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FULL COUNCIL

15 MAY 2019

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor Nigel Sinden (Chair), Councillors Bacon (Vice-Chair), Barnett, Batsford, Battley, S Beaney, Berelson, Bishop, Charman, Chowney, Cox, Davies, Evans, Fitzgerald, Forward, Levane, O'Callaghan, Roberts, Rogers, Sabetian, Scott, Sinden, Turner, Webb, Louise, Lee, Patmore, K Beaney, Beaver, Edwards, Foster, Marlow-Eastwood and Rankin.

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

61. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Sinden announced he was seeking re-election as Mayor of the Borough of Hastings and withdrew from the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Bacon, presided over the election of the Mayor for the new municipal year.

Councillor Rogers proposed that Councillor Sinden be re-elected Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the new municipal year, seconded by Councillor O'Callaghan.

No further nominations were received.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that Councillor Nigel Sinden is re-elected as Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the new municipal year.

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

The Mayor gave an acceptance speech reflecting on his first year as Mayor of the Borough of Hastings and setting out his priorities for the new municipal year. The Mayor hoped to build on the charitable work he and the Deputy Mayor have undertaken over the past year and looked forward to attending more civic events both in the Borough and further afield.

The Mayor thanked all those in attendance.

62. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Bacon stood for re-election as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings and withdrew from the meeting.

Councillor Chowney proposed that Councillor Bacon be re-elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings, seconded by Councillor Batsford.

No further nominations were received.

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RESOLVED (by majority) that Councillor James Bacon is re-elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the current municipal year.

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

63. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 24 April 2019 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

64. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Chowney stood for re-election as Leader of the Council on a three year term.

Councillor Turner proposed Councillor Chowney be re-elected as Leader of the Council on a three year term, seconded by Councillor Levane.

RESOLVED (by majority) that Councillor Peter Chowney is re-elected Leader of the Council on a three year term.

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

Councillor Chowney announced that Councillor Forward has been appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council and Regeneration, Culture and Tourism Portfolio Holder.

66. TO RECEIVE THE LEADER'S REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO CABINET, THE NAMES OF THOSE MEMBERS AND THE ALLOCATION OF CABINET PORTFOLIOS

Councillor Chowney reported that:

(1) membership of the Council's Cabinet be **9** Councillors

(2) the seats on Cabinet be allocated **7** 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 appendix A to the minutes.

(3) allocation of responsibilities for Cabinet portfolios is as follows:

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<u>Cabinet Lead Member</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
Councillor Chowney	Leader of the Council and Finance and Property Portfolio Holder
Councillor Forward	Deputy Leader of the Council and Regeneration, Culture and Tourism Portfolio Holder
Councillor Fitzgerald	Environment, Community Safety and Equalities Portfolio Holder
Councillor Rogers	Transformation, Governance and People Portfolio Holder
Councillor Batsford	Housing, Leisure and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder
Councillor Beaney	Charity Committee Chair
Councillor Evans	Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

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

Councillor Chowney proposed the following terms of reference for Overview and Scrutiny.

RESOLVED that 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

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- **Payment of benefits**
- **Management of resources**
- **Public sector efficiency programmes**

68. TO APPOINT COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL, DETERMINE THE REPRESENTATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON THOSE COMMITTEES, TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THOSE COMMITTEES AND TO APPOINT CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS (AS INDICATED) FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20 (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 membership of committees:

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

	<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Non-Councillors</u>
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	-
Audit Committee	5	-
Standards Committee	5	2
Licensing Committee	15	-
Employment Committee	4	-
Employment Appeals Committee	4	-
Planning Committee	10	-
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 appendix A; and
- (3) the Chairs and Vice – Chairs of the committees be appointed as shown in appendix A

The meeting adjourned at 6.35pm and reconvened at 6.55pm.

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69. THE YEAR'S PROGRAMME

In accordance with rule 1.1 (xii) of the constitution the Leader of the Council proposed the programme for the ensuing municipal year, which was seconded by Councillor Forward.

RESOLVED (by 22 votes for, 8 against with 1 abstention) that the council agrees the programme for the ensuing municipal year as proposed by the Leader of the Council.

70. COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019/20

RESOLVED that the meetings of the council be held on the following dates:

6.00pm on 24 July 2019
6.00pm on 23 October 2019
6.00pm on 18 December 2019
6.00pm on 12 February 2020
6.00pm on 19 February 2020 (Budget Meeting)
6.00pm on 22 April 2020
6.00pm on 13 May 2020 (Annual Meeting)

(The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm)

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HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES – AS OF COUNCIL ON MAY 2019						
POLITICAL BALANCE RULES APPLY TO COMMITTEES						
			NOMINATIONS FOR 2019/20		NOTES	
COMMITTEE	SEATS TO BE FILLED	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS		LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	
		LAB	CON			
Cabinet	Up to 10 (Leader to decide)	7	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Peter Chowney (Chair) • 2. Kim Forward (Vice Chair) • 3. Colin Fitzgerald • 4. Judy Rogers • 5. Andy Batsford • 6. Sue Beaney • 7. Maya Evans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Rob Lee • 2. Andy Patmore 	1 member from the majority group to be a non-portfolio holder and to Chair the Charity Committee.
Audit Committee	5	4	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Leah Levane (Vice Chair) • 2. Peter Chowney • 3. Antonia Berelson • 4. Tania Charman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. John Rankin (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.
Standards Committee	5 (+ 2 independents)	4	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Paul Barnett (Chair) • 2. Margi O’Callaghan (Vice Chair) • 3. Alan Roberts • 4. Heather Bishop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Mike Edwards 	No more than 1 Cabinet member who is not to be the Leader. Members may not appoint substitutes.

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		LAB	CON			
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	8	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warren Davies (Chair) 2. Leah Levane (Vice Chair) 3. Margi O'Callaghan 4. Mike Turner 5. Paul Barnett 6. Ruby Cox 7. Andrew Battley 8. Tania Charman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Rankin 2. Karl Beaney 3. Paul Foster 	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
Employment Appeals Committee	4	3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Margi O'Callaghan (Chair) 2. Nigel Sinden (Vice Chair) 3. Heather Bishop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike Edwards 	
Employment Committee	4	3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter Chowney (Chair) 2. Kim Forward (Vice Chair) 3. Judy Rogers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike Edwards 	

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		LAB	CON			
Licensing Committee	15	11	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Dominic Sabetian (Chair) • 2. Antonia Berelson (Vice Chair) • 3. Alan Roberts • 4. Heather Bishop • 5. James Bacon • 6. Leah Levane • 7. Nigel Sinden • 8. Ruby Cox • 9. Trevor Webb • 10. Andrew Battley • 11. Margi O'Callaghan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Andy Patmore • 2. Karl Beaney • 3. Rob Lee • 4. Mike Edwards 	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Alan Roberts (Chair) • 2. Ruby Cox (Vice Chair) • 3. Heather Bishop • 4. Margi O'Callaghan • 5. Phil Scott • 6. Trevor Webb • 7. Warren Davies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Mike Edwards • 2. Sorrell Marlow-Eastwood • 3. Matthew Beaver 	No Cabinet member with Portfolio
Environment and safety Committee	5	4	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Heather Bishop (Chair) • 2. Ruby Cox (Vice Chair) • 3. Alan Roberts • 4. James Bacon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Sorrell Marlow-Eastwood 	No Cabinet member with Portfolio

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