

Mansfield District Council

Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday 17 May 2022 **Time:** 6:00 PM **Place:** Council Chamber

Present: Executive Mayor Andy Abrahams, Councillor Sinead Anderson, Councillor Barry Answer, Councillor Debra Barlow, Councillor Mick Barton, Councillor Ben Birchall, Councillor Marion Bradshaw, Councillor Andrew Burgin, Councillor Terry Clay, Councillor John Coxhead, Councillor Bill Drewett, Councillor Robert Elliman, Councillor Amanda Fisher, Councillor Mark Fretwell, Councillor Stephen N. Garner, Councillor Teresa Hanstock, Councillor Vaughan Hopewell, Councillor Brian Lohan, Councillor Ann Norman, Councillor Daniel Redfern, Councillor Stuart Richardson, Councillor Dave Saunders, Councillor Philip Shields, Councillor Andy Sissons, Councillor John Smart, Councillor David M Smith, Councillor June Stendall, Councillor Roger Sutcliffe, Councillor Sue Swinscoe, Councillor Andrew Tristram, Councillor Sidney Walker, Councillor Stuart Wallace, Councillor Andy Wetton, Councillor Craig Whitby, Councillor Martin Wright

In Attendance: M. Amos, S. Hall and M. Pemberton

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Bodle and Ward

22/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22/25 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF COUNCIL FOR 2022/23

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wright, that Councillor Saunders be nominated as Chair of the Council for 2022/23.

It was proposed by Councillor Bradshaw and seconded by Councillor Sissons that Councillor Swinscoe also be nominated for the position.

Ten members voted in favour for recorded votes to be taken for all appointment of Chairs.

On the nominations being put to the vote, the following votes were recorded
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For Councillor Saunders - Councillors Anderson, Answer, Barton, Birchall, Drewett, Elliman, Hanstock, Hopewell, Redfern, Saunders, Shields, Smith, Stendall, Sutcliffe, Tristram, Wallace, Walker and Wright.

For Councillor Swinscoe - Elected Mayor, Councillors Barlow, Bradshaw, Burgin, Clay, Coxhead, Fisher, Fretwell, Garner, Lohan, Norman, Richardson, Sissons, Smart, Swinscoe, Wetton and Whitby.

Following the recorded vote, the Chair confirmed that Councillor Saunders had received 18 votes and Councillor Swinscoe had received 17 votes, therefore Councillor Saunders had been appointed as the Chair of the Council for 2022/23.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Saunders be appointed as Chair of the Council for 2022/23.

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APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF COUNCIL FOR 2022/23

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wright, that Councillor Hanstock be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2022/23.

It was proposed by Councillor Swinscoe and seconded by the Elected Mayor, that Councillor Clay also be nominated to the position.

On the nominations being put to the vote, the following votes were recorded -

For Councillor Clay - Elected Mayor, Councillors Barlow, Bradshaw, Burgin, Clay, Coxhead, Fretwell, Lohan, Norman, Richardson, Smart, Swinscoe, Wetton and Whitby.

For Councillor Hanstock - Councillors Anderson, Answer, Barton, Birchall, Drrewett, Elliman, Fisher, Garner, Hanstock, Hopewell, Redfern, Saunders, Shields, Sissons, Smith, Stendall, Sutcliffe, Tristram, Wallace, Walker and Wright.

Following the recorded vote, the Chair confirmed that Councillor Clay had received 14 votes and Councillor Hanstock 21 votes and therefore Councillor Hanstock had been elected as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2022/23.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Hanstock be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2022/23

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RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

The Co-Chief Executive announced the receipt of correspondence from Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, relating to the £1.425m Disabled Facilities Grant awarded to the Council.

In addition, Council was advised of correspondence from the Shared Prosperity Fund which stated that the Council would receive £2.9m over three years, which would commence this financial year.

RESOLVED - That the correspondence be noted.

22/28 APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR 2022/23 AND EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022/23

The Elected Mayor advised Council of his appointments to the Executive for 2022/23, together with details of those appointments to outside bodies which undertook duties of an executive nature.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

22/29 SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR 2022/23

The Elected Mayor informed Council of the Scheme of Delegation for 2022/23, in relation to the established posts for the Executive and for Officers as set out in the Council's Constitution. In addition, it was reported that the Portfolio Holders within the scope of their Portfolios and subject to the Policy Framework and available budgetary provision would be fully responsible for and authorised to take decisions in respect of the services and functions allocated to them.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

22/30 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS FOR 2022/23

The Co-Chief Executive Officer submitted a report which sought approval of the composition of Committees for the 2022/23 municipal year. Council was advised that following discussions with the Group Leaders and Independent Councillors, the vacancy on the Governance and Standards Committee would be filled by the Conservative Group and the vacancy on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Resources) would be filled by the Labour Group. Councillor Barton proposed and the Elected Mayor seconded that the political balance of the Council and that the composition of committees in accordance with Appendix 1, as amended be approved. On the motion being put to the vote, the Chair announced that the motion had been approved unanimously.

It was proposed by Councillor Anderson and seconded by Councillor Barton, that Councillor Elliman be nominated for the position of Chair of the Governance and Standards Committee. It was also proposed by Councillor Whitby and seconded by Councillor Coxhead, that Councillor Fretwell be nominated to the position.

Councillor Elliman - Councillors Anderson, Answer, Barton, Birchall, Drewett, Elliman, Garner, Hanstock, Hopewell, Saunders, Shields, Smith, Stendall, Sutcliffe, Tristram, Wallace, Walker and Wright

Councillor Fretwell - Elected Mayor, Councillors Barlow, Bradshaw, Burgin, Clay, Coxhead, Fisher, Fretwell, Lohan, Norman, Richardson, Sisson, Smart, Swinscoe, Wetton and Whitby

Abstention - Councillor Redfern

The Chair confirmed that Councillor Elliman had received 18 votes, Councillor Fretwell 16 votes with one abstention and therefore Councillor

Elliman had been appointed as the Chair of the Governance and Standards Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wright, that Councillor Walker be nominated as Chair of the Licensing Committee. In addition, it was proposed by Councillor Burgin and seconded by Councillor Clay, that Councillor Coxhead be nominated to the position.

Councillor Coxhead - Elected Mayor, Councillors Barlow, Bradshaw, Burgin, Clay, Coxhead, Fisher, Fretwell, Garner, Lohan, Norman, Richardson, Sissons, Smart, Stendall, Swinscoe, Wetton and Whitby

Councillor Walker - Councillors Anderson, Answer, Barton, Birchall, Drewett, Elliman, Fisher, Hanstock, Hopewell, Redfern, Saunders, Shields, Smith, Sutcliffe, Tristram, Wallace, Walker and Wright

Following the vote, the Chair confirmed that Councillor Coxhead had received 17 votes and Councillor Walker 18 votes and therefore Councillor Walker had been appointed as the Chair of the Licensing Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wright, that Councillor Drewett be nominated for the position of Chair of the Planning Applications Committee. In addition, it was proposed by Councillor Burgin and seconded by Councillor Clay that Councillor Wetton also be nominated for the position.

For Councillor Drewett - Councillors Anderson, Answer, Barton, Birchall, Drewett, Elliman, Hanstock, Hopewell, Redfern, Saunders, Shields, Smith, Stendall, Sutcliffe, Tristram, Wallace, Walker and Wright

For Councillor Wetton - Elected Mayor, Councillors Barlow, Bradshaw, Burgin, Clay, Coxhead, Fisher, Fretwell, Garner, Lohan, Norman, Richardson, Sissons, Smart, Swinscoe, Wetton and Whitby

Following the vote, the Chair confirmed that Councillor Drewett had received 18 votes and Councillor Wetton 17 votes and therefore Councillor Drewett had been appointed as the Chair of the Planning Applications Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wright, that Councillor Answer be nominated for the position of Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Communities and Services). It was proposed by Councillor Burgin and seconded by the Elected Mayor, that Councillor Barlow also be nominated to the position.

Votes for Councillor Answer - Councillors Anderson, Answer, Barton, Birchall, Drewett, Elliman, Hanstock, Hopewell, Redfern, Saunders, Shields, Smith, Stendall, Sutcliffe, Tristram, Wallace, Walker and Wright

Votes for Councillor Barlow - Elected Mayor, Councillors Barlow, Bradshaw, Burgin, Clay, Coxhead, Fisher, Fretwell, Garner, Lohan, Norman, Richardson, Sissons, Smart, Swinscoe, Wetton and Whitby

Following the vote, the Chair confirmed that Councillor Answer had received 18 votes and Councillor Barlow 17 votes and therefore Councillor Answer

had been appointed as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Communities and Services).

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wright that Councillor Wallace be nominated to the position of Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Place). It was also proposed by the Elected Mayor and seconded by Councillor Wetton that Councillor Barlow be nominated to the position.

Votes for Councillor Barlow - Elected Mayor, Councillors Barlow, Bradshaw, Burgin, Clay, Coxhead, Fretwell, Lohan, Norman, Redfern, Richardson, Sissons, Smart, Swinscoe, Wetton and Whitby

Votes for Councillor Wallace - Councillors Anderson, Answer, Barton, Birchall, Drewett, Elliman, Fisher, Garner, Hanstock, Hopewell, Saunders, Shields, Sissons, Smith, Stendall, Sutcliffe, Tristram, Wallace, Walker and Wright

Following the vote, the Chair confirmed that Councillor Barlow had received 15 votes and Councillor Wallace 20 votes and therefore Councillor Wallace had been appointed as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Place).

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wright, that Councillor Shields be nominated for the position of Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Resources). In addition, it was proposed by the Elected Mayor and seconded by Councillor Whitby that Councillor Sissons also be nominated to the position.

Votes for Councillor Sissons - Elected Mayor, Councillors Barlow, Bradshaw, Burgin, Clay, Coxhead, Fisher, Fretwell, Garner, Lohan, Norman, Richardson, Sissons, Smart, Swinscoe, Wetton and Whitby

Votes for Councillor Shields - Councillors Anderson, Answer, Barton, Birchall, Drewett, Elliman, Hanstock, Hopewell, Redfern, Saunders, Shields, Smith, Stendall, Sutcliffe, Tristram, Wallace, Walker and Wright

Following the vote, the Chair confirmed that Councillor Shields had received 18 votes and Councillor Sissons 17 votes and therefore Councillor Shields had been appointed as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Resources).

It was proposed by Councillor Coxhead and seconded by Councillor Whitby that Councillor Lohan be nominated for the position of Chair of the Polling Places Review Committee. In addition, it was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wright, that Councillor Wright also be nominated to the position.

Votes for Councillor Lohan - Elected Mayor, Councillors Barlow, Bradshaw, Burgin, Clay, Coxhead, Fretwell, Garner, Lohan, Norman, Richardson, Sissons, Smart, Swinscoe, Wetton and Whitby

Votes for Councillor Wright - Councillors Anderson, Answer, Barton, Birchall, Drewett, Elliman, Fisher, Hanstock, Hopewell, Redfern, Saunders, Shields, Smith, Stendall, Sutcliffe, Tristram, Wallace, Walker and Wright

Following the vote, the Chair confirmed that Councillor Lohan had received 16 votes and Councillor Wright 19 votes and therefore Councillor Wright had been appointed as the Chair of the Polling Places Review Committee.

RESOLVED -

(i) That the political balance of the Committees of the Council be as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the submitted report.

(ii) That in accordance with S17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, appointments to committees shall not be in accordance with s15 and s16 of the Act but in accordance with paragraph 3.4 of the submitted report.

(iii) That the following be appointed as Committee Chairs for 2022/23 -

Governance and Standards Committee - Councillor Elliman

Licensing Committee - Councillor Walker

Planning Applications Committee - Councillor Drewett

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Communities and Services) - Councillor Answer

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Place) - Councillor Wallace

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Resources) - Councillor Shields

Polling Places Review Committee - Councillor Wright

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APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Co Chief Executive Officer submitted a schedule of appointments to outside bodies, where the term of office had expired.

It was proposed by the Elected Mayor and seconded by Councillor Burgin, that the following be nominated to the outside bodies as indicated -

Mansfield Educational Foundation - Councillors Lohan and Swinscoe

Cresswell, Ashfield and Mansfield Groundwork Trust - Councillor Burgin

Environmental Protection UK - Councillor Smart

Mansfield CAB - Councillor Norman

Mansfield CVS - Councillor Whitby

Mansfield Heiligenhaus Twinning - Councillors Clay and Lohan

Mansfield Woodhouse Relief in Need Charity - Councillor Norman and Whitby

Mansfield Sister Cities - Councillors Saunders and Swinscoe

National Association British Market Authorities - Councillor Lohan

Pleasley Park and Vale Conservation Area Advisory Committee Councillors Coxhead, Norman, Bradshaw and Whitby

Veteran's Champion - Councillor Smart

Mental Health Champion - Councillor Bradshaw

As there were no further nominations, the members nominates were elected unopposed.

RESOLVED - That the following appointments be made until May 2023 -

Mansfield Educational Foundation - Councillors Lohan and Swinscoe

Cresswell, Ashfield and Mansfield Groundwork Trust - Councillor Burgin

Environmental Protection UK - Councillor Smart

Mansfield CAB - Councillor Norman

Mansfield CVS - Councillor Whitby

Mansfield Heiligenhaus Twinning - Councillors Clay and Lohan

Mansfield Woodhouse Relief in Need Charity - Councillors Norman and Whitby

Mansfield Sister Cities - Councillors Saunders and Swinscoe

National Association British Market Authorities - Councillor Lohan

Pleasley Park and Vale Conservation Area Advisory Committee - Councillors Coxhead, Norman, Bradshaw and Whitby

Veteran's Champion - Councillor Smart

Mental Health Champion - Councillor Bradshaw

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DATES OF MEETINGS 2022/23

The Co-Chief Executive submitted a proposed schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2022/23. Further to the published proposed schedule, members were requested to move the Council scheduled for 28 June 2022 to 5 July 2022 and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Communities and Services) from 21 June to 28 June, 2022.

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Wright that the submitted schedule of meetings, as amended be approved.

On the motion being put to the vote, the Chair announced that the motion had been approved unanimously.

RESOLVED - That the schedule of meetings for 2022/23, as amended be approved.

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EXECUTIVE DECISION BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR - LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER AND POTENTIAL DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE

It was proposed by the Elected Mayor and seconded by Councillor Whitby, that the report on the Levelling Up White Paper and the Potential Devolution Deal for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire be noted.

Council was also updated on recent progress of the discussions with Derbyshire authorities and of the need for all authorities to continue to work collaboratively with each other.

On the motion being put to the vote, Council noted the report.

RESOLVED -

(i) That the opportunities presented for a potential Devolution Deal for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire contained within the Levelling Up White paper be noted.

(ii) That the continued discussions with Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire partners in order to help bring forward a Government offer for a Devolution Deal be endorsed.

(iii) That future updates be provided including a formal report to consider the detail and implications of any deal offered, likely to be in autumn 2022.

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MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

It was proposed by the Elected Mayor and seconded by Councillor Barton, that the recommendation from the Personnel Committee, to appoint Adam Hill to the position of Chief Executive Officer be approved.

On the motion being put to the vote, the Chair announced that the motion had been approved unanimously.

RESOLVED - That Adam Hill be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer, incorporating the duties of Head of Paid Service, Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer.

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REPORT OF CHAIR OF GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FUNCTION

Councillor Fretwell updated Council on the deliberations of the Constitution Working Group, which was currently reviewing the structure and operation of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function. Two meetings of the working group had been held, when members had been presented with alternative structures from neighbouring authorities, which were being further investigated.

RESOLVED - That the update be noted.

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