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Minutes

Name of meeting FULL COUNCIL

Date and time

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2019

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

- Cllrs Present Lora Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford. Paul Bertie. Debbie Andre. Reg Barry, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie. George Cameron, Rodney Downer, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Paul Fuller. John Hobart, Andrew Garratt. Steve Hastings. John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, Tig Outlaw, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, John Nicholson, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, lan Stephens, Dave Stewart. Brian Tyndall, lan Ward. Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle,
- Apologies Cllrs Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Murwill, Shirley Smart.

1. <u>To elect a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.</u>

Councillor George Cameron was proposed and seconded as Chairman of the Council. There were no further nominations. Following the vote, it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor George Cameron be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Cameron thanked Members for their support. Reverend Veronica Brown was appointed as the Chairman's Chaplain. Councillor Cameron formally declared his acceptance of office and took the Chair.

2. To elect a Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Shirley Smart was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman of the Council. There were no further nominations. Following the vote, it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Shirley Smart be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to enable guests to informally meet the council.

4. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2019 and 13 March 2019 be approved.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Dave Stewart declared two family members worked for the local authority in education.

Cllr Michael Lilley declared a family member worked for Children's Services.

Cllrs Debbie Andre and Stuart Hutchinson declared an interest in item 8, recommendation 32 as members of the Appointments Committee.

Cllr Paul Fuller declared an interest in item 8, recommendation 21a as a representative and vice chair of IWALC.

Cllr Geoff Brodie declared an interest in item 8, recommendation 21a as a member of the IWALC executive.

6. Chairman's Official Announcements

A written report had been circulated for information.

7. Parish of Calbourne – Change of Name

Members received a report which advised that the Isle of Wight Council had received a formal request from Calbourne Parish Council to change its name to "Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield" Parish Council and recommended that members approve the request for the change of the civil parish name to "Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield".

At the conclusion of the debate a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the council endorse and confirm the proposal for the change of civil parish and parish council name from "Calbourne" to "Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield".

8. Appointments, Committee Structure and Constitutional Issues

Members received a report which contained recommendations on proposed changes to the appointment of committees, the scheme of delegation and other constitutional issues. Each recommendation was proposed and duly seconded then taken separately:

a) Following debate on the following recommendation (21a):

"To agree that the existing arrangements (as set out in the Constitution) remain but that the following amendments be made: -

Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC)

Within the Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Committee, the reference to IWALC appointing a member to the Scrutiny Committee be removed and it to be a matter for the town and parish councils to identify a representative to be a member of the Scrutiny Committee."

An amendment was proposed, and duly seconded, to defer the decision on this matter until the scrutiny task and finish group work in relation to town and parish councils had been completed. The amendment was accepted by the proposer and seconder and, a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the decision regarding IWALC be deferred until the scrutiny task and finish group work in relation to town and parish councils had been completed

b) Following debate on recommendation 21b, regarding changing the names of the scrutiny committees, a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

The name of the Scrutiny Committees be changed to:-

- Corporate Scrutiny Committee
- Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills.
- Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care.
- Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration.
- c) Following debate on recommendation 22, regarding the appointment of chairman and vice chairman to the positions contained in appendix A (attached to and forming part of these minutes), a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Council approve the appointment of the following:

- i. Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee Councillor Andrew Garrett
- ii. Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills Councillor Vanessa Churchman
- iii. Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care Councillor John Nicholson
- iv. Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration – Michael Beston
- v. Chairman of the Audit Committee Councillor Brian Tyndall
- vi. Chairman of the Planning Committee Councillor Chris Quirk
- vii. Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee Councillor Matthew Price
- viii. Chairman of the Licensing Committee Councillor Charles Chapman
- ix. Chairman of the Appeals Committee Councillor John Kilpatrick
- x. Chairman of the Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee Councillor Adrian Axford
- xi. Member of the Police and Crime Panel Dave Stewart
- xii. Deputy Member of the Police and Crime Panel Tig Outlaw
- d) Following debate on recommendation 23, regarding the scheme of delegation, a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Council agree the scheme of delegation as set out at pages 73 to 86 of the constitution.

e) Following debate on recommendation 24, regarding petitions, a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT the Petition Scheme in relation to petitions of more than 2,500 signatures be amended to provide that upon receipt of a petition, the proper officer will agree with the petition proposer, in consultation with the chairman, the wording of the motion to be put to Full Council for members to debate and vote on. That motion will then be included in the agenda for Full Council.
- ii. THAT the scheme is amended to give the petitioner three minutes to speak, the leader three minutes in reply. There will then be a debate for 15 minutes as is currently provided for after which the leader will have the right to sum up for two minutes. The motion will then be voted on. There will be no provision for the motion to be amended.

- iii. THAT petitions will only be considered if they relate to a subject matter which is within the direct control of the council (not lobbying of central government for example).
- iv. THAT any petition which is on the same subject matter as a current Isle of Wight Council consultation is not to be referred to council for debate. The petition will instead be referred to the relevant Cabinet member to be considered as part of the consultation.
- v. THAT a petition will not be referred to the next meeting of Full Council if there is not time on the agenda, or there is a related report on a later agenda.
- vi. THAT no more than three petitions will be considered per meeting.
- f) Following debate on recommendation 25, regarding motions, a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT the time allowed at each meeting for motions shall be one hour. Each member will be limited to one motion per meeting.
- ii. THAT Para 3.1 be amended to provide that motions shall only be on issues directly controlled by or that directly affect the council, not matters outside the council's control.
- iii. THAT each notice of motion must be clear, succinct, with no lengthy preamble, and must clearly identify the matter to be debated and have a clear question to be put.
- iv. THAT Para 2.1 under Procedure Rule 9 be deleted (this provided for motions directly related to the operation of the council be considered before those that do not so directly relate) as this will no longer be relevant.
- g) Following debate on recommendation 26, regarding public questions, a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT a written public question to Full Council be limited to 150 words per question.

h) There was debate on the following recommendation (27), regarding the length of meetings of full council:

"A Full Council meeting may continue for up to four hours. There will be no provision for an extension of time. Any remaining items of business, at the chairman's discretion, will either be referred to an extraordinary meeting, or the next ordinary meeting or will simply fall for not being considered." An amendment to remove "or will simply fall for not being considered" was proposed and accepted. A vote was then taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT a Full Council meeting may continue for up to four hours. There will be no provision for an extension of time. Any remaining items of business, at the chairman's discretion, will either be referred to an extraordinary meeting, or the next ordinary meeting.

i) Following debate on recommendation 28, regarding the opportunity for group leaders to speak at budget council, a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Procedural Rule 1.9 be amended to clarify that all group leaders will be afforded an opportunity to speak, regardless of whether they have submitted an alternative budget/amendment.

j) Following debate on recommendation 29, regarding the separation of procedure rules, a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Procedure Rules for the regulation of proceedings – Full Council, Cabinet, committees and sub-committees be separated out into Full Council and, Cabinet, committees and sub-committees for ease of reference.

k) Following debate on recommendation 30, regarding members written questions to Cabinet, a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the deadline for members written questions to Cabinet be extended from 24 hours to 48 hours.

I) Following debate on recommendation 31, regarding gifts and hospitality guidance, a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the updated gifts and hospitality guidance which is attached at Appendix B (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be approved.

m) Following debate on recommendation 32, regarding the appointment of the Chief Financial Officer/Section 151 Officer, a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

i. THAT the recommendation of the Appointments Panel on 30 April 2019 to enter into a further strategic partnership agreement with Portsmouth City Council for the provision of a chief financial officer/section151 officer, namely Mr Chris Ward be agreed.

- ii. THAT the final detail of the Strategic Partnership Agreement be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources.
- n) Following debate on recommendation 33, amend the constitution to reflect any agreed changes as recorded herein, a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the constitution to reflect any agreed changes arising from the meeting.

9. <u>To approve the following programme of ordinary Council meetings for the ensuing year (all meetings to commence at 5:00 pm)</u>

The proposed dates for future Council meetings, as listed on the agenda were considered and following the vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the following dates be approved with a 5:00 pm start:

- 24 July 2019
- 18 September 2019
- 20 November 2019
- 15 January 2020
- 26 February 2020 (Budget Council)
- 20 May 2020 (Annual Council)

CHAIRMAN