

Council

Tuesday, 16 April 2019

7.30 pm

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr David Hurley

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

David Hughes	Chief Executive
Stuart Bobby	Director (Corporate Services)
Nick Brown	Director (Environment & Operations)
Melanie Norris	Director (Communities)
Jan Guyler	Head of Legal Services, Medway Council
Simon Walsh	Service Manager (Communities)
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Manager (Minutes)

57. Graham Cole

Those present stood in silence in memory of Graham Cole, former Communications Manager of the Council, who had recently passed away.

58. Presentation of certificates to retiring Members of the Council

Framed certificates were presented to the following Members who were not seeking re-election to the Council and had served two or more terms since April 1974. The certificates celebrated their outstanding contribution to the Council, its Members and its Residents over the years served as a Member of the Council:-

Councillors Valerie Ashenden, Greta Goatley, David Hurley, Sara Langdale, John Loughlin, Derek Shelbrooke, Makhan Singh and David Turner.

59. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lesley Boycott, William Lambert, Bronwen McGarrity, Jordan Meade and Lauren Sullivan.

60. Minutes

The Minutes of the extraordinary and scheduled meeting of the Council held on 26 February 2019 were signed by the Mayor.

61. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

62. 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.

63. 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 Cabinet held on Monday, 25 February 2019
Minutes of the Regulatory Board (Planning) held on Wednesday, 6 March 2019
Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee held on Tuesday, 12 March 2019
Minutes of the Cabinet held on Monday, 25 March 2019
Minutes of the Overview Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 4 April 2019

64. Reserved Minutes

There were no reserved minutes.

65. Representation of Political Groups on Committees/Appointments to Committees

The Council reviewed the representation of political groups on Committees as a result of Councillor Les Pearton moving from the Conservative Group to the Gravesham Independent Conservative Group and appointed Councillors 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; and
- the appointment of Councillors to sit on the Committees, as set out in appendix two of the report, be agreed.

66. Risk Management Strategy and Corporate Risk Register for 2019-2020

The Council received a report which:-

- detailed the outcome of Gravesham Borough Council's annual risk identification and analysis exercise;
- presented the Corporate Risk Register for 2019-2020 which included seven risks; and
- detailed the updates to be made to the Corporate Risk Management Strategy to reflect the recommendations made by Members and Internal Audit.

Resolved that the Risk Management Strategy and the Corporate Risk Register 2019-2020 be approved and published on the Council's website.

67. Working in Partnership Framework – April 2019

The Council was presented with an updated "Working in Partnership Framework" for Gravesham Borough Council following a comprehensive review.

Resolved that the "Working in Partnership Framework", attached at appendix two of the report, be adopted for incorporation into the Council's Policy Framework.

68. Proposed amendments to the Constitution – Summary & Explanation and The Articles

Further to minute 52 (26.02.2019), the Council was presented with the proposed amendments to The Articles of the Constitution to bring it up to date with legislative changes and to reflect changing roles and responsibilities.

The Council was reminded that this item, together with the following item, was being presented to the Council for a second time in order to comply with the two stage requirement contained within Constitution which would cease following approval of this item.

Resolved that the proposed amendments to the Articles, as laid out in the report, be approved.

69. Proposed amendments to the Constitution – Standards Committee

Further to minute 53 (26.02.2019), the Council was presented with the proposed amendments to Articles 3, 7, 9 and 15 of the Constitution relating to the Standards Committee.

Resolved that the proposed amendments to Articles 3, 7, 9 and 15, as laid out in the report, be approved.

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

No questions had been received.

71. To receive the Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor:-

- invited the Chief Executive to read a letter which had been received from the High Commissioner of New Zealand thanking the Council and the citizens of the Borough for the letter of condolence;
- invited Councillor Valerie Ashenden to address the Council. Councillor Valerie Ashenden advised that this would be her last meeting of the Council as she was not seeking re-election in May 2019. Councillor Ashenden thanked Members and Officers for their support;
- stated that this would be his last ordinary meeting of the Council and thanked Members, Officers and the citizens of our Borough for the honour and privilege. The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, also paid tribute to all Officers of the Council for their exemplary service to Members and to the public during the past four-year term; and
- invited those present to join him in the Parlour for refreshments.

Close of Meeting

The meeting ended at 7.53pm.