

Council – 19 April 2016

Minutes of the meeting of **Council** held on **19 April 2016** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn

Vice-Chairman: Cllr J L Lawmon

Cllr C I Black	Cllr Mrs C M Mason
Cllr J C Burton	Cllr J R F Mason
Cllr Mrs L A Butcher	Cllr Mrs J E McPherson
Cllr M R Carter	Cllr D Merrick
Cllr T G Cutmore	Cllr Mrs C A Pavelin
Cllr R R Dray	Cllr Mrs C E Roe
Cllr J H Gibson	Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr K J Gordon	Cllr S P Smith
Cllr J D Griffin	Cllr M Softly
Cllr J Hayter	Cllr Mrs M H Spencer
Cllr B T Hazlewood	Cllr D J Sperring
Cllr N J Hookway	Cllr M J Steptoe
Cllr Mrs D Hoy	Cllr I H Ward
Cllr M Hoy	Cllr M J Webb
Cllr K H Hudson	Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs A V Hale, G J Ioannou, Mrs L R Lumley, M Maddocks, R A Oatham and Mrs C A Weston

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Dave	-	Chief Executive
N Khan	-	Director
S Scrutton	-	Director
J Bostock	-	Assistant Director, Democratic Services
M Harwood-White	-	Assistant Director, Commercial Services
M Hotten	-	Assistant Director, Environmental Services
A Law	-	Assistant Director, Legal Services
R Manning	-	Section 151 Officer
D Tribe	-	Assistant Director, Customer, Revenues & Benefits
L Bliss	-	Senior Corporate Communications Officer
M Power	-	Committee Administrator

86 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairmen.

87 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported on the various civic and other events she had attended during her year as Chairman. She had been proud to represent the

District both in Essex and further afield and promote its attractions, which included Wallasea Island, Hockley Woods, Rayleigh Windmill and London Southend Airport.

To commemorate the Queen becoming Britain's longest reigning monarch, the Chairman had organised a book for signature by residents of the District: a total of over 600 signatures and photos from around the District had been included in the book, which was sent to the Palace. A letter of thanks from the Palace would be framed and displayed in the Council offices.

The Chairman wished to thank staff for the work they do to support the Councillors to serve the community. She extended special thanks to her Civic Drivers and to the Civic Officer.

Councillors in the Chamber commended the Chairman on having been an elected Member of the Council for 26 years and for having served as Chairman of the Council for two separate terms. The Chairman concluded by wishing luck to all those Councillors standing for office in the forthcoming local elections and, for those not standing, the best of luck in their future endeavours.

88 MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council received the Minutes of Executive and Committee meetings held between the period 13 February to 8 April 2016.

89 REPORTS FROM THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Annual Report

Council considered the report of the Review Committee providing details of its work during 2015/16.

Resolved

That the Review Committee Annual Report for 2015/16 be received. (ADLS)

Treasury Management – Investment Strategy Supplementary Report

Council considered the report of the Review Committee on the Council's Treasury Management Investment Strategy for 2016/17.

Resolved

That the Treasury Management Annual Investment Strategy remains as it is for 2016/17.

90 REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS

Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny procedure 15(f), Council received a report on decisions that had been taken as a matter of urgency and not subject to call in.

91 REPORT OF THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE

Council received the following report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Executive:-

“This is the sixth ordinary Council meeting for the 2015/16 municipal year and I would like to welcome all Members.

Since the Council Meeting on 23 February, the Executive have met twice, during which:

- It approved the Quarter 3 2015/16 revenue budget and capital position of the Council, approving the reasons for variations to the previously approved budgets and noting that the latest net revenue forecast outturn is expected to be £8.68m for 2015/16.
- The Canewdon and Wallasea Neighbourhood Area Application was approved.
- Consideration was given to a report of the Review Committee on Planning Enforcement and a joint enforcement protocol will be agreed with Essex County Council and the Environment Agency.
- Continuation of the amenity collection service at Great Wakering Recreation Ground on a monthly basis, collecting general refuse only was agreed.
- The exempt report on exploring options for delivery of the grounds maintenance service was received.

Other matters that my colleagues and I on the Executive have been dealing with include:-

- Agreeing that the Homelessness Review and Strategy 2016-21 be approved in principle and circulated for consultation.
- Noting details of the February Corporate Scorecard Exceptions Report

As always, I will be happy to take any questions from Members in respect of the work of the Executive and I am sure my Executive colleagues will be happy to contribute where appropriate.”

A Member commented that the continuation of the amenity collection service at Great Wakering was greatly appreciated and well used by residents.

92 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Assistant Director, Legal Services on arrangements for the appointment of Independent Persons and Parish Representatives for a four year term, commencing from the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Resolved

- (1) That the appointment of the three Parish Councillors, to be nominated by the Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils, to the Standards Committee for a four year term commencing in the 2016/17 municipal year be endorsed.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to appoint three Independent Persons to the Standards Committee for a four year term commencing in the 2016/17 Municipal Year following a recruitment process as laid out in the report.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman

Date

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