

Annual Council – 17 May 2005

Minutes of the meeting of **Annual Council** held on **17 May 2005** when there were present:-

Cllr R A Amner	Cllr C J Lumley
Cllr Mrs R Brown	Cllr Mrs J R Lumley
Cllr Mrs L A Butcher	Cllr J R F Mason
Cllr P A Capon	Cllr D Merrick
Cllr Mrs T J Capon	Cllr R A Oatham
Cllr R G S Choppen	Cllr J M Pullen
Cllr T G Cutmore	Cllr P K Savill
Cllr K A Gibbs	Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn	Cllr S P Smith
Cllr T E Goodwin	Cllr D G Stansby
Cllr K J Gordon	Cllr Mrs M A Starke
Cllr J E Grey	Cllr M G B Starke
Cllr Mrs S A Harper	Cllr J Thomass
Cllr K H Hudson	Cllr Mrs M S Vince
Cllr A J Humphries	Cllr Mrs M J Webster
Cllr C A Hungate	Cllr P F A Webster
Cllr Mrs L Hungate	Cllr Mrs C A Weston
Cllr T Livings	Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors C I Black and P R Robinson.

OFFICERS PRESENT

P Warren	-	Chief Executive
R J Honey	-	Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Administration)
R Crofts	-	Corporate Director (Finance and External Services)
G Woolhouse	-	Head of Housing, Health and Community Care
S Fowler	-	Head of Administrative and Member Services
H Collins	-	Civic & Public Relations Officer
J Bostock	-	Principal Committee Administrator
S Worthington	-	Committee Administrator

Prior to the election of Chairman for 2005/06 Members extended their thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Mrs R Brown, for all her work and contributions to the community and for managing to so effectively fulfil the role of Chairman despite some health related challenges. Specific thanks were also extended to Ian Copland, Civic Chauffeur, for his commendable work in supporting the Chairman throughout the year.

The outgoing Chairman extended personal thanks to her supporting team and was pleased to be able to present her charity, the Essex Cleft Lip and Palate Association, with a cheque for £3,000.

199 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2005/06

On a motion, moved by Councillor T G Cutmore and seconded by Councillor P A Capon, it was:-

Resolved

That Councillor P F A Webster be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor P F A Webster made the statutory declaration of acceptance of Office as Chairman.

200 ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2005/06

On a motion, moved by Councillor T G Cutmore and seconded by Councillor P A Capon, it was:-

Resolved

That Councillor Mrs M J Webster be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs M J Webster made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office as Vice-Chairman.

201 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN'S CHAPLAIN FOR 2005/06

The Chairman had invited the Reverend Harvey Reed of St Thomas Church, Thorpedene Avenue, Hullbridge to serve as Chaplain for the ensuing year.

202 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 April 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

203 ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2005/06

On a motion, moved by Councillor P K Savill and seconded by Councillor P A Capon, it was:-

Resolved

That Councillor T G Cutmore be elected Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

204 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES 2005/06

Council considered the report of the Chief Executive on the discharge of business during the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

Resolved

- (1) That Committees and Sub-Committees be constituted and appointed (including Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen) on the basis set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes.
- (2) That Council Champion and Lead Councillor/Spokesperson appointees be as follows:-

Appointment	Appointee
Lead Councillor and Spokesperson for E-Government	Councillor C A Hungate
Historic Environment Champion	Councillor Mrs M J Webster
Business and Benefits Champion	Chairman of the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee or their nominee
Procurement Champion	Chairman of the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee or their nominee (HAMS)

205 SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Resolved

That the scheme of delegation, as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, be agreed.

206 MEETINGS TIMETABLE 2005/06

Resolved

That, subject to it being noted that the 25 May is no longer a training date, the timetable of Meetings 2005/06, as set out at Appendix 2 to these Minutes, be agreed. (HAMS)

207 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2005/06

Council considered the report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services on appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2005/06 and attendance at various fora.

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The Chief Executive advised that the County Council had recently asked the Authority to nominate a representative to attend a meeting on 7 June to discuss the way forward in connection with the operation of the Essex Local Resilience Forum.

Resolved

- (1) That the appointments to Outside Bodies for 2005/06 be as set out at Appendix 3 to these Minutes.
- (2) That the Leader of the Council (or their nominee) be the Council's representative at the Essex Local Resilience Forum meeting on 7 June and at meetings of:-
 - The County Council's South Area Forum.
 - The Rochford Local Strategic Partnership.
 - The Thames Gateway South Essex Board.
 - The Fourth Option Special Interest Group.
- (3) That the attendance of Councillors R A Amner and S P Smith at meetings of the East of England Children's Services Member Network be endorsed. (HAMS)

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman

Date