

## **COUNCIL**

**Date and Time:** Thursday 21 May 2020 at 7.00 pm

**Place:** Council Chamber

**Present:**

### **COUNCILLORS -**

Kennett (Chairman)

Ambler	Delaney	Quarterman
Axam	Dorn	Radley
Bailey	Drage	Smith
Blewett	Farmer	Southern
Butler	Forster	Tomlinson
Clarke	Kinnell	Wheale
Cockarill	Lamb	Wildsmith
Crampton	Makepeace-Browne	Worlock
Crookes	Neighbour	Wright
Davies	Oliver	

### **Officers Present:**

Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Helen Vincent	Committee and Member Services Officer

## **1 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Council agreed to the suspension of Standing Orders nos 9.3 (Show of Hands for Voting), 22.1 (Standing to Speak) and 22.2 (Chairman Standing).

## **2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Kennett was elected Chairman from among the Councillors of the District.

## **3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Ambler was elected Vice-Chairman from among the Councillors of the District.

## **4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 27 February 2020 and the updated Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30 April 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## 5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Crisp and Councillor Harward.

## 6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations made.

## 7 CHAIRMAN'S AND JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman asked for suggestions from Council Members for charities to support at the Joint Chairman Charity Event.

The Chief Executive confirmed that Andrew Vallance was leaving Hart in mid-June and that Emma Foy would in the interim take on the Council's statutory S151 Officer duties.

## 8 POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS

Under the Coronavirus Legislation 2020 all elections are suspended and that the term of the following ward members was extended for one year.

Ward	Councillor	Party	Term Expires
Blackwater & Hawley	Blewett	LD	2021
Crookham East	Radley	CCH	2021
Crookham West & Ewshot	Ambler	CCH	2021
Fleet Central	Makepeace-Browne	CCH	2021
Fleet East	Wright	C	2021
Fleet West	Forster	C	2021
Hartley Wintney	Crampton	C	2021
Hook	Tomlinson	C	2021
Odiham	Kennett	C	2021
Yateley East	Cockarill	LD	2021
Yateley West	Crisp	LD	2021

**Note:** There is a vacancy at this time in Crookham West and Ewshot Ward. Para 61 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 postpones all other elections including by-elections and referenda until such time as specified in Regulations to be issued by the Secretary of State.

## 9 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Council consented to Councillor Neighbour continuing as Leader of the Council for a further three years.

The Leader of the Council confirmed membership of Cabinet and their respective Portfolios:

Councillor Neighbour Leader	- Strategic Direction and Partnerships
Councillor Radley Services	- Deputy Leader - Finance and Corporate
Councillor Oliver	- Environment
Councillor Cockarill	- Place
Councillor Kinnell	- Regulatory
Councillor Ambler	- Digital
Councillor Bailey	- Community
Councillor Quarterman	- Commercialisation

## 10 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

The following Councillors were appointed to the respective Committees:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Membership</b>
<b>Audit</b>	Crookes, Blewett, Delaney, Southern, Wildsmith, Makepeace-Browne Smith
<b>Licensing</b>	Farmer, Drage, Butler, Kennett, Lamb, Clarke, Tomlinson, Wildsmith, Delaney, Wright
<b>Overview and Scrutiny</b>	Dorn, Drage, Axam, Farmer, Lamb, Davies, Worlock, Wildsmith, Makepeace-Browne, Wright, Smith
<b>Crime and Disorder Joint Scrutiny</b>	Forster, Wildsmith, Axam
<b>Five Councils Partnership Joint Committee</b>	Crookes, Radley
<b>Planning</b>	Kennett, Blewett, Ambler, Southern, Cockarill, Delaney, Worlock, Quarterman, Oliver, Wheale, Radley
<b>Staffing</b>	Kennett, Drage, Butler, Worlock, Wildsmith, Kinnell, Crampton, Neighbour, Radley
<b>Standards*</b>	Dorn, Bailey, Ambler, Kennett, Neighbour, Clarke

**\*Notes**

- 1 That membership of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2019/20 would be as follows.
  - i 6 District Councillors (as above)
  - ii Lay Person - Peter Kern
  - iii Three Parish Members to be appointed by Hart District Association of Parish and Town Councils.

**Appeals Panel**

Kennett, Quaterman, Amber, Southern, Bailey,  
Makepeace-Browne

## **11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

The following Committee Chairmen were agreed:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
Audit	Makepeace-Browne
Licensing	Butler
Planning	Oliver
Overview & Scrutiny	Worlock
Staffing	Wildsmith

Note: That the Chairman of the Standards Committee will be elected at its first meeting

## **12 ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Chairman of the 2019/20 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Crookes, presented the Committee's Annual Report, highlighting areas where scrutiny work of the Committee had added great value to the development of policy and more informed decision making.

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

The meeting closed at 7.54 pm