

Council

Tuesday, 17 May 2022

7.00 pm

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr Lyn Milner
The Deputy Mayor, Peter Scollard

Councillors:

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

Stuart Bobby	Chief Executive
Nick Brown	Director (Environment) & Deputy Chief Executive
Daniel Killian	Director (Housing)
Sarah Parfitt	Director (Corporate Services)
Simon Hookway	Assistant Director (Communities)
Bhupinder Gill	Assistant Director Legal and Governance
Simon Walsh	Service Manager (Communities)
Andy Rayfield	Communications Manager
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Manager
Chris Wakeford	Committee Services Officer
Julie Francis-Beard	Committee Services Officer
Ben Clarke	Committee Services Officer
Kirsty Gaunt	Community Involvement Officer

1. Prayer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Cllr Lyn Milner asked the outgoing Chaplain, Reverend Jacqueline Littlewood to say a prayer for the meeting.

2. Marilyn Keating

Before the start of formal proceedings, the Council paid tribute to a leading member of the local community, Marilyn Keating, who unexpectedly passed away at the beginning of May 2022.

Marilyn had been the Chief Executive for the Council for Voluntary Services North West Kent and her unstinting support for the local community organisations and initiatives had a huge impact on community life in the Borough. This included sitting on the Community Awards judging panel and she herself was justly recognised with an award for Outstanding Services to the community in 2014.

Marilyn will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

3. 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:-

Linda Rush
Claudette Bramble
Gurjit Shokhar
GTown Talents
Gravesend Dynamite Wheelchair Rugby
Gravesham Foodbank
Gravesend Methodist Church – Daytime Hub
George Duffort
Priscilla McBean
Lenny Hwami

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 Lee Croxton that:-

Cllr Peter Scollard be elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2022/23.

It was resolved unanimously that Cllr Peter Scollard be duly elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2022/23.

Cllr Peter Scollard 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 2022/23 would be Ellenor, Age UK and Home-Start.

6. Vote of thanks to Outgoing Mayor

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

Cllr Milner suitably replied and in doing so offered thanks to those who had assisted her during her year in office.

7. Presentation of the Past Mayor's Badge

The Worshipful the Mayor presented Cllr Lyn Milner with a Past Mayor's Badge.

8. Mayoress

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

9. 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.

10. 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 John Caller be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2022/23.

It was resolved unanimously that Cllr John Caller be duly elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal year 2022/23.

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

11. Deputy Mayoress

The Deputy Mayor stated that the Deputy Mayoress will be Susan Caller and invested her with the Deputy Mayoress's Chain.

12. Presentation of Bouquets

Bouquets were presented to the Mayoress, Deputy Mayoress and outgoing Mayor.

13. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 12 April 2022

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 12 April 2022 were signed by the Mayor.

14. Confirmation of the arrangements in respect of the Cabinet - for information

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 Lee Croxton (Deputy Leader)
 Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox
 Cllr Lenny Rolles
 Cllr Lauren Sullivan
 Cllr Narinder Singh Thandi
 Cllr Jenny Wallace

The following items (Minute 15 to 19) were moved by Cllr John Burden, seconded by Cllr Lee Croxton and agreed en-bloc unanimously.

15. Representation on Political Groups on Committees

- 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	4 seats
Conservative Group	4 seats
Gravesham Independent Group	1 seat
Licensing Committee	14 Members
Labour Group	6 seats
Conservative Group	7 seats
Gravesham Independent Group	1 seat
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 14 Members

Labour Group	6 seats
Conservative Group	7 seats
Gravesham Independent Group	1 seat

Appointments Board 14 Members

Labour Group	6 seats
Conservative Group	7 seats
Gravesham Independent Group	1 seat

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, except the Standards Committee and the Appointments Board, in accordance with Procedural Rule 7.

16. 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 (4 seats)

Cllr Brian Sangha (Chair)
 Cllr Brian Francis
 Cllr Elizabeth Mulheran
 Cllr Emma Morley

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Gary Harding
 Cllr Samir Jassal
 Cllr Bob Lane
 Cllr Tony Rice

Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)

Cllr Harold Craske
 (Vice-Chair)

Licensing Committee – 14 SeatsLabour Group (6 seats)

Cllr Steve Thompson (Chair)
 Cllr Jenny Wallace
 (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr John Caller
 Cllr Brian Francis
 Cllr Baljit Hayre
 Cllr Lyn Milner

Conservative Group (7 seats)

Cllr Derek Ashenden
 Cllr Helen Ashenden
 Cllr Gurjit Bains
 Cllr Leslie Hoskins
 Cllr Bob Lane
 Cllr Denise Tiran
 Cllr Frank Wardle

Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)

Cllr Leslie Pearton

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

Cllr Gurbax Singh (Chair)
 Cllr Sarah Gow (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr Nirjal Khabra
 Cllr Emma Morley
 Cllr Lyn Milner

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Derek Ashenden
 Cllr Dakota Dibben
 Cllr Gary Harding
 Cllr Samir Jassal

Gravesham Independent Group (0 seats)**Overview Scrutiny Committee – 9 Seats**Labour Group (5 seats)

Cllr Baljit Hayre (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr Sarah Gow
 Cllr Lyn Milner
 Cllr Emma Morley
 Cllr Gurdip Bungar

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Cllr Jordan Meade (Chair)
 Cllr Gurjit Bains
 Cllr Leslie Hills
 Cllr Diane Morton

Gravesham Independent Group (0 seats)**Crime and Disorder Committee – 14 Seats**Labour Group (6 seats)

Cllr Baljit Hayre (Chair)
 Cllr Brian Sangha (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr John Caller
 Cllr Brian Francis
 Cllr Lyn Milner
 Cllr Tony Rana

Conservative Group (7 seats)

Cllr Derek Ashenden
 Cllr Helen Ashenden
 Cllr Ejaz Aslam
 Cllr Dakota Dibben
 Cllr Aaron Elliott
 Cllr Jordan Meade
 Cllr Frank Wardle

Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)

Cllr Leslie Pearton

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)	Cllr Helen Ashenden	Cllr Harold Craske
Cllr Lee Croxton (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Ejaz Aslam	
Cllr Lyn Milner	Cllr Leslie Hills	
Cllr Lenny Rolles	Cllr Jordan Meade	
Cllr Lauren Sullivan	Cllr Anthony Pritchard	
Cllr Jenny Wallace	Cllr Tony Rice	
	Cllr Denise Tiran	

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)	Cllr Emma Elliott	
Cllr Lyn Milner (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Leslie Hills	
Cllr Tony Rana	Cllr Diane Morton	
Cllr Gurbax Singh	Cllr Denise Tiran	
Cllr Brian Sangha		

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)	Cllr 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)	Cllr Jordan Meade	
Cllr Brian Sangha (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 Tony Rana (Vice-Chair) Cllr Brian Francis Cllr Nirmal Khabra	Cllr Leslie Hills Cllr Aaron Elliott	

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>
Cllr John Burden (Chair) Cllr Brian Sangha (Substitute)		

Climate Change Advisory Board

<u>Labour Group (3 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (1 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Cllr John Burden (Chair) Cllr Sarah Gow Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox	Cllr Diane Morton	Cllr Harold Craske

Cabinet Committees**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>
Cllr Lenny Rolles (Chair) Cllr Sarah Gow (Vice-Chair) Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar Cllr Tony Rana Cllr Gurbax Singh	Cllr Samir Jassal Cllr Anthony Pritchard Cllr Tony Rice Cllr Denise Tiran	Cllr Leslie Pearton

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>
Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox (Chair) Cllr Tony Rana (Vice-Chair) Cllr Emma Morley Cllr Christina Rolles Cllr Nirmal Khabra	Cllr Helen Ashenden Cllr Ejaz Aslam Cllr Gurjit Bains Cllr Aaron Elliott	Cllr Harold Craske

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>
Cllr Jenny Wallace (Chair)	Cllr Ejaz Aslam	Cllr Leslie Pearton
Cllr Christina Rolles (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Jordan Meade	
Cllr Baljit Hayre	Cllr Leslie Hills	
Cllr Lyn Milner	Cllr Leslie Hoskins	
Cllr Elizabeth Mulheran		

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>
Cllr Lee Croxton (Chair)	Cllr Conrad Broadley	Cllr Leslie Pearton
Cllr Gurbax Singh (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Gary Harding	
Cllr Nirmal Khabra	Cllr Alan Ridgers	
Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar	Cllr Frank Wardle	
Cllr Brian Sangha		

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>
Cllr Narinderjit Singh Thandi (Chair)	Cllr Dakota Dibben	Cllr Harold Craske
Cllr Brian Francis (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Gary Harding	
Cllr Sarah Gow	Cllr Leslie Hills	
Cllr Elizabeth Mulheran	Cllr Samir Jassal	
Cllr Gurbax Singh		

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>
Cllr Lauren Sullivan (Chair)	Cllr Dakota Dibben	Cllr Harold Craske
Cllr Brian Sangha (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Leslie Hills	
Cllr Brian Francis	Cllr Leslie Hoskins	
Cllr Nirmal Khabra	Cllr Bob Lane	
Cllr Emma Morley		

17. 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)

Mr Peter Rayner

Choices (formerly North Kent Women's Aid)

Cllr Sarah Gow

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Cllr Jenny Wallace

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 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

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 Community Leisure Limited

Cllrs Shane Mochrie-Cox and Peter Scollard

Gravesham Community Safety Partnership

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

Substitute: Cllr John Burden

Gravesham Rights of Way Committee

Cllrs Lee Croxton, Brian Francis and Tony Rice.

Henry Pinnocks Charity (4 year term)

Cllr Jenny Wallace

Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Joint Committee

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

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

PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee

Cllr Brian Sangha

South East Employers

Cllr John Burden

Substitute: Cllr Lee Croxton

Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategy (SAMMS)

Cllr Lauren Sullivan

Substitute: Cllr Harold Craske

The Grand Community Interest Company

Cllrs John Burden and Shane Mochrie-Cox

Town Twinning Association

Cllrs Lyn Milner and Alan Ridgers

18. Scheme of Delegation

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 were re-affirmed.

19. Timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year

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

20. Questions

No questions had been received.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 7.54 pm