

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday 20 May 2021 at 7.02 pm

Place: The Hart Leisure Centre, Hitches Lane, Fleet, GU51 5EE

Present:

COUNCILLORS -

Ambler (Chairman)

Axam	Crisp	Kinnell
Bailey	Crookes	Lamb
Blewett	Davies	Neighbour
Butcher	Delaney	Oliver
Butler	Dorn	Quarterman
Clarke	Drage	Radley
Coburn	Farmer	Smith
Cockarill	Forster	Southern
Collins	Harward	Wildsmith
Crampton	Kennett	Worlock

Officers Present:

Patricia Hughes	Joint Chief Executive
Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Helen Vincent	Committee Services Officer
Jenny Humphreys	Committee Services Officer
Rebecca Borrett	Committee Services Officer

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Ambler was proposed by Councillor Neighbour and seconded by Councillor Crampton as Chairman of the Council.

DECISION

That Councillor Ambler be elected Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2020/21.

The new Chairman of the Council took the Chair and thanked the Council for the honour bestowed on him. Councillor Ambler thanked Councillor Kennett, and members paid tribute to his Chairmanship and his hard work throughout the year.

Councillor Kennett responded, thanking Members for their complimentary comments, and that it had been an honour to serve as Chairman. He expressed how difficult the last year had been due to the Pandemic and the disappointment

in lack of opportunities to raise money for charity. Fortunately, the Hart Lottery kept going through the Pandemic and was the main contributor to the £7,880 total of the Chairman's Charity Fund. Councillor Kennett announced he had decided to give £3,000 to HomeStart for Hart and Rushmoor, £2,500 to Sasha's Project and £2,500 to Hart Voluntary Action for their valuable work during the Covid crisis.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Worlock was proposed as Vice-Chairman of the Council by Councillor Radley and seconded by Councillor Neighbour.

DECISION

That Councillor Worlock be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The new Vice Chairman of the Council thanked the Council for the honour bestowed on her.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 April 2021 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Wright.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations made.

6 CHAIRMAN AND JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the new year and the first face-to-face meeting of Council, welcomed the new Councillors and congratulated re-elected Members.

JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Thanked all Members for their patience and forbearance during the elections held on 6 May 2021.

7 MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET

The Leader confirmed membership of Cabinet and their Portfolios:

Councillor Neighbour Leader - Strategic Direction and Partnerships

Councillor Radley	Deputy Leader - Finance and Corporate Services
Councillor Oliver	Environment
Councillor Cockarill	Place
Councillor Kinnell	Regulatory
Councillor Clarke	Digital and Communications
Councillor Bailey	Community
Councillor Quarterman	Commercialisation

8 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

The nominations for Membership for each Committee, with regard to the rules of political proportionality, were confirmed.

Committee	Seats	Conservative	Lib Dem	CCH	Ind
Audit	7	Crookes Farmer Southern	Blewett Wildsmith	Axam Davies	
Licensing	11	Coburn Farmer Forster Wright	Drage Lamb Wildsmith	Butler Davies Delaney	Smith
Overview & Scrutiny	11	Crookes Dorn Farmer Worlock	Drage Harward Wildsmith	Axam Collins Davies	Smith
Crime & Disorder	3	Butcher	Wildsmith	Axam	
Five Councils Partnership Joint Committee	2	Crookes		Radley	
Planning	11	Kennett Southern Wheale Worlock	Blewett Cockarill Quarterman	Ambler Oliver Radley Delaney	
Staffing (Group Leaders)	6 †	Kennett Worlock Crampton	Drage Wildsmith Neighbour	Butler Oliver Radley	
Standards	6	Coburn Kennett	Bailey Neighbour	Ambler Clarke	

† Committee size adjusted to take proportionality implications into consideration

Appeals Panel

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Dorn
Kennett

Harward
Lamb

Collins
Oliver

9 ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Members of the Committees established under Minute No 9 above elected their Chairmen for the 2021/22 municipal Year.

DECISION

That the Committee Chairmen be agreed:

Committee	Chairman
Audit	Axam
Licensing	Wildsmith
Planning	Oliver
Overview & Scrutiny	Worlock*
Staffing	Kennett

*Council consented to waive Standing Order 28.8 to agree the election of Councillor Worlock as Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

10 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the 2020/21 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Crookes, presented the Committee's Annual Report, highlighting some areas.

The past year was a challenging year for everyone bringing additional topics to the committee on Covid-19 related issues. Committee Members and Officers were thanked for their diligent work bringing these complex and substantive items to scrutiny and confirmed these complex matters will continue to be thoroughly scrutinised as they conclude.

Members noted the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the last year.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.39 pm