

Runnymede Borough CouncilFull CouncilWednesday, 17 May 2023 at 7.30 pm

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

1 Election of Mayor for the 2023/24 Municipal Year

[Councillor Harnden in the chair].

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Margaret Harnden, recounted some of the many memorable moments of her mayoral year.

Councillor Harnden offered her thanks to her consorts, Ian Patenall and Father Gerard Mee, and to Clare Sykes, Executive Officer, for their support.

Councillors from across the chamber expressed their thanks to Councillor Harnden for her service at Mayor.

It was proposed (by Councillor Clarke), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that Councillor Saise-Marshall be elected as Mayor for the 2023/24 municipal year.

2 Declaration by 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 election.

Councillor Harnden presented the Chain of Office to Councillor Saise-Marshall.

[Councillor Saise-Marshall in the chair].

3 Appointment of Mayor's Consort

Councillor Saise-Marshall announced that her consort would be her husband, Maj (Retd) Rob Marshall.

The Mayor's Consort badge was presented to Major (retired) Saise-Marshall.

Former consort badges were presented to Ian Patenall and Father Gerard Mee.

4 Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain

Councillor Saise-Marshall announced that her Chaplain would be Ben Beecroft, Dean of Runnymede, and Reverend at St. Paul's Church in Addlestone.

5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

It was proposed (by Councillor Balkan) and seconded (by Councillor Lewis) that Councillor Robert Bromley be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2023/24 municipal year.

It was further proposed (by Councillor Gillham) and seconded (Councillor R. King) that Councillor Harnden be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2023/24 municipal year.

As there was more than one nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor, a secret ballot was conducted in accordance with Standing Order 7.1.

The result of the ballot was as follows:

For Councillor Bromley – 21
 For Councillor Harnden – 14
 Abstentions – 2

It was **resolved** that Councillor Bromley be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2023/24 municipal year.

6 **Declaration by Deputy Mayor of Acceptance of Office**

The statutory declaration of acceptance of office was made and signed by Councillor Bromley, who thanked the Council for his appointment.

Councillor Saise-Marshall presented the Badge of Office to Councillor Bromley.

7 **Appointment of Deputy Mayor's Consort**

Councillor Bromley said that he would announce his consort at a later date.

8 **Mayor's Announcements**

Councillor Saise-Marshall announced that her chosen charities would be Addlestone Canoe Club and Hebrews Café.

The Mayor offered her thanks to Councillor Harnden and congratulated the six newly elected councillors, following the borough elections on 4 May 2023.

9 **Appointment of Leader of the Council**

It was proposed (by Councillor Willingale) and seconded (by Councillor Howorth) that Councillor Gracey be appointed Leader of the Council.

It was further proposed (by Councillor A. King) and seconded (by Councillor Burton) that Councillor R. King be appointed Leader of the Council.

It was **resolved** that Councillor Gracey be appointed Leader of the Council.

10 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 April 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

11 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Coen, Nuti, D. Whyte and S. Whyte.

12 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

13 **Speaking or Questions from Members of the Public under Standing Order 12**

There were no public questions or speaking.

14 **Petitions**

There were no petitions.

15 **Questions from Members of the Council under Standing Order 13**

There were no questions from members.

16 **Constitution of the Council**

It was noted that the Constitution, approved at Council on 27 April 2023, applied for the 2023/24 municipal year.

17 **Appointment of Committees**

17a **Establishment of committees and sub-committees**

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that committees and sub-committees be established in accordance with the arrangements set out in the agenda.

17b **Allocation of seats to political groups**

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey) and seconded (by Councillor Willingale) that the Council adopt the allocation of seats set out in the supplementary agenda as 'Model B'.

It was further proposed (by Councillor Burton) and seconded (by Councillor Mullens) that the Council adopt the allocation of seats set out in the supplementary agenda as 'Model A'.

Following a debate on the proposals before the Council, a named vote was requested. The voting was as follows:

In favour of 'Model A' (16)

Councillors Berardi, Burton, Davies, Gates, Gill, Gillham, Harnden, Jenkins, Kettle, A. King, R. King, Mullens, Ringham, Singh, Smith and Williams.

In favour of 'Model B' (20)

Councillors Bromley, Balkan, Clarke, M.D. Cressey, M.K. Cressey, Cunningham, Darby, Dennett, Furey, Gracey, Howorth, Hulley, Lewis, Mann, Mavi, Prescott, Snow, Walsh, Willingale and Wilson.

Abstentions (1)

Councillor Saise-Marshall.

It was **resolved** that the Council adopt the allocation of seats set out in the supplementary agenda as 'Model B'.

17c **Appointment of members to committees and sub-committees**

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that the Council note that group leaders could make appointments to committees in accordance with Standing Order 22.8.

17d **Englefield Green Committee**

It was proposed (by Councillor A. King), seconded (by Councillor Prescott) and **resolved** that the membership of the Englefield Green Committee be agreed in accordance with the arrangements set out in the agenda (i.e. the councillors representing Englefield Green East Englefield Green West wards, and two local residents' representatives).

17e **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees**

Corporate Management Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that:

- Councillor Gracey be appointed as Chairman of the Corporate Management Committee.
- Councillor Howorth be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Management Committee.

Environment and Sustainability Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that:

- Councillor Coen be appointed as Chairman of the Environment and Sustainability Committee.
- Councillor Cunningham be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Sustainability Committee.

Housing Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that:

- Councillor Nuti be appointed as Chairman of the Housing Committee.
- Councillor Hulley be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Housing Committee.

Community Services Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that:

- Councillor Howorth be appointed as Chairman of the Community Services Committee.
- Councillor Lewis be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Community Services Committee.

Planning Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that:

- Councillor Willingale be appointed as Chairman of the Planning Committee.
- Councillor Snow be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Licensing Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that:

- Councillor Wilson be appointed as Chairman of the Licensing Committee.
- Councillor Gill be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee.

Regulatory Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that:

- Councillor Wilson be appointed as Chairman of the Regulatory Committee.
- Councillor Harnden be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Regulatory Committee.

Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey) and seconded (by Councillor Willingale) that Councillor Furey be appointed as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee.

It was further proposed (by Councillor Gillham) and seconded (by Councillor R. King) that Councillor Gillham be appointed as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee.

Following a debate on the proposed appointments, a named vote was requested. The voting was as follows:

In favour of Councillor Furey (21)

Councillors Bromley, Balkan, Clarke, M.D. Cressey, M.K. Cressey, Cunningham, Darby, Dennett, Furey, Gracey, Howorth, Hulley, Lewis, Mann, Mavi, Prescot, Saise-Marshall, Snow, Walsh, Willingale and Wilson.

In favour of Councillor Gillham (16)

Councillors Berardi, Burton, Davies, Gates, Gill, Gillham, Harnden, Jenkins, Kettle, A. King, R. King, Mullens, Ringham, Singh, Smith and Williams.

Abstentions (0)

It was **resolved** that the Councillor Furey be appointed as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee.

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that Councillor Prescot be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee.

Crime and Disorder Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that:

- Councillor Furey be appointed as Chairman of the Crime and Disorder Committee.
- Councillor Prescott be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Crime and Disorder Committee.

Standards and Audit Committee

It was proposed (by Councillor Gracey), seconded (by Councillor Willingale) and **resolved** that:

- Councillor Hulley be appointed as Chairman of the Standards and Audit Committee.
- Councillor M.D. Cressey be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Standards and Audit Committee.

Englefield Green Committee

As no nominations were made, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Englefield Green Committee would be determined at its first meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 31.1.

18 Appointment to the Surrey Environment Partnership 2023/24

It was proposed (by Councillor Gillham), seconded (by Councillor Gill) and **resolved** that Councillor Gillham be appointed to the Surrey Environment Partnership for 2023/24.

19 Nominations to Surrey Leaders' Group (SLG)**19a Adults and Health Select Committee (representative)**

It was proposed (by Councillor R. King), seconded (by Councillor Gracey) and **resolved** that Councillor A. King be nominated to the Adults and Health Select Committee, subject to the prompt return of the requisite application form.

19b Countryside Access Forum (representative)

It was proposed (by Councillor Burton), seconded (by Councillor Smith) and **resolved** that Councillor Burton be nominated to the Countryside Access Forum, subject to the prompt return of the requisite application form.

19c Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (representative)

There were no nominations.

19d Mental Health Partnership Board (representative)

It was proposed (by Councillor A. King), seconded (by Councillor Gracey) and **resolved** that Councillor A. King be nominated to the Mental Health Partnership Board, subject to the prompt return of the requisite application form.

19e Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Partnership (representative)

There were no nominations.

19f **Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board (representative)**

It was proposed (by Councillor Bromley), seconded (by Councillor Gracey) and **resolved** that Councillor Bromley be nominated to the Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board, subject to the prompt return of the requisite application form.

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

There were no notices of motion.

21 **Minority Group Priority Business**

There was no minority group priority business.

22 **Press and Public to be Excluded by Resolution**

There was no exempt business.

(The meeting ended at 8.58 pm.)

Chairman