



Committee and Date

Council

25th July 2019

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2019

In the Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

10.00 am - 1.40 pm

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Present

Councillors Ann Hartley and Peter Nutting (Leader)

Councillors Vince Hunt (Speaker), Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader), Peter Adams, Roy Aldcroft, Clare Aspinall, Nicholas Bardsley, Joyce Barrow, Thomas Biggins, Ed Bird, Andy Boddington, Gwilym Butler, Karen Calder, Dean Carroll, Lee Chapman, Ted Clarke, Julian Dean, David Evans, Roger Evans, Hannah Fraser, Nat Green, Kate Halliday, Simon Harris, Nigel Hartin, Nick Hignett, Richard Huffer, Ioan Jones, Simon Jones, Mark Jones, Christian Lea, Matt Lee, Elliott Lynch, Robert Macey, Chris Mellings, Paul Milner, David Minnery, Dan Morris, Pamela Moseley, Alan Mosley, Cecilia Motley, Peggy Mullock, Kevin Pardy, William Parr, Vivienne Parry, Tony Parsons, Malcolm Pate, Alexander Phillips, Lezley Picton, Ed Potter, John Price, Keith Roberts, Madge Shingleton, Robert Tindall, Dave Tremellen, Kevin Turley, David Turner, David Vasmer, Claire Wild, Brian Williams, Michael Wood, Tina Woodward and Paul Wynn.

1 Election of Speaker and Vice Chairman

The Chairman, Councillor A Hartley, took the Chair for this item and called for nominations for the election of Speaker and Vice Chairman of the Council.

Proposed by the Leader, Councillor P Nutting and seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor S Charmley, that Councillor V Hunt be elected Speaker and Vice Chairman of Shropshire Council for the 2019/20 municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor V Hunt be elected as Speaker and Vice Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on 14 May 2020.

The Speaker then took the Chair and subscribed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office before being invested with the badge of office.

The Chief Executive then informed the Council that he had just received the formal resignation of the Chairman and Deputy Speaker, Councillor A Hartley, with immediate effect, thus enabling her to remain in the Chamber and vote in the event of her nomination for the office of Chairman and Deputy Speaker.

2 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Dakin, P Dee, S Davenport, R Gittings, T Huffer, R Hughes, H Kidd, N Laurens, J Mackenzie, and Winwood.

3 **Election of Chairman and Deputy Speaker**

It was proposed by the Leader, Councillor P Nutting and seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor S Charmley that Councillor A Hartley be elected as Chairman and Deputy Speaker of the Council for the 2019/20 municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor A Hartley be elected Chairman and Deputy Speaker of the Council and hold office until the Annual meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on 14 May 2020.

The Chairman and Deputy Speaker then subscribed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with Chairman's badge of office.

4 **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

5 **Minutes - 28 February 2019**

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the addition of Councillor K Roberts being shown as present, the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2019, as circulated with the agenda papers, be approved and signed as a correct record.

6 **Announcements**

Chairman's Engagements

The Chairman referred Members to the list of official engagements carried out by herself and the Speaker since the last meeting of the Council on 28th February 2019, which had been circulated at the meeting.

With sadness, the Chairman announced the death of former Councillor Amy Liebich and extended the Council's condolences to Councillor J Mackenzie and Councillor T Parsons. Council stood for a one-minute silence in memory of the late Amy Liebich.

Congratulations were extended to Councillors M Pate and C Mellings on each achieving 30 years' service as Elected Members of the Council.

The Chairman presented the Chairman and Clerk of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council with the National Association of Local Government Local Council Quality Gold Standard Award. The first Parish Council in the County to attain the Quality Gold Standard in the Scheme.

7 Public Questions

The Speaker, Councillor V Hunt advised that for reasons of continuity he intended to bring forward Agenda item 14, Motions, for consideration immediately after Agenda item 7, Public Questions.

Petitions

1. The Speaker advised that a petition, bearing over 1000 signatures has been received from Kerry Owen, Area Manager of Hazles Farm Childcare, requesting a debate under the Council's Petition Scheme on the Sunflower House Day Nursery Closure. Ms Owen was given 5 minutes to open the debate and outline her case. The key points were highlighted as:

- The nursery had been located in its current premises for 15 years, and was well established and supported by the local community;
- It had an excellent reputation for the provision of quality child care;
- A suitable alternative location would be difficult to find;
- 96 children currently on the register would be left without access to full day care; and
- Early years education was important for children's development and should be supported by the Council.

A debate ensued, and the following members spoke in support of the key points made by the petitioners: Councillors K Pardy, D Carroll, H Fraser, L Picton, and A Mosley. Members observed that the Sunflower House Nursery was recognised as a well-run childcare provider and its closure would impact on the local community as well as the children, families and staff directly affected by its closure.

In formally responding to the petition the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, Councillor Ed Potter, commented that the Local Authority had wide ranging responsibilities for a high number of troubled families. Sunflower House had been identified as the only suitable building in the area for the location of the multiagency services. The nursery had been given six months' notice that the contract would end to enable it to find suitable new premises and assistance had been offered to do this.

2. The Speaker advised that a petition bearing more than 1,000 signatures requesting that a climate emergency be declared and any new policies and projects likely to make the situation worse be halted, and that Shropshire Council work together with other local authorities and government to implement a UK-wide plan to reduce carbon emissions to zero by 2025, had been received from Joanna Blackman on behalf of the eXtinction Rebellion Shrewsbury campaign group, requesting a debate. Mr Adam Ship was given 5 minutes to open the debate and outline his case. The key points were highlighted as:

- Better environmental regulations were needed;
- Climate change posed a threat to human survival;
- Unless action was taken immediately, children would not have a future;
- Governments proposal to be zero carbon by 2040 was not soon enough;
- Melting icecaps and fires on the Yorkshire Moors in February were evidence of the deteriorating climate;
- Transport in Shropshire should be carbon neutral; and
- 1 million species were at risk of extinction unless action was taken.

A debate ensued, and the following members spoke in support of the key points made by the petitioners: Councillors A Boddington, H Fraser, J Dean, A Phillips, C Wild, S Harris and V Hunt.

Members noted that a Climate Change Task and Finish Group had been appointed and a Portfolio for Climate Change had been established. Members commented that personal contributions were vital to support the reduction in carbon production through housing and transport choices. Also that, utility firms should be encouraged to develop sustainable energy sources such as solar, ground heat pumps and wind power. Councillor A Phillips observed that exciting renewable energy technology was being developed at Harper Adams University.

The Leader, Councillor P Nutting, advised that the Council already took the issue of Climate Change seriously and had encouraged a variety of projects to support the issue, but it was important that actions also supported the County's economy.

In formally responding to the petition the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Services and Climate Change, Councillor Dean Carroll welcomed the enthusiasm of Members and the public for the issue of climate change. He continued that the Portfolio for Climate Change had only recently been created but there were already a number of exciting projects across the Council working to achieve carbon neutrality. It was his intention as Portfolio Holder to draw the different projects together and co-ordinate a coherent approach.

Public Questions

The Speaker advised that two public questions had been received from Mr K Piggott and Mr D Cheese. Mr Cheese was present at the meeting and received answers to his questions from the Portfolio Holder.

It was noted that a copy of the questions and answers would be included with the formal record of the meeting and would also be circulated to all Members and to those who had posed the questions.

8 Motions

Motion 1

The following motion was proposed by Councillor A Mosley and duly seconded by Councillor T Parsons:

That this Council welcomes the setting up of a task and finish group to examine the Council's response to Climate Change following the motion adopted by Council on 13th December and we also affirm our commitment to:

- Carbon Emission Appraisals being attached to all reports,
- The designation of a Director level Carbon Champion,
- The creation of a Climate Action Partnership of stakeholders and the wider community.

However, given the conclusions of the IPCC and more recent scientific research findings we believe that Shropshire Council should be more active in its role in providing local leadership and as an organisation meeting rigorous carbon reductions targets.

Therefore, this Council declares that there is a Climate Emergency and calls upon the Cabinet to bring forward proposals within the current calendar year to ensure that all operations within the Councils control are Carbon Neutral by 2030.

Furthermore, we resolve to provide advice, support and encouragement, however possible, to county-wide public, business and charitable organisations to adopt similar policies and practices.”

On being put to a recorded vote the proposition was carried with 23 Members voting for, 37 Members voting against and 0 abstentions as follows:

FOR (23)

Cllrs A Boddington, K Calder, L Chapman, T Clarke, J Dean, R Evans, H Fraser, N Green, K Halliday, N Hartin, R Huffer, I Jones, C Mellings, P Moseley, A Mosley, K Pardy, V Parry, T Parsons, R Tindall, D Tremellen, K Turley, D Turner, and D Vasmer.

AGAINST (37)

Cllrs P Adams, R Aldcroft, N Bardsley, J Barrow, T Biggins, E Bird, G Butler, D Carroll, S Charmley, D Evans, S Harris, A Harley, N Hignett, V Hunt, M Jones, S Jones, C Lea, E Lynch, R Macey, D Minnery, D Morris, C Motley, P Mullock, P Nutting, W Parr, M Pate, A Phillips, L Picton, J Price, E Potter, K Roberts, M Shingleton, C Wild, B Williams, M Wood, T Woodward and P Wynn.

RESOLVED:

That the Notice of Motion be not supported.

Motion 2

Councillor J Dean withdrew this motion.

Motion 4

The following motion was proposed by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Climate Change, Councillor D Carroll and duly seconded by the Leader, Councillor P Nutting:

This Council believes that Climate Change presents a serious threat to humanity with the potential impacts on weather systems and biodiversity being catastrophic if allowed to continue to increase unchecked. Although small contributors to the climate picture, local authorities do have an important role to play domestically in encouraging behaviour changes that will help to reduce emissions both locally and further afield. We also have responsibility for our own emissions as an organisation and a Corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy is being developed, a draft of which has recently been presented to the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee, which is aimed at reducing the Council's carbon footprint. To further those aims a cross-party Task & Finish Group on Climate Change has been established by the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee and an officer Working Group has been set up to drive forward our strategy for the whole county. It is planned to introduce an officer position to coordinate the Council's response to Climate Change and the sustainability agenda.

We also recognise the role that local authorities have to play in informing and influencing national Government policy. This is something Shropshire Council has taken an active lead in across a range of subjects from Fairer Funding for rural schools to support for survivors of domestic abuse. We continue to take a leading role in lobbying national Government for positive change with a motion on today's Agenda supporting the House of Lords Select Committee's call for a Rural Strategy. Over recent months a number of other local authorities across England have passed motions declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and lobbying national Government for increased support in reducing carbon emissions.

Therefore this Council resolves to:

1. To declare a 'Climate Emergency'
2. To ask the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs to encourage Government be ambitious in its plans for carbon reduction targets and align with the recent thinking of the IPCC to be Carbon Neutral by 2040.
3. To support the work currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council in this field and reaffirm our support to tackling Climate Change

Councillor P Nutting stated that he was pleased to accept the amendment to the Notice of Motion from the Liberal Democrat Group circulated to Members during the meeting. The amendment stated:

This Council believes that climate change presents a serious threat to humanity with the potential impacts on weather systems and biodiversity being catastrophic if allowed to continue to increase unchecked. Urgent action is needed to prioritise the climate emergency that we face.

Local authorities have an important role to play in encouraging behavioural changes that will help to reduce emissions both locally and further afield. It can ensure its policies encourage a rapid transition to carbon zero or net zero in all sectors that support the economy and people of Shropshire, including decisions on planning and economic development.

We have responsibility for our emissions as an organisation. A Corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy is being developed, a cross party Task and Finish Group on Climate Change has been established by the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and an officer working group has been set up to drive forward our strategy for the whole county. It is planned to introduce an officer position to coordinate the Council's response to climate change and the sustainability agenda. This is welcomed by Council.

We recognise the role that local authorities must play in informing and influencing national Government policy.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

1. To declare a 'Climate Emergency'.
2. To support the work currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council in this field and reaffirm our support to tackling climate change.
3. To ask the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to encourage Government to be ambitious in its plans for carbon reduction targets, aiming for national carbon neutrality.
4. Attach carbon emission appraisals to all policy reports.
5. Create a Climate Action Partnership of stakeholders and the wider community, to partner with the Council to provide advice, support and encouragement to public, business and charitable organisations to adopt similar policies and practices across the county. This is to be taken and considered by the appropriate Task and Finish Group.
6. To review its progress on addressing the climate emergency annually, with a view of setting an ambition target for Shropshire Council to be being carbon neutral.

Councillor J Dean proposed a further amendment which was duly seconded by Councillor M Shineton and circulated during the meeting.

On being put the vote Councillor J Dean's amendment was lost.

RESOLVED:

That the Notice of Motion with Councillor R Evans amendment be supported.

Motion 3

The following motion was proposed by Council C Motley and duly seconded by Councillor G Butler:

This Council welcomes the recently published House of Lords Select Committee report on the Rural Economy, and in particular its call for the Government to produce a comprehensive and place-based Rural Strategy, accompanied by re-energised rural proofing.

The Rural Services Network, of which Shropshire Council is an active member, and which gave evidence to the Select Committee, has similarly produced, and is promoting amongst its membership authorities, a Template for a Rural Strategy. Furthermore, Shropshire Council has undertaken to produce a County Rural Strategy, as a consequence of the motion passed by this Council on September 20th, 2018.

This Council therefore requests the Leader of the Council to write to the appropriate Government Ministers to lend support to the call for a Government-wide Rural Strategy; thus, adding weight to the recommendations of the House of Lords Select Committee report.

RESOLVED:

That the Notice of Motion be supported.

9 Returning Officer's Report

It was proposed by the Speaker, Councillor V Hunt, and seconded by the Chairman, Councillor A Hartley that the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted that on Thursday 25th April 2019, Ms Mary Kate Halliday was elected as Councillor to represent the Belle Vue Electoral Division.

10 Constitution of Committees and the Allocation of Seats to Political Groups

It was proposed by the Speaker, Councillor V Hunt and seconded by the Chairman, Councillor A Hartley, that the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes and the recommendations contained therein, be received and agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the constitution of committees and the allocation of seats to each of the political groups for the 2019/2020 municipal year and the allocation of seats between the political groups, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report, be confirmed, as follows:

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Karen Calder 2. Roy Aldcroft 3. Gerald Dakin 4. Simon Harris 5. Simon Jones 6. Paul Milner	1. Kate Halliday	1. Tracey Huffer 2. Heather Kidd	1. Madge Shineton
TOTAL – 6	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Claire Aspinall 2. Nick Hignett 3. Roger Hughes 4. Elliott Lynch 5. John Price 6. Keith Roberts	1. Pam Moseley	1. Vivienne Parry 2. Roger Evans	1. Dave Tremellen
TOTAL - 6	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL – 1

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Claire Wild 2. Joyce Barrow 3. Karen Calder 4. Cecilia Motley 5. Peggy Mullock 6. Les Winwood	1. Alan Mosley	1. Roger Evans 2. Hannah Fraser	1. Dave Tremellen
TOTAL – 6	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Simon Harris 2. Mark Jones 3. Christian Lee 4. Dan Morris 5. William Parr 6. Vince Hunt	1.	1. Heather Kidd 2. David Vasmer	1. Kevin Turley
TOTAL - 6	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 1

COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Cecilia Motley 2. Nick Hignett 3. Rob Gittins 4. Roger Hughes 5. Keith Roberts 6. Les Winwood 7. Tina Woodward	1. Ted Clarke	1. Viv Parry 2. Nigel Hartin	-
TOTAL - 7	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 0

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Roy Aldcroft 2. David Evans 3. Christian Lea 4. Matt Lee 5. Elliott Lynch 6. Brian Williams 7. Michael Wood	1.	1. Andy Boddington 2. Chris Mellings	-
TOTAL - 7	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 0

PLACE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat	Independent
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Group		Group	Group
1. Joyce Barrow 2. Rob Gittins 3. Simon Harris 4. Paul Milner 5. Dan Morris 6. William Parr 7. Paul Wynn	1. Pam Moseley	1. Andy Boddington	1. Julian Dean
TOTAL - 7	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Clare Aspinall 2. Gerald Dakin 3. Mark Jones 4. Simon Jones 5. Matt Lee 6. Tina Woodward 7. Roy Aldcroft	1. Tony Parsons	1. David Vasmer	1. Pauline Dee
TOTAL - 7	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1

PEOPLE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group	Unaligned Independent
1. Peggy Mullock 2. Clare Aspinall 3. Christian Lea 4. Elliott Lynch 5. Cecilia Motley 6. John Price	1. Kevin Pardy	1. David Vasmer	1. Kevin Turley	1. Matt Lee
TOTAL - 6	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1	Total - 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent	Unaligned Independent
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			Group	
1. Roy Aldcroft 2. Rob Gittins 3. Roger Hughes 4. Claire Wild 5. Les Winwood 6. Paul Wynn	1.	1. Roger Evans	1. Julian Dean	1.
TOTAL - 6	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1	Total - 1

PENSIONS COMMITTEE (4)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Tom Biggins 2. Brian Williams 3. Michael Wood	-	1. Chris Mellings	-
TOTAL - 3	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 0

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Roy Aldcroft 2. Alex Phillips 3. Robert Tindall	-	1. Roger Evans	-
TOTAL - 3	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 0

AUDIT COMMITTEE (5)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group	Unaligned Independent
1. Peter Adams 2. Brian Williams 3. Michael Wood	-	1. Chris Mellings	-	1. Ioan Jones
TOTAL - 3	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group	Unaligned Independent
1. Gerald Dakin 2. Roy Aldcroft 3. Matt Lee	-	1. Roger Evans	-	1.
TOTAL – 3	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL - 1

STRATEGIC LICENSING COMMITTEE (15)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Keith Roberts 2. Simon Jones 3. Peter Adams 4. Roy Aldcroft 5. Clare Aspinall 6. Nick Hignett 7. Rob Gittins 8. Robert Tindall 9. Paul Milner 10. Les Winwood	1. Pam Moseley 2. Keven Parly	1. Viv Parry 2. Nigel Hartin	1. Dave Tremellen
TOTAL – 10	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. David Evans 2. Matt Lee 3. Elliot Lynch 4. William Parr 5. Paul Wynn 6. VACANCY 7. VACANCY 8. VACANCY 9. VACANCY 10. VACANCY	1. Ted Clark 2.	1. Richard Huffer 2. David Vasmer	1. Pauline Dee

TOTAL – 10	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 1
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STANDARDS (9)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Dean Carroll 2. Peter Adams 3. Joyce Barrow 4. David Evans 5. Vince Hunt 6. Brian Williams	1. Tony Parsons	1. Chris Mellings	1. Kevin Turley
TOTAL - 6	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. R Gittings 2. Vacancy 3. VACANCY 4. VACANCY 5. VACANCY 6. VACANCY	1. Ted Clark	1. Roger Evans	1. Pauline Dee
TOTAL - 6	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1

CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (11)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group/ Unaligned Independent
1. Nick Hignett 2. Alexander Phillips 3. Keith Roberts 4. VACANCY 5. VACANCY	1. Ted Clark 2. Pam Moseley 3. Tony Parsons	1. Nat Green 2. David Vasmer	1.
TOTAL - 5	TOTAL - 3	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL – 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group/ Unaligned Independent
1. Peter Adams 2. Dan Morris 3. Lezley Picton 4. Claire Wild 5.VACANCY	1. Kevin Pardy 2. Alan Mosley 3. Jane Mackenzie	1.Roger Evans 2. Hannah Fraser	-
TOTAL - 5	TOTAL - 3	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 1

SOUTH PLANNING COMMITTEE (11)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. David Evans 2. David Turner 3. Cecilia Motley 4. Simon Harris 5. Robert Tindall 6. VACANCY 7. Tina Woodward	-	1. Andy Boddington 2.Nigel Hartin 3.Richard Huffer	1. Madge Shineton
TOTAL - 7	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL - 3	TOTAL - 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Christian Lea 2. Elliott Lynch 3. William Parr 4. Les Winwood 5. VACANCY 6. VACANCY 7. VACANCY	-	1. Heather Kidd 2.Viv Parry 3.Jonny Keeley	1. Kevin Turley
TOTAL - 7	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL - 3	TOTAL - 1

NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE (11)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group/ Unaligned Independent
1. Roy Aldcroft 2. Nick Bardsley 3. Gerald Dakin 4. Rob Gittins 5. Roger Hughes 6. Vince Hunt 7. Mark Jones 8. Paul Milner 9. Peggy Mullock 10. Paul Wynn	-	-	1. Pauline Dee
TOTAL – 10	TOTAL – 0	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL - 1

Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group/ Unaligned Independent
1. Joyce Barrow 2. Karen Calder 3. Steve Davenport 4. Ann Hartley 5. Simon Jones 6. Matt Lee 7. David Minnery 8. John Price 9. Brian Williams 10. VACANCY	-	-	
TOTAL - 10	TOTAL – 0	TOTAL - 0	TOTAL - 1

Housing Supervisory Board (9)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. Rob Gittings 2. Vince Hunt 3. Simon Jones 4. Nic Laurens	1. Tony Parsons	1. Heather Kidd	1. Pauline Dee

5. Cecilia Motley 6. Keith Roberts			
TOTAL - 6	TOTAL – 1	TOTAL - 1	TOTAL - 1

SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD AND WREKIN FIRE AUTHORITY (11)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent Group
1. David Minnery 2. John Price 3. Paul Milner 4. Paul Wynn 5. Peter Adams 6. Keith Roberts	1.	1. Nigel Hartin 2. Chris Mellings	1. Pauline Dee
TOTAL - 6	TOTAL – 1	TOTAL - 2	TOTAL - 1

11 Scheme of Delegation

It was proposed by the Speaker, Councillor V Hunt and seconded by the Chairman, Councillor A Hartley and

RESOLVED:

That the Responsibility for Functions, set out in Part 3 of the Constitution and the Scheme of Delegations set out in Part 8 of the Constitution, be agreed.

12 Proposed Changes to the Number of Planning Committees

It was proposed by the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Place Planning and Regulatory Services, Councillor G Butler and seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor S Charmley that the report of the Director of Place, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes and the recommendations contained therein be received and agreed.

Members raised concerns regarding lack of local representation leading to the risk of poor decisions being made due to lack of local knowledge. Councillor K Calder observed that during the transition period prior to the establishment of the unitary council there had been only one planning committee and it had made good objective decisions based on policy. She continued that all local Members had the right to address the Planning Committee and provide any relevant information before the decision regarding any application was made.

Councillor R Evans proposed that the decision be deferred to enable the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to consider the reduction and its findings

reported to the July meeting of Council. On being put to the vote this amendment was lost.

Members expressed concerns regarding the larger geographical area of each committee leading to increased travel times and distances for site visits and the increased environmental impact of this. The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Place Planning and Regulatory Services suggested that technology may be available in the future to reduce the number of site visits required and this should be explored.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the number of Area Planning Committees be reduced from three to two, one covering Shrewsbury town and the north, the other covering the south of the county to provide an even business split overall between the two area committees.
- ii. That these changes be implemented to take effect from 1st September 2019 and the performance of a two committee model be reviewed through scrutiny in two years from the date of implementation.

13 Shrewsbury North West Relief Road - DfT Programme Entry

It was proposed by the Leader, Councillor P Nutting and seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor S Charmley, that the report of the Director of Place, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes and the recommendations contained therein be received and agreed.

Members noted that the Government contribution to the project was capped and the Council had responsibility for any overspend. The Leader, Councillor P Nutting, clarified that this was a capital project not a revenue project, and further avenues for funding were being explored with the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership [LEP] and other funding bodies. He continued that there was an expectation that the road would allow access to new land for development which would possibly increase revenue receipts.

A request for a recorded vote received insufficient support.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Council's Programme Entry into the LLM be confirmed, taking forward previous Council endorsement of this under the submission of the completed OBC to DfT December 2017.
- ii) That the Director of Finance, Governance and Assurance (s151 Officer) be authorised to sign the DfT funding offer dated 21st March 2019 thereby agreeing to accept the full terms and conditions detailed therein as per Appendix 2.
- iii) That the programme development responsibility and spend in line with the submitted OBC, up to Full Business Case submission, and Project Programme

and financial profile (as more fully set out in paragraphs 5.1 and 6.3 of the report) be delegated to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport.

- iv) that it be noted that a further report will be brought back to Council, to identify the agreed mechanism by which the Council's funding will be obtained and allocated as part of the approval of the Full Business Case submission.

14 Dates of Council Meetings 2019/20

It was proposed by the Speaker, Councillor V Hunt and seconded by the Chairman, Councillor A Hartley that the programme of meetings of Council in 2019/20 be approved, all meetings held on a Thursday and commence at 10.00am.

RESOLVED:

That the Council meeting dates for 2019/20 be approved, as follows:

- 25 July 2019
- 19 September 2019
- 12 December 2019
- 27 February 2020
- 14 May 2020

15 Report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

It was proposed by Councillor K Roberts and seconded by Councillor P Adams that the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes, be received and noted.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its meeting of 24th April 2019, be noted.

16 Questions from Members

The Speaker advised that one question had been received in accordance with Procedure Rule 15. A copy of the report containing the full text of the question and formal response is attached to the signed Minutes of the meeting.

Received from Councillor K Pardy and answered by the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning, Councillor R Macey, in relation to fire safety in the home.

By way of a supplementary question Councillor K Pardy asked if the Portfolio Holder agreed that sprinkler systems saved lives. The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning, Councillor R Macey agreed that they did.

17 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and Paragraph 10.4(3) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item.

18 Exempt Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the exempt Minutes of the Council meeting held at 10.00am on 28th February 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Speaker.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: