

## **COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2019 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.**

**Present:** Councillors Albon, Ara, Ashbee, Bailey, Bambridge, Bayford, Bayford, Boyd, Braidwood, Campbell, Coleman-Cooke, Constantine, Crittenden, Currie, Day, Dennis, Dexter, Duckworth, Everitt, Farrance, Fellows, Game, Garner, Green, Gregory, Hart, Hopkinson, Huxley, Keen, Kup, Moore, Moore, Ovenden, Parsons, L Piper, S Piper, L Potts, Pugh, Rawf, Rogers, Roper, Rusiecki, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, Scobie, Scott, Stevens, Taylor, Tomlinson, Towning, Whitehead, Wing, Wright and Yates

#### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

On the proposal of Councillor Bayford, seconded by Councillor Ashbee, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Savage was declared elected as Chairman of the Council for the 2019/20 municipal year.

#### **RECESS**

There was a short recess, during which the new Chairman of the Council was invested with the Chain and Badge of Office.

Following this recess, Councillor Savage made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman of the Council, returned thanks for his election and formalised Mrs Savage as his escort.

#### **COUNCILLOR SAVAGE IN THE CHAIR**

#### **2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

On the proposal of Councillor Bayford, seconded by Councillor Ashbee, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Wright was declared elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2019/20 municipal year.

Councillor Wright made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chairman of the Council, returned thanks for her election and formalised Councillor Kup as her escort.

#### **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Shrubbs.

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposal by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 March 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## 7. **ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Two nominations were received:

It was proposed by Councillor Ashbee and seconded by Councillor Parsons that Councillor R Bayford be elected Leader of the Council until the Annual meeting of Council in May 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Campbell that Councillor Everitt be elected Leader of the Council until the Annual meeting of Council in May 2023.

Upon being put to the vote, both nominations received an equal number of votes. The Chairman made his casting vote in favor of Councillor R Bayford.

Councillor R Bayford was elected Leader of the Council until the Annual meeting of Council in May 2023.

## 8. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader announced his appointment of Councillor Ashbee as Deputy Leader of the Council until the Annual meeting of Council in May 2023.

## 9. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - EXECUTIVE DELEGATIONS**

Council was informed of the Cabinet portfolios, Cabinet portfolio holders and Shadow Cabinet portfolio holders for the 2019/20 municipal year as follows:

<b>Name of Cabinet Portfolio</b>	<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Shadow Cabinet Portfolio Holder</b>
Leader of the Council	Councillor R Bayford	Councillor Everitt
Deputy Leader	Councillor Ashbee	Councillor Whitehead
Corporate Governance and Coastal Development	Councillor Pugh	Councillor Duckworth
Financial Services and Estates	Councillor D Saunders	Councillor Yates
Operational Services	Councillor Ashbee	Councillor Albon
Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods	Councillor Game	Councillor Whitehead

## 10. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES, POLITICAL BALANCE, APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS

### NUMBER AND SIZE OF COMMITTEES

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed the number of committees and the number of Members to serve on those committees as shown in table 2 of the report, namely

Committee	Number of Members
Planning Committee	14
Licensing Board	13
Overview and Scrutiny Panel	14
Governance and Audit Committee	13
General Purposes Committee	10
Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Working Party	6
Constitutional Review Working Party	4 (+2 independent)
Joint Transportation Board*	7 (+1 parish)
Standards Committee**	8 (+ 4 independent, + 3 parish)

### PROPORTIONALITY

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed that the proportionality between groups for committees, panels and boards for 2019/20 shown at tables 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the report be adopted.

### NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES

The nominations of Members to serve on committees were as follows:

#### Planning Committee

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1	Tomlinson	1	Duckworth	1	Taylor	1	Garner
2	Coleman-Cooles	2	Hopkinson	2	Dennis		
3	J Bayford	3	Albon				
4	Hart	4	Keen				
5	Stevens	5	Huxley				
6	Towning						

**Planning Committee** (*pool of substitute Members*)

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1	Moore	1	Everitt	1	Rusiecki	1	Roper
2	Scott	2	Campbell	2	S. Piper		
3		3					
4		4					
5		5					
6							

**Licensing Board**

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1	Bambridge	1	Currie	1	Potts	1	Wing
2	Rogers	2	Green				
3	Dexter	3	Ara				
4	M Saunders	4	Scobie				
5	Wright	5	Hopkinson				
6	Moore						

**Overview & Scrutiny Panel**

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1	Wright	1	Campbell	1	L Piper	1	Roper
2	Boyd	2	Everitt	2	Rusiecki		
3	Moore	3	Constantine				
4	Savage	4	Whitehead				
5	Scott	5	Albon				
6	Tomlinson						

**Governance and Audit Committee**

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1	Day	1	Crittenden	1	S Piper	1	Garner
2	Dexter	2	Moore				
3	Boyd	3	Yates				
4	Kup	4	Farrance				
5	Scott	5	Campbell				
6	Shrubb						

**Governance and Audit Committee** (*Pool of Substitute Members*)

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1		1	Whitehead	1	Potts	1	Roper
2		2	Currie				
3		3					
4		4					
5		5					
6							

**General Purposes Committee**

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1	R Bayford	1	Campbell	1	Braidwood		
2	Ashbee	2	Everitt				
3	Bambridge	3	Rawf				
4	Day	4	Ovenden				
5	Saunders						

**Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements Working Party**

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1	Parsons	1	Currie	1	S. Piper		
2	Savage	2	Green				
3	Stevens						

**Constitutional Review Working Party**

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green		Independent Members (non Councillors) *	
1	Stevens	1	Hopkinson	1	Dennis			1	Sexton
2	Tomlinson							2	Vacant

NOTE: \* drawn from the Independent Members of the Standards Committee

**Standards Committee**

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green		Independent Members (non Councillors) *	
1	Kup	1	Campbell	1	Braidwood			1	Sexton
2	Dexter	2	Duckworth					2	Vacant
3	Fellows	3	Crittenden					3	Vacant
4	J Bayford							4	Vacant

**Joint Transport Board**

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1	M Saunders	1	Scobie	1	Taylor		
2	Fellows	2	Farrance				
3	Hart	3	Keen				

**East Kent Services Committee**

Conservative		Labour		Thanet Independents		Green	
1	R Bayford						
2	Ashbee						

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN TO COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS FOR THE 2019/20 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed to elect those nominated for chairmen and vice chairmen as shown in the Members notes, namely;

Position to be Filled	Councillor
Chairman of the Council	Cllr Savage
Vice Chairman of the Council	Cllr Wright
Chairman of the Planning Committee	Cllr Tomlinson
Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee	Cllr Coleman-Cooke
Chairman of the Licensing Board	Cllr Bambridge
Vice Chairman of the Licensing Board	Cllr Rogers
Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Campbell
Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Wright
Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee	Cllr Day
Vice Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee	Cllr Dexter
Vice Chairman of the Joint Transportation Board	Cllr M Saunders

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed that Dr Jonathan Sexton be appointed Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for the ensuing year.



11. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members noted that the item had been withdrawn and would be considered at a future meeting of Council.

12. **MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2019-20**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed the to adopt the revised 2019/20 Members allowances scheme as set out at annex 1 to the report and to refer the scheme to EKJIRP for them to consider, with any amendments being reported back to Council.

13. **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed the updated calendar of meetings for May 2019 to May 2023 as set out at Annex 1 to the report.

Meeting concluded: 7.25pm