

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Buckinghamshire County Council convened and held on Thursday 18 May 2017 in The Oculus, AVDC, Gatehouse Way, Aylesbury, commencing at 9.30 am and concluding at 10.12 am.

PRESENT

Mrs P Birchley in the Chair;

Mr M Appleyard, Mr W Bendyshe-Brown, Ms J Blake, Mr S Bowles, Mr N Brown, Mr T Butcher, Mr D Carroll, Mr W Chapple OBE, Mr J Chilver, Mr C Clare, Mr A Collingwood, Mrs I Darby, Mr D Dhillon, Mr C Ditta, Mr C Etholen, Mr M Farrow, Mrs B Gibbs, Ms N Glover, Mr C Harris, Lin Hazell, Mr A Hussain, Mr M Hussain, Mr N Hussain, Mr P Irwin, Mr R Khan, Mr S Lambert, Ms A Macpherson, Mrs W Mallen, Mr D Martin, Mr P Martin, Mr R Reed, Mr D Shakespeare OBE, Mr M Shaw, Mrs L Sullivan, Mrs J Teesdale, Mr M Tett, Mr A Walters MBE, Ms J Ward, Julia Wassell, Mr D Watson, Mr W Whyte, Ms A Wight and Mr G Williams

DIGNITARIES AND OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs V Letheren, Mrs M Clayton, Mr M Colston, Mr P Lawrence,
Mrs G Miscampbell OBE DL and Mr R Pushman

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Bagge, Mrs L Clarke OBE, Mr D Hayday and Mr B Roberts

1 RETURN OF COUNCILLORS ELECTED

The Monitoring Officer highlighted one amendment to the report which gave details of all those who had been elected to the County Council – Mr Raj Khan represented the Liberal Democrats not the Conservative Party.

Council noted the report.

2 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Mrs Letheren thanked Council for the support received during her year as Chairman and shared some of her highlights of a memorable year. Mrs Letheren thanked the Civic and Ceremonial team for their hard work and Mrs P Birchley for her support as Vice-Chairman. She also thanked her husband, David, for his support throughout the year.

Mrs Letheren asked for nominations for Chairman.

Mrs P Birchley was nominated by Mrs W Mallen and seconded by Mr N Brown.

RESOLVED

That Mrs P Birchley be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mrs Birchley read and signed the Declaration and Acceptance of Office, and presented Mrs Letheren with a commemorative photo book of her year in office together with a past Chairman's badge.

Mrs Birchley thanked Council for her appointment. She pledged her commitment to representing Buckinghamshire over the year ahead and explained that she hoped to work closely with the High Sheriff in promoting help for people with Mental Health needs in the County.

MRS BIRCHLEY IN THE CHAIR

3 APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs Birchley invited nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr P Irwin nominated Mrs N Glover and this was seconded by Mr J Chilver.

RESOLVED

That Mrs N Glover be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

4 ELECTION OF LEADER

Mrs Birchley invited nominations for Leader of the Council. Mr M Tett was nominated by Mr M Appleyard and seconded by Ms L Hazell.

RESOLVED

That Mr M Tett be elected Leader of the Council for the ensuing four years.

Mr M Tett read and signed the Declaration and Acceptance of Office.

5 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

6 PETITIONS

Mr C Ditta and Ms J Wassell presented two petitions on behalf of residents – one from residents of Sierra Road, High Wycombe requesting the installation of speed cushions, adequate parking and a children's play area, prior to adoption of the road by the County Council.

The second petition was from residents of Totteridge, High Wycombe requesting installation of traffic calming measures in Hicks Farm Rise.

7 COMMUNICATIONS

Apologies were received from Mr Allen, Sir Aubrey-Fletcher, Mr Bagge, Mrs Clarke OBE, Mr Hayday, Mr Kara, Mr Roberts and Mr Ross.

Members were reminded that Armed Forces Day was taking place on Saturday 17th June and anyone wishing to volunteer to help on the day should contact Mr Clive Parker.

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

9 REPORT OF THE LEADER

Mr M Tett congratulated Mrs P Birchley on her election as Chairman of the Council and thanked Mrs Letheren, the outgoing Chairman, for all her hard work on behalf of Buckinghamshire. He also congratulated all members of Council on their success in the elections and commented that he was looking forward to working together over the next four years.

Mr M Tett briefly highlighted a number of challenges facing the Council, which would be debated more fully at the July Council meeting.

Mr M Tett confirmed appointments to Cabinet as follows:

Cabinet

Portfolio	Cabinet Member
Leader	Martin Tett
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation	Mark Shaw
Children's Services	Warren Whyte (Lead Member)
Education	Mike Appleyard
Health & Wellbeing	Lin Hazell
Planning & Environment	Bill Chapple OBE
Community Engagement	Noel Brown
Resources	John Chilver

Deputies

Portfolio	Deputy Cabinet Member
Transportation	Paul Irwin

Children's Services	Jean Teesdale
Education	Arif Hussain
Health & Wellbeing	Wendy Mallen
Planning & Environment	Clive Harriss
Community Engagement	Anne Wight
Resources	Gareth Williams

10 SELECT COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Council considered and agreed the report of the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED

Council AGREED the proposed structure and remit of the Select Committees for the year 2017-18.

11 REPORT ON COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY, SUBSTITUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Council considered and agreed the report of the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED

- 1. Council CONFIRMED the political balance in the distribution of seats across Committees be as set out in Tables 1 and 2, to accord with the rules on proportionality.**
- 2. Council AGREED the appointments to Council Committees in accordance with the rules on political proportionality, in line with the proposals put forward by each of the political group leaders for the municipal year 2017/18.**
- 3. Council AGREED to delegate to the Monitoring Officer powers to vary the membership of a Committee at any point on a permanent or casual basis upon the written nomination of a Group Leader.**

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

13 CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS TAKEN - INFORMATION ONLY

The report was noted.

14 INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS ON EVENTS AND MEMBER SERVICES - INFORMATION ONLY

The report was noted.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the County Council will take place on Thursday 13 July 2017.

CHAIRMAN