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FULL COUNCIL

18 MAY 2016

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Judy Rogers) in the Chair, Councillors Sinden, Dowling, Batsford, Cartwright, Chowney, Clark, Cooke, Davies, Forward, Howard, Poole, Roberts, Sabetian, Scott, Street, Turner, Webb, Westley, Wincott, Beaver, Charman, Lee, Fitzgerald, Beaney, Atkins, Edwards, Clarke, Dowling, Bacon, Patmore and Rankin

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Poole proposed that Councillor Judy Rogers be elected Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the current municipal year, which was seconded by Councillor Street.

Councillor Atkins proposed that Councillor Robert Cooke be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the current municipal year, which was seconded by Councillor Lee.

Both Councillors Cooke and Rogers withdrew from meeting during the vote, which was conducted by a show of hands. 7 members having voted for Councillor Cooke and 22 for Councillor Rogers, it was declared: -

RESOLVED that Councillor Judy Rogers is elected Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the current municipal year

Councillor Rogers made the declaration prescribed by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972 and addressed the meeting.

2. PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MAYOR

The Right Worshipful the Mayor proposed that the thanks of the council be extended to Councillor Bruce Dowling for the services rendered by him to the council and the inhabitants of the Borough during his term of office as Mayor from June 2014 until today, which was seconded by Councillor Batsford.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor presented Councillor Dowling with his past mayoral badge.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Fitzgerald proposed that Councillor Nigel Sinden be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the current municipal year, which was seconded by Councillor Clark. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED that Councillor Nigel Sinden be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the current municipal year

Councillor Sinden made the declaration prescribed by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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4. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL AND FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 13 APRIL 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Council and Full Council meetings held on 13 April 2016 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings

5. AWARD OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH TO MAUREEN CHARLESWORTH

The Mayor announced the presentation of the award of Freedom of the Borough to Mrs Maureen Charlesworth. Councillor Peter Chowney and Councillor Matthew Beaver paid tribute to Maureen Charlesworth and her long service to the council and a number of volunteer and charity organisations in the town, on behalf of their groups. Maureen Charlesworth received the scroll awarding the freedom of the Borough and addressed the meeting. She received a standing ovation from all those assembled in the auditorium.

6. TO RECEIVE THE LEADER'S REPORT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Chowney reported that Councillor Kim Forward was appointed Deputy Leader of the Council.

7. TO RECEIVE THE LEADER'S REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE CABINET AND THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF CABINET APPOINTED

Councillor Chowney reported that: -

- (1) membership of the Council's Cabinet be 8 Councillors
- (2) the seats on Cabinet be allocated 6 to the Labour group (to include the Chair of the Charity Committee) and 2 to the Conservative group and members be appointed in accordance with the nomination of the groups as shown in Schedule A, appended to the minutes.

8. TO RECEIVE THE LEADER'S REPORT ON THE CABINET PORTFOLIOS AND THEIR ALLOCATION TO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Councillor Chowney reported that the allocation of responsibilities to Cabinet Lead Members would be as follows: -

<u>Cabinet Lead Member</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
Councillor Chowney	Leader of the Council and Finance Portfolio Holder
Councillor Forward	Deputy Leader of the Council and

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	Housing, Communications and Equalities Portfolio Holder
Councillor Poole	Regeneration and Culture Portfolio Holder
Councillor Davies	Environment and Place Portfolio Holder
Councillor Cartwright	Corporate Services Portfolio Holder
Councillor Fitzgerald	Charity Committee Chair

9. TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be appointed with the following key areas of responsibility: -

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategy Targets• Reviewing progress on the implementation of Cabinet decisions• Policy development work with Portfolio Holders, officers and partners• Service reviews• Collection of Council Tax and other charges• Payment of benefits• Management of resources• Public sector efficiency programmes

10. TO APPOINT THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL, TO DETERMINE THE REPRESENTATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON THOSE COMMITTEES, TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THOSE COMMITTEES AND TO APPOINT THE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS (AS INDICATED) FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/17 (LIST TO BE CIRCULATED SEPARATELY)

Councillor Chowney proposed a motion regarding the appointment of committees, as set out in the resolution below.

RESOLVED that the council adopts the following arrangements for the appointment of committees: -

(1) that membership of the Council's committees be as follows:-

	<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Non-Councillors</u>
Overview and Scrutiny	11	-

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Committee		
Audit Committee	5	-
Standards Committee	5	2
Licensing Committee	15	-
Council Appointments Committee	5	-
Employment Committee	4	-
Employment Appeals Committee	4	-
	10	-
Planning Committee		
Environment and Safety Committee	5	-

- (2) following a review of the political balance on the Council, that the seats on the committees of the Council be allocated to political groups and members be appointed to those committees in accordance with the nominations of the political groups as shown in Schedule A appended to the minutes; and
- (3) the Chairs and Vice – Chairs of the committees be appointed as shown on schedule A, appended to the minutes

(THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4.58PM AND THE REMAINING BUSINESS STOOD REFERRED TO THE RE-CONVENED MEETING TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2016 AT 6.00PM)

11. THE YEAR'S PROGRAMME

In accordance with the Constitution Rule 1.1 (xii) the Leader of the Council outlined proposals for the ensuing municipal year. The proposition was seconded by Councillor Forward.

RESOLVED (by 24 votes to 0 with 8 abstentions) that the Council agrees the programme for the ensuing municipal year as proposed by the Leader of the Council

12. COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016/17

RESOLVED that meetings of the Council be held on the following dates: -

6.00pm on 15 June 2016 (Special Council)
6.00pm on 20 July 2016
6.00pm on 12 October 2016
6.00pm on 14 December 2016
6.00pm on 15 February 2017

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6.00pm on 22 February 2017 (Budget Meeting)

6.00pm on 19 April 2017

4.00pm and 6.00pm on 17 May 2017 (Annual Meeting)

(The Mayor declared the meeting closed at. 7.40 pm)

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**HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES – AS OF COUNCIL ON MAY 2016
POLITICAL BALANCE RULES APPLY TO COMMITTEES**

				NOMINATIONS FOR 2016/17		NOTES
COMMITTEE	SEATS TO BE FILLED	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS		LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	
		LAB	CON			
Cabinet	Up to 10	6	2	Chowney (Leader) Forward (Deputy Leader) Cartwright Davies Fitzgerald (Chair Charity Committee) Poole	Atkins Lee	1 member from the majority group to be a non-portfolio holder and to Chair the Charity Committee.
Audit Committee	5	4	1	Clark (Vice-Chair) Charman Chowney Sinden	Beaver (Chair)	The Leader of the Council, who shall not be the Chair, is a member ex officio. With the exception of the above, members of this Committee may not be members of Cabinet. The Chair may not be in the same political group as the Leader of the Council.
Council Appointments Committee	5	4	1	Chowney (Chair) Forward Poole Fitzgerald	Atkins	
Standards Committee	5 (+ 2 independents)	4	1	Roberts (Chair) Fitzgerald (Vice-Chair) Bacon Sinden	Lee	No more than 1 Cabinet member who is not to be the Leader. Members may not appoint substitutes.

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SCHEDULE A

				NOMINATIONS FOR 2016/17		NOTES
COMMITTEE	SEATS TO BE FILLED	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS		LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	
		LAB	CON			
Employment Appeals Committee	4	3	1	B.Dowling (Chair) Turner (Vice-Chair) Sinden	Beaver	
Employment Committee	4	3	1	Chowney (Chair) Poole (Vice-Chair) Forward	Edwards	
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	8	3	Webb (Chair) Howard (Vice-Chair) Bacon Batsford Charman T.Dowling Turner Wincott	Cooke Patmore Rankin	No Cabinet Member may sit on O & S Committees. Mayor and Deputy Mayor not eligible for membership. Political Balance applies to Chairs and Vice-Chairs of O&S Committee

SCHEDULE A

				NOMINATIONS FOR 2016/17		NOTES
COMMITTEE	SEATS TO BE FILLED	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS		LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	
Licensing Committee	15	11	4	Sabetian (Chair) Sinden (Vice-Chair) Batsford Beaney Charman B.Dowling T.Dowling Howard Roberts Street Webb	Cooke Patmore Rankin	No Cabinet member with Portfolio. No more than 5 members of Planning Committee. Chair and Vice-Chair not to be elected from members of the Planning Committee.
Planning Committee	10	7	3	Street (Chair) Scott (Vice Chair) Beaney B.Dowling Roberts Rogers Wincott	Edwards Clarke Cooke	No Cabinet member with portfolio
Environment and Safety Committee	5	4	1	B.Dowling (Chair) Sinden (Vice-Chair) Rogers Webb	Cooke	No Cabinet member with Portfolio.

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