

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 May 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr D A Flagg – Chairman

Cllr G Farquhar – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr H Allen, Cllr L Allison, Cllr M Anderson, Cllr S C Anderson, Cllr M Andrews, Cllr J Bagwell, Cllr S Baron, Cllr J Beesley, Cllr D Borthwick, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr M F Brooke, Cllr N Brooks, Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Bull, Cllr C R Bungey, Cllr R Burton, Cllr D Butler, Cllr D Butt, Cllr J J Butt, Cllr E Coope, Cllr M Cox, Cllr M Davies, Cllr N Decent, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr B Dion, Cllr B Dove, Cllr B Dunlop, Cllr M Earl, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr L-J Evans, Cllr D Farr, Cllr L Fear, Cllr A Filer, Cllr N C Geary, Cllr M Greene, Cllr N Greene, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr M Haines, Cllr P R A Hall, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr M Howell, Cllr M Iyengar, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr T Johnson, Cllr A Jones, Cllr J Kelly, Cllr D Kelsey, Cllr R Lawton, Cllr M Le Poidevin, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr R Maidment, Cllr C Matthews, Cllr S McCormack, Cllr D Mellor, Cllr P Miles, Cllr S Moore, Cllr L Northover, Cllr P Parrish, Cllr S Phillips, Cllr M Phipps, Cllr K Rampton, Cllr Dr F Rice, Cllr C Rigby, Cllr R Rocca, Cllr M Robson, Cllr V Slade, Cllr A M Stribley, Cllr T Trent, Cllr M White, Cllr L Williams and Cllr K Wilson

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors S Bartlett, N Hedges and T O'Neil.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

3. Election of Chairman of the Council

Nominations were received for the following Councillors:

Councillor David Flagg

Councillor Ann Stribley

The nominees outlined why they should be elected Chairman. A secret ballot was undertaken in accordance with the Constitution. The Chief Executive reported on the outcome of the ballot as follows:

Councillor David Flagg – 41

Councillor Ann Stribley – 32

RESOLVED that Councillor David Flagg be elected as Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Council Meeting.

4. Election of Vice Chairman of the Council

Nominations were received for the following Councillors:

Councillor Ann Stribley
Councillor George Farquhar

The nominees outlined why they should be elected as Vice-Chairman. A secret ballot was undertaken in accordance with the Constitution. The Chief Executive reported on the outcome of the ballot as follows:

Councillor Ann Stribley – 33
Councillor George Farquhar – 40

RESOLVED that Councillor George Farquhar be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Council Meeting.

5. Election of Leader of the Council

Nominations were received for the following Councillors:

Councillor Vikki Slade
Councillor Bob Lawton

The nominees outlined why they should be elected as Leader of the Council. A secret ballot was undertaken in accordance with the Constitution. The Chief Executive reported on the outcome of the ballot as follows:

Councillor Vikki Slade – 40
Councillor Bob Lawton – 32
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RESOLVED that Councillor Vikki Slade be elected Leader of the Council in accordance with the Constitution.

Councillor Slade outlined the objectives of the Unity Alliance and confirmed the membership of the Cabinet as follows:

Leader – Councillor Vikki Slade
Regeneration and Culture – Councillor Mark Howell
Strategic Planning – Councillor Margaret Phipps
Housing – Councillor Kieron Wilson
Environment and Climate Change – Councillor Dr Felicity Rice
Finance – Councillor David Brown
Adults and Health – Councillor Lesley Dedman
Children's and Families – Councillor Sandra Moore
Transport and Infrastructure – Councillor Andy Hadley
Tourism, Leisure and Communities – Councillor Lewis Allison

The meeting was then adjourned from 8.12 pm until 8.25 pm during the adjournment the report for the following item was circulated.

6. Review of the political balance of the Council, the allocation of seats on Committees to each Political Group and the Appointment of Councillors to Committees

The Council considered a report which had been circulated at the meeting and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these minutes in the Minute Book.

Councillors were asked to consider and approve the:

- political balance and the proposed allocation of seats on Committees to each political group.
- nominations for Councillors to serve on the Committees within the Council's decision making structure.
- nominations for Councillors to serve on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority and the Dorset Police and Crime Panel.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the political balance as set out in the report be approved;**
- (b) the allocation of seats to Political Groups on Committees as set in the report be approved;**
- (c) Group Leaders be authorised to submit their nominations to fill the seats on Committees to the Monitoring Officer within the next 48 hours;**
- (d) the following non-aligned Councillors be appointed to the Committees as detailed below:-**
 - Planning Committee – Councillor Stephen Bartlett**
 - Licensing Committee – Councillor Diane Butler**
 - Audit and Governance Committee – Councillor Stephen Bartlett**
- (e) the allocation of seats to Political Groups on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority and the Dorset Police and Crime Panel as detailed in the report be approved and Group Leaders be authorised to submit their nominations to fill seats on these bodies to the Monitoring Officer within the next 48 hours.**

7. Appointment of Independent Persons to the Standards Committee

The Council considered a report which had previously been circulated and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these minutes in the Minute Book.

The meeting was advised that the Council was required by the Localism Act 2011 to appoint Independent Persons who have a statutory role in providing advice and input to considerations of complaints made about Councillors.

Councillors were advised of the outcome of the external recruitment process undertaken by officers and the recommendations to appoint three independent persons.

RESOLVED that the following be appointed to serve as Independent Persons for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

- **Ian Sibley**
- **Paul Cashmore**
- **Jonathan Storey**

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

CHAIRMAN