

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council

Date: Thursday, 27 July 2023

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

F Birkett
(Mayor)

Mrs P Hayre
(Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: Ms C Bainbridge, I Bastable, Mrs S M Bayford, R Bird, Mrs P M Bryant, Ms F Burgess, Mrs L E Clubley, M R Daniells, H P Davis, S Dugan, Mrs T L Ellis, J M Englefield, D G Foot, M J Ford, JP, N R Gregory, D J Hamilton, Miss T G Harper, Mrs C L A Hockley, S Ingram, Mrs K Mandry, Mrs J Needham, Ms S Pankhurst, Mrs K K Trott, N J Walker, Mrs S M Walker and S D T Woodward



1. PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with a short service of prayers.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss J Burton, S D Martin and P M Nother.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 June 2023.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that he had been very pleased to hold two tea parties, one with a talk for Veteran's Support and the other for Sophie's Legacy both of which are charities being supported by the Mayor this year.

The Mayor encouraged all to attend the next tea party which will take place on 14 September at 2.30pm with a fascinating talk on the craft of glass fusion.

The Mayor is planning to hold a horse racing night in October and in early November, a Remembrance event supported by the Collingwood Volunteer Band and the Military Wives Choir. Further details on these will be released and all are encouraged to support these worthwhile future charity events.

5. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Leader announcements.

6. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Member announcements.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions presented at this meeting.

9. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations given at this meeting.

10. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

(1) Minutes of meeting Monday, 19 June 2023 of Executive

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday 19 June 2023 be received.

(2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 3 July 2023 of Executive

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday 03 July 2023 be received.

(3) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 26 July 2023 of Executive

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Wednesday 26 July 2023 were tabled at the meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Wednesday 26 July 2023 be received.

(4) Schedule of Individual Executive Member & Officer Delegated Decisions

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Individual Executive Member & Officer Delegated Decisions be received.

11. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES

(1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 14 June 2023 of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 14 June 2023 be received.

(2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 26 June 2023 of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee held on Monday 26 June 2023 be received.

(3) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 20 July 2023 of Audit and Governance Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on Thursday 20 July 2023 were tabled at the meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on Thursday 20 July 2023 be received.

12. REPORTS OF THE SCRUTINY PANELS

- (1) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 4 July 2023 of Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel held on Tuesday 04 July 2023 be received.

- (2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 19 June 2023 of Daedalus Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel held on Monday 19 June 2023 be received.

- (3) Minutes of meeting Monday, 17 July 2023 of Daedalus Scrutiny Panel

The minutes of the meeting of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel held on Monday 17 July 2023 were tabled at the meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Daedalus Scrutiny Panel held on Monday 17 July 2023 be received.

- (4) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 20 June 2023 of Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on Tuesday 20 June 2023 be received.

- (5) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 13 July 2023 of Housing Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday 13 July 2023 be received.

- (6) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 28 June 2023 of Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel held on Wednesday 28 June 2023 be received.

- (7) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 22 June 2023 of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday 22 June 2023 be received.

- (8) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 5 July 2023 of Streetscene Scrutiny Panel

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel held on Wednesday 05 July 2023 be received.

13. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.12

There were no questions submitted for this meeting.

14. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.6

There were no motions submitted for this meeting.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(1) Earl of Southampton Trust

RESOLVED that Annette DeVoil be appointed to the Earl of Southampton Charitable Trust Board of Trustees for a further term of office commencing in September when the current term of office comes to an end.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor Mrs K K Trott advised the Council that, with effect from 01 September 2023, Councillor Ms C Bainbridge would assume the role of Liberal Democrat Group Leader with Councillor Mrs K K Trott as Deputy Group Leader.

Councillor Mrs K K Trott also advised that she will be the deputy member for the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel.

The Leader of the Group of Independents, Councillor N R Gregory advised that Councillor J M Englefield will be a deputy for the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs committee, Councillor Ms S Pankhurst will be a deputy for the Streetscene and Daedalus Scrutiny Panels and Councillor N R Gregory will be a Deputy for the Planning and Development, Climate Change and Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panels.

17. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to exclude the public and representatives of the Press from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be dealt with involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

18. CONSIDERATION OF COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO WIDER REGENERATION OF FAREHAM TOWN CENTRE

The Council considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration which requested that the Council approve a budget to support the delivery of transformational regeneration opportunities within Fareham Town Centre.

RESOLVED that the Council approves the budget as recommended in the confidential report.

19. PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE OF CHIEF OFFICER ROLES

The Council considered a report by the Chief Executive Officer which sets out a proposed restructure of Chief Officer Roles.

RESOLVED that Council approves:

- (a) the revised Chief Officer structure, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report;
- (b) the appointment of Robyn Lyons to the post of Director of Housing with effect from 1 August 2023;
- (c) the statutory role of Section 151 Officer be designated to the post of Assistant Director (Finance and ICT) and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to appoint to that post;
- (d) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Constitution, including but not limited to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, to update chief officer and senior manager designations and to transfer functions amongst the chief officers and senior managers, as appropriate; and;
- (e) that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the Pay Policy statement for 2023-24 to reflect the above approved changes.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.40 pm).