

EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 16 May 2016 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Councillor Scott (Chairman); Councillors Allingham, Asman, Atkinson, Bain, Balaam, Boulton, A Broadhurst, Mrs Broadhurst, Clarke, Craig, Cross, Grajewski, Hall, Hatfield, Holes, House, Irish, Kyrle, Lear, Mann, Mignot, Norman, Rushton, Mrs Sollitt, Tennent, Thomas, Van Niekerk and Winstanley

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Airey, Bicknell, Bloom, Garton, Holden-Brown, M Hughes, Myerscough, Parkinson-MacLachlan, Pragnell, Pretty, Rich, Roling, R Smith, Sollitt and Trenchard

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that in memory of Tony Noyce a Mid-summers Eve Concert was being held at Pavillion on the Park on 4 June 2016 tickets cost £12 each with proceeds going to the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

9. ELECTION

a) Results of the 2016 Elections (Paper A)

The Mayor reported the election results as stated in Paper A.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

(b) Introduction to Newly Elected Members

The Mayor then collectively welcomed all newly elected Members and individually asked them to stand.

10. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader welcomed all new and returning Members, he advised that there would be a lot of activity over the coming year for them to get involved in. He advised that the Future Eastleigh project was well underway and it would result in improvements to the quality and responsiveness of the services the Council offered. The Council would

also be taking forward its Local Plan which identified the long term direction of the Council through to 2026. There would be discussions with Council over the summer months and a report would be given to Cabinet in June and Council in July establishing the new timelines for the Local Plan. There was an ongoing major capital programme with the new Leisure Centre at Fleming Park having been started which would meet the needs of the local and wider community and two housing schemes expected to start within the next 9 months which would improve the quality of housing stock in the area. Woodside Avenue and Hatch Farm were to use the Council's new housing company enabling the Council to help deliver the volume and quality of housing required in the Borough.

The Leader reported that Hampshire County Council had announced plans to consult on a number of options for local government reorganisation, including creating a county-wide Hampshire Council that would serve a vast population of 2 million people and encompass the existing county council, three unitary councils and 11 districts. The options are set out in a report commissioned by the county council from consultants, Deloitte. He advised that the Leaders of East Hampshire District Council, Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council, Havant Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Councils in the Solent area wanted to place on record their concerns that the document was more concerned with looking in detail at how local government organises itself, rather than focusing on how councils could work together to provide better and more efficient services for local people.

He advised that the proposal amounted to localism in reverse. It exceeded the Government's own standards for scale and manageability, was a clear threat to town and parish councils and would further distance our populations from the services they and their communities rely on. Rather than creating a large and unwieldy council for the whole county area the preferred approach would be to look at bringing existing councils together to work closely to improve outcomes for local people and bring extra powers and resources for the area - as being explored in plans for both the Solent and Heart of Hampshire combined authorities (which between them cover the whole of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight).

It was expected that government would give a Solent Combined Authority control of approximately £30m of additional funding per year to improve the infrastructure in South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and would allow decisions to be made locally rather than in Westminster. The Combined Authority would also keep all business rates generated in the area, approximately £400m, and leave the current system of government funding for local councils, meaning the area would have better control of its own financial future.

A combined authority would have responsibility for working with partners to increase business productivity; create better jobs and more jobs; and adult education and training. Bringing these responsibilities together in the Solent area would simplify and strengthen support for business growth and innovation as well as enabling a focus on training in skills businesses want

people to have, therefore people get jobs, businesses prosper and the whole of South Hampshire & the Isle of Wight becomes better off.

It would control a dedicated transport budget, franchised bus services and the network of strategic local authority roads. Pursuing the options proposed by Hampshire County Council would put all of this in jeopardy.

Councillor Grajewski asked the Leader whether the new Fleming Park Leisure Centre would be ready before the 2020 Olympics?; how the deal with the treasury of £30m over 30 years would be honoured?; and was the £400m business rate figure suggested before or after the budget?

The Leader replied the Leisure Centre would be ready many months before the 2020 Olympics and had been heavily scrutinised by the Scrutiny Panel and details were available in the public domain. The £400m business rate figure had been based on current values.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING CALL-INS) REQUIRING DECISION

Consideration was given to the following Minutes:

- (a) Cabinet – 16 May 2016

Community Investment Programme - Strategy Review and Approval of Schemes (Minute 486)

RESOLVED –

That the recommendations contained in Minute 486 be agreed.

12. NUMBER OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES

Council considered Paper B as set out in the agenda, which set out the number of places available on Committees, the Scrutiny Panel and other bodies following the elections.

RESOLVED –

That the number of places on Committees, the Scrutiny Panel and Other Bodies be as indicated in Paper B circulated with the agenda:

Main Bodies	No of Places	(LD/Con)
Administration Committee	10	(9/1)
Audit & Resources Committee	8	(7/1)
Licensing Committee**	15	(13/2)
Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel	11	(9/2)
Fleming Park Consultative Group	7	(6/1)
Staff and Job Evaluation Appeals Panel	4	(4/0)
Treasury Management Members Review	4	(3/1)

Group		
** 3 Members from each LAC appointed to the Licensing Committee		

13. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES/SCRUTINY PANEL**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That Members be appointed to Committees, the Scrutiny Panel and other bodies for the year 2016/17 as set out in Paper C circulated at the meeting, namely:

AREA COMMITTEES

BISHOPSTOKE, FAIR OAK & HORTON HEATH	BURSLEDON, HAMBLE-LE-RICE & HOUND	CHANDLER'S FORD & HILTINGBURY
T Mignot V Parkinson- MacLachlan A Roling R Rushton D Scott R Smith A Winstanley	D Airey T Craig M Cross S Holes E Lear J Rich L Van Niekerk	M Atkinson A Broadhurst H Broadhurst J Grajewski D Hatfield P Holden-Brown M Hughes D Pragnell
EASTLEIGH	HEDGE END, WEST END & BOTLEY	HORTON HEATH DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
S Bain M Balaam P Bicknell W Irish D Mann M Sollitt S Sollitt C Thomas K Trenchard	M Allingham J Asman L Bloom C Boulton D Clarke C Garton J Hall K House R Kyrle A Myerscough E Norman D Pretty B Tennent	J Asman C Boulton D Clarke R Rushton D Scott R Smith B Tennent

OTHER MAIN BODIES

AUDIT & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	LICENSING COMMITTEE
M Atkinson M Balaam S Holes W Irish R Rushton B Tennent C Thomas L Van Niekerk	D Airey D Clarke J Grajewski K House W Irish D Pretty R Smith M Sollitt S Sollitt A Winstanley	D Airey M Allingham P Bicknell H Broadhurst T Craig C Garton P Holden-Brown M Hughes W Irish E Lear D Mann D Pretty D Scott R Smith A Winstanley
POLICY & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL	STAFF & JOB EVALUATION APPEALS PANEL	FLEMING PARK CONSULTATIVE
M Balaam H Broadhurst D Clarke M Cross C Garton D Hatfield P Holden-Brown E Lear T Mignot V Parkinson-MacLachlan D Pragnell	D Airey T Craig K House A Winstanley	M Balaam A Broadhurst J Hall W Irish D Pragnell D Pretty S Sollitt
Treasury Management Members Review Group		
J Grajewski K House D Pretty A Winstanley		

- (2) That Chairs and Vice-Chairs be appointed as set out in Paper D circulated with the agenda with one amendments to Horton Heath Development Management Committee, namely:

Main Bodies	Chair	Vice Chair
Administration Committee	A Winstanley	D Clarke
Licensing Committee	D Airey	R Smith
Audit & Resources Committee	S Holes	L Van Niekerk
Policy & Performance Scrutiny Panel	D Clarke	M Cross
BHH LAC	T Craig	S Holes
BIFOHH LAC	R Smith	T Mignot
CFH LAC	P Holden-Brown	A Broadhurst
EASTLEIGH LAC	P Bicknell	S Sollitt
HEWEB LAC	D Clarke	B Tennent
Horton Heath Development Management Committee	B Tennent	R Rushton
Staff Appeals & Job Evaluation Appeals Panel	K House	
Fleming Park Consultative Group	A Broadhurst	
Treasury Management Members Review Group	K House	

The meeting finished at 7:30 pm
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