

# Council



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Council** held on  
**Tuesday 19 May 2015** at **1.00 pm** at the **Conference Chamber, West**  
**Suffolk House**, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU

Present: **Councillors**

**Mayor** Robert Everitt  
**Deputy Mayor** Patrick Chung

Sarah Broughton	Diane Hind	David Roach
Simon Brown	Beccy Hopfensperger	Barry Robbins
Tony Brown	Paul Hopfensperger*	Richard Rout
Terry Buckle	Ian Houlder	Angela Rushen
Carol Bull	Margaret Marks	Andrew Speed
John Burns	Tim Marks	Clive Springett
Terry Clements	Betty Mclatchy	Sarah Stamp
Bob Cockle	Ivor Mclatchy	Peter Stevens
Jason Crooks	Jane Midwood	Peter Thompson
Jeremy Farthing	Sara Mildmay-White	Jim Thorndyke
Paula Fox	David Nettleton*	Paula Wade*
Susan Glossop	Clive Pollington	Julia Wakelam
John Griffiths	Alaric Pugh	Frank Warby
Wayne Hailstone	Joanna Rayner	Patricia Warby

*\*for Part II Procedural Business*

## 50. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richardson.

## 51. **Election of Mayor**

On the motion of Councillor Stamp, seconded by Councillor Griffiths, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That Patrick Chung, a Councillor of the Borough, be and is hereby elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

The Mayor took the Chair, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and acknowledged his election.

52. **Mayor's Communications**

53. **Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain**

The Mayor announced that he would be appointing as his Chaplain the Reverend Canon Matthew Vernon, Sub-Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

54. **Civic Service**

The Mayor announced that he had arranged for the Civic Service to be held at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, on Sunday, 19 July 2015 at 3.30 pm.

55. **Vote of Thanks to the Retired Mayor and Mayoress**

On the motion of Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Springett, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That the council, in recognising the most able and diligent manner in which the retired Mayor, Councillor Robert Dale Everitt, has carried out the duties of Mayor of the Borough during the past year, records its thanks and deep appreciation of the gracious work of the retired Mayoress, Mrs Diane Everitt.

Having been presented with his Past Mayor's badge, Councillor Everitt replied to the Vote of Thanks.

56. **Election of Deputy Mayor and Consort**

On the motion of Councillor Hind, seconded by Councillor Rushen and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Wakelam be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Mayor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and acknowledged her election.

57. **Vote of Thanks to Retired Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress**

On the motion of Councillor Stamp, seconded by Councillor Griffiths, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That the council record its sincere and deep appreciation of the services of Councillor Patrick Chung, as Deputy Mayor of the borough, and of the help and support given by the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Anna Chung.

The retired Deputy Mayor acknowledged the Vote of Thanks.

**58. Election of Leader of the Council**

On the motion of Councillor Everitt, seconded by Councillor Marks, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Griffiths be elected Leader of the Council.

Councillor Griffiths, Leader of the Council, welcomed the newly elected Councillors and paid tribute to those who had not been re-elected or who had chosen not to stand again.

**59. Appointment of Cabinet Members**

Councillor Griffiths, Leader of the Council, informed the Council that the Membership of the Cabinet would consist of the following Cabinet Members and their portfolios:

Councillor Mildmay-White	Housing
Councillor Pugh	Planning and Growth
Councillor Stevens	Operations
Councillor Everitt	Families and Communities
Councillor Rayner	Leisure and Culture
Councillor Houlder	Resources and Performance

Councillor Griffiths also informed the Council that Councillor Mildmay-White would act as Deputy Leader of the Council.

**60. Review of Political Balance and Appointment to Politically Balanced Bodies**

The Council considered Report COU/SE/15/017 (previously circulated) which detailed the results of a Political Balance Review as at 19 May 2015 and gave analysis of the number of Members on the Committees.

The Council was required by law to allocate seats to the following Committees based on political balance:

Development Control	16 Members
Licensing and Regulatory	13 Members
Overview and Scrutiny	16 Members
Performance and Audit Scrutiny	10 Members
Joint Officer Appointments	3 Members
Joint Officer Appeals	3 Members
Mayoral Advisory	7 Members
Treasury Management	3 Members

The total allocation of seats on the Committees was:

Conservative Group	57 seats
UK Independence Group	7 seats
Charter Group	6 seats
Independent – Councillor Paul Hopfensperger	1 seat

On the motion of Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Thorndyke, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

(1) the Committees, Joint Committees and Working Party listed in Sections 1.2.1 to 1.2.3 of Report No: COU/SE/15/017 continue to operate for 2015/2016 in accordance with their existing number of seats and terms of reference, as contained in Appendix 2;

(2) the formula for the allocation of seats to the political groups on those Committees which are required by law to be politically balanced, as set out in paragraph 1.1.1 of Report No: COU/SE/15/017, be approved;

(3) the allocation of seats on the Committees which are required by law to be politically balanced, as indicated in Appendix 1 to Report No: COU/SE/15/017, be approved;

(4) the allocation of seats on the West Suffolk Joint Standards Committee, as indicated in Section 1.2.2 of Report No: COU/SE/15/017, be approved. This Committee is not required to be politically balanced;

(5) the allocation of seats on the Democratic Renewal Working Party, as indicated in Section 1.2.3 of Report No: COU/SE/15/017, be approved, whilst maintaining the political balance requirement;

(6) the Service Manager (Legal) be given delegated authority to appoint Members and substitute Members to those bodies set out in recommendations (3), (4) and (5) above on the basis of nominations from the relevant Group Leaders.

## 61. **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of:**

### **(a) Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

On the motion of Councillor Nettleton, seconded by Councillor Griffiths, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Hind be appointed as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Nettleton, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Farthing be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**(b) Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee**

On the motion of Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Patsy Warby, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Broughton be appointed as Chairman of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Mildmay-White, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Patsy Warby be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

62. **Representation on Outside Bodies**

The Council considered Report No. COU/SE/15/018 (previously circulated) which outlined previous outside body representations and sought delegated authority for the Service Manager (Legal) to appoint the Borough Council's representatives on outside bodies and in accordance with nominations put forward by the relevant Group Leaders.

Appendix B to Report No. COU/SE/15/018 referred to the Gershom Parkington Memorial Trust which should not be confused with the main Gershom Parkington bequest itself. The Council had received a request for use of the Trust funds to support a specific project and, as the Charity had been inactive for many years, it needed to reconvene to determine this. The Trust could have up to 10 members, and although there was a quorum of three members remaining, it was suggested that appointing a further three trustees at this time would meet the objective of the Charity for the Borough Council to have a majority of the total membership. It was therefore suggested that an amendment be made to the recommendation at (5) that **'up to four'** Borough Councillors be appointed.

On the motion of Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Mildmay-White, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

(1) Where the Council may send observers to meetings of outside bodies these will be appointed by the Cabinet.

(2) If deemed appropriate, the Council to explore the passing of nominations to other organisations.

(3) Where the Council may make a nomination, but the nominee is not automatically appointed by the organisation, the nomination be made by the Cabinet.

(4) The Service Manager (Legal) be given delegated authority to appoint the Borough Council's representatives on outside bodies not covered by (1), (2) and (3) above, in accordance with nominations put forward by the relevant Group Leaders or (if applicable) the nominating body or individual listed (as detailed in Appendix A to Report No: COU/SE/15/018).

(5) In relation to the appointments to the Gershom Parkington Memorial Trust (as detailed in Appendix B):-

(a) To determine whether to appoint **up to four** any Borough Councillors to the ~~four~~ vacant trustee positions, through whatever process is agreed for appointing to other outside bodies under this report.

(b) To authorise a Director, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder responsible for the heritage collection, to appoint to any remaining vacancies, before the next meeting of the Trust takes place.

**63. Temporary Appointment to Vacancies on Parish Councils**

On the motion of Councillor Beccy Hopfensperger, seconded by Councillor Griffiths, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

(1) Council appoint those persons named in Appendix 1 to Report No: COU/SE/15/019 to Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council temporarily until the holding of an election; and

(2) an Order to that effect be made in accordance with s91 Local Government Act 1972.

The Meeting concluded at 3.33 pm

**Signed by:**

**Mayor**

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