

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

19th May 2021

The meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 19th May 2021.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor R. Tromans)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor J. Clarke)

Councillors D. Brown, T. Cooper, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, K. Evans, C. Golby, J. Gutteridge, B. Hammersley, S. Harbison, L. Hocking, J. Kennaugh, K. Kondakor, A. Llewellyn-Nash, S. Markham, B. Pandher, R. Baxter-Payne, N. Phillips, M. Rudkin, A. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, H. Walmsley, M. Walsh, C. Watkins, K. Wilson

The Past Mayor, Mrs June Tandy was also present.

Apologies were received from B. Beetham and J. Sargeant.

CL1 Election of Chair (The Mayor)

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor R. Tromans be elected Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor J. Tandy then vacated the Chair and invested the newly elected Mayor with the Chain of office.

Having accepted the appointment, Councillor R. Tromans made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him in electing him to the office of Mayor.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR R.TROMANS) IN THE CHAIR

CL2 Vote of Thanks

It was **RESOLVED** that the best thanks of this Council be tendered to Councillor June Tandy and consorts for the able and courteous manner in which they fulfilled the duties of Mayoress and Mayor's Consort during the past Municipal Year.

CL3 Election of Vice-Chair (The Deputy Mayor)

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor C. Golby that Councillor J. Clarke be appointed Vice-Chair of the Borough Council of Nuneaton and Bedworth (to be styled Deputy Mayor) for the ensuing municipal year.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor J. Clarke be appointed Vice-Chair of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (to be styled Deputy Mayor) for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Mayor then invested the Deputy Mayor with the Deputy Mayor's badge. Having accepted the appointment, Councillor J. Clarke made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of the office and thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him in appointing him to the office of Deputy Mayor.

CL4 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15th February 2021 and the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21st April 2021, were confirmed, and signed by the Mayor.

CL5 **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

CL6 **Announcements**

The Mayor made the following announcement:

The Mayor's Appeal for 2021/2022 is Mary Ann Evans Hospice, who are celebrating their 30th anniversary, with the launch being held after 21st June 2021.

CL7 **Returning Officers Report**

RESOLVED that the composition of the Council is as follows:

Conservative Members	24
Labour Members	7
Nuneaton Community Independents	2
Green Member	1

CL8 **Election of Leader**

Councillor S. Croft proposed that Councillor K. Wilson be appointed Leader of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council. It was seconded by Councillor K. Evans.

There were no other nominations. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor K. Wilson be appointed as Leader of the Council.

CL9 **Changes to the Arrangements for Overview and Scrutiny Panels, Executive Arrangements, Council Procedure Rules and Member's Allowances**

The report of the Director – Democracy, Planning & Public Protection, set out the changes that needed to be made to the Constitution at the start of the new Municipal Year.

Councillor Wilson proposed to move these recommendations, and these were seconded by Councillor Golby.

Councillor K. Kondakor moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor C. Watkins:

Changes to Special Responsibilities Allowances: Appendix E, 2.4 to read:

“The proposed Special Responsibility Allowance at Appendix E be approved, subject at Appendix E, amended with proposed £7,000 changed to £6,001 for Deputy Leader and amending the proposed £6,000 changed to £5,004 for other Cabinet members and subject to further consideration of the Independent Remuneration Panel's report at the July meeting of this Council”.

A vote of hands was taken on Councillor K. Kondakor's amendment and the amendment was lost.

A vote of hands was taken on the substantive motion and this was carried.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a. The proposed changes to the Overview & Scrutiny Arrangements in Article 6 and Part 4E of the Constitution as shown in Appendix A be approved and the Constitution be amended accordingly;
- b. The proposed changes by the incoming Leader of the Council to the Executive Arrangements in Article 7 of the Constitution as Shown in Appendix B and the amendments to the Cabinet Procedure Rules in Appendix D be noted and the Constitution be amended accordingly;
- c. The Council Procedure Rules as shown in in Appendix C be approved and the Constitution be amended accordingly; and
- d. The proposed Special Responsibilities Allowances at Appendix E be approved, subject to further consideration of the Independent Remuneration Panel's report at the July meeting of this Council;
- e. Delegated authority be given to the Executive Director (Resources) to realign the Council's budget in accordance with the revised Executive arrangements in Appendix B, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the portfolio-holder for Finance & Corporate; and
- f. Delegated Authority be given to the Director – Democracy, Planning & Public Protection in consultation with the portfolio-holder for Finance & Corporate to amend the Council's Committee timetable to

accommodate the additional Overview & Scrutiny Panel as set out in Appendix A and to amend the start time for all meetings to 6pm (except for exempt items at Planning Applications Committee which shall be 5pm).

CL10 **Composition and Membership of Committees and Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2021/2022**

It was **RESOLVED** that

- a) The Leader's appointments to and allocation of responsibilities for the Cabinet Portfolios, increased by one to six, as given below, be noted:

A vote of hands was taken, and this was carried.

Portfolio Holder	Member Appointed
Leader (Business and Regeneration)	Councillor Kris Wilson
Deputy Leader (Housing and Communities)	Councillor Clare Golby
Finance and Corporate	Councillor Sam Croft
Public Services	Councillor Kyle Evans
Planning and Regulation	Councillor Richard Smith
Health and Environment	Councillor Julian Gutteridge

- b) The composition of Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels as listed below be noted:

The vote was unanimous and carried.

<u>Committee/ Scrutiny Panels</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Green and Independent Alliance</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>
Cabinet	6			6
Business, Regeneration & Planning Overview and Scrutiny	6	2	1	9
Finance & Public Services Overview and Scrutiny	6	2	1	9
Housing, Environment & Health Overview and Scrutiny	6	2	1	9

Audit & Standards	8	2	1	11
Planning	8	2	1	11
Licensing	8	2	1	11
Appeals	7	2	1	10
NABCEL	4	2	0	6
Borough Plan	7	2	0	9
TOTALS	85	18	7	85

c) The Membership of Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels for 2021/2022 be approved as follows:

The substantive vote was taken by a show of hands in favour of moving the memberships of Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels as follows:

Appeals (10)

Councillors: S. Markham; K. Evans; B. Beetham, M. Tromans; R. Smith, M. Walsh; B. Walmsley, T. Sheppard, M. Rudkin, A Sargeant

Notes:

1. 5 members will be selected from the pool as required.
2. The Chair will be appointed at each particular meeting.

Audit and Standards Committee (11)

Councillor H. Walmsley (Chair),
Councillor M. Rudkin (Vice-chair)

Councillors: B. Beetham, R. Tromans, Kennaugh, L. Downs, T. Cooper, J. Singh, S. Markham, L. Hocking, K. Kondakor

Licensing (11)

Councillor S. Markham (Chair)
Councillor T. Sheppard (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: R. Smith, K. Evans, S. Croft, J. Gutteridge, M. Tromans, J. Clarke, C. Golby, L. Hocking, A. Sargeant

Planning Applications (11)

Councillor L. Cvetkovic (Chair)
Councillor J. Sheppard (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: B. Pandher, R. Smith, B. Hammersley, K. Wilson, S. Markham,
K. Evans, S. Croft, M. Rudkin, K. Kondakor

Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny (9)

Councillor M. Walsh (Chair)
Councillor C. Watkins (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: B. Hammersley, B. Pandher, L. Downs, J. Singh, R. Baxter-
Payne, M. Rudkin, K. Kondakor

Finance & Public Services Overview and Scrutiny (9)

Councillor D. Brown (Chair)
Councillor N. Phillips (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: B. Beetham, M. Tromans, J. Kennaugh, J. Clarke, S. Harbison,
T. Sheppard, J. Sargeant

Housing, Environment & Health Overview and Scrutiny (9)

Councillor R. Baxter-Payne (Chair)
Councillor J. Sheppard (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: B. Pandher, S. Harbison, L. Downs, T. Cooper, D. Brown, T.
Elliott, A. Sargeant

Borough Plan (9)

Councillor R. Smith (Chair)

Councillors: L. Cvetkovic, R. Tromans, J. Kennaugh, M. Walsh, D. Brown, H.
Walmsley, N. Phillips, P. Elliott

Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprise Limited Shareholder Committee (NABCEL) (6)

Councillor J. Gutteridge (Chair)

Councillors: J. Clarke, B. Hammersley, L. Downs, C. Watkins, M. Rudkin

d) The representatives on Outside Bodies Schedule A, B and C were
amended and approved as attached to these minutes.

Councillor Watkins asked that the controlling party get in touch with Nicolas Chamberlaine's School Foundation regarding the vacancy. Councillor Wilson seconded this. Councillor Kondakor proposed himself for this position and Councillor Sargeant seconded this motion and a vote was taken on this amendment by a show of hands. This motion was lost.

The vote on the substantive motion was taken. The vote was carried.

- e) The appointment of the following co-opted members for a period of four years, is as follows:

Councillor Wilson moved a recommendation that Audit and Standard's new Chair, Councillor Walmsley, would be looking at the Co-Opted arrangements in more detail. Councillor Golby seconded this motion and the vote was taken with a show of hands and the motion was carried.

Audit and Standards Committee

Vacancy & Mr G. Sonola

Finance & Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Vacancy & Mrs D. Ross

Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Ms I. Kabilsz

Housing, Environment & Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Mr. I Sheikh

CL11 **Scheme of Delegation**

RESOLVED that the Scheme of Delegation for the Executive functions, as set out in item 13 of the agenda as determined by the by the Leader be noted; and the Council functions, as set out in item 13 of the agenda, be approved.

Mayor