 seat)

Cllr Jordan Meade

Appointments Panel (3 seats) - The panel's membership is drawn from available Appointments Board Members and will consist of two Labour Members and one Conservative Member.

Licensing Panel (3 seats) - The panel's membership is drawn from available Licensing Committee Members and will consist of two Labour Members and one Conservative Member.

Joint Arrangements with other Local Authorities

Joint Transportation Board – 5 seats

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllr Lenny Rolles (Chair)
Cllr Tony Rana
Cllr Karina O'Malley
Cllr Deborah Croxton

Conservative Group (1 seats)

Cllr Aaron Elliott

South Thames Gateway Building Control Joint Committee – 1 seat (plus substitute)

Labour Group (1 seats)

Cllr John Burden (Chair)
Cllr Lee Croxton (Substitute)

Conservative Group (0 seats)

Cabinet Committees

Special Cabinet Advisory Committee – 9 seats

Labour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Lenny Rolles (Chair)
Cllr Alison Williams (Vice Chair)
Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar
Cllr Tony Rana
Cllr Lee Croxton

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Samir Jassal
Cllr Leslie Pearton
Cllr Alan Ridgers
Cllr Jordan Meade

Community & Leisure Cabinet Committee – 9 seats

Labour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Lauren Sullivan (Chair)
Cllr Tony Rana (Vice Chair)
Cllr Deborah Croxton
Cllr Christina Rolles
Cllr Karina O'Malley

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Helen Ashenden
Cllr Ejaz Aslam
Cllr Ben Sizer
Cllr Alan Metcalf

Housing Services Cabinet Committee – 9 seatsLabour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Jenny Wallace (Chair)
Cllr Christina Rolles (Vice Chair)
Cllr Baljit Hayre
Cllr Lyn Milner
Cllr Deborah Croxton

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Emma Elliott
Cllr Jordan Meade
Cllr Leslie Pearton
Cllr Ejaz Aslam

Operational Services Cabinet Committee – 9 seatsLabour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Emma Morley (Chair)
Cllr Lee Croxton (Vice Chair)
Cllr Ektaveen Thandi
Cllr Peter Scollard
Cllr Daniel Adewale King

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Derek Ashenden
Cllr Leslie Pearton
Cllr Alan Ridgers
Cllr David Beattie

Performance and Administration Cabinet Committee – 9 seatsLabour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Narinderjit Singh Thandi (Chair)
Cllr Gavin Larkins (Vice Chair)
Cllr Christina Rolles
Cllr Jo Hart
Cllr Rajinder Atwal

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Leslie Hills
Cllr Ben Sizer
Cllr David Beattie
Cllr Dakota Dibben

Strategic Environment Cabinet Committee – 9 seatsLabour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox (Chair)
Cllr Alison Williams (Vice Chair)
Cllr Rajinder Atwal
Cllr Gavin Larkins
Cllr Karina O'Malley

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Ejaz Aslam
Cllr David Beattie
Cllr Jordan Meade
Cllr Gurjit Bains

18. Appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies

That appointments to outside bodies be made in accordance with the following list:-

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services	Cllr Lyn Milner
Charity of Knights Almhouses (4 year term)	Cllr Jenny Wallace
Citizens Advice (North West Kent)	Cllr Peter Scollard
CCTV – Lay Panel of Visitors	Cllr Lyn Milner Cllr Jenny Wallace Cllr Ejaz Aslam
	Substitute:
	Cllr John Burden Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox Cllr Frank Wardle
Council for Voluntary Service North West Kent	Cllr Alison Williams
Cyclopark (4 year term)	Mr Toby Cook
Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust Stakeholder Council	Cllr John Burden
Ebbsfleet UDC Board	Cllr John Burden
Ebbsfleet UDC Board Planning Committee (3 year term)	Cllr Lee Croxton Cllr Lauren Sullivan (Substitute)
Elizabeth Huggins Cottages Charity (4 year term)	Cllr John Burden Mr David Hurley
Gravesend & District Mencap Society	Cllr Lee Croxton Cllr Helen Ashenden
Gravesend Regatta Committee	Ms Sue Fletcher Mr Toby Cook Cllr Jordan Meade
Gravesham Access Group	Cllr Lauren Sullivan
Gravesham Community Investment Partnership	Cllr Lenny Rolles Cllr Alison Williams
Gravesham Community Leisure Limited	Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox Cllr Jo Hart

Gravesham Community Safety Partnership	Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox Cllr John Burden (Substitute)
Gravesham Rights of Way Committee	Cllr Lee Croxton Mr Ben Archell Cllr Leslie Hills
Greater North Kent	Cllr John Burden
Henry Pinnocks Charity (4 year term)	Mr Anthony Pritchard
Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Joint Committee	Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox
Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley Health & Care Partnership (Extension to ICP)	Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox
Kent & Medway Police & Crime Panel	Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox
Kent County Playing Fields Association	Mr Brian Sangha
Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Cllr Gavin Larkins
Local Government Association	Cllr John Burden
Local Government Information Unit	Cllr John Burden
Meopham Sports and Leisure Association (MSLA) Management Committee	Mr Toby Cook Cllr Ejaz Aslam
North Kent Marshes Internal Drainage Board	Cllr Lee Croxton Cllr Jenny Wallace Cllr Jordan Meade
North Kent Relate	Cllr Christina Rolles
North West Kent Volunteer Centre	Cllr Peter Scollard
Northfleet Harbourside Steering Group	Cllr Lenny Rolles Cllr Alison Williams
PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee	Mr Brian Sangha
South East Employers	Cllr John Burden Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox (Substitute)
Strategic Access Management & Monitoring Strategy (SAMMS)	Cllr Lee Croxton Cllr Lauren Sullivan (Substitute)

The Gr@nd Community Interest Company

Cllr Alison Williams
Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

Town Twinning Association

Cllr Lyn Milner
Cllr Alan Ridgers

19. Scheme of Delegation

That the Council reaffirms the scheme of delegations relating to the Council's functions, other than Cabinet functions, contained within Annexes 1.2, 1.3, 1.13, 1.14 and 1.15 of the Constitution.

20. Timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year

That the timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year be adopted.

21. Questions

No questions had been received.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 8.17 pm.