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ANNUAL COUNCIL

17 MAY 2017

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

Apologies for absence were noted for Councillor Cartwright and Forward

Apologies for lateness were noted from Councillor Lee Clark

67. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Rogers announced that she was seeking re-election as Mayor of the Borough of Hastings and withdrew from the meeting to allow the Deputy Mayor to preside over the election.

Councillor Terri Dowling proposed that Councillor Judy Rogers be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the current municipal year, which was seconded by Councillor Wincott. No further nominations were received.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that Councillor Judy Rogers is elected as 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.

68. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

Councillor Fitzgerald proposed that Councillor Nigel Sinden be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the current municipal year, which was seconded by Councillor Bacon. No further nominations were received.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that Councillor Nigel Sinden is 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.

69. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2017

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RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 19 April 2017 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings

70. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made an acceptance of office speech, in which she described her highlights from her first term of office as Mayor and set out her priorities for the year ahead. She also thanked all those who had supported her during her first term of office.

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

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

72. 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 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

73. 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 for Cabinet portfolios be as follows:

Cabinet Lead Member	Portfolio
Councillor Chowney	Leader of the Council and Finance and Property Portfolio Holder
Councillor Forward	Deputy Leader of the Council and Regeneration and Culture

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	Portfolio Holder
Councillor Fitzgerald	Environment and Equalities Portfolio Holder
Councillor Poole	Corporate Services Portfolio Holder
Councillor Batsford	Housing and Leisure Portfolio Holder
Councillor Beaney	Charity Committee Chair

Councillor Chowney announced that Councillor Cartwright was stepping down from his role as Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services. Councillor Chowney thanked Councillor Cartwright for his efforts during his time on Cabinet, particularly his work overseeing the organisational transformation programme.

74. 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 Committee.

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• Payment of benefits• Management of resources• Public sector efficiency programmes

75. TO APPOINT 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 2017/18 (LIST TO BE CIRCULATED SEPARATELY)

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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:

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

- (2) 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 to the minutes; and
- (3) the Chairs and Vice – Chairs of the committees be appointed as shown on appendix A to the minutes.

76. THE YEAR'S PROGRAMME

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

RESOLVED (by 22 votes for, 8 against with 0 abstentions) that the council agrees the programme for the ensuing municipal year as proposed by the Leader of the Council.

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77. COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18

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

- 6.00pm on 26 July 2017**
- 6.00pm on 18 October 2017**
- 6.00pm on 13 December 2017**
- 6.00pm on 21 February 2018 (Budget Meeting)**
- 6.00pm on 28 February 2018**
- 6.00pm on 18 April 2018**
- 6.00pm on 16 May 2018 (Annual Meeting)**

(The Mayor declared the meeting closed at. 8.08 pm)

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**APPENDIX A TO THE MINUTES - HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES – AS OF COUNCIL ON MAY 2017
POLITICAL BALANCE RULES APPLY TO COMMITTEES**

				NOMINATIONS FOR 2017/18		NOTES
COMMITTEE	SEATS TO BE FILLED	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS		LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	
		LAB	CON			
Cabinet	Up to 10	6	2	Chowney (Chair) Forward (Vice-Chair) Poole Fitzgerald Batsford Beaney (Chair of Charity Committee)	Lee Patmore	1 member from the majority group to be a non-portfolio holder and to Chair the Charity Committee.
Audit Committee	5	4	1	Chowney Charman Davies Sinden (Vice-Chair)	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.
Council Appointments Committee	5	4	1	Chowney (Chowney) Forward Poole Fitzgerald	Atkins	
Standards Committee	5 (+ 2 independents)	4	1	Roberts (Chair) Sinden (Vice-Chair) Bacon B.Dowling	M Clarke	No more than 1 Cabinet member who is not to be the Leader. Members may not appoint substitutes.

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COMMITTEE	SEATS TO BE FILLED	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS		LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	
		LAB	CON			
Employment Appeals Committee	4	3	1	B.Dowling (Chair) Sinden (Vice-Chair) Poole	Beaver	
Employment Committee	4	3	1	Chowney Forward Poole	Edwards	
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	8	3	Webb (Chair) Howard (Vice-Chair) Bacon Cartwright Charman Davies B.Dowling Turner	Atkins Cooke 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

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COMMITTEE	SEATS TO BE FILLED	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS		LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	
Licensing Committee	15	11	4	Sabetian (Chair) Sinden (Vice-Chair) Cartwright Charman B.Dowling Howard Roberts Rogers Street Webb Westley	Cooke Edwards 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) Cartwright B.Dowling Roberts Rogers Wincott	Beaver Edwards Clarke	No Cabinet member with portfolio
Environment and Safety Committee	5	4	1	B.Dowling (Chair) Roberts (Vice-Chair) Sinden Rogers	Cooke	No Cabinet member with Portfolio.

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