

## Council

Tuesday, 9 October 2018

7.30 pm

### Present:

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Lesley Boycott

Councillors:	Valerie Ashenden	Bronwen McGarrity
	Conrad Broadley	Jordan Meade
	Gurdip Ram Bungar	Lyn Milner
	John Burden	Shane Mochrie-Cox
	Julia Burgoyne	Leslie Pearton
	John Caller	Anthony Pritchard
	Harold Craske	Peter Rayner
	Lee Croxton	Alan Ridgers
	Brian Francis	Lenny Rolles
	Sandra Garside	Brian Sangha
	Greta Goatley	Peter Scollard
	Rob Halpin	Derek Shelbrooke
	Gary Harding	Makhan Singh
	Leslie Hills	Lauren Sullivan
	Karen Hurdle	Narinder Singh Thandi
	Samir Jassal	Robin Theobald
	John Knight	Steve Thompson
	William Lambert	David Turner
	Sara Langdale	Jenny Wallace
	John Loughlin	Michael Wenban

David Hughes	Chief Executive
Stuart Bobby	Director (Corporate Services)
Nick Brown	Director (Environment & Operations)
Kevin Burbidge	Director (Housing & Regeneration)
Melanie Norris	Director (Communities)
Jan Guylar	Head of Legal Services, Medway Council
Simon Walsh	Service Manager (Communities)
Darren Everden	Service Manager (IT Services)
Ashley Wilcox	Communications Manager
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Manager (Minutes)

### 12. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr David Hurley, Cllr Gurjit Kaur Bains and Cllr Colin Caller.

### 13. Minutes

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 June 2018 were signed by the Mayor.

**14. Declaration of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

**15. 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.

**16. 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, 25 June 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Overview Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 12 July 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Board (Planning) held on Wednesday, 18 July 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee held on Tuesday, 24 July 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 3 September 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday, 4 September 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Board (Planning) held on Wednesday, 5 September 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee held on Tuesday, 11 September 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Overview Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 13 September 2018

**17. Reserved Minutes**

It was moved by Cllr David Turner and seconded by Cllr John Knight that:-

**the reserved Minute of Cabinet held on 25 June 2018 be ratified and confirmed.**

It was moved by Cllr John Burden and seconded by Cllr Sara Langdale that:-

**the reserved Minute of Overview Scrutiny Committee held on 12 July 2018 be ratified and confirmed.**

It was moved by Cllr Sara Langdale and seconded by Cllr Steve Thompson that:-

**the reserved Minute of Licensing Committee held on 4 September 2018 be ratified and confirmed.**

### 18. Political Balance/Representation on Committees and Boards (including the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs)

The Council reviewed the representation of political groups on Committees as a result of the establishment of a new political group and appointed Councillors, including Chairs and Vice-Chairs, to those seats accordingly.

**Resolved** that:-

- the size of each Committee as set out within the report be agreed;
- the allocation of seats on Committees to each of the Council's political groups as set out within the report be agreed;
- the appointment of Councillors to sit on the Committees as set out in Appendix Two be agreed; and
- the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs on the Ordinary Committees and Panels as set out in Appendix Two be agreed.

### 19. Licensing Shared Service with Medway Council

The Council received a report which sought acceptance for the delegation of the delivery of the Licensing Service from Medway Council.

**Resolved** that the delegation by Medway Council of its Licensing functions be accepted, once the shared service is operational.

### 20. Notice of Motion

It was moved by Cllr John Knight and jointly seconded by Cllrs David Turner and John Burden that:-

*The Council resolves to reject bullying and harassment in all its forms. It is defined by ACAS as "any unwanted behaviour that makes someone feel intimidated, degraded, humiliated or offended. It can also occur in written communications, by phone or through email, not just face-to-face or through body language or gesture."*

*To support this resolution, the Council further resolves that all Councillors and senior officers should undertake a recognised mandatory training session on bullying awareness.*

An amendment was moved by Cllr Leslie Hills and seconded by Cllr Samir Jassal that:-

*The Council resolves to reject bullying and harassment in all its forms. It is defined by ACAS as "any unwanted behaviour that makes someone feel intimidated, degraded, humiliated or offended. It can also occur in written communications, by phone or through email, not just face-to-face or through body language or gesture."*

*The definition of bullying also includes "the use of force to aggressively dominate others. Behaviours used to assert such domination can include verbal narratives, threat of violence or more seriously, actual physical assault. Physical assault on a person is any bullying that hurts someone's body. Shoving, hitting, fighting all are types of physical bullying".*

*To support this resolution, the Council further resolves that all Councillors and senior officers should undertake a recognised training session on bullying awareness.*

The amendment was put to the meeting and declared to be lost.

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

It was therefore **resolved** that:-

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The meeting was adjourned at 9.15pm and reconvened at 9.30pm in order to provide the Palantypist with an appropriate break.

It was moved by Cllr Leslie Hills and seconded by Cllr Jordan Meade that:-

*This Council has no confidence in the Leader.*

In accordance with paragraph 20.4 of Annex 2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules, five Members demanded that a recorded vote be taken:-

<b>For the motion</b>	<b>Against the motion</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Broadley, Harding, Hills, Jassal, McGarrity, Meade, Ridgers.	Boycott, Burgoyne, Craske, Garside, Goatley, Knight, Lambert, Langdale, Shelbrooke, Theobald, Turner, Wenban.	Ashenden, Bungar, Burden, J Caller, Croxton, Francis, Halpin, Hurdle, Loughlin, L Milner, Mochrie-Cox, Pearton, Pritchard, Rayner, Rolles, Sangha, Scollard, Singh, Sullivan, Thandi, Thompson, Wallace.

The motion was declared to be lost by 12 votes to 7.

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

No questions had been received.

## **22. To receive the Mayor's Announcements**

The Deputy Mayor made the following announcements on behalf of the Mayor:-

- Congratulations be given to Cllrs Shane Mochrie-Cox and Lauren Sullivan for taking part in this year's Ellenor Twilight Walk 2018.

Cllrs Mochrie-Cox and Sullivan thanked all those who supported and sponsored them.

- As part of the Council's plans to mark the Centenary of the First World War, the Mayor will be marking all of the Borough's Commonwealth War Graves with short services on Wednesday 31 October and Thursday 1 November. The Mayor will also be pre-laying wooden crosses to the graves of fallen WW1 and WW2 soldiers and civilians on Tuesday 23 October 2018. These services will be open to anyone to attend.
- Churches Together in Gravesham had presented the Council with a flag which will be flown on all major Christian Feast Days.
- The 'Mayor of Gravesham's Charity Quiz' will be held on Saturday 13 October 2018, 7pm for 7.30pm start, at the Christopher Centre - £5 per head.
- Congratulations be given to Cllr Jordan Meade for being nominated for LGiU Young Councillor of the Year.

The Deputy Mayor invited Members to join her in the Parlour for refreshments.

### **Close of meeting**

The meeting ended at 10.17 pm