# SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Council - 26 May 2015

Present: Councillors Mr Anthony, Mr Bagge, Mr Bastiman, Mr Bradford,

Mr Chhokar, Mr D Dhillon, Mr Egleton, Mrs Gibbs, Mr Griffin, Mr Harding, Miss Hazell, Mr Hollis, Mrs Jordan, Mr Kelly, Mrs Lowen-Cooper, Mr Naylor, Mr Pepler, Mr Read, Mr Reed, Mr Samson, Mr Sandy, Mr Sangster, Mr D Smith, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Vincent and

Mr Walters MBE

Apologies: Councillors Mr Hogan and Dr Matthews

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Bagge, seconded by Councillor Naylor and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Smith be elected Chairman of the Council for 2015/16.

Councillor Smith made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the Council for electing him.

# 2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Bagge, seconded by Councillor Navlor and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Kelly be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2015/16.

Councillor Kelly made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the Council for electing him.

#### 3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked Councillor Chhokar, on behalf of the Council, for the way he had carried out his duties as Chairman over the past two years.

The Chairman also thanked the Chief Executive, Alan Goodrum, who was due to retire, for his service to the Council over the past three and half years.

The Chairman updated the Council on the event he attended on behalf of the Council to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens. He encouraged members to go visit the beautiful and tranquil gardens.

#### 4. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

On the proposition of Cllr Bradford, seconded by Cllr Walters, it was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Bagge be appointed Leader of the Council for a term of four years.

Cllr Bagge thanked the Council for its support in electing him Leader and the kind words of his proposer and seconder. He congratulated and welcomed all newly elected Councillors to the Council.

#### 5. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS

On the proposition of the Leader it was

**RESOLVED** that the members of the Cabinet be appointed, with Portfolio responsibilities

Cllr Naylor Deputy Leader, Sustainability

Cllr Anthony Resources

Cllr Egleton Healthy Communities

Cllr Sullivan Environment

# 6. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 April 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

# 7. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Council considered a report on the appointment of an Acting Chief Executive.

Following the notification given by the Chief Executive of his retirement with effect from 30 June 2015, the Personnel Committee met and advised the JAIC on how the succession should be handled for the joint Chief Executive role. Having considered a report on the options and way forward, and the views of the Personnel Committee, the JAIC resolved that an Acting Chief Executive role should be created encompassing all the current duties, that expressions of interest should be invited internally and that a small Member panel should be set up to interview the candidate(s). A period of 6-18 months was envisaged for the Acting up role.

Having considered the recommendation of the Panel, which met on 24 April 2015, to appoint Mr Robert Smith to the role, the Council

**RESOLVED** that the appointment of Mr Robert Smith as Acting Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer be approved with effect from 1 July 2015.

# 8. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES/GROUPS AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered a report setting out appointments to Committees, Groups, Joint Committees and Outside Bodies.

# **RESOLVED** that

1. the following members be appointed to Committees and Groups in accordance with the nominations from the political groups as shown in Appendix B of the report:

Committees	Conservatives	Non Majority Group
Planning Committee (12)	J. Lowen-Cooper	
	S. Chhokar	
	D. Anthony	
	D. Dhillon	
	T. Egleton	
	B. Gibbs	
	L Hazell	
	J. Jordan	
	W. Matthews	

	A. Samson	
	G. Sandy	
	D. Vincent	
Licensing Committee (12)	A. Walters	P. Griffin
	D. Smith	
	P. Hogan	
	J. Jordan	
	D. Pepler	
	J. Read	
	A. Samson	
	G. Sandy	
	R. Sangster	
	D. Vincent	
	Vacant	
Personnel Committee (6)	B. Harding	
	A. Walters	
	M. Bradford	
	P. Kelly	
	J. Read	
	L. Sullivan	
Overview & Scrutiny	G. Hollis	
Committee (8)	B. Harding	
	P. Bastiman	
	J. Lowen-Cooper	
	J. Read	
	R. Sangster	
	D. Vincent	
	A. Walters	
Audit Committee (6)	M. Bradford	
	D. Smith	
	B. Gibbs	
	P. Hogan	
	G. Hollis	
	R. Sangster	

Policy Advisory Group	Conservatives	Non Majority Group
Healthy Communities PAG	T. Egleton (Portfolio Holder)	
	P. Bastiman	
	P. Kelly	
	W. Matthews	
	D. Pepler	
	A. Walters	
Environment PAG	L. Sullivan (Portfolio Holder)	
	M. Bradford	
	B. Harding	

	L. Hazell	
	J. Read	
	D. Smith	
Resources PAG	D. Anthony (Portfolio Holder)	
	S. Chhokar	
	P. Hogan	
	G. Hollis	
	J. Jordan	
	R. Sangster	
Sustainable Dev. PAG	N. Naylor (Portfolio Holder)	
	D. Dhillon	
	B. Gibbs	
	J. Lowen-Cooper	
	A. Samson	
	D. Vincent	

2. the following members be appointed to Joint Committees as shown in Appendix C of the report:

# **Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Committee**

South Bucks Representatives: Mr David Anthony

> Mr Ralph Bagge Mr Trevor Egleton Mr Nick Naylor Mrs Luisa Sullivan

# Joint appointments and Implementation Committee

South Bucks Representatives: Mr David Anthony

Mr Nick Naylor Mr Alan Walters Mr Paul Kelly

Mr Malcolm Bradford

# **Joint Waste Committee for Bucks**

Mrs Luisa Sullivan South Bucks representatives:

> TBC [Non-Executive]

TBC [Deputy]

TBC [Deputy Non-Executive]

# **Evreham Sports Centre Joint Management Committee**

Mrs Luisa Sullivan South Bucks representatives:

Mr Ray Sangster

**Buckinghamshire County** Mr Trevor Egleton

Representatives: Mr Dev Dhillon

3. the following members be appointed to Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix C of the report as amended to include the Pinewood Community Liaison Group:

Outside Body	Representative[s]	Relevant Portfolio Holder
Age Concern [Bucks Mgt Committee]	Vacant	Healthy Communities
Bucks Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Wendy Matthews Trevor Egleton [Deputy]	Healthy Communities
Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust	David Pepler (observer)	Healthy Communities
Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership	Ralph Bagge	Leader
Chilterns Conservation Board	Alan Walters	Environment
Chilterns Dial A Ride	Trevor Egleton	Healthy Communities
Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company	Luisa Sullivan	Environment
Country Parks and Green Spaces Liaison Group	Luisa Sullivan	Environment
Denham Aerodrome Consultative Committee	Roger Reed	Environment
Evreham Youth Centre Mgt Committee	Trevor Egleton	Healthy Communities
Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust (TBC)	Wendy Matthews (observer)	Healthy Communities
Green Deal Together Community Interest Company	Trevor Egleton	Healthy Communities
Groundwork South Trust Ltd	Vacant Luisa Sullivan [Deputy]	Environment
Healthy Communities Partnership	Trevor Egleton	Healthy Communities
Local Government Association	Ralph Bagge Nick Naylor [Deputy]	Leader
L & Q Shires Neighbourhood Committee	Trevor Egleton	Healthy Communities
Natural Environment Partnership	Luisa Sullivan	Environment
New Denham Minerals Liaison Group	Vacant	Environment
Padstones	Trevor Egleton Wendy Matthews [Deputy]	Healthy Communities
Park Lodge Farm Liaison Committee	Vacant	Environment
Pinewood Community Liaison Group	Ralph Bagge Malcolm Bradford Luisa Sullivan Wendy Matthews	Leader
Slough Social Fund / Bucks Community Foundation	Dev Dhillon	Healthy Communities

Outside Body	Representative[s]	Relevant Portfolio Holder
South East Employers	Barry Harding Alan Walters [Deputy]	Leader/Deputy
Springfield Farm Liaison Committee	Alan Walters	Environment
Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel	Trevor Egleton	Community
The Lea North Liaison Group	Vacant	Environment

4. authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any changes to the membership of Committee and to representatives on outside bodies.

#### 9. BUSINESS CASE FOR A SHARED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Following consideration of the recommendations of the Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Committee on 25 March 2015 in respect of the Business Case for a Shared Environmental Health Service, it was

# **RESOLVED**

- 1. that the case for a shared Environmental Health Service is proven and that both Councils should proceed to establish a shared Environmental Health Service.
- that subject to consultation with staff and a formal agreement between the Councils, the services of staff in South Bucks District Council's Environmental Health Service be put at the disposal of Chiltern District Council under Section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 so they can work across the two local authority areas.
- 3. that the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Leader and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to finalise the terms of any legal documentation required to give effect to recommendation 2 above.

#### 10. BUSINESS CASE FOR A SHARED CUSTOMER SERVICES

Following consideration of the recommendations of the Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Committee on 25 March 2015 in respect of the Business Case for a Shared Customer Services, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. that the case for a shared Customer Services is proven and that both Councils should proceed to establish a shared Customer Services.
- that subject to consultation with staff and a formal agreement between the Councils, the services of staff in South Bucks District Council's Customer Services be put at the disposal of Chiltern District Council under Section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 so they can work across the two local authority areas.
- that the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Leader and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to finalise the terms of any legal documentation required to give effect to recommendation 2 above.

# 11. QUESTIONS

No questions had been received under Council Procedure Rule 10.

# 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

# 13. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I, Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act

# 14. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SHARED SERVICES REVIEW

The Council noted the private appendix setting out the business case for a shared service.

# 15. CUSTOMER SERVICES SHARED SERVICE REVIEW

The Council noted the private appendix setting out the business case for a shared service.

The meeting terminated at 6.24 pm