



COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MULTI-LOCATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 9TH MAY 2024 AT 5.00PM

PRESENT:

Councillor C. Gordon – Presiding Member
Councillor E. M. Aldworth – Deputy Presiding Member

Councillors:

M. Adams, C. Andrews, A. Angel, C. Bishop, A. Broughton-Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson, R. Chapman, P. Cook, S. Cook, D. Cushing, C. Cuss, E. Davies, N. Dix, G. Ead, C. Elsbury, G. Enright, K. Etheridge, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, C. Forehead, E. Forehead, J. E. Fussell, A. Gair, N. George, D. Harse, T. Heron, A. Hussey, D. Ingram-Jones, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston, J. Jones, S. Kent, P. Leonard, C. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Miles, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, B. Owen, T. Parry, L. Phipps, M. Powell, D.W.R. Preece, H. Pritchard, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, J. Rao, J. Reed, J. Roberts, R. Saralis, J. Scriven, J. Simmonds, E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, L. Whittle, S. Williams, W. Williams, J. Winslade, C. Wright and K. Woodland.

Together with:

D. Street (Deputy Chief Executive), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), M.S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment), G. Jenkins (Interim Corporate Director Social Services), S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), L. Sykes (Deputy Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer), A. Southcombe (Finance Manager - Corporate Finance), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance: M. Jones (Audit Wales) and Mr P. Brunt (Lay Member – Standards Committee).

RECORDING, FILMING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Deputy Chief Executive reminded those present the meeting was being live streamed, and a recording would be available following the meeting via the Council's website – [Click Here to View](#). He advised that decisions would be made by Microsoft Forms.

IN MEMORIUM

The Mayor referred to the loss of Councillor Dianne Price, who very sadly passed away on 20th April 2024. Members and Officers stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect. Tributes were paid by the Leader of Council and the Leader of the Plaid Cymru group.

CHANGES TO THE RUNNING ORDER

The Mayor advised that he had given permission for Agenda Item 15 (Financial Statements for 2022/23) to be taken directly after Agenda Item 2.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.T. Davies MBE, M. James, A. Leonard and S. Skivens.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

15. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2022/23

Consideration was given to the report which presented Council with the Audit Wales 'Audit of Accounts Report' for the 2022/23 financial year and sought Council approval of the 2022/23 Audited Financial Accounts. The Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance provided an overview of the report and placed on record her thanks to the Finance Team for all their hard work in putting together the financial statements for 2022/23. Members were asked to note that the Auditors Report does not include any recommendations at this stage, these will follow in an Audit of Accounts Addendum report that will be presented to the Governance and Audit Committee at its meeting on 8th October 2024, setting out details of Audit Wales' recommendations arising from the audit of the Council's 2022/23 Financial Accounts along with the associated management responses.

In response to a query, the Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer assured Members that steps will be taken to reduce the number of misstatements identified during the audit process moving forward. Members were advised that a team has been put together to learn lessons and to identify areas where improvements can be made to limit the number of similar adjustments being required. Members were further advised that discussions will take place with colleagues from Audit Wales to get their views on where improvements can be made.

A Member referred to the uncorrected misstatements relating to the accounts of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD), which are consolidated into the Council's annual accounts. It was noted that the misstatements arose because Officers compiled the Council's draft 2022-23 accounts based on the 2021-22 CCRCD accounts, because the draft 2022-23 CCRCD accounts were yet to be produced by CCRCD Officers. In response, the Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer emphasised that the unadjusted misstatements in respect of the CCRCD are not material. However, assurances would be sought that the accounts of the CCRCD can be done in a timelier manner going forward, in order to avoid having to make adjustments. In respect of the CCRCD accounts, M. Jones (Audit Wales) informed Council that Audit Wales are engaging with the entity with recommendations for improvement going forward.

The Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer and M. Jones (Audit Wales) also provided clarification on the other areas of uncorrected misstatements.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation (and in noting there were 60 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions) this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that: -

1. The Audit Wales 'Audit of Accounts Report' be noted.
2. The 2022/23 Audited Financial Accounts be approved.
3. An 'Audit of Accounts Addendum Report' will be presented to the Governance and Audit Committee at its meeting on 8th October 2024, setting out details of Audit Wales' recommendations arising from the audit of the Council's 2022/23 Financial Accounts along with the associated management responses, be noted.

3. RETIRING MAYOR'S REMARKS

Councillor M. Adams, as the retiring Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council, thanked Members for giving him the opportunity to serve as Mayor for a second time and for all their support, which had been very much appreciated. He expressed what an honour it had been to represent the authority as Mayor during the past year.

The Mayor shared his unique insight into all aspects of community life – from being part of special anniversaries and celebrations to recognising achievements and being invited to countless special events and activities. He referred to the many memorable experiences and the many wonderful people he had met from all walks of life and from all sections of the community. The Mayor expressed how privileged he was to have met some very talented young people and inspirational residents living in the Caerphilly borough – which was an experience that will stay with him forever.

The Mayor placed on record his thanks to his Consort and wife Gloria, who's support as Mayoress enabled him to carry out his duties as Mayor. The Mayor also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J. Simmonds, for his excellent support over the past year and expressed further thanks to the staff in the Civic Office, Zoe Turk, Joy Thomas and Mark Harris, for all their guidance, support and assistance.

Lastly, the Mayor thanked everyone who had supported his chosen charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind, which had raised funds totalling around £3,172.62.

In concluding his remarks, the Mayor wished all the best to his successor for the year ahead.

4. TO CONSIDER A REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES ON CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

Consideration was given to the report which asked Council to consider a number of changes to the Council's Constitution. The Council's Constitution sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures that are followed to ensure that these decisions are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people.

The report sought to update Terms of Reference, the Scheme of Delegation, the Member Training and Development Protocol and the Planning Code of Practice, together with changes to the text size of the report template and updates to the Integrated Impact Assessment. The report also sought a decision from Council as to whether a Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member should be appointed and if so the duties annexed to these posts together with the term of such appointment and any remuneration payable to a Presiding Member. Council was asked to delegate authority to the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution, as necessary.

A number of comments were made regarding the Member Training and Development Protocol. Reference was made to the proposed changes to include Cyber Security training and Safeguarding training as part of the mandatory training requirements for Members, and it was requested that Leaders of the political groups be included in the consultation process to consider mandatory training going forward. In response, the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer explained that the proposed changes included a provision whereby the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee, who is a member of the Plaid Cymru Group, may consider certain training as mandatory throughout the term of the Council. In response to a further comment, it was explained that mandatory training is usually delivered by the Welsh Government and therefore only available via Microsoft Teams, however face to face training would be delivered where possible.

Some Members questioned the need to appoint a Presiding Member as they felt a Presiding Member and Mayoral model was unnecessary. Furthermore, a number of concerns were raised regarding the financial implications of any remuneration payable to a Presiding Member.

Reference was made to the consultation responses incorporated within the report and concerns were raised regarding the short timescale of the consultation period. It was pointed out that the Leader of the Plaid Cymru Group had suggested preliminary meetings to discuss the Presiding Member and Mayoral model and to look at the advantages and disadvantages. It was also suggested that the Mayor continue to Chair meetings of Council and that any remuneration that would be payable to a Presiding Member be used on frontline services.

The Leader of Council explained that even though the Presiding Member would receive a senior salary, other changes such as removing the senior salary payment for the Deputy Mayor, together with the reduction of Scrutiny Chairs and the deletion of a Cabinet Member post, would mean the Council will save close to £100,000 over the next three years. It was further explained that the appointment of a Presiding Member would improve the chairing of Council meetings and leave the Mayor free to act as the ceremonial head of the Council and to represent the Council at all civic and ceremonial functions.

During the course of debate, a Member asked for a written response as to why a Presiding Member is needed, which was noted by the Mayor. Another Member asked for a list of the functions and responsibilities relating to a Presiding Member.

Following on from a previous discussion, a number of queries were raised in relation to Safeguarding training. The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive clarified that exemptions would be available for those Members who have already undertaken Safeguarding training, in line with the Council's requirements.

A Member expressed their view in that the recommendation to consider whether to appoint a Presiding Member should have been considered separately to the other recommendations in the report and therefore would not be able to vote in favour of the recommendations on that principle.

In terms of the proposed increase in the font size of the report template to comply with the guidance on accessibility of documents, a Member suggested that the font size be increased to Arial 14 instead of Arial 12. The Member also expressed concerns in that the font size of presentations had not been considered.

A Member asked how many other local authorities had adopted a Presiding Member role and also asked for the pros and cons of the role. The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer informed that other Councils such as Torfaen had appointed a Presiding

Member and that the appointment of a Presiding Member for the duration of the current Council term would mean continuity in the way meetings are chaired.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation (and in noting there were 42 for, 21 against, 0 abstentions and 2 unverified votes) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that: -

1. The changes to the Constitution shown as track changes at Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 be approved.
2. A Presiding Member be appointed for the remainder of the term of Council, to Chair meetings of full Council and to undertake all other administrative functions previously aligned to the Mayor, and the payment of a senior salary be approved.
3. A Deputy Presiding Member be appointed for the remainder of the term of Council.
4. The civic and ceremonial functions of Council to be undertaken by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be noted.
5. The updated Integrated Impact Assessment at Appendix 6 and the increased font size of the report template to Arial 12 be endorsed.
6. The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary changes to the Constitution to give effect to the changes approved by Council.

5. TO ELECT A PRESIDING MEMBER (CHAIR) OF COUNCIL

It was moved and seconded that Councillor C. Gordon be elected Presiding Member (Chair) of Council. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation (and in noting there were 40 for, 19 against and 1 abstention) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that Councillor C. Gordon be elected Presiding Member (Chair) of Council.

6. TO ELECT A DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER (VICE CHAIR) OF COUNCIL

It was moved and seconded that Councillor E.M. Aldworth be elected Deputy Presiding Member (Vice Chair) of Council. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation (and in noting there were 40 for, 17 against and 2 abstentions) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that Councillor E.M. Aldworth be elected Deputy Presiding Member (Vice Chair) of Council.

7. TO ELECT A MAYOR OF COUNCIL UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY 2025 AND TO NOTE THE PAYMENT OF A CIVIC SALARY

It was moved and seconded that Councillor J. Simmonds be elected Mayor of Council until the annual meeting in May 2025 and the payment of a civic salary be noted. By way of

Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation (and in noting there were 57 for, 0 against and 1 abstention) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that Councillor J. Simmonds be elected Mayor of Council until the annual meeting in May 2025 and the payment of a civic salary be noted.

8. TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR OF COUNCIL UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY 2025

It was moved and seconded that Councillor D. Ingram-Jones be elected Deputy Mayor of Council until the annual meeting in May 2025. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation (and in noting there were 57 for, 0 against and 1 abstention) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that Councillor D. Ingram-Jones be elected Deputy Mayor of Council until the annual meeting in May 2025.

9. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor J. Simmonds thanked Members for giving him the opportunity to serve as Mayor for the forthcoming year and expressed his pride at being elected to represent the Caerphilly county borough for a second time.

The Mayor thanked Councillor M. Adams for his unstinting duty during his term as Mayor. He also expressed thanks to his wife Karen and his children for their support. The Mayor looked forward to the year ahead and to meeting residents and organisations across the county borough.

The Mayor confirmed that Dreams and Wishes, a team of volunteers who work to grant the wishes of seriously ill children, would be his chosen charity. He invited all Members to join him in meeting representatives from the charity, immediately following the meeting.

10. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF COUNCIL AND THE PAYMENT OF A SENIOR SALARY

RESOLVED that the appointment of Councillor S. Morgan as Leader of Council and the payment of a senior salary be noted.

11. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY LEADER AND THE PAYMENT OF A SENIOR SALARY

RESOLVED that the appointment of Councillor J. Pritchard as Deputy Leader and the payment of a senior salary be noted.

12. TO NOTE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE CABINET AND THE NAMES THE LEADER HAS CHOSEN TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND THE PAYMENT OF SENIOR SALARIES

RESOLVED that the number of Members appointed to the Cabinet, the following names the Leader has chosen as Members of the Cabinet and the payment of senior salaries be noted: -

Councillor James Pritchard - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration and Climate Change

Councillor Nigel George - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Property and Highways

Councillor Eluned Stenner - Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance

Councillor Carol Andrews - Cabinet Member for Education and Communities

Councillor Shayne Cook - Cabinet Member for Housing

Councillor Elaine Forehead - Cabinet Member for Social Care

Councillor Philippa Leonard - Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection

Councillor Chris Morgan - Cabinet Member for Waste, Leisure and Green Spaces

13. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE MAIN OPPOSITION GROUP AND THE PAYMENT OF A SENIOR SALARY

RESOLVED that the appointment of Councillor L. Whittle as the Leader of the main opposition group and the payment of a senior salary be noted.

14. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader of Council commenced his statement by reflecting on the positives from the past year, which included new school openings, achieved targets and balanced budgets. The Leader also spoke about an uncertain future, when residents are feeling the devastating effects of a cost-of-living crisis and when funding for Councils is being cut in real terms year-on-year.

The Leader took the opportunity to talk about change. He acknowledged that change is difficult, but that change is very necessary to do the best for residents. Reference was made to the budget and having to look for ways to save £50m year-on-year recurrent spending, which is not an easy task. The Leader took an unvarnished look at some of the changes that have been made in the past and the repercussions those changes have brought, both good and bad, which included the closure of a Leisure Centre and turning off streetlights from midnight to 5.30 am. These are some of the changes which has allowed the Council to continue delivering those essential services such as education and social care in a sustainable manner that benefits residents the most.

It was noted that Caerphilly County Borough Council is the 5th largest Council in Wales and directly delivers the majority of its services. This is done with the lowest levels of Council Tax in Wales. The Leader expressed that with the £50m year-on-year savings to find, difficult changes are having to be made. Such as reducing caretaker hours at community centres, saving money with innovative and less costly ways of maintaining roads and by increasing in-house childcare facilities (which not only saves money compared to the private sector, but more importantly, gives those children better outcomes). At Ty Penallta, better use is being made of building stock by reducing the number of buildings needed and becoming more agile. However, the Leader emphasised that this is only the beginning of a long journey to save £50m.

Members were informed that Birmingham City Council, the largest Council in the UK, issued a Section 114 Notice and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up announced that he would

now intervene and send in Commissioners. Democratically elected Members now have much less say in how things are run at Birmingham City Council, and Commissioners can take decisions to close certain services with immediate effect. The Leader also provided examples of change that have taken place in other Councils in Wales.

The Leader referred to the agile space at Ty Penallta that has seen the Transformation Team looking at the whole authority change, right across the Council's 900 separate services. He explained how it had been an uncomfortable journey, but also a rewarding one. By looking across the Council, at how one area interacts with another, inefficiencies have been uncovered that would not have been found if departments were looked at separately. Members heard how whilst journeying with customers, it was found that we may be efficient at answering phone calls that come into the contact centre, but not efficient at dealing with the often complex, and cross directorate requests that come from those calls. As the difficulties people in society face become increasingly complex, we need to learn and change how these complex issues are dealt with in a way that residents feel listened to and whereby avoid passing a problem around the Council creating duplication. By doing this, customer experience will be improved whilst also saving the Council money. These challenges ask that politicians and staff be brave and courageous in order to keep Council services sustainable and to meet the needs of residents. This can be achieved by changing their view of their job, changing their view of where they work and changing their understanding of resident's needs – ensuring needs, not wants, are met.

The Leader was very happy to say that as the Council is becoming more agile, leaner, efficient and effective, staff are not just facing change, they are embracing it as they can see the benefits of change.

The Leader's ask of elected Members was what would they change, what do they see as waste in the system and how would they save money whilst meeting the needs of residents. The Leader asked Members, knowing what they know now, should the Council deal in short term perceptions or long-term solutions. He acknowledged that it is very easy to demand "no change" in the short term, because change is difficult.

In conclusion, the Leader stated that if change is not managed on behalf of residents, over the next few years change will still occur, but that change could be guided from unelected officials and not from democratically elected Councillors.

16. REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE

Consideration was given to the report which detailed the review of political balance across the authority and the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The report outlined the political balance of the authority and Council was asked to note the political balance as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report and the general allocation of seats to the Committees in accordance with the political balance.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation (and in noting there were 59 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions) this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that: -

1. The political balance as outlined in Appendix 1 and the general allocation of seats to the Committees in accordance with the political balance be noted.

17. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Presiding Member welcomed Mr P. Brunt, Chair of the Standards Committee, to the meeting.

Mr P. Brunt presented the Annual Report of the Standards Committee which covered the activities of the Standards Committee during the period of the 2023/24 civic year.

RESOLVED that the Annual Report of the Standards Committee be noted.

18. TO APPOINT THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLITICAL BALANCE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND TO NOTE THE PAYMENT OF A SENIOR SALARY TO THE CHAIRS

It was moved and seconded that the Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees be appointed, in accordance with the political balance, for the ensuing year and the payment of a senior salary to the Chairs be noted. By way of Microsoft Forms and Verbal Confirmation (and in noting there were 57 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions) this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that: -

1. Councillor T. Parry be appointed as Chair of the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee and Councillor B. Miles be appointed as Vice Chair. Councillors E. M. Aldworth, C. Bishop, D. Cushing, A. Broughton-Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson, P. Cook, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, C. Gordon, T. Heron, A. Leonard, J. Roberts, J. Simmonds, S. Skivens, J. Winslade and K. Woodland be appointed as Members of the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee.
2. Councillor G. Johnston be appointed as Chair of the Corporate Services and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and Councillor A. McConnell be appointed as Vice Chair. Councillors M. Adams, G. Enright, C. Forehead, J. Fussell, A. Gair, D. Harse, L. Jeremiah, J. Jones, S. Kent, C. Mann, M. Powell, D.W.R. Preece, C. Thomas, L. Whittle, W. Williams and C. Wright be appointed as Members of the Corporate Services and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.
3. Councillor A. Whitcombe be appointed as Chair of the Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee and Councillor S. Williams be appointed as Vice Chair. Councillors C. Bishop, M. Chacon-Dawson, R. Chapman, D. Cushing, C. Cuss, D.T. Davies (MBE), T. Heron, A. Hussey, D. Ingram-Jones, M. James, B. Owen, L. Phipps, H. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, J. Rao and A. McConnell be appointed as Members of the Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee.
4. The payment of a senior salary to the Chairs be noted.

**19. TO APPOINT THE CHAIR AND/OR VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLITICAL BALANCE) AND TO NOTE THE PAYMENT OF A SENIOR SALARY TO THE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CHAIR OF LICENSING AND GAMBLING/TAXI AND GENERAL COMMITTEE
APPEALS PANEL
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

***GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (*CHAIR WILL BE A LAY MEMBER AND WILL BE APPOINTED AT THE FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL)**
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
LICENSING AND GAMBLING COMMITTEE/TAXI AND GENERAL COMMITTEE
PLANNING COMMITTEE
***STANDARDS COMMITTEE (*CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR WILL BE LAY MEMBERS)**

It was moved and seconded that the Chairs and/or Vice Chairs and Members be appointed to serve on the following Committees for the ensuing year (in accordance with the political balance) and the payment of a senior salary to the Chair of the Planning Committee and Chair of Licencing and Gambling/Taxi and General Committee be noted. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation (and in noting there were 59 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions) this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that: -

1. Councillor B. Miles be appointed as Chair of the Appeals Panel and Councillor W. Williams be appointed as Vice Chair. Councillors G. Enright together with nominated substitutes Councillors M. Adams, T. Parry and D.W.R. Preece be appointed as Members of the Appeals Panel.
2. Councillor E.M. Aldworth be appointed as Chair of the Appointments Committee and Councillor A. McConnell be appointed as Vice Chair. Councillors N. George, A. Whitcombe, E. Stenner, C. Mann, J. Taylor, Vacant (Independent) and the relevant Cabinet Member, together with nominated substitutes Councillors J. Simmonds, M. Chacon-Dawson, P. Cook and J. Scriven be appointed as Members of the Appointments Committee.
3. The Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee will be a Lay Member to be appointed at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting of Council and Councillor C. Wright to be appointed as Vice Chair. Councillors M. Adams, E.M. Aldworth, A. Broughton-Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson, E. Davies, G. Enright and J. Taylor be appointed as Members of the Governance and Audit Committee.
4. Councillor M. James be appointed as Chair of the Democratic Services Committee and Councillor L. Phipps be appointed as Vice Chair. Councillors D.T. Davies, G. Ead, A. Farina-Childs, C. Forehead, A. Hussey, L. Jeremiah, C. Mann, A. McConnell, J.A. Pritchard, J. Simmonds, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, J. Winslade and K. Woodland be appointed as Members of the Democratic Services Committee.
5. Councillors E. M. Aldworth, A. Angel, R. Chapman, E. Davies, C. Gordon, J. Taylor and A. Whitcombe, together with nominated substitutes Councillors G. Enright, A. Leonard and W. Williams be appointed as Members of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee.
6. Councillor S. Williams be appointed as Chair of the Licencing and Gambling/Taxi and General Committee and Councillor W. Williams be appointed as Vice Chair. Councillors M. Adams, E.M. Aldworth, R. Chapman, P. Cook, D. Cushing, G. Ead, C. Gordon, D. Harse, T. Heron, J. Jones, D.W.R. Preece, J. Roberts and J. Scriven be appointed as Members of the Licencing and Gambling/Taxi and General Committee.
7. Councillor R. Saralis be appointed as Chair of the Planning Committee and Councillor E.M. Aldworth be appointed as Vice Chair. Councillors M. Adams, A. Angel, R. Chapman, N. Dix, G. Ead, J. Fussell, A. Hussey, B. Miles, M. Powell, J.

Simmonds, J. Taylor, S. Williams, A. Whitcombe and K. Woodland be appointed as Members of the Planning Committee.

8. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Standards Committee will be Lay Members to be appointed at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting of Council. Councillors S. Williams and J. Taylor, together with nominated substitutes Councillors P. Cook and J. Scriven, to be appointed as Members of the Standards Committee.
9. Councillors N. George, P. Leonard, C. Morgan, J. Pritchard and E. Stenner be appointed as Members of the Rights of Way Cabinet Committee.
10. A payment to the Chair of the Planning Committee and the Chair of the Licencing and Gambling/Taxi and General Committee be noted.

20. TO CONSTITUTE SUB COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS/BOARDS AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE THEREON FOR THE ENSUING YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLITICAL BALANCE

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committees/ Working Parties/Panels/Boards be constituted and the names of Members provided to Democratic Services be appointed to serve thereon for the ensuing year in accordance with the political balance.

21. TO APPOINT/NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES WHERE REQUIRED

RESOLVED that the names of representatives provided to Democratic Services be appointed to serve on Outside Bodies where required.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2024 they were signed by the Presiding Member.

PRESIDING MEMBER