

ANNUAL COUNCIL

Tuesday 16 May 2023

Present:-

The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor, Mrs Yolonda Henson
Councillors Allcock, Asvachin, Atkinson, Begley, Bennett, Bialyk, Denning, Ellis-Jones, Foale, Fullam, Hannaford, Harvey, Holland, Jobson, Ketchin, Knott, Lights, Miller, Mitchell, K, Mitchell, M, Moore, D, Parkhouse, Patrick, Pearce, Read, Rees, Sheridan, Snow, Sparling, Vizard, Wardle, Warwick, Williams, M.J. Williams, R.T. Wood and Wright

Apologies

Councillors Branston, Leadbetter and Morse

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CHESTER LONG

On the request of the Lord Mayor, Members and guests stood and observed a minute's silence on the sad passing of Chester Long, a former Leader of the Council. The Lord Mayor passed on the condolences of the Council to the family and friends of Chester.

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JOHN STREET

The Lord Mayor announced that John Street, Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support, was attending his final Council meeting prior to his retirement. Members and guests applauded John and wished him well for the future.

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ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR

RESOLVED on the nomination of Councillor Fullam, seconded by Councillor Moore, that Councillor Kevin Mitchell be elected Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Lord Mayor was invested with his Chain of Office, made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, took the Chair and returned thanks.

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APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

RESOLVED on the nomination of Councillor Rees, seconded by Councillor M. Mitchell, that Councillor Tess Read be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Deputy Lord Mayor was invested with her Chain of Office, made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and returned thanks.

VOTE OF THANKS

RESOLVED that the Council record its appreciation for the able and courteous manner in which Mrs Yolonda Henson and Mr David Henson have discharged the duties of the Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor's Consort during the past year.

Councillor Jobson, on behalf of the Council, presented badges to the retiring Lord Mayor and retiring Lord Mayor's Consort.

The retiring Lord Mayor returned thanks.

The Council also recorded its thanks in respect of Mr Rob Newby, who had served as the Deputy Lord Mayor, and also to the Deputy Lord Mayor's Consort. Mr Rob Newby was unable to be in attendance.

Councillor Jobson spoke of the able and courteous manner in which Mr Newby had discharged his duties as Deputy Mayor including representing the city at a number of events.

6 CONFIRMATION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CONFIRMATION OF THE DEPUTY LEADER

Councillor Bialyk was confirmed as Leader of the Council. Councillor Bialyk confirmed the appointment of Councillor Wright as Deputy Leader.

RESOLVED that Councillor Bialyk be confirmed as Leader of the Council and Councillor Wright as Deputy Leader.

7 APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The Leader of the Council confirmed his nominations for Portfolio Holders and Executive membership as circulated.

RESOLVED that the Council's Executive be appointed as follows for the ensuing Municipal Year:-

Bialyk, P.M.	Leader
Wright, L.	Deputy Leader, Culture and City Centre Strategy
Parkhouse, J.C.M.	Climate and Ecological Crisis
Williams, R.T.	Place and City Management
Denning, B.E.	Council Housing Development and Support Services
Wood, D.	Leisure Services and Physical Activity
Foale, R.	Corporate and Democratic Services and Environmental Health
Morse, E.A.	City Development
Pearce, M.C.	Communities and Homelessness Prevention

MEMBER CHAMPIONS

Allcock, N.J.	Community Engagement and Support Services
Lights, Z.	Net Zero Exeter 2030

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Alternative options had been submitted by the Progressive Group in respect of the Chairs of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee, the Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee. A vote was taken on the nominations, when it was **RESOLVED** that:-

- Councillor Vizard be appointed at the Chair of the Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee;
- Councillor Atkinson be appointed at the Chair of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee; and
- Councillor Wardle be appointed at the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee.

An alternative option had been submitted by the Progressive Group in respect of the Deputy Chair of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee. The Conservative nomination was withdrawn and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor M. Mitchell be appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee.

Alternative options were submitted by the Labour and Progressive Groups in respect of the Deputy Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee. A vote was taken on the nominations, when it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Jobson be appointed at the Deputy Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee.

RESOLVED that the membership of Committees etc., Chairs and Deputy Chairs and Independent Persons, as shown at the Appendix to these minutes, be approved.

(The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and closed at 8.20 pm)

Chair

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EXETER CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE, SCRUTINY AND OTHER COMMITTEES: 2023/24

EXECUTIVE (9)

Bialyk, P.M. (Leader)	Parkhouse, J.C.M.
Wright, L. (Deputy Leader)	Pearce M.C.
Denning, B.E.	Williams, R.T.
Foale, R.	Wood, D.
Morse, E.A.	

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS (9)

Bialyk, P.M.	Leader
Wright, L.	Deputy Leader and Culture and City Centre Strategy
Parkhouse, J.C.M.	Climate and Ecological Crisis
Williams, R.T.	Place and City Management
Denning, B.E.	Council Housing Development and Support Services
Wood, D.	Leisure Services and Physical Activity
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CUSTOMER FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14)

Vizard, M. (Chair)	Harvey, D.
Rees, C. (Deputy Chair)	Holland, P.G.
Atkinson, Y.	Miller, M.
Begley, J.	Patrick, S.
Ellis-Jones, J.C.	Sparling, A.
Fullam, A.A.	Wardle, A.J.
Hannaford, R.	Warwick, S.

STRATEGIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14)

Atkinson, Y.(Chair)	Leadbetter, A.R.
Mitchell, M.N.(Deputy)	Lights, Z
Allcock, N.J.	Moore, D.
Asvachin, M.Y.	Read, T.
Branston, R.A.	Snow, M.I.
Ketchin, A.	Vizard, M.
Knott, P.G.	Williams, M.J.

SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD (5)

Allcock, N.J. (Chair)	Rees, C.
Atkinson, Y.	Vizard, M.
Mitchell, M.N.	

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (12)

Wardle, A.J. (Chair)	Fullam, A.A.
Jobson, A. (Deputy Chair)	Miller, M.
Allcock, N.J.	Mitchell, M.N.
Atkinson, Y.	Moore, D.
Branston, R.A.	Patrick, S.
Ellis-Jones, J.C.	Williams, M.J.

PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)

Knott, P.G.(Chair)	Ketchin, A.
Lights, Z. (Deputy Chair)	Miller, M.
Asvachin, M.Y.	Mitchell, M.N.
Bennett, C.	Sheridan, A.J.
Branston, R.A.	Wardle, A.J.
Hannaford, R.M.	Warwick, S.
Jobson, A.	Williams, M.J.

PLANNING MEMBER WORKING GROUP (7)

Lights, Z. (Chair)	Jobson, A.
Asvachin, M.Y.	Mitchell, M.N.
Bennett, C.	Williams, M.J.
Branston, R.	Knott, P.G. (Chair of Planning Committee)

LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)

Asvachin, M.Y.(Chair)	Holland, P.G.
Warwick, S. (Deputy Chair)	Miller, M.
Begley, J.	Parkhouse, J.C.M.
Bennett, C.	Rees, C.
Ellis-Jones, J.C.	Sheridan, A.J.
Fullam, A.A.	Snow, M.I.
Foale, R.	Vizard, M.

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (3)

Licensing Sub-Committee membership to be drawn from Licensing Committee Members above.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL (6)

Pearce, M.C. (Chair)	Jobson, A.
Allcock, N.J.	Knott, P.G.
Asvachin, M.Y.	Read, T.

EXETER TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP (6)

Parkhouse, J.C.M. (Chair)	Lights, Z.
Holland, P.G.	Sparling, A.
Knott, P.G.	Wood, D.

EXETER HARBOUR BOARD (12)

(6 City Councillors)

Williams, R.T. (Chair)	Pearce, M.C.
Ellis-Jones, J.C.	Read, T.
Leadbetter, A.R.	Williams, M.J.

(6 External Members)

COUNCIL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND ADVISORY BOARD (10)

(5 City Councillors)

Hannaford, R.A.	Moore, D.
Begley, J.	Wardle, A.J.
Denning, B.E.	

(5 External Members)

ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM & ART GALLERY (RAMM) OVERSIGHT PANEL (8)

(6 City Councillors)

Wright, L. (Chair)	Jobson, A.
Pearce, M.C.(Deputy Chair)	Read, T.
Atkinson, Y.	Snow, M.I.

(2 External Members)

COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP (6)

Foale, R. (Chair)	Moore, D.
Allcock, N.	Vizard, M.
Jobson, A.	Williams, R.T.

INDEPENDENT PERSONS

Mr I Brooking and Professor B. Kirby appointed as Independent Persons to assist the Council in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct amongst its Elected Members.

STRATA JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (3) – (1 FROM ECC)

Bialyk, P.M.	
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STRATA JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (9) – (3 FROM ECC)

Knott, P.G.	Patrick, S.
Leadbetter, A.	

EXETER HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE (13)

(4 City Councillors)

Wood, D.	Pearce, M.C.
Parkhouse, J.C.M.	Sparling, A.

(9 County Councillors)