

COUNCIL

FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2017

PRESENT:- The Worshipful The Mayor in the Chair; Councillors Junab Ali, Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Ray Ballman, Alan Bishop, Emma Bushell, Matthew Courtliff, Wayne Crabbe, Malcolm Davies, Mark Dempsey, Paul Dixon, Oliver Donachie, Toby Elliott, Claire Ellis, Steph Exell, Emma Faramarzi, Fionuala Foley, Brian Ford, Jim Grant, John Haines, Dale Heenan, Russell Holland, Colin Lovell, Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Cathy Martyn, Gemma McCracken, Jane Milner-Barry, Des Moffatt, Derique Montaut, Teresa Page, Stan Pajak, Barbara Parry, Kevin Parry, Maureen Penny, Garry Perkins, David Renard, James Robbins, Carol Shelley, Kevin Small, Gary Sumner, Timothy Swinyard, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Vera Tomlinson, Joe Tray, Chris Watts, Nadine Watts, Peter Watts, Steve Weisinger, Keith Williams and David Wood.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Steve Allsopp, Mary Friend, Fay Howard, Bob Wright and Julie Wright.

2. To elect a qualified person to be Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18

The Mayor (Councillor Eric Shaw) called upon the Councillors to elect a qualified person to be Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year, 2017/18.

Councillor Steve Weisinger moved and Councillor Alan Bishop seconded and the Council unanimously agreed that Councillor Maureen Penny be Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillors David Renard, Jim Grant and Stan Pajak offered their support and congratulations to the Mayor, on behalf of their political groups, and Councillor Derique Montaut offered his congratulations.

Councillor Maureen Penny made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Maureen Penny) in the Chair.)

The Mayor thanked the Council for her election to the post of Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Fionuala Foley moved and Councillor Brian Ford seconded and the Council agreed that Councillor Eric Shaw be thanked for his year of service as Mayor of the Borough. Councillors Councillors David Renard, Jim Grant and Stan Pajak, on behalf of their political groups, and Councillor Derique Montaut thanked the retiring Mayor.

Councillor Eric Shaw thanked Members and Officers for their support over the preceding year in assisting him with carrying out his duties and informed Members of the highlights of his Mayoral Year and charities he had supported.

3. To elect a qualified person to be Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18

The Mayor called upon the Councillors to elect a qualified person to be Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year, 2017/18.

Councillor Derique Montaut moved and Councillor Abdul Amin seconded and the Council agreed that Councillor Junab Ali be Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillors Jim Grant, Stan Pajak and David Renard offered their congratulations to the Deputy Mayor on behalf of their political groups.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Junab Ali) thanked the Council for his election to the post of Deputy Mayor of the Borough.

4. Communications

The Chief Executive reported that no communications had been received.

5. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2017, be confirmed and signed.

6. Declarations of Interest

The Worshipful The Mayor reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

7. Public Question Time

There were no Public Questions.

8. Adoption of Revisions to Swindon Borough Council's Constitution

Councillor David Renard moved and Councillor Russell Holland seconded:

“(1) That, subject to references to the StreetSmart, Highways and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee being amended to read the Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Swindon Council's Constitution for the Municipal Year 2017/18 be adopted.

(2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services be authorised, in consultation with the members of the Corporate Governance Review Working Party where appropriate, to vary the wording and layout of the Constitution and its associated documentation to reflect legislative and procedural changes should this prove necessary for the efficient discharge of Council business during the course of the Municipal Year.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

9.

Numbers to Serve on Committees

Councillor David Renard moved and Councillor Russell Holland seconded:

“That the number of Members to serve on Swindon Borough Council’s Committees for the Municipal Year 2017/18, be as follows:

Appeals Committee – 25 Members
Appointments Committee – 25 Members
Audit Committee – 7 Members
Licensing Committee – 15 Members
Planning Committee – 13 Members
Special Committee – 11 Members
Scrutiny Committee – 13 Members
Adults’ Health, Adults’ Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members
Children’s Health, Social Care and Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members
Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members
Growing the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members
Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members
Health and Wellbeing Board – 4 Members
Standards Committee – 9 Members.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

10.

Allocation of Seats to Political Groups and Appointments to Committees, Other Bodies and Outside Bodies

Councillor David Renard moved and Councillor Russell Holland seconded:

“(1) That, having carried out a review under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council continues to apply the political balance provisions under the Act.

(2) That Committees and other relevant Council Bodies be reminded of their duty to carry out a review under Section 15 of the Local Government Housing Act 1989, as appropriate, and recommends that having carried out that review they continue to apply the political balance provisions.

(3) That the Council’s waiving of the political balance arrangements on the Appeals Committee, Appointments Committee, Licensing Committee, Resources and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Standards Committee, Scrutiny Committee and Special Committee be confirmed.

(4) That Councillors be appointed to serve on the Council’s Committees for the Municipal Year 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Minutes.

(5) That the appointments to the Cabinet, the nominations of Councillors serving on Cabinet Project Boards and Cabinet Advisory Bodies for the Municipal Year 2017/18, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the Minutes, be noted.

(6) That the arrangements relating to the Council’s Standards Committee, as set out in Paragraph 3.10 of the report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services, be approved.

(7) That Chairs and Vice-Chairs be appointed to the Council’s Committees for the Municipal Year 2017/18, as set out in the Appendix 1 to the Minutes, and where

no appointment to Vice-Chair positions have been made, that these be determined at the first meeting of the relevant Committees.

(8) That representatives be appointed to serve on Other and Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2017/18, be as set out in Appendix 1 to the Minutes.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

11. Calendar of Meetings 2017/18

Councillor David Renard moved and Councillor Russell Holland seconded:

“(1) That the Timetable of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2017/18, as tabled at the meeting, be approved.

(2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to vary the dates for meetings of the Council, the Cabinet, Committees and Other Swindon Borough Council bodies should this prove necessary for the efficient discharge of Council business.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

12. Councillors Question Time

The Director of Law and Democratic Services reported that no Standing Order 15 Questions had been received.