

Runnymede Borough Council**Full Council****Wednesday, 18 May 2022 at 7.30 pm**

Members of the Council present: Councillors A Balkan, A Berardi, J Broadhead, R Bromley, T Burton, D Clarke, D Coen, D Cotty, M Cressey, V Cunningham, M Darby, R Davies, S Dennett, J Furey, E Gill, L Gillham, J Gracey, T Gracey, M Harnden, M Heath, C Howorth, J Hulley, S Jenkins, N King, A King, R King, S Lewis, C Mann, I Mullens, M Nuti, J Olorenshaw, N Prescott, S Ringham, S Saise-Marshall, P Snow, S Walsh, S Williams, M Willingale, J Wilson.

Members of the Committee absent: Councillors D Whyte and S Whyte.

1 Statement by Outgoing Mayor, Elaine Gill

The Mayor reported that she had had a memorable Mayoral term of office and had attended many events despite the challenges posed by Covid. The Mayor mentioned some of the highlights of her term of office.

The Mayor had raised over £25,000 for her chosen charitable causes and was proud to have awarded £20,000 to Dementia Carers Support, with the remainder allocated to further tree purchases.

The Mayor thanked her Mayoral Consort for his commitment and support .

Finally, the Mayor thanked all those persons who had helped her during her Mayoral year. In particular, Alan Bostock for his photographic services and Katie Edmond (Mayoral Assistant) for her valuable support and organisational skills during the Mayoral Year and presented her with a framed painting of a Thorpe streetscene. The Mayor wished her successor all the best for their Mayoral term.

Many Councillors expressed their appreciation of the service and commitment given by the Mayor .

2 Election of Mayor

RESOLVED that –

Councillor Margaret Harnden be Mayor of Runnymede for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

3 Declaration by Mayor of Acceptance of Office

The statutory declaration of acceptance of office was made and signed by Councillor Harnden, who thanked the Council for her election.

4 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

RESOLVED that –

Councillor Shannon Saise-Marshall be Deputy Mayor of Runnymede for the Municipal Year 2022/23

5 Declaration by Deputy Mayor of Acceptance of Office

The statutory declaration of acceptance of office was made and signed by Councillor Saise-Marshall, who thanked the Council for her appointment.

6 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 April 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Whyte and S Whyte.

8 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Balkan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in items 12 (Appointment of Committees) and 15 (Appointment of Chairmen/Vice Chairmen of Committees) as he had been paid by Cllr Hulley for communication and administrative assistance, solely for his duties as a Surrey County Councillor. Cllr Balkan withdrew from the room when these items were considered.

9 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor thanked the Council for the honour of election to the office of Mayor and was looking forward to her Mayoral Year, where she would be proud to represent the Borough. Her Consort would be Ian Patenall.

The Mayor welcomed Members, including the eight newly elected Members, and guests .

In accepting the office of Mayor, Cllr Harnden thanked all Members and expressed her appreciation of Cllr Gill for an outstanding term of office.

The Mayoral Charities would be:

Orchard Dementia Centre, Chertsey

Holme Farm Community Project

The Mayoral Chaplain for the year would be Fr Gerard Mee, Assistant Curate at St Mary's Church, Thorpe. Fr Mee led the Council in a prayer.

10 To Answer Questions Asked by Members Under Standing Order No 13

No requests to speak or ask questions from Members had been registered by the deadline.

11 Petitions

No petitions had been submitted by Members of the Council under Standing Order No 19.

12 Constitution of the Council

Council was informed that the Constitution, as agreed at the meeting of the Council on 28 April 2022, would apply for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

13 Appointment of Committees

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Head of Law and Governance,

which set out the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Members received information as to the wishes of the various Political Groups as to Committee appointments.

RESOLVED that –

- i) The named Committees be established and that the number of seats be confirmed as set out in para 12.3 of the report;**
- ii) the allocation of seats on the Committees shown in attached Appendix ‘A’ be as set out therein.**
- iii) the allocation of Committee seats to Members of Political Groups as at commencement of the Municipal Year 2022/23, as requested by those Groups and as laid before Council, be approved;**
- iv) any other Member of the Council from the six political groups be eligible for appointment to any Committee or Sub-Committee, subject to receipt of appropriate training, where applicable; and**
- v) the Chair of the RCRA be appointed as a non-voting member of the Housing Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/23**

14 Licensing Committee

RESOLVED that –

the Members of the Licensing Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/2023 be Councillors: Broadhead, Burton, Clarke, Cotty, Cunningham, Furey, Gill, A King, Olorenshaw, Saise-Marshall and Wilson.

15 Englefield Green Committee

At the request of a Member, a separate vote was taken on the appointment of the Residents’ Representatives.

RESOLVED that –

the Englefield Green Committee (as required by the Crown Lease) for the year 2022/23 be established and constituted as follows:

- i) Councillors Berardi, Heath, A. King, N. King and Prescott; and**
- ii) Two representatives appointed from the qualifying householders, namely Mr S Brisby and Mr N Bromilow.**

16 Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committees

Nominations for Chairmen and Vice- Chairmen were moved and seconded as tabled.

With regard to the Chairmanship of Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee, Cllr Gillham commented that in order to provide constructive challenge to the majority group, it would be more appropriate for the Chairmanship of the Committee to be held by a member of the minority groups in line with the practice at some other Councils. Another Member suggested that the matter be reviewed by the Constitution MWP.

RESOLVED that –

the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed for the Committees specified: -

Corporate Management Committee

Chairman: Councillor T Gracey
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Howorth

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Chairman: Councillor N King
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Coen

Housing Committee

Chairman: Councillor J Gracey
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Hulley

Community Services Committee

Chairman: Councillor Howorth
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Walsh

Planning Committee

Chairman: Councillor Willingale
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Snow

Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee / Crime and Disorder Committee

Chairman: Councillor Furey
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Lewis

Licensing Committee

Chairman: Councillor Wilson
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Gill

Regulatory Committee

Chairman: Councillor Wilson
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Gill

Standards and Audit Committee

Chairman: Councillor Nuti
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Broadhead

17 **Sub-Committees**

Council noted that Members appointed to Licensing and Hearings Sub-Committees would be drawn from members of the respective parent Committees.

18 **Runnymede Joint Committee**

RESOLVED that –

Councillors Balkan, Cressey, Gill, T Gracey, Prescott (Chairman), and

Wilson be appointed as the Council's Members on the Runnymede Joint Committee.

(The nominations of Councillors Cressey and A King for one of the minority group seats were put to the vote and Councillor Cressey received the greater number of votes and was duly appointed)

19 Surrey Environment Partnership Appointment and Nominations to Surrey Leaders' Group (SLG)

RESOLVED that –

- i) Councillor Gillham be the Council's representative to serve on the Surrey Environment Partnership for 2022/23.**
- ii) Councillors Cunningham and A King be nominated to the Adults and Health Select Committee;**
- iii) Councillor Saise-Marshall be nominated to South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Assoc**

(Councillor Davies was also nominated to the Assoc. The nominations of Councillors Davies and Saise-Marshall were put to the vote and Councillor Saise-Marshall received the greater number of votes and was duly nominated)

- iv) Councillor Walsh be nominated to the Surrey Civilian Military Partnership;**
- v) Councillor Cunningham be nominated to the Integrated Care Partnership Board;**

(Councillor R King was also nominated to the Board. The nominations of Councillors Cunningham and R King were put to the vote and Councillor Cunningham received the greater number of votes and was duly nominated)

- vi) Councillor R King be nominated to the SCC Pension Fund -Investment Advisors Group**

20 Notices of Motion from Members of the Council under Standing Order 15

No Notices of Motion had been submitted by Members of the Council under Standing Order 15.

21 Minority Group Priority Business

No items of Minority Group Priority Business had been registered under Standing Order 23.

(The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.)

Chairman