

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2024 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

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

20. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Chair asked for nominations for the Chair of Council for 2024/25.

Councillor Will Scobie thanked Councillor Edwards for his work as the Chair of Council for 2023/24. Councillor Scobie then proposed and Councillor Albon seconded that Councillor Debra Owen-Hughes be the Chair of Council for 2024/25.

Councillor Pugh thanked Councillor Edwards for his work as the Council Chair for 2023/24. Councillor Pugh then proposed and Councillor Kup seconded that Councillor Paul Moore be the Chair of Council for 2024/25.

When put to the vote, the Chair declared that Councillor Debra Owen-Hughes had been elected as the new Chair of Council for 2024/25.

Councillor Edwards thanked Members and officers for the support during his tenure of office.

The meeting was adjourned to enable the new Chair to assume her role.

The meeting resumed with Councillor Debra Owen-Hughes Chairing the meeting.

Councillor Owen-Hughes took the declaration of acceptance of office, gave a speech of thanks and confirmed that Mr Derek Blackman would be her escort.

21. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations to the role of Vice Chair for 2024/25.

Councillor Green congratulated the new Chair of Council. Councillor Green proposed and Councillor Will Scobie seconded that Councillor Anne-Marie Nixey be the Vice Chair of Council for 2024/25.

Councillor Pugh proposed and Councillor Kup seconded that Councillor Paul Moore be the Vice Chair of Council for 2024/25.

When put to the vote, the Chair declared that Councillor Anne-Marie Nixey had been elected as the new Vice Chair of Council for 2024/25.

Councillor Nixey took a declaration of acceptance of office, gave a speech of acceptance of office.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following Members:

Councillor Bambridge;
Councillor Farooki;
Councillor d'Abbro;
Councillor Donaldson;
Councillor Dennis.

23. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair proposed, the Vice-Chair seconded, and Councillors agreed the minutes of the meeting of Full Council on 28 March 2024.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

25. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that as a celebration of Thanet District Council turning 50, there was going to be a drinks reception after the meeting, which all councillors and officers were invited to.

26. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - EXECUTIVE DELEGATIONS

Councillor Rick Everitt, Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Transformation advised the meeting of the following Cabinet Portfolio structure and Portfolio Holder appointments:

Councillor Whitehead, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing;
Councillor Albon, Cabinet Member for Cleansing and Coastal Services;
Councillor Yates, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services;
Councillor Keen Cabinet Member for Community;
Councillor K. Bright, Cabinet Member for Parking;
Councillor Duckworth, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Property.

Councillor Reece Pugh, Shadow Leader and Shadow Cabinet Member for Strategy and Transformation advised the meeting of the following Shadow Portfolio Holder appointments:

Councillor Kup, Shadow Deputy Leader and Shadow Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Property;
Councillor Rattigan, Shadow Cabinet Member for Corporate Services;
Councillor Bayford, Shadow Cabinet Member for Housing;
Councillor Rogers, Shadow Cleansing and Coastal Services;
Councillor Bambridge, Shadow Cabinet Member for Community;
Councillor Dawson, Shadow Cabinet Member for Parking.

Members noted the appointments.

27. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS - 2024/25

Number and size of committees

The Chair proposed, Vice Chair seconded and Council agreed that the number of committees and the number of members to serve on those committees as shown in table 2 of the report, be adopted subject to the proportionality option agreed upon later in the agenda.

POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

The Chair said that consensus amongst group leaders had been achieved and regarding the proportionality option to use for allocating seats on committees.

The Chair moved, Vice Chair seconded and Council approved the proportionality between groups for Committees, Panels and Boards as shown in Option three of the report.

Nomination of members to serve on committees

The meeting noted the nominations to committees as detailed in the various committee tables below.

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 Kristian Bright						
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 Linda Wright	1	Cllr Tricia Austin	1	Cllr Bertie Braidwood

2	Cllr Helen Whitehead	2	Cllr Cedric Towning	2	Cllr Alan Munns	
3	Cllr Leo Britcher	3	Cllr Matthew Scott			
4	Cllr Corinna Huxley	4	Vacant			
5	Cllr Rick Everitt					
6	Vacant					
7	Vacant					
8	Vacant					

Licensing Board

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 Barry Manners				
4	Cllr Raushan Ara	4	Cllr Linda Wright				
5	Cllr Debra Owen-Hughes						
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 Paul Moore	2	Cllr Rebecca		

					Wing	
3	Cllr Alan Currie	3	Cllr George Kup			
4	Cllr Jack Packman	4	Cllr John Davis			
5	Cllr Katie Pope					
6	Cllr Will Scobie					
7	Cllr Leo Britcher					
8	Cllr Joanne Bright					

Government and Audit Committee

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Will Scobie	1	Cllr Cedric Towning	1	Cllr Mike Garner	1	Cllr Bertie Braidwood
2	Cllr Abi-Leigh Barlow	2	Cllr Barry Manners	2	Cllr Alan Munns		
3	Cllr Leo Britcher	3	Cllr John Nichols				
4	Cllr Jack Packman	4	Cllr John Davis				
5	Cllr David Donaldson						
6	Cllr John Edwards						
7	Cllr Katie Pope						
8	Cllr Roopa Farooki						

Government and Audit (pool of substitute Members)

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
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1	Cllr Joanne Bright	1	Cllr George Kup	1	Cllr Tricia Austin	1	Cllr John Worrow
2	Cllr Anne-Marie Nixey	2	Cllr Reece Pugh	2	Vacant		
3	Cllr Helen Crittenden	3	Cllr Linda Wright				
4	Cllr Harry Scobie	4	Vacant				
5	Cllr Jim Driver						
6	Vacant						
7	Vacant						
8	Vacant						

General Purposes Committee

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Harry Scobie	1	Cllr Emma Dawson	1	Cllr Tricia Austin		
2	Cllr Rick Everitt	2	Cllr Linda Wright				
3	Cllr Steve Albon	3	Cllr John Davis				
4	Cllr Helen Whitehead						
5	Cllr Tony Ovenden						
6	Cllr David Donaldson						

General Purposes (pool of substitute Members)

Labour		Conservatives		Green and Ind		Thanet Ind	
1	Cllr Jenny Matterface	1	Cllr Jill Bayford	1	Cllr Mike Garner		
2	Cllr Rob Yates	2	Cllr George Rusiecki	2			
3	Cllr David Green	3	Cllr Barry Manners				

4	Cllr Helen Crittenden				
5	Cllr Ruth Duckworth				
6	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 Reece Pugh		
2	Cllr Debra Owen-Hughes	2	Cllr George Kup		
3	Cllr Kristian Bright				

Constitutional Review Committee

Labour	Conservatives	Green and Ind	Thanet Ind

1	Cllr Rick Everitt	1	Cllr Reece Pugh	1	Cllr Mike Garner	1	Cllr John Worrow
2	Cllr Will Scobie	2	Cllr Matthew Scott	2	Cllr Tricia Austin		
3	Cllr Leo Britcher	3	Cllr Phil Fellows				
4	Cllr Alan Currie						
5	Cllr Helen Crittenden						
6	Cllr David Green						
7	Cllr John Edwards						

Appointments 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 Duckworth	1	Cllr Jill Bayford	1	Cllr Mike Garner	1	Tucker	1	TBC
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 Services Committee

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

Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees, Panels and Boards for the 2024/25 municipal year

Councillor Everitt proposed, Councillor Pugh seconded and Council agreed the list of nominations to Chair and Vice Chair positions as detailed below:

NOMINATIONS TO CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS TO COMMITTEES

Chair/Vice-Chair Role	
Planning Chair	Cllr Helen Crittenden
Planning Vice-Chair	Cllr Pat Makinson
Licensing Chair	Cllr Alan Currie
Licensing Vice-Chair	Cllr Corinna Huxley
OSP Chair	Cllr Phil Fellows
OSP Vice-Chair	Cllr David Green
Gov & Audit Chair	Cllr Will Scobie
Gov & Audit Vice-Chair	Cllr Roopa Farooki

Joint Transportation Board Vice Chair	Cllr Jenny Matterface
General Purposes Chair	Cllr Harry Scobie
Chair of Standards	Mr Peter Tucker
Vice Chair of Standards	Mr Peter Lorenzo

Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Committee

The Chair moved, Vice Chair seconded and Council agreed the following:

1. The extended appointment of Peter Tucker as an Independent Member until 2027;
2. That Peter Tucker be appointed as chair of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Committee;
3. That Peter Lorenzo be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee and the Constitutional Review Committee.

28. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Everitt moved, Councillor Albon seconded and Council agreed the following:

1. The list of Executive appointed outside bodies (as detailed in the table 1 below);
2. The list of Non-Executive outside bodies (as detailed in the table 2 below);
3. The nominations to the Non-Executive outside bodies (as detailed in the table 2 below).

Proposed List of Executive Appointed Outside Bodies – for the municipal year 2024/25

Table 1

Name of Outside Body	No. of Reps	Councillor
British Ports Association	1	
Community Safety Partnership	1	
Domestic Violence Forum	1 (+1 reserve)	
East Kent Opportunities Ltd	1	
East Kent Spatial Development Company	1	
Kent Police and Crime Panel	1	
Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group	1	
Local Government Association District Councils' Network	1	
Local Government Association General Assembly	1	
Local Government Association Strategic Aviation Specialist Interest Group	1	
Manston Skills and Employment (MSE) Board	1	
South East England Councils	1	
Thanet (Ramsgate) Harbour Users' Groups	1 (+1 reserve)	
Thanet Quality Bus Partnership	1	
Tourism South East	1	
Your Leisure Thanet Sub Group	2	

Table 2

Name of Outside Body	No. of Reps	Councillor/s
Age UK: Thanet	1	Edwards
Campaign to Protect Rural England	1	Nixey
Citizens Advice, Thanet	2	Matterface/Edwards
Millmead Children's Centre Partnership Ltd	1	Boyd
Multiple Sclerosis Society	1	Keen
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London	1	J. Bright
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/Wright
Thanet Rural Regeneration Group	1	Garner
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: 7.26 pm