

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 19 MAY 2022 AT 6.00 pm**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Hutchison) (in the Chair)

Councillors Ms Ballard, Beavis, Bradley, Burgess, Casey, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Earle, Hammond, Herridge, Mrs Huggins, Hylands, Jessop, Johnston, Miss Kelly, Mrs Morgan, Pepper, Philpott, Raffaelli, Scard, Westerby, Bradley, Cox, Durrant, Gledhill, Marshall and Maynard

APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE

Apologies for non attendance were received from Honorary Alderman Dickson.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor thanked those that had made the Mayor Making a successful occasion and also advised the Council about the Dignity at Work guidance and how he hoped that this would be replicated in the Chamber.

MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 March 2022 be signed as a true and correct record.

**TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO 3.4 AND
TO ANSWER PUBLIC QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO 3.5, SUCH
QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED ORALLY DURING A TIME NOT EXCEEDING 15
MINUTES**

There were no deputations.

QUESTIONS (IF ANY) PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO 3.3

There were none.

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 5 MAY 2022

The report of the Returning Officer was presented to the Council.

Council noted the report.

GOVERNANCE - REVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FUNCTIONS, BOARD REORGANISATION AND CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer advising of a proposed change to the Council's structure of Boards and Committees.

The Council was advised that there was an addendum to the report in that an additional sentence was to be added to the Terms of Reference of the Standards and Audit Sub-Board as below.

Membership – Any 5 Members of the Policy and Organisation Board*

*unless all Groups on the Council are not represented on the Policy and Organisation Board in which case membership is to be drawn from all Members on a cross party basis with the majority Group retaining the majority on the Sub-Board.

An amendment was proposed and seconded as follows:

That the proposed amendment to Part 4 Schedule 17 Appendix 1, paragraph 4.3 be amended to read.

“The Initial Filtering Panel is an informal meeting to enable the Monitoring Officer to obtain the views of Councillors and/or Independent Persons upon a complaint. It shall be made up of three Councillors drawn from members of the Standards and Audit Sub-Board. An Independent Person will also be invited to attend and express their view on the complaint.”

A vote was subsequently taken and **CARRIED**.

A vote was taken on the amended Motion with addendum and subsequently **CARRIED**

COMPOSITION AND REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS AND DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS

The Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer had submitted a report to advise the council of the composition and balance of the seats on the council and the position with regard to political groups and to undertake a review in accordance with the “proportionality rules” of the balance of seats on the boards and committees of the council.

It was proposed and seconded that the number of seats available on the Board be increased to 56 to allow all parties representation on each of the Boards to reflect true proportionality on them.

It was requested that a recorded vote be taken.

Those FOR the proposed amendment: Councillors Beavis, Burgess, Casey, Cully, Durrant, Gledhill, Huggins, Jessop, Morgan, Philpott, Raffaelli, Scard. (12)

Those AGAINST the proposed amendment: Councillors Ballard, K Bradley, M Bradley, Chegwyn, Cox, Earle, Hammond, Herridge, Hylands, Johnston, Kelly, Marshall, Maynard, Pepper, Westerby, The Mayor. (16)

A vote was subsequently taken on the substantive motion and it was requested that voting on this be recorded.

Those FOR the substantive motion: Councillors Ballard, K Bradley, M Bradley, Chegwyn, Cox, Cully, Durrant, Earle, Hammond, Herridge, Hylands, Johnston, Kelly, Marshall, Maynard, Pepper, Westerby, The Mayor. (18)

Those AGAINST the substantive motion: Councillors Beavis, Burgess, Casey, Gledhill, Huggins, Jessop, Morgan, Philpott, Raffaelli, Scard (10)

RECOMMENDED: THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE:

- 1. The allocation of seats on the boards and committee as set out in paragraph 3.1**

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Councillor Chegwyn be appointed Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND NOMINATED DEPUTIES FOR REGULATORY BOARD AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Members considered a provisional of appointments to vacancies listed above for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

Votes were taken on the following outside body representations.

Gosport Community Safety Partnership – Councillor Ballard

Gosport Museum Joint Management Committee – Councillors Earle, Kelly and Westerby.

Gosport and Fareham Joint Environmental Health Panel – Councillor Pepper.

GBC Health and Wellbeing Strategic Partnership – Councillor Pepper

Gosport Food Partnership – Councillor K Bradley

Gosport Heritage Open Days – Councillor Earle

Gosport Marine Scene – Councillor Westeby

Gosport Society – Councillor Westerby

Hampshire Police and Crime Panel – Councillor Pepper
Lee on Solent Community Centre – Councillor K Bradley
Local Government Association – Councillor Westerby
LGA (HAIOW) – Councillor Chegwyn and Hylands
Partnership for Urban South Hampshire – Chegwyn
PUSH (Overview and Scrutiny) Pepper
Portsmouth City Council Health Overview and Scrutiny – Pepper
Portsmouth Water (Maynard)
Solent Airport Consultative Group – Durrant
Solent Sea Rescue – Hammond
SLEP – Hylands
Solent Transport – Johnston
Solent Hampshire Road Safety – Marshall

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the provisional list of appointments to vacancies listed above for the Municipal Year 2022/2023 as amended be approved and adopted.

REMUNERATION PANEL

The Council considered a report of the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer advising the Council of the reconvening of the Independent Remuneration Panel to undertake a review of the existing Members' Scheme of Allowances.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Council note that the panel will reconvene to undertake a review of the Member's Scheme of Allowances following the implementation of Polling Districts Boundary Review and the subsequent reduction in the numbers of Elected Members.
- b) That the Borough Solicitor be given delegated authority to confirm and finalise membership of the panel following consultation with Group Leaders.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were none.

The Meeting concluded at 7.24 pm

The Mayor.