

Minutes



Listening Learning Leading

OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Council

Held on Thursday 18 May 2023 at 6.00 pm

Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN

Present:

Councillors: Ken Arlett, Pieter-Paul Barker, James Barlow, Tim Bearder, Robin Bennett, David Bretherton, Sam Casey-Rerhaye, Sue Cooper, Peter Dragonetti, Maggie Filipova-Rivers, Stefan Gawrysiak, Mike Giles, Kate Gregory, Georgina Heritage, Kellie Hinton, Sam James-Lawrie, Alexandrine Kantor, Katharine Keats-Rohan, Mocky Khan, Denise Macdonald, Axel Macdonald, Ben Manning, Freddie Van Mierlo, Zia Mohammed, James Norman, Andrea Powell, Leigh Rawlins, Jo Robb, David Rouane, Ed Sadler, Anne-Marie Simpson, Ian Snowdon, Andrew Tinsley, David Turner and Tony Worgan

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Ali Gordon-Creed

Officers: Patrick Arran, Head of Legal & Democratic and Monitoring Officer, Steven Corrigan, Democratic Services Manager, and Mark Stone, Chief Executive

1 Election of Chair

Councillor Turner left the room during consideration of this item.

Councillor Turner was nominated as chair for the 2023/24 municipal year. Councillor Rouane as proposer, Councillor Bennett as seconder and Councillors Gawrysiak, Khan and Snowdon spoke in support of the nomination.

RESOLVED: to elect Councillor Turner as Chair of the council for the 2023/24 municipal year, until the next annual meeting of the Council in May 2024.

Councillor Turner signed his declaration of acceptance of office and made an acceptance speech.

2 Appointment of Vice-Chair

Councillor Hinton was nominated as vice-chair for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Councillor Bennett as proposer, Councillor Cooper as seconder and Councillors Arlett and Khan spoke in support of the nomination.

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Hinton as vice-chair of the council for the 2023/24 municipal year, until the next annual meeting of the Council in May 2024.

Councillor Hinton signed her declaration of acceptance of office and made an acceptance speech.

3 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2023 as a correct record and agree that the Chair sign them as such.

4 Declarations of interest

None.

5 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None.

6 Appointments to committees, panels and joint committees for 2023/24

Council considered the report of the head of legal and democratic on the appointment of those committees and joint committees which are required to be politically balanced; together with the Climate Ecological Emergencies Advisory Committee, Licensing Acts Committee, Community Grants Panel and appointments to joint bodies.

The chair referred to the following recommendation, circulated at the meeting, covering these appointments and to reflect the allocation of the vacant committee position:

That for the 2023/24 municipal year Council:

1. appoints the committees and panels for the 2023/24 year and allocate seats to each political group as set out in the schedule circulated prior to the meeting;
2. appoints councillors and substitutes to sit on the committees and panels as set out in the schedule circulated prior to the meeting;
3. appoints councillors to the Licensing Acts Committee as set out in the schedule circulated prior to the meeting;
4. appoints councillors to the Climate Ecological Emergencies Advisory Committee as set out in the schedule circulated prior to the meeting;
5. appoints councillors to the Community Grants Panel as set out in the schedule circulated prior to the meeting;
6. appoints chairs and vice-chairs as set out in the schedule circulated prior to the meeting;
7. appoints Katharine Keats-Rohan as the council's representative and David Turner as substitute on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
8. appoints Sam Casey-Rerhaye as the council's representative and Maggie Filipova-Rivers as substitute on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel;
9. appoints Jo Robb, Leigh Rawlins and David Turner to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel;
10. authorises the head of legal and democratic to make appointments to any vacant committee or panel seat and substitute positions in accordance with the wishes of the relevant group leader.

Councillor Snowdon, the non-group councillor, advised Council that he did not wish to accept the offer of a seat on the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED:

That for the 2023/24 municipal year to:

1. appoint the following committees and panels for the 2022/23 municipal year and to appoint the membership, substitutes and chairs and vice-chairs as indicated to sit on them (see table below);

Planning Committee, 11 Members				
Green (2)	Henley Residents Group (1)	Labour & Co-operative (1)	Liberal Democrat (6)	Vacancy (1)
Peter Dragonetti (Vice-Chair)	Ken Arlett	Axel Macdonald	Tim Bearder	
Ali Gordon-Creed			David Bretherton (Chair)	
			Sam James-Lawrie	
			Katharine Keats-Rohan	
			Ben Manning	
			Ed Sadler	
Preferred substitutes				
Green (3)	Henley Residents (2)	Labour & Co-operative (2)	Liberal Democrat (6)	
Sam Casey-Rerhaye	Stefan Gawrysiak	Mocky Khan	Kate Gregory	
James Norman		Denise Macdonald	Georgina Heritage	
Jo Robb			Alexandrine Kantor	
			Zia Mohammed	
			Andrew Tinsley	
			Tony Worgan	

Scrutiny Committee, 9 Members			
Green (2)	Henley Residents (1)	Labour & Co-operative (1)	Liberal Democrat (5)
James Barlow	Ken Arlett (Chair)	Mocky Khan (Vice-Chair)	Kate Gregory
Jo Robb			Katharine Keats-Rohan
			Leigh Rawlins
			David Turner
			Tony Worgan
Preferred substitutes			
Green (3)	Henley Residents (2)	Labour & Co-operative (2)	Liberal Democrat (5)
Sam Casey-Rerhaye	Stefan Gawrysiak	Axel Macdonald	Mike Giles
Peter Dragonetti	Kellie Hinton	Denise Macdonald	Alexandrine Kantor
Ali Gordon-Creed			Ben Manning
			Andrew Tinsley
			Ed Sadler

Joint Scrutiny Committee, 5 Members		
Green (1)	Henley Residents (1)	Liberal Democrat (3)
Jo Robb	Stefan Gawrysiak (Co-Chair)	Alexandrine Kantor
		Leigh Rawlins
		Ed Sadler
Preferred substitutes		
Green (3)	Henley Residents (2)	Liberal Democrat (3)
James Barlow	Ken Arlett	Kate Gregory
Sam Casey-Rerhaye	Kellie Hinton	Ben Manning
Ali Gordon-Creed		Tony Worgan

Joint Audit and Governance, 4 Members		
Green (1)	Labour & Co-operative (1)	Liberal Democrat (2)
Peter Dragonetti	Mocky Khan (Co-Chair)	Leigh Rawlins
		Tony Worgan
Preferred substitutes		
Green (3)	Labour & Co-operative (2)	Liberal Democrat (3)
James Barlow	Axel Macdonald	David Bretherton
Sam Casey-Rerhaye	Denise Macdonald	Katharine Keats-Rohan
Jo Robb		David Turner

Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee, 6 Members			
Green (1)	HRG (1)	Labour & Co-operative (1)	Liberal Democrat (3)
James Barlow	Ken Arlett (Vice-Chair)	Mocky Khan	David Bretherton (Chair)
			Sue Cooper
			Katharine Keats-Rohan
Preferred substitutes			
Green (3)	HRG (2)	Labour & Co-operative (2)	Liberal Democrat (3)
Peter Dragonetti	Stefan Gawrysiak	Axel Macdonald	Pieter-Paul Barker
Jo Robb	Kellie Hinton	Denise Macdonald	Maggie Filipova-Rivers
			David Turner

Joint Staff Committee, 5 Members	
Green (1)	Liberal Democrat (4)
Andrea Powell	Maggie Filipova-Rivers
	Kate Gregory
	David Rouane
	Anne-Marie Simpson

Joint Staff Committee, 5 Members

Substitutes

The Leader may be substituted by another Cabinet member. Other members of the Committee may be substituted by any member of that Council’s political group (executive or non-executive).

General Licensing Committee, 12 Members

Green (3)	Henley Residents (1)	Labour & Co-operative (1)	Liberal Democrat (7)
Peter Dragonetti	Kellie Hinton	Axel Macdonald	Mike Giles
Ali Gordon-Creed			Georgina Heritage
Jo Robb (Chair)			Sam James-Lawrie
			Katharine Keats-Rohan
			Ben Manning (Vice-Chair)
			Zia Mohammed
			Leigh Rawlins

No substitutes

Licensing Acts Committee, 12 Members

Green (3)	Henley Residents (1)	Labour & Co-operative (1)	Liberal Democrat (7)
Peter Dragonetti	Kellie Hinton	Axel Macdonald	Mike Giles
Ali Gordon-Creed			Georgina Heritage
Jo Robb (Chair)			Sam James-Lawrie
			Katharine Keats-Rohan
			Ben Manning (Vice-Chair)
			Zia Mohammed
			Leigh Rawlins

No substitutes

Appeals Panel, 3 Members			
Green (1)		Liberal Democrat (2)	
Sam Casey-Rerhaye		Georgina Heritage	
		Anne-Marie Simpson	
Preferred substitutes			
Green (3)		Liberal Democrat (3)	
James Barlow		Kate Gregory	
Peter Dragonetti		Katharine Keats-Rohan	
Jo Robb		Leigh Rawlins	

Community Grants Panel, 9 Members			
Green (2)	Henley Residents (1)	Labour & Co-operative (1)	Liberal Democrat (5)
Ali Gordon-Creed	Ken Arlett	Denise Macdonald	David Bretherton
Jo Robb (Vice-Chair)			Mike Giles
			Kate Gregory
			Georgina Heritage
			Tony Worgan (Chair)
Preferred Substitutes			
Green (3)	Henley Residents (2)	Labour & Co-operative (2)	Liberal Democrat (5)
James Barlow	Stefan Gawrysiak	Mocky Khan	Tim Bearder
Sam Casey-Rerhaye	Kellie Hinton	Axel Macdonald	Katharine Keats-Rohan
Peter Dragonetti			Ben Manning
			Zia Mohammed
			David Turner

Climate Ecological Emergencies Advisory Committee, 12 Members			
Green (3)	Henley Residents (1)	Labour & Co-operative (1)	Liberal Democrat (7)
James Barlow hair)	Stefan Gawrysiak	Denise Macdonald	Mike Giles
Sam Casey-Rerhaye (C			Sam James-Lawrie
Ali Gordon-Creed			Alexandrine Kantor
			Katharine Keats-Rohan
			Ben Manning
			Leigh Rawlins
			Andrew Tinsley (Vice-Chair)
Preferred substitutes			
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James Norman	Kellie Hinton	Axel Macdonald	Tim Bearder
Jo Robb			David Bretherton
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7 Election of leader of the council

RESOLVED: to elect David Rouane as leader of the council for a four-year period ending on the day of the next post-election annual meeting in 2027.

Councillor Rouane advised that Cabinet would comprise Pieter-Paul Barker, Robin Bennett, Sue Cooper, Maggie Filipova-Rivers, Andrea Powell, Anne-Marie Simpson and Freddie van Mierlo. Councillors Bennett and Filipova-Rivers would act as deputy leaders.

8 Allowances for Independent Persons

Council considered the report of the head of legal and democratic covering the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the payment of an allowance to the Independent Person on the Joint Audit and Governance Committee and those Independent Persons who assist the monitoring officer with code of conduct matters.

RESOLVED: to

1. agree that an allowance of £1,768 per annum be paid to the independent member of the Joint Audit and Governance Committee with effect from the date of the appointment, the cost shared equally with Vale of White Horse District Council;
2. agree that an allowance of £583 per annum be paid to each independent person appointed by the head of legal and democratic to assist in dealing with code of conduct matters, the cost shared equally with Vale of White Horse District Council, and to be backdated to 1 April 2023;
3. agree that the allowances above be subject to annual increases in line with the increase in allowances paid to councillors; and
4. authorise the head of legal and democratic to update the councillors' allowances scheme to make reference to the allowances to independent persons set out above.

The meeting closed at 6:40pm

Chair

Date