

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 20 MAY 2024  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

**THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR MARCO CERESTE**

*To be read in conjunction with the agenda and additional information pack for the meeting at*

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**Present:**

Councillors: Ahmed, I. Ali, Z. Ali, Allen, Antunes, Ayres, Bi, Bisby, Blakemore-Creedon, A. Bond, S. Bond, Boyce, Cereste, Cole, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Elsey, Farid, M. Farooq, S. Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Geraghty, Harper, Hemraj, Hiller, Hillier, Hogg, Howard, A. Iqbal, N. Iqbal, Jamil, Jenkins, A. Jones, D. Jones, Khan, Knight, Mahmood, McNally, Ormston, Perkins, Qayyum, Rafiq, Rangzeb, Ray, Rush, Sabir, Seager, Ann Shaheed, Asif Shaheed, Skibsted, Strangward, Thulbourn, Walsh, Warren and Wiggin.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Barkham and Stevenson.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received from Members.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**4. Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor confirmed he had no announcements.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

## **5. Report of the Returning Officer**

Council received a report in relation to the results of the Local Elections held on Thursday, 2 May 2024.

A vote was taken, and the Council agreed to note the results of the Local Elections held on Thursday 2 May 2024 (Appendix 1) as per the recommendations contained within the report. Council thanked the Democratic Services and Elections Team for their hard work and support throughout the Election.

## **6. Political Groups and Group Officers 2024/25**

Council received a report in relation to the political groups and group officers for the 2024/25 municipal year.

The Leader made an announcement where he submitted his resignation as Leader of Peterborough City Council and requested that Council appoint a new Leader during the meeting.

The Council agreed to suspend standing orders 19.1, 19.2, 19.3, 19.4, 20.1, 21.2, 23.1 and 23.2.

Councillor Hogg proposed that Councillor Denis Jones be appointed as Leader of the Council. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Jamil.

Councillor S Farooq requested a recorded vote.

Council agreed to note the membership of political groups (Appendix 1) and their officers (Appendix 2 to be tabled) for 2024/25.

## **7. Appointment of the Executive and the Leader's Scheme of Delegation**

Council received a report in relation to the appointment of the executive and the Leader's Scheme of Delegation.

It was recommended that Council:

1. Notes the members who have been appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader and the Leader's Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members and officers (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to be tabled).
2. Notes the Appointments to the Shareholder Cabinet Committee (Appendix 3 to be tabled)
3. Delegates authority to the Interim Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer to update the constitution to reflect the changes set out in recommendations 1 and 2.

## **8. Committee Structure 2024/25**

Council received a report in relation to the Council's committee structure for the 2024/25 municipal year.

It was recommended that Council:

1. Approves the following Committees for the 2024/25 municipal year:

Ordinary Committees subject to political balance seat allocations:

Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee  
Growth, Resources, and Communities Scrutiny Committee  
Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee  
Children and Education Scrutiny Committee  
Employment Committee Licensing Committee  
Planning and Environmental Protection Committee  
Appeals and Planning Review Committee  
Audit Committee  
Corporate Parenting Committee  
Constitution and Ethics Committee  
Investigation and Disciplinary Committee Appeals Committee.

Other bodies to which Section 15 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 does not apply  
Joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board/Integrated Care  
Partnership Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee.

2. Approves the committee terms of reference set out in the Regulatory Committee  
Functions and the Overview and Scrutiny Functions (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to be  
tabled).

## **9. Political Balance and Allocation of Committee Seats**

Council received a report in relation to the political balance of the Council and the allocation  
of committee seats for the 2024/25 municipal year.

It was recommended that Council:

1. Notes that there are 119 seats on committees.
2. Agrees the allocation of seats on those committees subject to political balance  
arrangements (Appendix 1 to be tabled).
3. Agrees the allocation of seats on those committees not subject to political balance  
arrangements (Appendix 2 to be tabled).

## **10. Appointments to Committees and Other Authorities**

Council received a report in relation to appointments to Committees and other Authorities.

It was recommended that Council:

1. Agrees appointment of members of those committees where the allocation of seats has  
been determined under Agenda Item 9 (Item 9 Appendices 1 and 2 to be tabled).
2. Approves the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the Council's  
committees as set out in Appendix 1 to be tabled.
3. Approves the appointment of the non-elected members of committees, as described at  
paragraph 2.3 of the report.
4. Approves the following appointments or nominations for the 2024/2025 municipal year:
  - a) The Leader of the Council to act as the Council's appointee to the Cambridgeshire and  
Peterborough Combined Authority Board and one substitute member (Appendix 4 to  
be tabled).

- b) The nomination of two members to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and two substitute members from the same political parties as those nominated (Appendix 4 to be tabled).
  - c) The nomination of one member to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee and one substitute member from the same political party (Appendix 4 to be tabled).
  - d) The appointment of two members to the Police and Crime Panel and two substitute members from the same political parties as those appointed (Appendix 4 to be tabled).
  - e) The appointment of four members to the Fire Authority and four substitute members from the same political parties as those appointed (Appendix 4 to be tabled).
5. Approves the appointment of a position of Armed Forces Champion, as set out in Appendix 1 (to be tabled).
  6. Notes the appointments to other outside bodies and other organisations, as set out in Appendix 5 (to be tabled).
  7. Authorises the Monitoring Officer as Proper Officer, in respect of any other appointments to be made, to carry out the wishes of the Leaders of Political Groups in allocating Members to 49 committees or other authorities, and to appoint those Members with effect from the date at which the Proper Officer is advised of the names of such Members.

## **11. Calendar of Meetings 2024/25**

Council received a report in relation to the calendar of meetings for the 2024/25 municipal year.

A vote was taken and the Council

It was recommended that Council approve the Calendar of Meetings included at Appendix 1 for 2024/2025.

### **(a) Lasting Memorial for the Late Charles Swift OBE**

Council received a report in relation to the renaming of the square adjacent to Sand Martin House to Charles Swift Square and to the installation of a memorial plaque.

It was recommended that Council:

1. Approve a lasting memorial to the late Charles Swift OBE.
2. Approve the renaming of the square adjacent to Sand Martin House and agree for the installation of a memorial plaque.

### **(b) Peterborough City Council Local Offer for Care Leavers**

Council received a report in relation to the Care Leaver Motion submitted by Cllr Bond which was approved on 6 December 2023.

1. Council was recommended to agree the Phase 1 proposal to improve and extend the Council's local offer to care leavers included at paragraph 4.35 of this report and that the Phase 1 proposal be implemented with immediate effect.
2. Council was recommended to note that a Phase 2 proposal to further extend and improve the Council's local offer to care leavers be submitted for approval by Cabinet as soon as it is completed.
3. Council agreed to recommend to Council approval of the 100% Council Tax discount for care leavers with effect from 1 April 2024.

**(c) Employment Committee Terms of Reference**

1. The Audit Committee recommended to Full Council the adoption of the Amended Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee included at Appendix 1.

**(d) Audit Committee Terms of Reference**

The Mayor  
7.15pm –  
20 May 2024

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