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FULL COUNCIL

25 MAY 2022

Present: Councillors Bacon (Chair), O'Callaghan (Vice-Chair), Arthur, Barnett, Batsford, Beaney, Beaver, Bishop, 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.

250. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Roark

251. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Councillor Bacon confirmed he was a candidate for re-election as Mayor and withdrew from the Chamber.

In accordance with Rule 7 of the Council's Constitution the Deputy Monitoring Officer asked for nominations for a Councillor to chair the election of the Mayor.

Councillor O'Callaghan proposed Councillor Rogers chair, seconded by Councillor Barnett.

Councillor Sinden proposed Councillor Bacon be re-elected Mayor of the Borough of Hastings, seconded by Councillor Evans.

There were no further nominations for Mayor.

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

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

Councillor Bacon took the chair as the newly elected Mayor and thanked councillors for his election. The Mayor thanked his family and friends for their support over the past twelve months in his first term as Mayor.

The Mayor made a short speech and said it had been an honour and a privilege to represent the town over the past year and he looked forward to the coming municipal year.

252. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings.

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Councillor Barnett proposed Councillor O'Callaghan be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings, seconded by Councillor Arthur.

Councillor Pragnell proposed Councillor Cooke be elected Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Beaver.

Both candidates withdrew from the Council Chamber.

The Mayor took a vote on both nominations. Councillor O'Callaghan received 17 votes in favour, Councillor Cooke received 11 votes in favour.

RESOLVED (by majority) that Councillor O'Callaghan is elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Hastings for the new municipal year.

Councillor O'Callaghan and Councillor Cooke returned to the Council Chamber.

Councillor O'Callaghan made the declaration prescribed by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Councillor Pragnell highlighted that the minutes of the previous meeting incorrectly referred to him as Councillor K Pragnell.

RESOLVED that subject to the above amendment the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13th April 2022 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

254. ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor called for proposals for Leader of the Council.

Councillor O'Callaghan proposed Councillor Barnett be elected Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Cannan.

Councillor Rankin proposed Councillor Patmore be elected Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Williams.

The Mayor took a vote on both nominations. Councillor Barnett received 17 votes in favour, Councillor Patmore received 12 votes in favour.

RESOLVED (by majority) that Councillor Barnett is elected Leader of the Council until the Annual Council meeting in May 2024.

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255. 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.

256. 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 Council's Cabinet will be 8 Councillors
- (2) the seats on Cabinet will be allocated 6 to the Labour group (to include the Chair of the Charity Committee) and 2 to the Green Group
- (3) allocation of responsibilities for Cabinet portfolios is as follows:

Cabinet Leader Member	Portfolio
Councillor Barnett (Leader)	Regeneration
Councillor Evans (Deputy Leader)	Housing and Community Development
Councillor Batsford	Health and Culture
Councillor Haffenden	Urban Development
Councillor Hilton	Climate Change and Natural Environment
Councillor Roark	Chair, Charity Committee
Councillor Rogers	Planning, Governance and Community Safety
Councillor Willis	Finance and Equalities

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257. 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 2022/23 (LIST TO BE CIRCULATED SEPARATELY)

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

Councillor Patmore proposed that Councillor Beaver be appointed as Chair of the Planning Committee, on a rotational basis with the Green Group. The proposal received 14 votes for, to 14 against, with 3 abstentions. The Mayor used his casting vote to vote against and the proposal was rejected.

RESOLVED that the council adopts the following arrangements for the membership of committees:

(1) that membership of the Council's committees 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	-
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 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

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258. COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022/23

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

6pm on 13th July 2022
6pm on 12th October 2022
6pm on 7th December 2022
6pm on 8th February 2023
6pm on 15th February 2023 (Budget Council)
6pm on 26th April 2023
6pm on 24th May 2023 (Annual Council)

259. THE YEAR'S PROGRAMME

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

RESOLVED (by 16 votes for, to 12 against with 1 abstention) that the council agrees the programme for the ensuing municipal year as proposed by the Leader of the Council.

260. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER/SECTION 151 OFFICER

Councillor Barnett proposed approval of the recommendations set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Rogers.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

That Kit Wheeler be appointed interim Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) with effect from 1st June 2022.

Reasons:

The council is required by law to appoint three statutory officers, each of whom have responsibility for elements of governance within the authority. These are the Head of Paid Service (Managing Director), Monitoring Officer (Head of Legal Services) and the Chief Finance Officer.

(The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm)

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HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES – AS OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MAY 2022
POLITICAL BALANCE RULES APPLY TO COMMITTEES

					NOMINATIONS FOR 2022/23			NOTES
COMMITTEE	SEATS	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS			LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	GREEN GROUP	
		LAB	CON	GRN				
Cabinet	Up to 10 (Leader to decide)	6		2	1.Paul Barnett (Chair) 2. Maya Evans (Vice-Chair) 3. Andy Batsford 4.Judy Rogers 5.Ali Roark 6.Simon Willis		1. Julia Hilton 2. Glenn Haffenden	1 member from the majority group to be a non-portfolio holder and to Chair the Charity Committee.
Audit Committee	5	2	2	1	1. Paul Barnett 2. Trevor Webb	1.John Rankin (Chair) 2.Sorrell Marlow-Eastwood	1. Tony Collins (Vice-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	2	2	1	1.Paul Barnett 2.Maya Evans	1.John Rankin 2.Paul Foster	1. Julia Hilton	
Standards Committee	5 (+ 2 independents)	2	2	1	1.Trevor Webb (Vice-Chair) 2.Alan Roberts	1.Mike Edwards 2.Peter Pragnell	1. Glenn Haffenden (Chair)	No more than 1 Cabinet member who is not to be the Leader.
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COMMITTEE	SEATS TO BE FILLED	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS			LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	GREEN GROUP	
		LAB	CON	GRN				
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	5	4	2	1. Mike Turner 2. Trevor Webb 3. Sabina Arthur 4. John Cannan 5. Alan Roberts	1. Andy Patmore (Chair) 2. Paul Foster 3. Peter Pragnell 4. Alan Hay	1. Amanda Jobson (Vice-Chair) 2. Tony Collins	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	2	1	1	1. Cllr Rogers 2. Cllr Willis	1. Mike Edwards	1. Glenn Haffenden	
Employment Committee	4	2	1	1	1. Paul Barnett 2. Maya Evans	1. Graeme Williams	1. Glenn Haffenden	

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COMMITTEE	SEATS	ALLOCATION TO POLITICAL GROUPS			LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	GREEN GROUP	
		LAB	CON	GRN				
Licensing Committee	15	7	6	2	1. Nigel Sinden (Chair) 2. Heather Bishop 3. Alan Roberts 4. Sabina Arthur 5. Mike Turner 6. <i>vacant</i> 7. <i>vacant</i>	1. Paul Foster (Vice-Chair) 2. Karl Beaney 3. Mike Edwards 4. Andy Patmore 5. Peter Pragnell 6. John Rankin	1. Amanda Jobson 2. Tony Collins	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	5	4	1	1. Margi O'Callaghan (Chair) 2. Alan Roberts 3. Ali Roark 4. John Cannan 5. James Bacon	1. Mike Edwards 2. Karl Beaney 3. Matthew Beaver 4. Graeme Williams	1. Tony Collins (Vice-Chair)	No Cabinet member with Portfolio
Environment and safety Committee	5	2	2	1	1. Alan Roberts 2. Nigel Sinden	1. Sorrell Marlow-Eastwood (Vice-Chair) 2. Alan Hay	1. Amanda Jobson (Chair)	No Cabinet member with Portfolio
Museum Committee	10	5	4	1	1. Andy Batsford (Chair) 2. Nigel Sinden 3. Maya Evans 4. Trevor Webb 5. <i>vacant</i>	1. Peter Pragnell (Vice-Chair) 2. Andy Patmore 3. John Rankin 4.	1. Amanda Jobson	

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