

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2023 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Edwards; Councillors Albon, Ara, Austin, Bambridge, Barlow, J Bayford, Boyd,, Braidwood, J. Bright, K. Bright, Britcher, Crittenden, Currie, d'Abbro, Davis, Dawson, Dennis, Donaldson, Driver, Duckworth, Everitt, Farooki, Fellows, Garner, D Green, Huxley, Keen, Kup, Makinson, Manners, Matterface, Pat Moore, Paul Moore, Munns, Nichols, Anne-Marie Nixey, Ovenden, Owen-Hughes, Packman, Pope, Pressland, Rattigan, Rogers, Rusiecki, H. Scobie, W Scobie, Scott, Smith, Towning, Whitehead, Wing, Worrow, Wright and Yates

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

Councillor Kup proposed and Councillor Fellows seconded that Councillor Paul Moore be Chair.

Councillor Everitt proposed and Councillor Albon seconded that Councillor Edwards be Chair.

Following a vote, Councillor Edwards was declared elected as Chair of Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

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

Following this recess, Councillor Edwards made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Chair of the Council. Councillor Edwards gave thanks for his election, and formalised Mrs Edwards as his escort.

2. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Everitt proposed and Councillor Albon seconded that Councillor Owen-Hughes be Vice-Chair.

Councillor Kup proposed that Councillor Paul Moore be Vice-Chair.

Following a vote, Councillor Owen-Hughes was declared elected as Vice-Chair of the Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Councillor Owen-Hughes made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chair of Council; she offered thanks for her election.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pugh.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair announced that former Councillor Peter Osborne had recently passed away. Members paused for a minute's silence in respect of Councillor Osborne.

Former Chair of the Council, Councillor Savage received his past Chair's badge, and gave words of thanks.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

6. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair and agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 March 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair.

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

The Chair called for nominations for the Leader of Council and two nominations were received:

It was proposed by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Albon that Councillor Everitt be elected Leader of the Council until the Annual meeting of Council in May 2027.

It was proposed by Councillor Kup and seconded by Councillor Fellows that Councillor Pugh be elected Leader of the Council until the Annual meeting of Council in May 2027.

Upon being put to the vote, Councillor Everitt was elected Leader of the Council until the Annual meeting of Council in May 2027.

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

The Leader announced his appointment of Councillor Whitehead as Deputy Leader of the Council until the Annual meeting of Council in May 2027.

9. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

Council was informed of the Cabinet portfolios, Cabinet portfolio holders and Shadow Cabinet portfolio holders for the 2023/24 municipal year as follows:

Name of Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Shadow Cabinet Portfolio Holder
Leader of the Council and Cabinet	Councillor	Councillor Pugh

Member for Strategy and Transformation	Everitt	
Deputy Leader* and Cabinet Member for Housing	Councillor Whitehead	Councillor Bayford
Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Property	Councillor Duckworth	Councillor Kup*
Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods	Councillor Keen	Councillor Bambridge
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	Councillor Yates	Councillor Rattigan
Cabinet Member for Cleansing and Coastal Services	Councillor Albon	Councillor Rogers

*Councillor Kup is the Shadow Deputy Leader

10. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS 2023/24

NUMBER AND SIZE OF COMMITTEES

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair and Members agreed that number of committees and the number of Members to serve on those committees be as shown in the table below:

Committee	Number of Members
Planning Committee	15
Licensing Board	15
Overview and Scrutiny Panel	15
Governance and Audit Committee	15
General Purposes Committee	15
Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Working Party	5
Constitutional Review Working Party	5 (+2 independent)
Disciplinary and Grievance Committee	5
Disciplinary and Grievance Appeals Committee	5
Appointments Committee	3
Joint Transportation Board	7 (+1 parish)
Standards Committee	7 (+4 independent, +3 parish)

PROPORTIONALITY

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair and Members agreed the proportionality between groups for committees, panels and boards for 2023/24 as shown in tables 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the report be adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair and Members Agreed the appointment of Mr Peter Lorenzo as an independent member of the Standards Committee, with a term of office expiring at the Annual Council meeting of May 2027.

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES

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

Planning Committee

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Helen Crittenden	1	Cllr Paul Moore	1	Cllr Mike Garner	1	Cllr John Dennis
2	Cllr Joanne Bright	2	Cllr George Rusiecki	2	Cllr Rebecca Wing		
3	Cllr Steve Albon	3	Cllr Marc Rattigan				
4	Cllr Heather Keen	4	Cllr Jill Bayford				
5	Cllr Jim Driver						
6	Cllr Jenny Matterface						
7	Cllr Pat Makinson						
8	Cllr Martin Boyd						

Planning Committee (*pool of substitute Members*)

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Elysa d'Abbro	1	Cllr Matthew Scott	1	Cllr Tricia Austin	1	Cllr Bertie Braidwood
2	Cllr Helen Whitehead	2	Cllr Linda Wright	2	Cllr Kevin Pressland		

3	Cllr Leo Britcher	3	Cllr Cedric Towning		
4	Cllr Corinna Huxley	4	Vacant		
5	Cllr Rick Everitt				
6	Vacant				
7	Vacant				
8	Vacant				

Licensing Committee

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Alan Currie	1	Cllr Brenda Rogers	1	Cllr Rebecca Wing	1	Cllr John Dennis
2	Cllr Corinna Huxley	2	Cllr Sam Bambridge				
3	Cllr Harry Scobie	3	Cllr Linda Wright				
4	Cllr Raushan Ara	4	Cllr Cedric Towning				
5	Cllr Debra Owen-Hughes	5	Cllr Barry Manners				
6	Cllr Pat Makinson						
7	Cllr Jim Driver						
8	Cllr Pat Moore						

Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr David Green	1	Cllr Phil Fellows	1	Cllr Tricia Austin	1	Cllr John Worrow

2	Cllr Roopa Farooki	2	Cllr George Kup	2	Cllr Rebecca Wing	
3	Cllr Alan Currie	3	Cllr Paul Moore			
4	Cllr Jack Packman	4	Cllr John Davis			
5	Cllr Katie Pope					
6	Cllr Kristian Bright					
7	Cllr Leo Britcher					
8	Cllr Elysa d'Abbro					

Government and Audit

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Will Scobie	1	Cllr Cedric Towing	1	Cllr Mike Garner	1	Cllr Bertie Braidwood
2	Cllr Kristian Bright	2	Cllr Barry Manners	2	Cllr Alan Munns		
3	Cllr Ruth Duckworth	3	Cllr John Nichols				
4	Cllr Jack Packman	4	Cllr Abi-Leigh Barlow				
5	Cllr David Donaldson						
6	Cllr Elysa d'Abbro						
7	Cllr Katie Pope						
8	Cllr Roopa Farooki						

Government and Audit *(pool of substitute Members)*

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Jenny Matterface	1	Cllr John Davis	1	Cllr Tricia Austin	1	Councillor John Worrow
2	Cllr Leo Britcher	2	Cllr George Kup	2	Cllr Rebecca Wing		
3	Cllr Helen Whitehead	3	Cllr Reece Pugh				
4		4	Cllr Linda Wright				
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General Purposes

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Harry Scobie	1	Cllr Emma Dawson	1	Cllr Mike Garner	1	Councillor John Worrow
2	Cllr Rick Everitt	2	Cllr John Davis	2	Cllr Tricia Austin		
3	Cllr Steve Albon	3	Cllr John Nichols				
4	Cllr Helen Whitehead	4	Cllr Linda Wright				
5	Cllr Tony Ovenden						
6	Cllr Ruth Duckworth						
7	Cllr Corinna Huxley						

8	Cllr David Donaldson			
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General Purposes (*pool of substitute Members*)

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Jenny Matterface	1	Cllr Jill Bayford	1	Cllr Rebecca Wing	1	Councillor Bertie Braidwood
2	Cllr Rob Yates	2	Cllr Barry Manners	2	Vacant		
3	Cllr David Green	3	Cllr George Rusiecki				
4	Cllr Helen Crittenden	4	Vacant				
5	Cllr Pat Moore						
6	Vacant						
7	Vacant						
8	Vacant						

Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements Working Party

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Will Scobie	1	Cllr George Kup				
2	Cllr David Green	2	Cllr Linda Wright				
3	Cllr Jack Packman						

Disciplinary and Grievance Committee

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Helen Crittenden	1	Cllr Jill Bayford				

2	Cllr David Green	2	Cllr Linda Wright		
3	Cllr Jack Packman				

Disciplinary and Grievance Appeals Committee

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Heather Keen	1	Cllr Jill Bayford				
2	Cllr Debra Owen-Hughes	2	Cllrr Linda Wright				
3	Cllr Kristian Bright						

Constitutional Review Working Party

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Rick Everitt	1	Cllr Matthew Scott	1	Cllr Tricia Austin		
2	Cllr Will Scobie						
3	Cllr Leo Britcher						

Appts Committee

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Rick Everitt	1	Cllr Reece Pugh				
2	Cllr Helen Whitehead						

Standards Committee

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind		Independent Members		Parish / Town Councillors	
1	Cllr Ruth	1	Cllr Jill	1	Cllr			1	Tucker	1	TBC

	Duckworth		Bayford		Tricia Austin					
2	Cllr Helen Crittenden	2	Cllr Phil Fellows				2	Lorenzo	2	TBC
3	Cllr Elysa d'Abbro						3	Ruston	3	TBC
4	Cllr Tony Ovenden						4	Clarke		

Joint Transport Board

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	Parish / Town Councillors	
1	Cllr Jenny Matterface	1	Cllr Emma Dawson	1	Cllr Mike Garner		1	TBC
2	Cllr Harry Scobie	2	Cllr John Davis					
3	Cllr Joanne Bright							
4	Cllr Anne-Marie Nixey							

East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee

Labour		Conservatives	Green and Ind	Thanet Ind
1	Cllr Rick Everitt			
2	Cllr Helen Whitehead			

ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS FOR THE 2023/24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Chair proposed, the Vice-Chair seconded and Members agreed the following list of nominations to Chair and Vice-Chair positions:

Position to be Filled	Councillor
Chair of the Planning Committee	Cllr Helen Crittenden
Vice Chair of the Planning Committee	Cllr Joanne Bright

Chair of the Licensing Board	Cllr Alan Currie
Vice Chair of the Licensing Board	Cllr Corinna Huxley
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Phil Fellows
Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Cllr David Green
Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee	Cllr Will Scobie
Vice Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee	Cllr Kristian Bright
Chair of the Joint Transportation Board	Jenny Matterface
Chair of General Purposes Committee	Harry Scobie

STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair and Members agreed that Mr Peter Tucker was appointed Chair of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party, and Mr Peter Lorenzo appointed as Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for 2023/24.

11. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2023/24

It was proposed by Councillor Everitt, seconded by Councillor Albon and Members agreed the list of Executive and Non-Executive outside bodies, and the nominations to the Non-Executive Outside Bodies, as detailed in annex 1 and 2 of the report.

Name of Non-Executive Outside Bodies	No. of Reps	Representatives 2023/24 (Councillor)
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	2	2 vacant
Age UK: Thanet	1	Edwards
Campaign to Protect Rural England	1	Nixey
Citizens Advice, Thanet	2	Matterface / Green
Millmead Children's Centre	1	Boyd

Partnership Ltd		
Multiple Sclerosis Society	1	Keen
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London	1	J. Bright
Powell Cotton Museum and Quex House	1	Ovenden
River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board	1	W. Scobie
Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group	1	Ovenden
Thanet Countryside Trust	2	J. Bright / 1 vacant
Thanet Rural Regeneration Group	1	Wright
Thanet Sports Network	1 (+reserve)	Crittenden / 1 Reserve vacant
Thanet Volunteer Bureau	1	Ara
The Friends of Margate Cemetery	2	Whitehead / Yates
Trust for Thanet Archaeology	2	Ovenden / Whitehead
Young People's Partnership	1	d'Abbro

Meeting concluded : 19.31