

## Council

Tuesday, 12 May 2020

4.03 pm

### Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar  
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr John Caller

Councillors: Ejaz Aslam  
John Burden  
Harold Craske  
Lee Croxton  
Aaron Elliott  
Gary Harding  
Leslie Hills  
Leslie Hoskins  
Bob Lane  
Jordan Meade  
Lyn Milner  
Shane Mochrie-Cox  
Tony Rice  
Lenny Rolles  
Brian Sangha  
Narinderjit Singh Thandi  
Jenny Wallace

Stuart Bobby	Chief Executive
Nick Brown	Director (Housing and Operations)
Kevin Burbidge	Director (Planning and Development)
Melanie Norris	Director (Communities)
Sarah Parfitt	Director (Corporate Services)
Simon Walsh	Service Manager (Communities)
Jan Guylar	Head of Legal Services, Medway Council
David Herrington	Digital Manager
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Manager

### 1. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

### 2. Election of Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

It was moved by Councillor John Burden and seconded by Councillor Lee Croxton that:-

**Cllr John Caller be elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2020/2021.**

Tribute was paid to Cllr John Caller for his service to the Council, to previous Mayors and the community. Cllr Caller had previously served as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

It was **resolved** unanimously that Cllr John Caller be duly elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2020/21.

Cllr John Caller 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 he would not be announcing chosen charities. The sponsorship money raised throughout his mayoral year would be distributed locally where it can do the most good.

The Mayor invited any charities that needed support to contact him.

### **3. Vote of thanks to Outgoing Mayor**

It was moved by Cllr John Caller that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar for the manner in which he carried out the office of Mayor for the past municipal year. Cllr Bungar suitably replied and in doing so offered thanks to those who had assisted him during his year in office.

The Worshipful the Mayor advised that the Past Mayor's Badge and Past Mayoress's Badge would be presented to Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar after the meeting.

### **4. Mayoress / Mayor's Escort**

The Worshipful the Mayor stated that the Mayoress would be his wife, Mrs Susan Caller.

### **5. Appointment of the Civic Chaplain**

The Worshipful the Mayor stated that the Civic Chaplain would be Reverend Jacqueline Littlewood.

### **6. Election of the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year**

It was moved by Cllr John Burden and seconded by Cllr Lee Croxton that:-

**Cllr Lyn Milner be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2020/21.**

Tribute was paid to Cllr Lyn Milner for her service to the Council, to previous Mayors and the community. Cllr Milner had previously served as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

It was **resolved** unanimously that Cllr Lyn Milner be duly elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal year 2020/21.

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

## 7. Deputy Mayoress / Deputy Mayor's Escort

The Deputy Mayor stated that she would not be appointing a Deputy Mayor's Escort.

The Deputy Mayor intended to invite family, friends and Councillors to accompany her to various events and functions.

## 8. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 25 February 2020

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 25 February 2020 were signed by the Mayor.

## 9. 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 Seats

#### Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllr Lauren Sullivan (Chair)  
Cllr Steve Thompson  
Cllr Brian Francis  
Cllr Elizabeth Mulheran

#### Conservative Group (4 seats)

Conrad Broadley  
Tony Rice  
Bob Lane  
Jordan Meade

#### Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)

Harold Craske (Vice Chair)

### Licensing Committee – 14 Seats

#### Labour Group (7 seats)

Cllr Steve Thompson (Chair)  
Cllr Jenny Wallace (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Brian Francis  
Cllr Gurdip Bungar  
Cllr Lyn Milner  
Cllr Baljit Hayre  
Cllr Tony Rana

#### Conservative Group (6 seats)

Frank Wardle  
Derek Ashenden  
Helen Ashenden  
Emma Elliott  
Leslie Hoskins  
Denise Tiran

#### Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)

Leslie Pearton

**Finance and Audit Committee – 9 Seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seats)</u>
Cllr Gurbax Singh (Chair)	Derek Ashenden	
Cllr Sarah Gow (Vice-Chair)	Ejaz Aslam	
Cllr Nirmal Khabra	Dakota Dibben	
Cllr Elizabeth Mulheran	Tony Rice	
Cllr Emma Morley		

**Overview Scrutiny Committee – 9 Seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seats)</u>
Cllr Steve Thompson (Vice-Chair)	Jordan Meade (Chair)	
Cllr Emma Morley	Conrad Broadley	
Cllr Elizabeth Mulheran	Alan Ridgers	
Cllr Christina Rolles	Leslie Hills	
Cllr Peter Scollard		

**Crime and Disorder Committee – 14 Seats**

<u>Labour Group (6 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (7 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Cllr Baljit Hayre (Chair)	Derek Ashenden	Leslie Pearton
Cllr Christina Rolles (Vice-Chair)	Helen Ashenden	
Cllr Tony Rana	Ejaz Aslam	
Cllr Brian Francis	Aaron Elliott	
Cllr Lauren Sullivan	Gary Harding	
Cllr Emma Morley	Frank Wardle	
	Dakota Dibben	

**Appointments Board – 14 Seats**

<u>Labour Group (6 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (7 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Cllr John Burden (Chair)	Helen Ashenden	Harold Craske
Cllr Lee Croxton (Vice-Chair)	Ejaz Aslam	
Cllr Jenny Wallace	Diane Marsh	
Cllr Lyn Milner	Jordan Meade	
Cllr Lenny Rolles	Anthony Pritchard	
Cllr Lauren Sullivan	Tony Rice	
	Leslie Hills	

**Standards Committee (no substitutes) – 9 Seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seats)</u>
Cllr John Caller (Chair)	Emma Elliott	
Cllr Lyn Milner (Vice-Chair)	Gary Harding	
Cllr Emma Morley	Denise Tiran	
Cllr Gurbax Singh	Diane Marsh	
Cllr Lauren Sullivan		

**Appeals Sub-Committee – 3 seats**

<u>Labour Group (2 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (1 seat)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seat)</u>
Cllr Lyn Milner (Chair)	Gary Harding	
Cllr Christina Rolles (Vice-Chair)		

**Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee – 3 seats**

<u>Labour Group (2 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (1 seat)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seat)</u>
Cllr John Burden (Chair)	Jordan Meade	
Cllr Lauren Sullivan (Vice-Chair)		

**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 (no substitutes) – 5 seats**

<u>Labour Group (3 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (2 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seat)</u>
Cllr Peter Scollard (Vice Chair)	Bob Lane	
Cllr Nirmal Khabra	Leslie Hills	
Cllr Brian Francis		

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

<u>Labour Group (1 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (0 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seat)</u>
John Burden		
Brian Sangha (Substitute)		

**Cabinet Committees****Community & Leisure Cabinet Committee – 10 seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Shane Mochrie-Cox (Chair)	Helen Ashenden	Harold Craske
Tony Rana (Vice Chair)	Ejaz Aslam	
Christina Rolles	Aaron Elliott	
Peter Scollard	Gary Harding	
Emma Morley		

**Operational Services Cabinet Committee – 10 seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Lee Croxton (Chair)	Conrad Broadley	Leslie Pearton
Gurbax Singh (Vice Chair)	Dakota Dibben	
Nirmal Khabra	Gary Harding	
Steve Thompson	Frank Wardle	
Peter Scollard		

**Housing Services Cabinet Committee – 10 seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Jenny Wallace (Chair)	Leslie Hills	Leslie Pearton
Christina Rolles (Vice Chair)	Leslie Hoskins	
Lyn Milner	Diane Marsh	
Baljit Hayre	Frank Wardle	
Peter Scollard		

**Performance and Administration Cabinet Committee – 10 seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Narinderjit Thandi (Chair)	Helen Ashenden	Harold Craske
Brian Francis (Vice Chair)	Dakota Dibben	
Gurbax Singh	Gary Harding	
Elizabeth Mulheran	Leslie Hills	
Sarah Gow		

**Strategic Environment Cabinet Committee – 10 seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Brian Sangha (Chair)	Leslie Hills	Harold Craske
Lauren Sullivan (Vice Chair)	Leslie Hoskins	
Brian Francis	Bob Lane	
Baljit Hayre	Alan Ridgers	
Emma Morley		

**Commercial Services Cabinet Committee – 10 seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Lenny Rolles (Chair)	Jordan Meade	Leslie Pearton
Sarah Gow (Vice Chair)	Anthony Pritchard	
Gurbax Singh	Tony Rice	
Tony Rana	Denise Tiran	
Gurdip Bungar		

**10. Appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies**

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

**Action with Communities in Rural Kent**

Cllrs John Burden and Leslie Hills

**Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services**

Cllr Lyn Milner

**Charity of Knight's Almshouses (4 year term)**

John Burden

**Choices (formerly North Kent Women's Aid)**

Cllr Sarah Gow

**Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)**

Cllr Lauren Sullivan

**CCTV – Lay Panel of Visitors**

Cllrs Lyn Milner, Jenny Wallace and Frank Wardle

Substitutes: Cllrs John Burden, Shane Mochrie-Cox and Dakota Dibben

**Cyclopark**

Cllr John Caller

**Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership**

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

Substitute: Cllr John Burden

**Dartford and Gravesham District Partnership Group**

Cllr John Burden

**Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust Stakeholder Council**

Cllrs John Burden and Jordan Meade

**DGSM Your Choice**

Cllr Lenny Rolles

**Ebbfleet UDC Board**

Cllr John Burden

**Elizabeth Huggins Cottages Charity (4 year term)**

Karen Hurdle

**Gravesend & District Mencap Society**

Cllrs Lee Croxton and Leslie Hoskins

**Gravesend Regatta Committee**

Cllrs Lenny Rolles, Shane Mochrie-Cox and Harold Craske

**Gravesham Access Group**

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

**Gravesham Arts Council and Executive Committee**

Cllrs Shane Mochrie-Cox, Jenny Wallace and Helen Ashenden

**Gravesham Community Leisure Limited**

Cllrs Shane Mochrie-Cox and Peter Scollard

**Gravesham Rights of Way Committee**

Cllrs Lee Croxton, Brian Francis and Jordan Meade.

**Henry Pinnocks Charity (4 year term)**

Cllr Baljit Hayre

**Kent County Playing Fields Association**

Cllr Brian Sangha

**Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

Cllr Lee Croxton

**Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel**

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

**Local Government Association**

Cllr John Burden

**Local Government Information Unit**

Cllr John Burden

**Meopham Community Sports and Leisure Association Management Committee**

Cllrs John Caller and Ejaz Aslam



**North Kent Crime Prevention Panel**

Cllr Tony Rana

**North Kent Marshes Internal Drainage Board**

Cllrs Jenny Wallace, Harold Craske and Lee Croxton

**North Kent Relate**

Cllr Christina Rolles

**North West Kent Volunteer Centre**

Cllr Peter Scollard

**Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategy (SAMMS)**

Cllr Lauren Sullivan

Substitute: Cllr Harold Craske

**South East Employers**

Cllr John Burden

Substitute: Cllr Lee Croxton

**The Grand Community Interest Company**

Cllrs John Burden and Shane Mochrie-Cox

**Town Twinning Association**

Cllrs Lyn Milner and Alan Ridgers

**11. Scheme of Delegation**

The scheme of delegation 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 were re-affirmed.

**12. Timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year**

That the timetable of meetings for the 2020/21 municipal year be adopted.

**13. Questions**

No questions had been received.

**Close of meeting**

The meeting ended at 4.29 pm.