

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 25 MAY 2022

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

Councillors Ayub, Ballsdon, Barnett-Ward, Brock, Carnell, Challenger, Cresswell, Cross, Davies, C Dennis, G Dennis, Edwards, Emberson, Ennis, Gavin, Gittings, Griffith, Hacker, Hornsby-Smith, Hoskin, Keane, Keeping, Kretchmer, Khan, Kitchingham, Lanzoni, Leng, Lovelock, McCann, McElroy, McEwan, McGonigle, Mitchell, Moore, Mpofu-Coles, O'Connell, Page, Robinson, Rowland, Singh, Sultan, Terry, Thompson, White, Williams, Woodward and Yeo.

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

“That Councillor Edwards be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2022-23.”

### 2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and 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 5 May 2022. 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 Terry and CARRIED:

“That Councillor Brock be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23.”

### 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 2022/23 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);

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- (4) agree the general dispensation granted to all Members as set out in para. 2.17 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 2022/23;
- (6) re-establish the Remuneration Panel for the Municipal Year 2022/23;
- (7) agree Lead Councillor portfolio titles;
- (8) allow Councillors who were unable to, or hesitant to, attend a meeting in person during the 2022/23 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 having had suitable training.

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

### Resolved -

That recommendations 2.1 to 2.19 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 2022/23;
- (2) That for the Municipal Year 2022/23, the following Councillors be appointed as Lead Councillors for the services listed below:

Adult Social Care	Councillor Ennis
Children	Councillor Hoskin
Education and Public Health	Councillor McEwan
Environmental Services and Community Safety	Councillor Rowland
Housing	Councillor Emberson
Leisure and Culture	Councillor Barnett-Ward
Corporate Services and Resources	Councillor Terry
Climate Strategy and Transport	Councillor Page
Planning and Assets	Councillor Leng

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### 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 2022/23:

#### Adult Social Care, Children's Services & Education Committee (10:2:1:2)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Green</u> <u>Councillor</u>
Davies	Robinson	O'Connell	Cresswell
C Dennis	Ballsdon		Keane
Ennis			
Gavin			
Hoskin			
Khan			
Kitchingham			
McEwan			
Mpofu-Coles			
Sultan			

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

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Green</u> <u>Councillor</u>
G Dennis	Mitchell	Thompson	Williams
Edwards			
Emberson			
Gittings			
Terry			

#### Health & Wellbeing Board

Leader of the Council  
Lead Councillor for Education and Public Health  
Lead Councillor for Adult Social Care  
Lead Councillor for Children

Named Substitutes: Councillors C Dennis, Mpofu-Coles and Sultan

Observers: Green, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Group Spokespersons

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### Housing, Neighbourhoods & Leisure Committee (11:2:1:3)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>	<u>Green Councillors</u>
Ayub Barnett-Ward Cross G Dennis Emberson Hacker Kitchingham Lanzoni Mpofu-Coles Rowland Woodward	Singh Kretchmer	O'Connell	Cresswell McCann McGonigle

### Licensing Applications Committee (8:2:0:2)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Green Councillors</u>
Challenger G Dennis Edwards Ennis Kitchingham Page Rowland Woodward	Mitchell Carnell	Cresswell Keane

### Personnel Committee (4:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>
Brock Lovelock Page Terry (or nominees)	Mitchell

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

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>
Brock Hoskin Lovelock Terry (or nominees)	Mitchell

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### Appeals Committee (4:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillor</u>
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Edwards	Robinson
Emberson	
Ennis	
Page	
(or nominees)	

### Planning Applications Committee (9:2:1:1)

<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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Emberson	Carnell	Moore	Williams
Ennis	Robinson		
Gavin			
Hornsby-Smith			
Leng			
Lovelock			
Page			
Rowland			
Yeo			

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

<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	Mitchell	Thompson	McElroy
Brock	Robinson		White
Emberson			
Ennis			
Hoskin			
Leng			
McEwan			
Page			
Rowland			
Terry			

### Standards Committee (5:1:0:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
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Edwards	Singh	Keane
Gittings		
Lovelock		
McEwan		
Terry		

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

### Named Substitutes (1:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u>
Brock	Mitchell

### Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee (10:2:1:2)

<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>
Challenger	Carnell	Moore	McElroy
Cross	Robinson		McGonigle
Gittings			
Griffith			
Hornsby-Smith			
Keeping			
Leng			
Page			
Terry			
Yeo			

- (2) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on other bodies in the Municipal Year 2022/23:

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

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Green</u> <u>Councillor</u>
Gavin Rowland Sultan	Ballsdon	Thompson	McGonigle

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

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Councillor</u>
Brock Ennis Lanzoni	Ballsdon	O'Connell

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

<u>Labour</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Councillor</u>	<u>Green</u> <u>Councillor</u>
Sultan	Singh	Thompson	Williams

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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>
C Dennis Edwards Gavin Hoskin Kitchingham Lovelock Page	Robinson

### Arts & Heritage Forum (5:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Ayub Barnett-Ward Hacker Hornsby-Smith Rowland	Kretchmer Mitchell	Thompson

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

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
C Dennis Hoskin Lanzoni	Robinson	O'Connell

### Civic Board (6:2:0:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
Brock Gavin Leng Page Rowland Terry	Mitchell Robinson	Williams

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

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
Barnett-Ward Gittings Griffith Lanzoni	Carnell	Moore	McCann

### Community Safety Partnership

Councillors Brock, Page and Rowland  
Observer: Councillors Mitchell, O'Connell and Singh

### Cultural Partnership Board

Lead Councillor for Leisure and Culture and other Group Spokespersons.

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

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>	<u>Green Councillor</u>
Barnett-Ward Gittings Griffith Lanzoni	Carnell	Moore	White

### Community Learning and Skills Advisory Board

Leader of the Council, Lead Councillor Education and Public Health and  
Councillor Terry  
Conservative and Liberal Democrat Group Spokespersons

### Foster Panel

Councillors Edwards and Hoskin

### Joint Health & Overview Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Ennis and McEwan

### Local Joint Forum (3:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>
Brock Page Terry	Mitchell



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(or nominees)

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

Labour Councillors

C Dennis  
Ennis  
Khan  
Kitchingham  
Mpofu-Coles

Conservative  
Councillor

Ballsdon

Liberal Democrat  
Councillor

O'Connell

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

Labour Councillors

C Dennis  
Hoskin  
Mpofu-Coles

Conservative  
Councillor

Robinson

Liberal Democrat  
Councillor

O'Connell

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

Labour Councillors

Leng  
Lovelock  
Rowland  
(or nominees)

Conservative  
Councillor

Robinson

Liberal Democrat  
Councillor

Moore

### SACRE (3:1:1)

Labour Councillors

Hornsby-Smith  
McEwan  
Mpofu-Coles

Conservative  
Councillor

Kretchmer

Liberal Democrat  
Councillor

O'Connell

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

Labour Councillors

Lanzoni  
Mpofu-Coles  
Rowland

Conservative  
Councillor

Carnell

### School Admission Forum

Councillors Hoskin and McEwan

Observers - Councillors O'Connell and Robinson

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### Town Twinning Group (2:1)

Labour Councillors                      Conservative  
Councillor

Brock    Mitchell  
Rowland

(Mayor - ex-officio)

- (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 Gavin (Chair) Councillor Rowland (Vice-Chair)
Adult Safeguarding Panel	Councillor Ennis (Chair)
Arts & Heritage Forum	Councillor Hacker (Chair) Councillor Barnett-Ward (Vice-Chair)
Children's Safeguarding Panel	Councillor Hoskin (Chair)
Civic Board	Councillor Page (Chair) Councillor Brock (Vice Chair)
Cleaner Air & Safer Transport Forum	Councillor Gittings (Chair) Councillor Barnett-Ward (Vice Chair)
Community Safety Partnership	Councillor Rowland (Vice-Chair)
Cultural Partnership Board	Councillor Barnett-Ward (Chair)
Cycle Forum	Councillor Gittings (Chair) Councillor Barnett-Ward (Vice Chair)
Community Learning & Skills Advisory Board (formerly Lifelong Learning Board)	Councillor McEwan (Chair)
Local Joint Forum	Councillor Terry (Vice Chair)
Older People's Working Group	Councillor Khan (Chair) Councillor Ennis (Vice-Chair)
Parenting Panel	Councillor Hoskin (Chair) Councillor Mpofu-Coles (Vice-Chair)
Planning Management Panel	Councillor Lovelock (Chair)
SACRE	Non-Councillor
Safer Reading Neighbourhood Forum	Councillor Rowland (Chair)
School Admission Forum	Councillor McEwan (Chair)
Town Twinning Group	The Mayor

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### 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 2022/22:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Adult Social Care, Children's Services & Education	Councillor Mpofu-Coles	Councillor Gavin
Audit & Governance	Councillor Williams	Councillor G Dennis
Health & Wellbeing Board	Councillor McEwan	Dr A Ciecierski
Housing, Neighbourhoods & Leisure	Councillor Hacker	Councillor G Dennis
Licensing Applications	Councillor Woodward	Councillor Edwards
Planning Applications	Councillor Lovelock	Councillor Leng
Personnel	Councillor Terry	Councillor Brock
Investigating & Disciplinary Committee	Councillor Brock	Councillor Terry
Appeals Committee	Councillor Page	Councillor Emberson
Policy	Councillor Brock	Councillor Page
Standards	Mrs T Barnes	Councillor Edwards
Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport	Councillor Gittings	Councillor Hornsby-Smith

### 9. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2022/23

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

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the calendar of meetings for the Municipal Year 2022/23, as attached to the agenda, be approved; and
- (2) That, before the day of the Annual Meeting in 2023, meetings of the Council be held at half-past six o'clock in the afternoon on 5 July, 18 October 2022, and 31 January, 28 February and 21 March 2023, unless the Mayor shall specify some other date and time.

(The meeting closed at 6.43pm).