

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Warwick District Council held at Town Hall, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa, on Wednesday 17 May 2023, at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Mrs M K Mangat (Chair); Councillors Aizlewood, Armstrong, Barton, Billiald, Boad, Browne, Chilvers, Cron, Davison, Day, K Dickson, R Dickson, Dray, Falp, B Gifford, C Gifford, Gorman, Hales, D Harrison, J Harrison, Hunt, Kang, Kennedy, King, Kohler, Luckhurst, Margrave, Matecki, Milton, Noonan, Payne, Phillips, Redford, Roberts, Rosu, Russell, Sinnott, Sullivan, Syson, Tangri, Williams, Wightman and Yellapragada.

1. **Election of Chairman**

It was proposed by Councillor B Gifford, seconded by Councillor Roberts and

Resolved that Councillor Syson be elected Chairman of Warwick District Council for the municipal year 2023/24.

Councillor Syson made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Chairman of the Council and thanked Council for her election.

2. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Council**

It was proposed by Councillor Falp, seconded by Councillor Barton and

Resolved that Councillor Margrave be appointed Vice-Chairman of Warwick District Council for the municipal year 2023/24.

Councillor Margrave made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Vice-Chairman of the Council and thanked Council for his election.

3. **Vote of Thanks for the Retiring Chair**

It was proposed by Councillor Hales, seconded by Councillor Day and

Resolved that the appreciation of the Council be placed on record for the excellent services rendered by the retiring Chair, Mrs Mangat, during the past year.

Mrs Mangat acknowledged the vote of thanks.

4. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collins.

5. **Return of Councillors Elected and Political Proportionality**

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor King and

Resolved that

- (1) the details of those Councillors elected on 4 May 2023, as set out at Appendix 1 to the minutes be noted; and
- (2) the Political Proportionality of the Council, be noted, as follows:

| Group | Number of Councillors | Percentage of Council |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Conservative | 6 | 13.64 |
| Green | 14 | 31.82 |
| Labour | 11 | 25.00 |
| Liberal Democrat | 10 | 22.73 |
| Whitnash Residents Association | 3 | 6.82 |

6. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 15 March 2023, were proposed, duly seconded, and taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. **Appointment of the Leader**

It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Kennedy and

Resolved that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19, Councillor Davison be appointed as Leader of the Council.

8. **Membership of the Cabinet**

Councillor Davison informed the Council the membership of the Cabinet would be as set out at Appendix 2 to the minutes.

9. **Appointments**

It was proposed by Councillor Syson, duly seconded by Councillor Davison, that the appointments as circulated at the meeting, in the addendum, be approved.

The proposer and seconder accepted amendments to the proposal so that:

Councillor Redford be appointed as Armed Forces Covenant Champion
Councillor Williams, not be appointed to the South Warwickshire Local Plan Advisory Group
Councillor Kang be appointed to Overview & Scrutiny Committee and in place of Councillor King
Councillor Phillips be appointed to Members/Trades Unions Joint Consultation & Safety Panel
Councillor Hales be appointed to the St Mary's Lands Working Party
Councillor Day be appointed to the South Warwickshire Local Plan Advisory Group.

Resolved that, subject to the amendments above:

- (a) the nominations for membership of the Committees, including substitute members, as set out in Appendix 3 to the minutes, be approved;
- (b) the appointments to Working Parties and Forums, as revised above, for 2022/2023, as set out at Appendix 4 to the minutes, be approved; and
- (c) the appointments to Champions' Roles as set out in Appendix 5 to the minutes, be approved; and
- (d) the Council notes the Monitoring Officer will use their delegated authority to make the appointment to outside bodies by Council on a politically proportional basis, as far as reasonable policy, to the overall number of seats each party has on the Council.

10. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

11. **Annual Reports of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees**

The Annual report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, was proposed by Councillor Milton, seconded by Councillor Russell and

Resolved that the Annual report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee be approved.

12. **Appointment of Independent Person**

It was proposed by Councillor Syson, seconded by Councillor K Dickson and

Resolved that, Ray Tomkinson be appointed as an Independent Person for the Council, under Section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011.

13. **Common Seal**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Davison and

Resolved that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such documents as it may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 7.37pm)

CHAIRMAN
26 July 2023