

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **BABERGH COUNCIL** held in the King Edmund Chamber - Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich on Wednesday, 22 May 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors:	Clive Arthey	Sue Ayres
	Melanie Barrett	Peter Beer
	David Busby	Sue Carpendale
	Trevor Cresswell	Derek Davis
	Siân Dawson	Mick Fraser
	Jane Gould	Honor Grainger-Howard
	Kathryn Grandon	Ric Hardacre
	John Hinton	Michael Holt
	Bryn Hurren	Leigh Jamieson
	Robert Lindsay	Margaret Maybury
	Alastair McCraw	Mary McLaren
	Mark Newman	Zachary Norman
	John Nunn	Adrian Osborne
	Lee Parker	Jan Osborne
	John Ward	Stephen Plumb

Officers:	Chief Executive (AC)
	Strategic Director (KN)
	Strategic Director (JS)
	Monitoring Officer (EY)
	Corporate Manager - Democratic Services (JR)
	Governance Support Officer (HH)

Apologies:	Elisabeth Malvisi
	Alison Owen

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

- 1.1 Councillor Arthey **MOVED** the nomination of Councillor Kathryn Grandon as Chair of the Council and Councillor Ward **SECONDED** the proposal.

It was **RESOLVED**: -

That Councillor Kathryn Grandon be elected as Chair of the Council for the Municipal year 2019/20

- 1.2 Councillor Grandon thereupon made her Declaration of Office.
- 1.3 Councillor Kathryn Grandon thanked everyone, who had voted for her as Chair of the Council and welcomed new and returning Councillors to the Chamber. She would do her best to help business and to move the Council forward in a democratic and efficient way. Her chosen charity for the next year

would be Hadleigh Dementia Action Alliance. This charity was started in 2014 and trained volunteers to become Dementia Friends to raise awareness and to provide support for local people living with dementia.

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

2.1 Councillor Ward **MOVED** the proposal for Councillor Adrian Osborne to be Vice-Chair of the Council, which was **SECONDED** by Councillor Carpendale.

It was RESOLVED: -

That Councillor Adrian Osborne be elected as Vice-Chair of the Council for the Municipal year 2019/20.

2.2 Councillor Adrian Osborne thereupon made his Declaration of Office.

2.3 Councillor Adrian Osborne thanked Members for their kind words, and he looked forward to support the Chair of the Council.

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

4.1 There were no declarations of interests.

5 BC/19/1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2019

It was RESOLVED: -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2019 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

6 ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

6.1 Councillor Arthey **MOVED** the nomination of Councillor John Ward to be the Leader of the Council, which was **SECONDED** by Councillor Beer.

6.2 On the question of further nominations Councillor Lindsay stated that he could not support the nomination of Councillor Ward but had no intention of proposing any further nominations. However, he expressed disappointment that there had not been a seat for a Member of the Green Group on the Cabinet.

It was RESOLVED: -

That Councillor John Ward be elected for the full term of four years as Leader of the Council.

6.3 Councillor Ward thanked those who had voted for him and outlined the achievements for the past year and the progress made in the services

provided in the District. He knew the role as Leader was hard work but that it was a rewarding role and he looked forward to the challenges ahead. He hoped that he had demonstrated the ability to reach across the Chamber and that the Cabinet would be reflecting this too.

7 BC/19/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND LEADER

7.1 The Chair drew members attention to Paper BC/19/2, which was for noting.

It was RESOLVED: -

That Paper BC/19/2, Announcements from the Chairman and Leader, be noted.

7.2 The Chair then invited the Leader of the Council to make his announcements.

7.3 Councillor Ward thanked the Chair and announced the Members of the Cabinet:

Cabinet Member for Assets and Investments	Cllr David Busby
Cabinet Member for Communities	Cllr Derek Davis
Cabinet Member for Economic Growth	Cllr Michael Holt
Cabinet Member for Environment	Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi
Cabinet Member for Finance	Cllr John Ward - Leader
Cabinet Member for Housing	Cllr Jan Osborne
Cabinet Member for Customers, Digital Transformation and Improvements	Cllr Lee Parker
Cabinet Member for Planning	Cllr Clive Arthey

7.4 Councillor Ward then outlined ongoing and future projects and developments in the District and said that there was a lot to do, but that it was a busy and exciting time for the Council.

8 DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES

8.1 To appoint the following Committees and Joint Committees

- Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Planning Committee
- Babergh Licensing and Regulatory Committee
- Joint Audit and Standards Committee
- Joint Appointments Committee

8.2 Councillor Busby **MOVED** the proposal, which was **SECONDED** by Councillor Beer.

It was RESOLVED: -

That the following Committees and Joint Committees be appointed:

- Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Planning Committee
- Babergh Licensing and Regulatory Committee
- Joint Audit and Standards Committee
- Joint Appointments Committee

9 BC/19/3 POLITICAL BALANCE AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

- 9.1 The Monitoring Officer referred to the tabled paper BC/19/3 Political Balance and Composition of Committees and Appendix A and B. She stated that the proportionality complied with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 9.2 Councillor Ward **MOVED** recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 in the report, which was **SECONDED** by Councillor Busby.

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That the Committees' size and numerical allocation of seats be approved as detailed in Appendix A in the report.
- 1.2 That Committee Members be appointed as set out in Appendix B in the report.

10 ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

- 10.1 The Chair asked for nominations for Chairs and Vice-chairs for the following Committees for the year 2019/20:
- Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Planning Committee
 - Babergh Licensing and Regulatory Committee
 - Joint Audit and Standards Committee
 - Joint Appointment Committee
- 10.2 On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Arthey and **SECONDED** by Councillor Ward, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Alastair McCraw be elected as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 10.3 On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward and **SECONDED** by Councillor McCraw, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Sue Ayres be elected as Vice-chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 10.4 On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward and **SECONDED** by Councillor Holt, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Peter Beer be elected as Chair of the Planning Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 10.5 On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Arthey and **SECONDED** by Councillor Davis, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Stephen Plumb be elected as Vice-chair of the Planning Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

- 10.6 On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Holt and **SECONDED** by Councillor Beer, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mark Newman be elected as Chair of the Babergh Licensing and Regulatory Committee for the municipal year 2019/20
- 10.7 On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Hurren and **SECONDED** by Councillor Arthey, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Sue Carpendale be elected as Vice-chair of the Babergh Licensing and Regulatory Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 10.8 On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Carpendale and **SECONDED** by Councillor Cresswell, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Bryn Hurren be elected as Chair of the Joint Audit and Standards Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 10.9 On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Jan Osborne and **SECONDED** by Councillor Arthey, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor John Ward be elected as Chair of the Joint Appointments Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

11 BC/19/4 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2019/20

- 11.1 The Chair referred to Paper BC/19/4 and Appendix A in the tabled pack and invited the Leader to introduce the paper.
- 11.2 Councillor Ward informed Members that as a result of the election there had been some significant changes to the appointments and that there still existed some unfilled positions to be appointed. He **MOVED** recommendation 2.1, which was **SECONDED** by Councillor Hurren.
- 11.3 The following Councillors were appointed at the meeting in addition to those listed in the Appendix A:

Greenways Countryside Project JAC	Cllr Rick Hardacre Cllr Zac Norman
Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Board	Cllr Clive Arthey (substitute)
Joint Waste Management Board	Cllr Clive Arthey (substitute)
Suffolk Flood Risk Management Scrutiny Sub-committee	Cllr Alastair McCraw Cllr Jane Gould
Suffolk Health Board and Wellbeing Board	Cllr Jane Gould (substitute)
Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership	Cllr John Nunn

It was **RESOLVED**: -

That Councillors be appointed to the Outside Bodies as detailed in Appendix A of the report and listed in the table above for the municipal year 2019/20

12 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO THE SHARED REVENUE PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

12.1 The Chair explained that in accordance with the joint arrangements established with Mid Suffolk District Council and Ipswich Borough Council, Council was asked to appoint two Cabinet Members and two Substitutes to serve on the Committee for the municipal year. The political balance rules did not apply to Babergh's appointees. She asked for nominations.

12.2 Councillor Ward **PROPOSED** Councillor Jan Osborne and Councillor Derek Davis as representative for the Cabinet and Councillor Sue Ayres and Councillor Lee Parker as Substitutes. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Arthey.

It was RESOLVED: -

That Councillors Jan Osborne and Derek Davis be appointed as Members of the Shared Revenues Partnership and that Councillors Sue Ayres and Lee Parker be appointed as substitute Members for the Municipal year 2019/20

13 APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUFFOLK JOINT STANDARDS BOARD

13.1 The Chair said that in accordance with the joint arrangements established with Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council, Council was asked to appoint three Councillors to serve on the Board for the current municipal year. The political balance rules do not apply to Babergh's appointees, who could not be the Chair of the Council nor members of Cabinet. She asked for nominations.

13.2 Councillor Carpendale **PROPOSED** the nominations table in the Tabled Papers Pack under item 13, which was **SECONDED** by Councillor Ward.

It was RESOLVED: -

That Councillors Bryn Hurren, Adrian Osborne and Alastair McCraw be appointed as Members of the Suffolk Joint Standards Board for the municipal year 2019/20

14 APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOINT GYPSY AND TRAVELLER STEERING GROUP

14.1 The Chair stated that Council was asked to appoint four Councillors to the Joint Gypsy and Traveller Steering Group and asked for nominations.

14.2 Councillor Lindsay **PROPOSED** Councillors Sue Ayres, Lee Parker and Jane Gould, which was **SECONDED** by Councillor Ward.

It was RESOLVED: -

That Councillor Sue Ayres, Lee Parker and Jane Gould be appointed to the Joint Gypsy and Traveller Steering Group for the municipal year 2019/20

15 APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS - TO FOLLOW

- 15.1 The Chair referred to the Tabled Paper pack Item 15 Appointments to the Council Working Groups and asked for a proposer.
- 15.2 Councillor Jan Osborne **PROPOSED** the nominated Councillors, which was **SECONDED** by Councillor Carpendale.

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That Councillors Sue Carpendale, Derek Davis and Adrian Osborne be appointed to the Member Learning and Development Working Group
- 1.2 That Councillors Clive Arthey, Peter Beer, Sue Carpendale, Robert Lindsay and David Busby (substitute) be appointed to the Joint Local Plan Working Group
- 1.3 That Councillors David Busby, Stephen Plumb and Elisabeth Malvisi be appointed to the Constitution (Planning Charter) Working Group

Councillor Davis congratulated the Leader and Deputy Leader on the mutual arrangements, which had made a fantastic start to the year.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 6:20PM

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Chair (& Date)