

COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

on Thursday, 26th May, 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor David Walters in the Chair;

Councillors Chris Baron, Jamie Bell, Will Bostock, Andy Gascoyne, Dale Grounds, Arnie Hankin, Andrew Harding, David Hennigan, Tom Hollis, Trevor Locke, Rachel Madden, Sarah Madigan, Andy Meakin, Keir Morrison, Warren Nuttall, Matthew Relf, Kevin Rostance, Phil Rostance, John Smallridge, Helen-Ann Smith, Lee Waters, Caroline Wilkinson, John Wilmott and Jason Zadrozny.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors John Baird, Kier Barsby, Jim Blagden, Christian Chapman, Melanie Darrington, Samantha Deakin, David Martin, Lauren Mitchell, Dave Shaw and Daniel Williamson.

Officers Present: Lynn Cain, Ruth Dennis, Theresa Hodgkinson, Peter Hudson, David Needham, Paul Parkinson, Mike Joy, Abbie Smith and Shane Wright.

C.1 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and/or Non-Registrable Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

(At this point in the proceedings, a minute's silence was held in honour of Mr. Jamie Brugh, a local businessman who had recently passed away.)

C.2 Election of Chairman of the Council

RESOLVED

that Councillor David Walters be elected Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

C.3 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Chairman

The newly elected Chairman subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked Members of the Council for his appointment.

Councillor Walters thanked everyone present for giving him the opportunity to represent the Council and to advise that his chosen charities for the year would be the Dogs Trust and the Cats Protection League.

C.4 Vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman

Councillor Jason Zadrozny led the tributes and thanks to the retiring Chairman, Councillor Hankin and welcomed Councillor Walters into his new role.

The following Councillors also expressed their thanks and gratitude to Councillor Hankin:

Cllr. Matthew Relf
Cllr. John Wilmott
Cllr. David Hennigan
Cllr. Lee Waters
Cllr. Andy Gascoyne
Cllr. Tom Hollis
Cllr. Andy Meakin.

Councillor Hankin took the opportunity to address Council and thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting for their kindness and support throughout the previous year. He also gave special thanks to the Civic Officers for their unwavering and committed assistance to him during his time as Chairman and his attendance at numerous events. To conclude he spoke about the recent Chairman's 'Black Tie' event which had been held to raise funds for his two chosen charities, the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research. A wonderful night was had by all.

C.5 Election of Vice Chairman of the Council

RESOLVED

that Councillor Dale Grounds be elected Vice Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

C.6 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Vice Chairman

The newly elected Vice Chairman subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice Chairman pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked Members of the Council for his appointment.

C.7 Minutes

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 April 2022, as now submitted, be received and approved.

C.8 Chairman and Head of Paid Service Announcements

No announcements were made.

C.9 Composition of the Council's Executive

RESOLVED

that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1(viii) and (ix), Council notes the composition of the Executive and Scheme of Delegation (as circulated at the meeting) for the coming year, as advised by the Leader of the Council:

<u>Cabinet (10)</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Executive Responsibility For:</u>
Jason Zadrozny	Leader of the Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate Strategy and Performance• Legal Services• Democratic and Scrutiny Services• Electoral Services• Internal Audit• Strategic Partnerships
Tom Hollis	Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Council and Social Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To deputise for the Leader (subject to nomination by the Leader)• Housing Strategy and Regulation• Tenancy Support, Management and Engagement• Housing Repairs• Housing Capital Investment• Maintenance of Council Assets and Property• Private Sector Enforcement• Aids and Adaptations/Disabled Facilities Grants• Social Housing Development
Helen-Ann Smith	Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Community Safety and Crime Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To deputise for the Leader (subject to nomination by the Leader)• Community Safety Partnership• Anti-Social Behaviour• Community Protection• Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Children• CCTV

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Cohesion • Combating Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
David Hennigan	Executive Lead Member for Climate Action Strategy and Corporate Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Communications • Website content and social media • Climate Change • Environmental Strategy and Performance • Cross Portfolio Support
Samantha Deakin	Executive Lead Member for Parks, Town Centres and Environmental Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets • Parks and Open Spaces • Town Centres • Markets • Waste Management • Recycling • Fleet Transport • Cemeteries • Car Park Strategy
Rachel Madden	Executive Lead Member for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Leisure (including outdoor sports provision) • Communities • Health and Wellbeing • Arts, Heritage, Tourism and Culture • Corporate Events including Active Ashfield • Community Engagement
David Martin	Executive Lead Member for Finance, Revenues and Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Strategy – including Medium Term Financial Strategy • Treasury Management • Capital Strategy and Programme • Revenues and Benefits • HR and Payroll • Strategic Procurement • Commercial Property • Towns Fund – Automated Distribution and Manufacturing Centre (ADMC)

Matthew Relf	Executive Lead Member for Regeneration and Corporate Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover Ashfield Board • Regeneration and Economic Growth • Business Support • Digital Services Transformation • IT Strategy, Security, Operations and Website Platform • Communities Connectivity
Sarah Madigan	Executive Lead Member for Customer Services and Strategic Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Services • Strategic Planning – Local Plan • Development Management • Corporate Risk Management
John Wilmott	Executive Lead Member for Licensing, Environmental Health and Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Health Services • Licensing • Building Control • Empty and Dilapidated Properties • Health and Safety • Emergency Planning and Business Continuity

C.10 Appointments of Committees, Panels and Working Groups

Council was requested to determine the appointment of Committees, Panels and Working Groups including Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and membership seats for the ensuing year as per the Committee Membership Schedule as circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED that

- a) the cessation of the Covid-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel, be approved;
- b) approval be given for the Local Plan Working Group to become a formal Panel and renamed the Local Plan Development Panel;
- c) the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Plan Development Panel receiving the same Special Responsibility Allowance as the Scrutiny Panel Chairs and Vice-Chairs (£6,226.42, Chair and £1,764.15, Vice Chair respectively), noting that the necessary consultation had been carried out with the Independent Remuneration Panel, be approved;
- d) the overall allocation of seats by group as detailed in Table A of the report, be noted;

- e) the allocation of seats on Committees as detailed in Table B of the report, be noted;
- f) the appropriate membership changes to the Licensing Committee as detailed in Table B of the report, be approved
- g) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.3 (i) and (iv), the following Committees be appointed for the ensuing year:-

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Scrutiny Panel A
Scrutiny Panel B
Planning Committee
Licensing Committee
Audit Committee
Local Joint Consultative Committee
Chief Officers' Employment Committee
Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee
Charities Committee
Local Plan Development Panel

as a result of (a) above, the following appointments for Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and membership seats be approved:-

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7)
(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

Chris Baron
Kier Barsby (Chairman)
Jim Blagden
Will Bostock
Andrew Harding (Vice Chairman)
Lee Waters
Daniel Williamson

Scrutiny Panel A (7)
(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Labour)

Jim Blagden
Dale Grounds
Lauren Mitchell
Warren Nuttall
Dave Shaw (Chairman)
David Walters
Caroline Wilkinson (Vice Chairman)

Scrutiny Panel B (7)
(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Non-Aligned Independent)

Jim Blagden
Christian Chapman (Chairman)
Melanie Darrington
Dale Grounds
Trevor Locke (Vice Chairman)
David Walters
Caroline Wilkinson

Planning Committee (9)

(7 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour)

Jamie Bell (Vice Chairman)
Samantha Deakin
Arnie Hankin
Rachel Madden
Andy Meakin (Chairman)
Lauren Mitchell
Phil Rostance
Helen-Ann Smith
Jason Zadrozny

Licensing Committee (9)

(7 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Non Aligned Independent)

Jamie Bell
Jim Blagden
Melanie Darrington
Dale Grounds
Arnie Hankin
Trevor Locke
Warren Nuttall (Chairman)
Kevin Rostance
Caroline Wilkinson

Audit Committee (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

John Baird
Jim Blagden
Will Bostock (Chairman)
Christian Chapman
Kevin Rostance
Dave Shaw
David Walters

Charities Committee (7)

(5 Ashfield Independents, 1 Labour, 1 Non-Aligned Independent)

Jamie Bell (Chairman)
Jim Blagden
Melanie Darrington
Dale Grounds
Lauren Mitchell
David Walters
Caroline Wilkinson

Chief Officers' Employment Committee (7)
(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

Chris Baron
Jim Blagden (Chairman)
Samantha Deakin
Tom Hollis
Rachel Madden
Helen-Ann Smith
Jason Zadrozny

Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee (7)
(5 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Non-Aligned Independent)

Chris Baron
Jim Blagden
Christian Chapman
David Hennigan
Warren Nuttall
Helen-Ann Smith
Lee Waters (Chairman)

Local Plan Development Panel (9)
(7 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour)

Arnie Hankin
Rachel Madden
Keir Morrison
Matthew Relf
Kevin Rostance
John Smallridge (Vice Chairman)
Lee Waters
Daniel Williamson (Chairman)
Jason Zadrozny

Local Joint Consultative Committee (7)
(Not subject to political balance rules)

Samantha Deakin
Tom Hollis
David Martin
Matthew Relf
Helen-Ann Smith
Daniel Williamson
Jason Zadrozny

C.11 Schedule of Council, Cabinet and Committee Meetings for 2021/22

Council was requested to approve the updated Schedule of Council, Cabinet and Committee Meetings for 2022/23 as appended to the agenda.

RESOLVED

that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1(x), the Schedule of Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for 2022/23, as appended to the agenda, be approved subject to all references to the Local Plan Working Group being changed to read the Local Plan Development Panel.

C.12 Annual Constitution Review

Council was requested to consider and approve the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution for 2022/23, as presented.

RESOLVED

that the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution for 2022/23, as outlined in the report, be received and approved.

C.13 Appointments to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED

that the following representatives be appointed to the under-mentioned bodies:-

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representatives</u>	<u>New Term Ending</u>
Ashfield Community Safety Partnership Joint Strategic Group	Cllr. Helen-Ann Smith Cllr. Jason Zadrozny	31 May 2023
Discover Ashfield Board	Cllr. Matthew Relf Cllr. Helen-Ann Smith Cllr. Christian Chapman (Scrutiny Member)	31 May 2023
Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board	Cllr. Sarah Madigan	31 May 2023
Greenwood Community Forest Steering Group	Cllr. Matthew Relf	31 May 2023
Health and Wellbeing Board (County Council)	Cllr. David Walters <u>Substitutes</u> Cllr. Keir Barsby Cllr. John Wilmott	31 May 2023
Hucknall & District Voluntary Partnership (Under One Roof Project)	Cllr. Kevin Rostance	31 May 2023
Hucknall Partnership Group	Cllr. Chris Baron Cllr. Kevin Rostance Cllr. John Wilmott	31 May 2023
Mansfield & District Crematorium Joint Committee	Cllr. Tom Hollis Cllr. David Martin Cllr. Helen-Ann Smith	31 May 2023

NET Partnership Group	Cllr. Matthew Relf	31 May 2023
N.I.D.A.S	Cllr. David Walters	31 May 2023
Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust	Cllr. Andy Gascoyne	31 May 2023
Nottinghamshire Joint Waste Management Committee	Cllr. Samantha Deakin	31 May 2023
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Cllr. David Walters	31 May 2023
PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee	Cllr. John Wilmott	31 May 2023
Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire	Cllr. Arnie Hankin	31 May 2023
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr. David Walters	31 May 2023
Teversal Grange Advisory Committee	Cllr. Will Bostock Cllr. Tom Hollis Cllr. Helen-Ann Smith	31 May 2023

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm

Chairman.