

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 26 MAY 2021

**Present:** Councillor Stevens (Mayor);

Councillors David Absolom, Debs Absolom, Ayub, Ballsdon, Barnett-Ward, Brock, Carnell, Challenger, Davies, Duveen, Eden, Edwards, Emberson, Ennis, Gittings, Hacker, Hoskin, James, Khan, Leng, Lovelock, Manghnani, Maskell, McElroy, McEwan, McGonigle, Mitchell, Mpofu-Coles, O'Connell, Page, Pearce, Robinson, Rowland, Rynn, D Singh, Skeats, Sokale, Terry, White, Whitham, J Williams, R Williams and Woodward.

**Apologies:** Councillors R Singh and Stanford-Beale.

### **1. EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

That Councillor Stevens' term of office as Mayor and Councillor Eden's term of office as Deputy Mayor be extended to 17 November 2021.

### **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and would be signed the Mayor.

### **3. REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report on the results of the Municipal Elections held on 6 May 2021. He also reported that all those elected had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **4. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was moved by Councillor Page and seconded by Councillor Gittings and CARRIED:

“That Councillor Brock be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2021/22.”

### **5. CONSTITUTION; POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES; SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES; AND DELEGATIONS**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report making recommendations for the Municipal Year 2021/22 to:

- (1) appoint the Committees of the Council: the allocation of seats between Groups had to be calculated in accordance with Sections 15-17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and details had been circulated to Group Leaders before the meeting;
- (2) appoint a local Standards Committee for the authority;
- (3) agree the powers and duties of committees, sub-committees, partnerships and consultative Working Parties (Appendices A, B and C), including incorporating the terms of reference of the Channel Panel within Article 10: Consultative Committees and Forums;

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- (4) agree the general dispensation granted to all Members as set out in para. 2.16 of the report.
- (5) amend the Council's scheme of Councillors' Allowances, and confirm those Councillors who met the definition of Members having significant responsibilities in relation to the discharge of the Council's functions in terms of entitlement to Special Responsibility Allowance at Tier 4 for the financial year 2021/22;
- (6) re-establish the Remuneration Panel for the Municipal Year 2021/22;
- (7) make arrangements for decision-making now that the permission under Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 to hold Council and Committee meetings remotely had ceased, which would include:
  - (a) an extension to the general dispensation to Councillors for a further six months in relation to the requirement set out in Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, which stated if a member throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance failed to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority;
  - (b) allowing Councillors who were unable to, or hesitant to, attend a meeting in person during the 2021/22 municipal year, to (a) contribute remotely where this was possible, but in these circumstances they would not form part of the quorum or be able to vote; or alternatively (b) ask their Group Leader to appoint a substitute to attend and vote in their place, subject to any substitutes appointed for meetings of the Planning Applications Committee and the Licensing Applications Committee have had suitable training.

It was moved by Councillor Brock and seconded by Councillor Page and CARRIED:

**Resolved -**

That recommendations 2.1 to 2.21 in the report by the Monitoring Officer be approved.

### **6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND LEAD COUNCILLORS AND ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIOS**

It was moved by Councillor Brock and seconded by Councillor Page and CARRIED:

**Resolved -**

- (1) That Councillor Page be appointed the Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2021-22;

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- (2) That for the Municipal Year 2021/22, the following Councillors be appointed as Lead Councillors for the services listed below:

Adult Social Care	Councillor Ennis
Children	Councillor Terry
Corporate and Consumer Services	Councillor McEwan
Culture, Heritage & Recreation	Councillor Rowland
Education	Councillor Pearce
Health, Wellbeing & Sport	Councillor Hoskin
Housing	Councillor Emberson
Neighbourhoods & Communities	Councillor Barnett-Ward
Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport	Councillor Page

### 7. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

It was moved by Councillor Brock and seconded by Councillor Page and CARRIED:

**Resolved -**

- (1) That, subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, and Regulations made thereunder, the following Councillors be appointed to serve on Committees in the Municipal Year 2021/22:

#### Adult Social Care, Children's Services & Education Committee (10:3:1:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Green</u> <u>Councillor</u>
David Absolom Ennis Hoskin James Mpofu-Coles Pearce D Singh Sokale Terry R Williams	Ballsdon Carnell Robinson	O'Connell	White

#### Audit & Governance Committee (5:2:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Green</u> <u>Councillor</u>
Davies Edwards	Robinson Stevens	McElroy

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Gittings  
McEwan

### Health & Wellbeing Board

Leader of the Council

Lead Councillor for Health, Wellbeing and Sport

Lead Councillor for Adult Social Care

Lead Councillor for Children

Named Substitutes: Councillors James, Mpofu-Coles, Page and R Williams

Observers: Conservative and Liberal Democrat Group Spokespersons

### Housing, Neighbourhoods & Leisure Committee (10:4:1:2)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Green Councillors</u>
Debs Absolom	Manghnani	O'Connell	McGonigle
Barnett-Ward	Mitchell		J Williams
Davies	Rynn		
Emberson	R Singh		
Hacker			
Hoskin			
Leng			
Mpofu-Coles			
Rowland			
Sokale			

### Licensing Applications Committee (8:3:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
Barnett-Ward	Carnell	McGonigle
Challenger	Rynn	
Edwards	Skeats	
Ennis		
Maskell		
Page		
Rowland		
Woodward		

### Personnel Committee (4:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillor</u>
Brock	Skeats
Lovelock	

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McEwan  
Page  
(or nominees)

### Investigating & Disciplinary Committee (4:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>
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Brock	Skeats
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McEwan

Page

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(or nominees)

### Appeals Committee (4:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>
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Edwards	Stevens
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Emberson

Lovelock

Rowland

(or nominees)

### Planning Applications Committee (9:3:1:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Green</u> <u>Councillor</u>
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Challenger	Carnell	Duveen	J Williams
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Emberson

Robinson

Ennis

Stanford-Beale

Leng

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### Policy Committee (10:4:1:2)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Green</u> <u>Councillors</u>
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Barnett-Ward	Robinson	Duveen	McElroy
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Brock

Skeats

White

Emberson

Stanford-Beale

Ennis

Stevens

Hoskin

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Pearce  
Rowland  
Terry

### Standards Committee (4:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
Ayub Edwards Gittings Leng	Robinson R Singh	J Williams

(Together with the following independent member: Mrs T Barnes)

### Named Substitutes (1:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>
Terry	Skeats

### Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee (9:3:1:2)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
Ayub Challenger Eden Gittings Khan Maskell McEwan Page R Williams	Carnell Mitchell Stanford-Beale	Duveen	McElroy McGonigle

- (2) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on other bodies in the Municipal Year 2021/22:

### Access and Disabilities Working Group (3:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>
James Rowland R Williams	Manghnani

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### Adult Safeguarding Panel (3:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Edwards Ennis Hoskin	Manghnani	O'Connell

### Alliance for Cohesion and Racial Equality (1:1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
Eden	R Singh	O'Connell	J Williams

Appeals Pool from which Members will be drawn to serve on the Curriculum Complaints Panel or the Removal of Early Years Providers Appeals Panel, as required by regulation.

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Edwards Lovelock	Stanford-Beale	O'Connell

### Arts & Heritage Forum (5:2)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>
Ayub Edwards Hacker Rowland R Williams	Manghnani Mitchell

### Children's Safeguarding Panel (3:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Lovelock Pearce Terry	Robinson	O'Connell

### Civic Board (6:3:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
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Brock	Skeats	Duveen	J Williams
Gittings	Stanford-Beale		
Lovelock	Stevens		
McEwan			
Page			
Rowland			

### Cleaner Air & Safer Transport Forum (4:1:1:1)

<u>Labour</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	

Barnett-Ward	Stanford-Beale	Duveen	Whitham
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### Community Safety Partnership

Councillors Barnett-Ward, Brock and Page

Observer: Councillor R Singh

### Cultural Partnership Board

Lead Councillor for Culture, Heritage and Recreation and other Group Spokespersons.

### Cycle Forum (4:1:1:1)

<u>Labour</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	<u>Green</u>
<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Councillor</u>

Barnett-Ward	Stanford-Beale	O'Connell	Whitham
Ennis			
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### Community Learning and Skills Advisory Board

Leader of the Council, Lead Councillor Education and Councillor Davies

Conservative Group Spokesperson

### Joint Health & Overview Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Ennis and Hoskin



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### Local Joint Forum (3:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>
Brock McEwan Page	Stanford-Beale

(or nominees)

### Older People's Working Group (5:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>
Ennis Khan Leng Rowland R Williams	Manghnani

### Parenting Panel (3:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Brock Lovelock Terry	Stanford-Beale	O'Connell

### Planning Management Panel (3:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Challenger Rowland Lovelock (or nominees)	Stanford-Beale	Duveen

### SACRE (3:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Eden Mpofu-Coles Pearce	R Singh	O'Connell

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### Safer Reading Neighbourhood Forum (3:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>
Barnett-Ward Leng Rowland	R Singh

### School Admission Forum

Councillors Page and Pearce

Observers - Councillors Carnell and O'Connell

### Secure Accommodation Panel

Councillor Ennis

Standing Deputy: Councillor Edwards

### Town Twinning Group (2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>
Brock Eden (Mayor - ex-officio)	Manghnani

- (3) That the terms of reference of the above bodies be as set out in Appendices A, B and C to the Monitoring Officer's report on the Constitution, Powers and Duties of the Council and Committees etc;
- (4) That the following Councillors be appointed/nominated as appropriate as Chairs/Vice-Chairs of the bodies listed at (2) above:

<u>Working Party etc</u>	<u>Chair/Vice Chair</u>
Access & Disabilities Working Group	Councillor James (Chair) Councillor R Williams (Vice-Chair)
Adult Safeguarding Panel	Councillor Ennis (Chair)
Arts & Heritage Forum	Councillor Hacker (Chair) Councillor R Williams (Vice-Chair)
Children's Safeguarding Panel	Councillor Terry (Chair)
Civic Board	Councillor Page (Chair)
Cleaner Air & Safer Transport Forum	Councillor Gittings (Chair)
Community Safety Partnership	Councillor Barnett-Ward (Vice-Chair)
Cultural Partnership Board	Councillor Rowland (Chair)

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Cycle Forum	Councillor Gittings (Chair)
Community Learning & Skills Advisory Board (formerly Lifelong Learning Board)	Councillor Pearce (Chair)
Local Joint Forum	Councillor Brock (Chair)
Older People's Working Group	Councillor Khan (Chair) Councillor Ennis (Vice-Chair)
Parenting Panel	Councillor Terry (Chair) Councillor Brock (Vice-Chair)
Planning Management Panel	Councillor Lovelock (Chair)
SACRE	Non-Councillor
Safer Reading Neighbourhood Forum	Councillor Barnett-Ward (Chair)
School Admission Forum	Councillor Pearce (Chair)
Town Twinning Group	The Mayor

### 8. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS/VICE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor Brock and seconded by Councillor Page and CARRIED:

**Resolved -**

That the following be appointed Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following Committees for the Municipal Year 2021/22:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Adult Social Care, Children's Services & Education	Councillor James	Councillor R Williams
Audit & Governance	Councillor Stevens	Councillor Davies
Health & Wellbeing Board	Councillor Hoskin	Dr A Ciecierski
Housing, Neighbourhoods & Leisure	Councillor Davies	Councillor Leng
Licensing Applications	Councillor Edwards	Councillor Woodward
Planning Applications	Councillor Lovelock	Councillor Challenger
Personnel	Councillor McEwan	Councillor Brock
Investigating & Disciplinary Committee	Councillor Brock	Councillor Page
Appeals Committee	Councillor Lovelock	Councillor Emberson

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Policy	Councillor Brock	Councillor Page
Standards	Mrs T Barnes	Councillor Edwards
Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport	Councillor Gittings	Councillor Challenger

### 9. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2021/22

It was moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor and CARRIED:

#### **Resolved -**

That, before the day of the Annual Meeting in 2022, meetings of the Council be held at half-past six o'clock in the afternoon on 8 June, 19 October and 17 November 2021, and 25 January, 22 February and 22 March 2022, unless the Mayor shall specify some other date and time.

(The meeting closed at 6.37pm).