

Lord Lieutenant, High Sherriff, Chairman, Fellow Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me enormous pleasure to stand to nominate Councillor Brian Roberts for the post of Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council for the year 2019 to 2020.

Brian became a Councillor in 2007, joining the ranks of Aylesbury Vale District Council and Aylesbury Town Council, with his becoming a Buckinghamshire County Councillor in 2009.

He is the County Councillor for Aylesbury South East, where he does splendid works for his community, he enjoys getting involved and helping his local community.

Brian is a passionate gardener, having an allotment which he tends and works very hard on. He often tells me what he is growing and the glut of whatever vegetable or fruit for the year. His good lady wife – Margaret - is adept at ensuring nothing goes to waste and besides being an excellent cook, she makes exceedingly good jam too. Brian is very lucky to have his family around him too and he has some wonderful stories to tell about his children and their children, his grandchildren. He thoroughly enjoys their visits and also enjoys his family life too.

I first worked with Brian on Scrutiny, where we worked together and changed the Scrutiny Committee, over to the Select Committee system we have working today. It was a very enjoyable time working with Brian, he has a wonderful sense of humour and the gift of teasing you with a such straight face that you are often taken in...and the you realise he has done it again!

So today, we are all taking part in an historic event, this will be the last time we, as Councillors, of Buckinghamshire County Council, will chose the Chairman of this Council. Today, we embark on the 131st year of Buckinghamshire County Council as we know it....next April, Buckinghamshire County Council will be no more. I believe that with Brian at the helm, it is and will be in a pair of very strong, safe and capable hands. I wish him well with his year and am sure he will show the kindness, support as he has in the past.

Good Luck Brian and many congratulations on your being, and by no design of your own, the very last Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council. Enjoy your year.

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