

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council  
Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 6.00pm  
in the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley**

**Present:**

Councillor A Millward (Mayor)  
Councillor S Greenaway (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillors R Ahmed, S Ali, M Aston, P Atkins, C Barnett, C Bayton, D Bevan, I Bevan, H Bills, R Body, D Borley, S Bothul, P Bradley, R Buttery, K Casey, B Challenor, S Clark, J Clinton, R Clinton, R Collins, D Corfield, J Cowell, T Creed, T Crumpton, A Davies, P Dobb, P Drake, C Eccles, J Elliott, M Evans, K Finch, J Foster, A Goddard, M Hanif, D Harley, P Harley, A Hopwood, M Howard, A Hughes, L Johnson, S Keasey, I Kettle, E Lawrence, P Lee, A Lees, P Lowe, J Martin, P Miller, S Mughal, N Neale, S Phipps, K Razzaq, S Ridney, M Rogers, T Russon, P Sahota, S Saleem, K Shakespeare, D Stanley, W Sullivan, A Taylor, E Taylor, L Taylor-Childs, M Westwood, T Westwood and Q Zada together with the Deputy Chief Executive and other Officers

**1 Election of Mayor**

The Mayor invited nominations for election to the office of Mayor of the Borough for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Councillor S Greenaway was nominated by Councillor P Harley. The nomination was seconded by Councillor S Clark.

**Resolved**

That Councillor S Greenaway be elected Mayor of the Borough for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

Councillor S Greenaway then made and subscribed to the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

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**2 Election of Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor invited nominations for election to the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2022/23 municipal year.



Councillor A Goddard was nominated by Councillor P Harley. The nomination was seconded by Councillor S Clark.

**Resolved**

That Councillor A Goddard be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

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3 **Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor**

Following an adjournment for robing to take place, Councillor A Goddard made and subscribed to the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Deputy Mayor.

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4 **Address by the Mayor**

The Mayor addressed the Council to express thanks upon her election.

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5 **Tributes to the Retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort and Presentation of Badges**

Tributes were paid to the retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort, followed by the presentation of badges.

Councillor A Millward addressed the Council and expressed thanks for all the support that had enabled her to carry out her duties as Mayor.

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6 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Aston, S Henley, K Lewis and M Qari.

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7 **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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8 **Mayor's Announcements**

(a) **Former Mayor and Honorary Alderman Mary Hill**

The Mayor referred to the death of the former Mayor and Honorary Alderman Mary Hill. The Council observed a minute of silence as a token of respect to the memory of Mary Hill. Tributes would be paid at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

(b) **Mayor's Consort**

The Mayor's Consort for the 2022/23 Municipal Year would be Mr D Greenaway.

(c) **Deputy Mayor's Consort**

The Deputy Mayor's Consort for the 2022/23 Municipal Year would be Councillor J Clinton.

(d) **Mayor's Chaplain**

The Mayor's Chaplain for the 2022/23 Municipal Year would be Reverend Vanessa Tobin, St Mark's Church, Pensnett.

(e) **Mayor's Charities**

The Mayor's Charities to be supported in the 2022/23 Municipal Year were:

Black Country Toy Appeal  
Tough Enough to Care  
Macmillan Cancer Support

(f) **"At Home" Event**

To be held on a date to be arranged.

(g) **Armed Forces Day**

To be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

(h) **Civic Sunday**

To be held on a date to be arranged.



(i) Mayor Making Dinner and Freedom/Aldermen Event

To be held on a date to be arranged.

(j) Black Country MUSICOM Festival

To be held at Himley on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

(k) Mayor's Charity Cricket Match

To be held at 6.00pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 at the Memorial Ground, Amblecote, Stourbridge.

(l) Newly Elected Members of the Council

The Mayor welcomed the following Members who had been elected to the Council at the municipal elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022:

Councillor S Bothul  
Councillor H Bills  
Councillor K Casey  
Councillor T Creed  
Councillor C Eccles  
Councillor J Elliott  
Councillor A Hughes  
Councillor M Howard  
Councillor J Martin  
Councillor M Qari  
Councillor T Russon

(m) Tributes to Former Councillors

The Mayor and other Members paid tribute to the service given by former Councillors K Ahmed, N Barlow and C Neale who were not re-elected at the municipal elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

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9 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, were received in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting.

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10 **Leader of the Council**

A report of the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) was submitted.

Councillor P Harley was nominated by Councillor S Clark. The nomination was seconded by Councillor L Taylor-Childs.

**Resolved**

That Councillor P Harley be elected as the Leader of the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

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11 **Appointment and Membership of the Cabinet and Committees for 2022/23 and Related Matters**

A report of the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor P Harley, seconded by Councillor S Clark and

**Resolved**

(1) That the information contained in the list circulated by the Leader concerning the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Members of the Cabinet for the 2022/23 municipal year, as set out below, be noted together with the designations of Cabinet Members:

(a) That Councillor S Clark be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

(b) That the Leader of the Council and nine other Members comprise the Cabinet for the 2022/23 Municipal Year and that the names of the Members to serve for the year be as follows:-

Councillors I Bevan, R Buttery, S Clark, P Harley, S Keasey, N Neale, R Clinton, S Phipps, S Saleem and L Taylor-Childs.

(c) That all Members of the Shadow Cabinet be invited to attend meetings of the Cabinet to speak but not vote.

(d) That the assignment of Portfolios to the Cabinet Members and the names of the corresponding Opposition (Labour) Group Spokespersons be as set out below:-



## Leader and Cabinet Members

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
P Harley	Leader of the Council (Policy)
S Clark	Deputy Leader (Finance, Legal and Procurement)
N Neale	Adult Social Care
R Buttery	Children and Young People
S Keasey	Commercialisation and Human Resources
S Saleem	Highways and Public Realm
L Taylor-Childs	Housing and Communities
I Bevan	Public Health and Wellbeing
S Phipps	Regeneration and Enterprise
R Clinton	Waste Management and Climate Change

## Opposition Group Spokespersons (Shadow Cabinet)

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
Q Zada	Opposition Group Leader (Policy)
J Foster	Opposition Group Deputy Leader (Human Resources)
S Ridney	Children and Young People
C Barnett	Digital, Customer and Commercial
S Ali	Finance, Legal and Procurement
P Lowe	Health and Adult Social Care
K Casey	Highways and Public Realm
A Aston	Housing and Communities
P Sahota	Regeneration and Enterprise
C Bayton	West Midlands Combined Authority and Climate Change

- (2) That the structure of Committees for 2022/23 be approved on the basis set out in the report and the lists circulated at the meeting.
- (3) That the terms of reference and functions of Committees, as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, be approved subject to any consequential amendments arising from decisions made at this meeting.
- (4) That, with the exceptions referred to in the report, the composition and Membership of Committees for the 2022/23 municipal year be determined in accordance with the political balance requirements of Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as shown on the lists circulated at the meeting:



	<u>Total</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Labour</u>
Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (Excluding Co-opted Members)	13	8	5
Future Council Scrutiny Committee	13	8	5
Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Excluding Co-opted Member)	13	8	5
Housing and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee	13	8	5
Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee	13	8	5
Appeals Committee	5	4	1
Appointments Committee	9	6	3
Audit and Standards Committee	9	6	3
Children's Corporate Parenting Board	12	8	4
Planning Committee	9	6	3
Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee (Excluding Co-opted Members)	6	4	2
Licensing and Safety Committee	12	7	5
Taxis Committee	9	6	3

- (5) That the appointment of Members to Committees for the 2022/23 municipal year be on the basis of the nominations made by political groups as follows:-



## **Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

### Councillors (Conservative)

D Bevan  
D Borley  
S Bothul  
P Bradley  
B Challenor  
P Lee  
K Lewis  
A Millward

### Councillors (Labour)

C Bayton  
H Bills  
A Hughes  
M Qari  
S Ridney

Together with provision for the appointment of statutory, non-elected, co-opted members with voting rights in matters concerning education:-

### Parent Governor Representatives

1. Secondary Schools – vacancy
2. Primary Schools – vacancy
3. Special Schools – C Collins

### Church Representatives

4. Worcester Diocesan Board of Education – T Reid
5. Archdiocese of Birmingham – vacancy

## **Future Council Scrutiny Committee**

### Councillors (Conservative)

T Creed  
A Davies  
P Dobb  
I Kettle  
E Lawrence  
A Lees  
T Russon  
K Shakespeare

### Councillors (Labour)

S Ali  
C Barnett  
J Foster  
M Howard  
P Sahota





## **Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

### Councillors (Conservative)

P Atkins  
A Davies  
J Elliott  
A Hopwood  
L Johnson  
K Razzaq  
M Rogers  
D Stanley

### Councillors (Labour)

R Ahmed  
T Crumpton  
M Hanif  
P Lowe  
M Qari

One non-elected co-opted member without voting rights:-

Healthwatch (Dudley) – Chief Officer

## **Housing and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee**

### Councillors (Conservative)

J Clinton  
R Collins  
I Kettle  
K Lewis  
D Stanley  
W Sullivan  
M Westwood  
T Westwood

### Councillors (Labour)

A Aston  
M Aston  
K Casey  
J Cowell  
P Sahota



## **Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee**

Councillors  
(Conservative)

R Collins  
D Corfield  
P Dobb  
J Elliott  
S Henley  
M Rogers  
T Russon  
K Shakespeare

Councillors  
(Labour)

C Barnett  
C Bayton  
K Casey  
C Eccles  
J Foster

## **Appeals Committee**

Councillors  
(Conservative)

A Goddard  
S Greenaway  
S Henley  
T Westwood

Councillor  
(Labour)

S Mughal

## **Appointments Committee**

Councillors  
(Conservative)

S Clark  
P Harley  
S Keasey  
N Neale  
S Phipps  
L Taylor-Childs

Councillors  
(Labour)

J Foster  
Q Zada  
Relevant Shadow Cabinet Member



## **Audit and Standards Committee**

### Councillors (Conservative)

P Atkins  
D Borley  
M Evans  
E Lawrence  
A Lees  
A Taylor

### Councillors (Labour)

S Ali  
J Cowell  
J Martin

## **Children's Corporate Parenting Board**

### Councillors (Conservative)

D Bevan  
P Bradley  
R Buttery  
L Johnson  
P Lee  
A Millward  
N Neale  
D Stanley

### Councillors (Labour)

H Bills  
A Hughes  
S Ridney  
E Taylor

## **Planning Committee**

### Councillors (Conservative)

D Corfield  
A Goddard  
D Harley  
P Miller  
W Sullivan  
M Westwood

### Councillors (Labour)

H Bills  
P Drake  
E Taylor



## **Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee**

One ward Councillor from each of the following wards:

Cradley and Wollescote  
T Crumpton

Norton  
T Creed

Lye and Stourbridge North  
D Borley

Pedmore and Stourbridge East  
I Kettle

Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood  
J Cowell

Wollaston and Stourbridge Town  
A Hopwood

Together with 3 non-elected co-opted members without voting rights:-

Friends of Stevens Park, Quarry Bank – D Sparks  
Friends of Wollescote Park – J Marks  
Friends of Mary Stevens Park – H Rogers

## **Licensing and Safety Committee**

Councillors  
(Conservative)

J Clinton  
T Creed  
M Evans  
S Greenaway  
P Miller  
K Razzaq  
A Taylor

Councillors  
(Labour)

J Cowell  
P Drake  
K Finch  
M Howard  
E Taylor

## **Taxis Committee**

Councillors  
(Conservative)

B Challenor  
D Harley  
A Hopwood  
P Lee  
A Lees  
D Stanley

Councillors  
(Labour)

M Aston  
R Body  
J Martin



- (6) That with regard to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee, the proposals in relation to co-opted representatives and the arrangements for the filling of vacancies for co-opted members be approved.
- (7) That the Licensing and Safety Committee be appointed in 2022/23 to undertake the statutory Committee functions in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and that the Committee comprise 12 Members.
- (8) That the Council confirm that the proportionality requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 shall not apply to Licensing Sub-Committees established by the Licensing and Safety Committee or to any Sub-Committee established by the Audit and Standards Committee to hear complaints against Members under the Members' Code of Conduct.
- (9) That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following Committees be appointed for 2022/23:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>
	Councillor	Councillor
Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	P Bradley	D Bevan
Future Council Scrutiny Committee	E Lawrence	A Davies
Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	M Rogers	P Atkins
Housing and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee	M Westwood	W Sullivan
Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee	D Corfield	P Dobb
Appeals Committee	T Westwood	S Henley
Appointments Committee	P Harley	S Clark
Audit and Standards Committee	A Lees	D Borley

Children's Corporate Parenting Board	R Buttery	S Ridney
Planning Committee	D Harley	A Goddard
Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee	I Kettle	A Hopwood
Licensing and Safety Committee	J Clinton	K Razzaq
Taxis Committee	A Hopwood	B Challenor

- (10) That the arrangements for substitutes on Committees, as set out in Council Procedure Rules, be reaffirmed for the 2022/23 municipal year.
- (11) That the Planning (Site Visits) Working Group be appointed for the 2022/23 Municipal Year to undertake visits to sites where the Committee has resolved that there should be a site visit and that the Working Group comprise all Members of the Planning Committee.
- (12) That Scrutiny Working Groups be appointed for the 2022/23 municipal year for each of the Scrutiny Committees and that the membership of the Working Groups comprise all Members of the relevant Scrutiny Committees.
- (13) That the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board be established in 2022/23 on the basis set out in the report.
- (14) That a report on the future arrangements for Community Forums be submitted to the Cabinet and Council in due course.
- (15) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to take any necessary and consequential actions that are required to implement the proposals contained in the report and any other decisions taken at this meeting of the Council.

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## 12 **Constitution and Scheme of Delegation**

A report of the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor P Harley, seconded by Councillor S Clark and



## **Resolved**

- (1) That the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation be reaffirmed for the 2022/23 municipal year.
  - (2) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any necessary and consequential amendments to the Constitution arising from decisions made by the Council and to reflect any ongoing restructuring activity, changes in legislative requirements, statutory provisions or associated regulations or guidance.
  - (3) That all references in the Constitution to statutory provisions be taken to include any subsequent legislation, Statutory Instruments, Regulations, Orders or Guidance issued under those statutory provisions.
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### 13 **Programme of Meetings for 2022/23**

A report of the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor P Harley, seconded by Councillor S Clark and

## **Resolved**

That the programme of meetings of the Council, Cabinet and Committees for the 2022/23 municipal year be approved.

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### 14 **Appointments/Nominations to Other Bodies**

A report of the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor P Harley, seconded by Councillor S Clark and

## **Resolved**

That the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer), following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Opposition Group Leader, be authorised to make appointments/nominations to other bodies as required.

The meeting ended at 7.05 pm

MAYOR

