

## Annual Council

North Northamptonshire Council

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

At 2:00 pm in the Council Chamber, The Cube, George Street, Corby.

### **Present: -**

### **Members:**

Councillors Larry Henson (Vice Chair, in the chair), Jean Addison, Tim Allebone, Ross Armour, Paul Bell, Charlie Best, Matt Binley, Jennie Bone, Wendy Brackenbury, Scott Brown, Lyn Buckingham, Lloyd Bunday, Jon-Paul Carr, Robin Carter, William Colquhoun, John Currall, Alison Dalziel, Mark Dearing, Dez Dell, Scott Edwards, Jonathan Ekins, Emily Fedorowycz, Martin Griffiths, Clive Hallam, Ken Harrington, Helen Harrison, Helen Howell, David Howes, Philip Irwin, Bert Jackson, Ian Jelley, Barbara Jenney, David Jenney, Matt Keane, King Lawal, Lora Lawman, Anne Lee, Richard Levell, Paul Marks, Dorothy Maxwell, Peter McEwan, John McGhee, Zoe McGhee, Andy Mercer, Gill Mercer, Macaulay Nichol, Steven North, Jan O'Hara, Anup Pandey, Tom Partridge-Underwood, Mark Pengelly, Harriet Pentland, Elliot Prentice, Russell Roberts, Mark Rowley, Geoff Shacklock, Jason Smithers, Chris Smith-Haynes, Mike Tebbutt, Kevin Thurland, Sarah Tubbs, Michael Tye, Malcolm Ward, Kevin Watt, Andrew Weatherill and Lee Wilkes.

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Rob Bridge (Chief Executive), Adele Wylie (Director of Governance and Human Resources/Monitoring Officer), Paul Goult (Interim Democratic Services Manager) and Ben Smith (Democratic and Electoral Services Manager).

## **112. Election of Chair 2022/2023**

Nominations were sought for the position of Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

The nomination of Councillor Larry Henson was MOVED by Councillor Scott Edwards and SECONDED by Councillor Russell Roberts. There were no further nominations.

### **RESOLVED that: -**

Councillor Larry Henson be elected as Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

*(Councillor Henson took the chair of the meeting at this point).*

### **113. Appointment of Vice Chair 2022/2023**

Nominations were sought for the position of Vice Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

The nomination of Councillor Barbara Jenney was MOVED by Councillor Larry Henson and SECONDED by Councillor Gill Mercer. There were no further nominations.

#### **RESOLVED that: -**

Councillor Barbara Jenney be appointed as Vice Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

### **114. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Valerie Anslow, David Brackenbury, Cedwien Brown, Leanne Buckingham, Jim Hakewill, Kirk Harrison, Graham Lawman, Roger Powell, Simon Rielly, David Sims, Joseph Smyth and Malcolm Waters.

### **115. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest on this occasion.

### **116. Minutes of the Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 had been circulated.

Councillor Henson (Chair) MOVED the minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 be agreed. Councillor Jason Smithers SECONDED the motion.

### **117. Political Group Leadership**

Annual Council received a report noting the political group leadership for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

- Leader of the Conservative Group – Councillor Jason Smithers
- Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group – Councillor Helen Howell
- Leader of the Labour Group – Councillor John McGhee
- Deputy Leader of the Labour Group – Councillor Jean Addison
- Leader of the Green Alliance Group – Councillor Emily Fedorowycz
- Deputy Leader of the Green Alliance Group – Councillor Dez Dell

The recommendation was MOVED by Councillor Lora Lawman and SECONDED by Councillor Helen Howell.

#### **RESOLVED that: -**

That the leadership arrangements of the Conservative Group, the Labour Group and the Green Alliance Group for 2022/2023 as detailed within the report be noted.

### **118. Leader's Address to Council**

Councillor Jason Smithers (Leader of the Council) addressed the meeting. In doing so, the Leader stressed the achievements of the Council in its first year, thanked staff and councillors for their continuing work and effort, and recognised the challenges that still lay ahead in fulfilling the Corporate Plan and transforming local services to the public. Councillor John

McGhee (Leader of the Labour Group) and Councillor Emily Fedorowycz (Leader of the Green Alliance Group) also addressed Council.

#### 119. Confirmation of Executive Appointments

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Jason Smithers) had circulated details of the appointments to the Executive for 2022/2023. These included: -

Councillor	Portfolio
Helen Howell (Vice-Chair of the Executive)	Deputy Leader of the Council Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism
David Brackenbury (Executive Member)	Growth and Regeneration
Lloyd Bunday (Executive Member)	Finance and Transformation
Scott Edwards (Executive Member)	Children, Families, Education and Skills
Helen Harrison (Executive Member)	Adults, Health and Wellbeing
David Howes (Executive Member)	Rural Communities and Localism
Graham Lawman (Executive Member)	Highways, Travel and Assets
Harriet Pentland (Executive Member)	Climate and Green Environment
Vacancy (Executive Member)	Housing and Community

The Leader indicated to Annual Council that he would be appointing to the vacant role of Executive Member for Housing and Community during the next few weeks.

#### 120. Committee Membership and Appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs of Committee 2022/2023

Annual Council were being requested to note the nominations from recognised political groups for seats on formal committees of Council for the Municipal Year 2022/2023. Annual Council was also requested to elect/appoint the Chairs and Vice Chairs of committees in accordance with the procedure detailed in the Constitution.

The recommendations were **MOVED** by Councillor Matt Binley and **SECONDED** by Councillor Philip Irwin.

#### **RESOLVED that: -**

- (i) The proportionality rules detailed in Appendix A be applied;
- (ii) The appointments made by the respective recognised political groups to the governance structure as detailed in Appendix B be noted;
- (iii) It be noted that the Officer Scheme of Delegation grants authority to the Monitoring Officer to make in-year changes to the membership of committees on behalf of the Council, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups; and
- (iv) That the current North Northamptonshire Council representation on the –

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel  
Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee  
Pensions Committee  
Local Pensions Board  
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Continue until subject to review.

Annual Council then considered the nominations received in relation to the election of committee Chairs and appointment of Vice Chairs.

Those Chair and Vice Chair positions where only one nomination had been received were MOVED by Councillor Matt Binley and SECONDED by Councillor Philip Irwin.

**RESOLVED that: -**

The following be duly elected/appointed for the Municipal Year 2022/2023 –

<b>Position of Responsibility</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
Chair of the Scrutiny Commission	Councillor Wendy Brackenbury
Chair of Finance & Resources Committee	Councillor Mark Pengelly
Vice Chair of Finance & Resources Cttee	Councillor Richard Levell
Chair of Licensing & Appeals Cttee	Councillor Jonathan Ekins
Vice Chair of Licensing & Appeals Cttee	Councillor Jennie Bone
Chair of Democracy & Standards Cttee	Councillor Lora Lawman
Vice Chair of Democracy & Standards	Councillor Macaulay Nicol
Chair of Audit & Governance Committee	Councillor Andrew Weatherill
Vice Chair of Audit & Governance Cttee	Councillor Kirk Harrison
Chair of Kettering Area Planning	Councillor Mark Rowley
Vice Chair of Kettering Area Planning	Councillor Cedwien Brown
Chair of Thrapston Area Planning	Councillor Jennie Bone
Vice Chair of Thrapston Area Planning	Councillor Gill Mercer
Chair of Wellingborough Area Planning	Councillor Paul Bell
Vice Chair of Wellingborough Area	Councillor Malcolm Waters
Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board	Councillor Jon-Paul Carr

Nominations for certain Chair and Vice Chair positions had been received from both the Conservative Group and the Labour Group.

Councillor Macaulay Nichol MOVED the Conservative Group nominations; these were SECONDED by Councillor Wendy Brackenbury. Councillor Matt Keane MOVED the Labour Group nominations; these were SECONDED by Councillor Lyn Buckingham.

**RESOLVED that:**

The following be duly elected/appointed for the Municipal Year 2022/2023 –

<b>Position of Responsibility</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Commission	Councillor Kevin Watt
Chair of Strategic Planning Committee	Councillor Steven North
Vice Chair of Strategic Planning Cttee	Councillor Paul Bell
Chair of the Employment Committee	Councillor Barbara Jenney
Vice Chair of the Employment Cttee	Councillor Matt Binley
Chair of Corby Area Planning	Councillor Kevin Watt
Vice Chair of Corby Area Planning	Councillor David Sims

**121. Municipal Timetable 2022/2023**

Annual Council was requested to approve the Municipal Timetable 2022/2023. Full Council held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 had provisionally approved the draft timetable.

The recommendation to approve the draft timetable was **MOVED** by Councillor Lora Lawman and **SECONDED** by Councillor Macaulay Nichol.

**RESOLVED that:**

- (i) The Municipal Timetable 2022/2023 be approved

**122. Urgent Business**

There was no Urgent Business on this occasion.

**123. Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 3:16 pm.

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Chair

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Date