

# Public Document Pack

## FULL COUNCIL

24 MAY 2023

Present: Councillors O'Callaghan (Chair), Bishop (Vice-Chair), Arthur, Bacon, Barnett, Batsford, Beaney, Beaver, Cannan, Carr, Collins, Cooke, Edwards, Evans, Fernando, Foster, Haffenden, Hay, Hilton, Jobson, Marlow-Eastwood, Patmore, Pragnell, Rankin, Roark, Roberts, Rogers, Sinden, Turner, Webb, Williams and Willis.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

### 2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

As the outgoing Mayor Councillor Bacon praised the local community for their passion and care for Hastings and St Leonards and thanked officers, family, friends and fellow Councillors for their work and support.

Councillor Batsford proposed that Councillor O'Callaghan be elected Mayor of the Borough of Hastings, seconded Councillor Rogers.

No further nominations were received. Councillor O'Callaghan withdrew from the Chamber for the vote.

**RESOLVED (unanimously) that Councillor Margi O'Callaghan be elected Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the 2023/24 municipal year.**

Councillor O'Callaghan returned to the Council Chamber and made the declaration prescribed by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6.24pm and the meeting resumed at 6.30pm.

### 3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Turner proposed that Councillor Bishop be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings, seconded by Councillor Sinden.

Councillor Hilton proposed that Councillor Carr be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings, seconded by Councillor Haffenden.

Both nominees withdrew from the Chamber for the vote.

Councillor Carr received 15 votes and Councillor Bishop received 15 votes. The Mayor exercised a casting vote in favour of Councillor Bishop.

**RESOLVED (by 17 votes to 16) that Councillor Heather Bishop be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the 2023/24 municipal year.**

## FULL COUNCIL

24 MAY 2023

Councillor Bishop returned to the Council Chamber and made the declaration prescribed by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6.43pm and the meeting resumed at 6.49pm.

4. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 26th April 2023 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

5. **ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor gave an acceptance speech and thanked the outgoing Mayor for his commitment to the town. Councillor O'Callaghan looked forward to championing local residents as an ambassador for the town.

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

Councillor Barnett announced that Councillor Evans is appointed Deputy Leader of the Council.

7. **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 Barnett reported that:

- (1) membership of the Cabinet will be 7 Councillors
- (2) all 7 seats on the Cabinet will be allocated to the Labour group
- (3) allocation of responsibilities for Cabinet portfolios is as follows:

<b>Cabinet Lead Member</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
Councillor Barnett (Leader)	Regeneration and Climate Change
Councillor Evans (Deputy Leader)	Housing and Community Development
Councillor Batsford	Health and Culture
Councillor John Cannan	Chair of the Charity Committee
Councillor Judy Rogers	Community Safety, Governance and Disabled

## FULL COUNCIL

24 MAY 2023

	Access
Councillor Ali Roark	Environment
Councillor Simon Willis	Finance and Equalities

**8. 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 FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24**

Councillor Barnett announced changes to the Labour group nominations, with Councillor Turner nominated as Chair of the Licensing Committee, and Councillor Webb nominated Vice-Chair. Councillors Roberts and Sinden were nominated to sit on the Employment Appeals Committee.

Councillor Patmore withdrew the nominations of Councillor Foster as Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee and Councillor Pragnell as Vice-Chair of the Museum Committee and nominated Councillor Beaver as Chair of the Planning Committee.

The Mayor proposed that the committees for the municipal year 2023/24 be as set out in appendix A to the agenda and that seats on those committees be allocated to political groups and Councillors be appointed to those committees as show in appendix B, subject to nominations made at the meeting. Councillor Beaver seconded the proposal.

**RESOLVED:**

(1) that the Council's committees for the municipal year 2023/24 be as follows:

	Councillors	Non-Councillors
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	-
Audit Committee	5	-
Council Appointments Committee	5	-
Standards Committee	5	2
Licensing Committee	15	-
Employment Committee	4	-
Employment Appeals Committee	4	-
Planning Committee	10	-
Environment and Safety Committee	5	-

## FULL COUNCIL

24 MAY 2023

Museum Committee	10	4
------------------	----	---

(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 Councillors be appointed to those committees in accordance with the nominations of the political groups as shown in appendix B.

The Mayor proposed that where there is only nomination for the position, the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees be appointed as set out in appendix B, seconded by Councillor Beaver.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That where there is only one nomination for the position the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees be appointed as set out in appendix B.**

Where more than one nomination was received the Mayor took a vote to determine the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees, as follows.

For the position of Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor Sinden received 16 votes and Councillor Carr received 16 votes. The Mayor exercised a casting vote in favour of Councillor Sinden.

For the position of Chair of the Planning Committee Councillor O'Callaghan received 21 votes and Councillor Beaver received 11 votes.

For the position of Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee Councillor Roberts received 18 votes and Councillor Collins received 9 votes.

For the position of Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee Councillor Webb received 17 votes and Councillor Collins received 9 votes.

For the position of Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee Councillor Webb received 17 votes and Councillor Collins received 9 votes.

For the position of Chair of the Standards Committee Councillor Roberts received 17 votes and Councillor Haffenden received 11 votes.

For the position of Chair of the Environment and Safety Committee Councillor Roberts received 17 votes and Councillor Jobson received 9 votes.

For the position of Vice-Chair of the Environment and Safety Committee Councillor Sinden received 18 votes and Councillor Marlow-Eastwood received 14 votes.

### **RESOLVED:**

**(1) Councillor Sinden be appointed Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

## FULL COUNCIL

24 MAY 2023

- (2) Councillor O'Callaghan be appointed Chair of the Planning Committee
- (3) Councillor Roberts be appointed Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee
- (4) Councillor Webb be appointed Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee
- (5) Councillor Roberts be appointed Chair of the Standards Committee
- (6) Councillor Roberts be appointed Chair of the Environment and Safety Committee
- (7) Councillor Sinden be appointed Vice-Chair of the Environment and Safety Committee

### 9. COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023/24

**RESOLVED** (unanimously) to approve holding the meetings of the Council on the following dates:

- 6pm on 19th July 2023
- 6pm on 20th September 2023
- 6pm on 22nd November 2023
- 6pm on 24th January 2024
- 6pm on 14th February 2024 (Budget Council)
- 6pm on 20th March 2024
- 6pm on 22nd May 2024 (Annual Council)

### 10. THE YEAR'S PROGRAMME

The Leader of the Council proposed the programme for the new municipal year, seconded by Councillor Evans.

The Mayor exercised a casting vote in favour of the motion following a tied vote.

**RESOLVED** (by 17 votes for, to 16 against) that the council agrees the programme for the ensuing municipal year as proposed by the Leader of the Council.

(The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.47pm)

This page is intentionally left blank

**HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES  
ANNUAL COUNCIL MAY 2023**



Committee	Seats	Allocation to political groups			Appointments for 2023/24			Notes
		LAB	CON	GRN	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN	
Licensing Committee	15	8	5	2	1. Mike Turner (Chair) 2. Trevor Webb (Vice-Chair) 3. Margi O'Callaghan 4. Nigel Sinden 5. John Cannan 6. Heather Bishop 7. Sabina Arthur 8. Alan Roberts	1. Paul Foster 2. Mike Edwards 3. Andy Patmore 4. Peter Pragnell 5. Graeme Williams	1. Amanda Jobson 2. Tony Collins	Cabinet portfolio holders may not sit on this Committee. No more than 7 members of the Planning Committee may sit on this Committee for 2023/24. Chair and Vice-Chair may not be members of the Planning Committee

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	5	4	2	1. Nigel Sinden (Vice-Chair) 2. Mike Turner 3. Trevor Webb 4. James Bacon 5. Alan Roberts	1. Andy Patmore (Chair) 2. Paul Foster 3. Rob Cooke 4. Alan Hay	1. Claire Carr 2. Julia Hilton	No Cabinet Member may sit on O&S Committee. Mayor and Deputy Mayor not eligible for membership. Political Balance applies to Chairs and Vice-Chairs of O&S
Planning Committee	10	5	4	1	1. Margi O'Callaghan (Chair) 2. Alan Roberts (Vice-Chair) 3. James Bacon 4. John Cannan 5. Nigel Sinden	1. Mike Edwards 2. Karl Beaney 3. Matthew Beaver 4. Graeme Williams	1. Tony Collins	No Cabinet member with Portfolio eligible for membership
Museum Committee	Maximum of 10	5	4	1	1. Andy Batsford (Chair) 2. Nigel Sinden (Vice-Chair) 3. Ali Roark 4. Maya Evans 5. Trevor Webb	1. Peter Pragnell 2. Andy Patmore 3. Graeme Williams 4.	1. Amanda Jobson	Chaired by the relevant portfolio holder



Audit Committee	5	2	2	1	1. Trevor Webb (Vice-Chair) 2. Nigel Sinden	1. Paul Foster (Chair) 2. Sorrell Marlow- Eastwood	1. Tony Collins	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	2	1	1. Alan Roberts (Chair) 2. Ali Roark (Vice-Chair)	1. Mike Edwards 2. Peter Pragnell	1. Glenn Haffenden	No more than 1 Cabinet member who is not to be the Leader.
Environment & Safety Committee	5	2	2	1	1. Alan Roberts (Chair) 2. Nigel Sinden (Vice Chair)	1. Sorrell Marlow- Eastwood 2. Rob Cooke	1. Amanda Jobson	No Cabinet member with Portfolio
Council Appointments Committee	5	3	1	1	1. Paul Barnett (Chair) 2. Maya Evans (Vice-Chair) 3. Judy Rogers	1. Paul Foster	1. Julia Hilton	

Employment Committee	4	2	1	1	1. Paul Barnett (Chair) 2. Maya Evans (Vice-Chair)	1. Graeme Williams	1. Glenn Haffenden	
Employment Appeals Committee	4	2	1	1	1. Alan Roberts 2. Nigel Sinden	2. Mike Edwards	1. Julia Hilton	
Total		36	26	12				