



## Committee and Date

Council

15 July 2021

## COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2021

In The Auditorium - Theatre Severn, Frankwell Quay, Frankwell, Shrewsbury. SY3 8FT

10.00 - 11.00 am

**Responsible Officer:** Tim Ward

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### Present

Councillors Vince Hunt (Speaker), Roy Aldcroft, Jeff Anderson, Caroline Bagnall, Nicholas Bardsley, Joyce Barrow, Bernie Bentick, Thomas Biggins, Ed Bird, Andy Boddington, Peter Broomhall, Julia Buckley, Garry Burchett, Gwilym Butler, Dean Carroll, Steve Charmley, Ted Clarke, Gerald Dakin, Rosemary Dartnall, Steve Davenport, Mary Davies, Geoff Elner, David Evans, Julian Dean, Julia Evans, Roger Evans, Paul Gill, Rob Gittins, Nat Green, Kate Halliday, Simon Harris, Nigel Hartin, Nick Hignett, Ruth Houghton, Richard Huffer, Kirstie Hurst-Knight, Mike Isherwood, Mark Jones, Simon Jones, Duncan Kerr, Heather Kidd, Christian Lea, Hilary Luff, Nigel Lumby, Elliott Lynch, Robert Macey, Richard Marshall, David Minnery, Dan Morris, Pamela Moseley, Alan Mosley, Cecilia Motley, Peggy Mullock, Ian Nellins, Kevin Pardy, Vivienne Parry, Tony Parsons, Lezley Picton, Ed Potter, John Price, Chris Schofield, Dan Thomas, Robert Tindall, Edward Towers, Dave Tremellen, Kevin Turley, David Vasmer, Alex Wagner, Claire Wild, Brian Williams, Rob Wilson, Leslie Winwood and Paul Wynn

### 1 Election of Speaker and Vice-Chairman

The Chief Executive called for nominations for the election of Speaker and Vice Chairman of Shropshire Council.

Councillor Brian Williams proposed that the title of Speaker should be replaced with the title Chairman, the role to cover charring meetings of the Council and all civic duties and that power should be delegated to the Deputy Monitoring Officer to make any changes to the constitution required to enable this. He further proposed that Councillor Vince Hunt should be elected as Chairman of Shropshire Council. These proposals were seconded by Councillor Joyce Barrow.

Councillor Roger Evans proposed that Councillor David Minnery be elected as Chairman of Shropshire Council. This was seconded by Councillor David Vasmer

Following a vote, it was **RESOLVED**: -

- a) That the title of Speaker should be replaced with the title Chairman, the role to cover charring meetings of the Council and all civic duties and that power should be delegated to the Deputy Monitoring Officer to make any changes to the constitution required to enable this.

- b) That Councillor Vince Hunt should be elected as Chairman of Shropshire Council for the forthcoming municipal year.

Councillor Hunt then took the Chair and subscribed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office before being invested with the Chairman's badge of office.

Councillor Hunt thanked Members for electing him. He advised the meeting that prayers would not be said at this meeting but asked the meeting to hold a short period of silence in memory of Julie Fildes, Committee officer who had died earlier this year.

## 2 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Tracey Huffer

## 3 **Election of Chairman and Deputy Speaker**

The Chairman reminded Members that following their previous decision he would now call for nominations for a Vice Chairman

The Chairman called for nomination for the position of Vice Chair of Shropshire Council.

The Chairman, Councillor Vince Hunt proposed that Brian Williams be elected Vice-Chairman of Shropshire Council. Councillor Lezley Picton seconded the proposal.

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Brian Williams be elected as Vice Chairman of Shropshire Council for the forthcoming municipal year

The Vice Chairman subscribed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with his 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.

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

## 5 **Minutes**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2021, as circulated with the agenda papers, be approved and signed as a correct record.

## 6 Return of Election of Shropshire Councillors

Members received the report of the Returning Officer which set out those persons elected to Shropshire Council at the election held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The Chairman asked Members to place on record its appreciation of the services of the following Councillors who decided not to seek re-election or were not returned by the electorate.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted and that Council places on record its appreciation of the services of the following Councillors who decided not to seek re-election or were not returned by the electorate: -

Peter Adams	Paul Milner
Gwen Burgess	Chris Mellings
Karen Calder	Peter Nutting
Lee Chapman	William Parr
Pauline Dee	Malcolm Pate
Hannah Fraser	Alexander Phillips
Simon Harris	Keith Roberts
Ann Hartley	Madge Shingleton
Roger Hughes	David Turner
Ioan Jones	Michael Wood
Matt Lee	Tina Woodward
Jane Mackenzie	

## 7 Announcements

### **Chairman's Engagements**

The Chairman advised Members that due to Covid restrictions he had not attended any events.

## 8 Election of Leader of the Council

It was proposed by Councillor Steve Charmley and seconded by Councillor Cecilia Motley that Councillor Lezley Picton be elected Leader of the Council for the period to the Annual Council in 2025

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Lezley Picton be elected Leader of the Council for the period to the Annual Council in 2025

The Leader subscribed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then thanked the Council for the honour of being the Leader of the Council. She welcomed all new Councillors and urged them to make the most of their time on Shropshire Council,

and paid tribute to the Council Staff who had continued to provide such a good service through the lockdown, and to the residents of Shropshire who had shown great resilience and community spirit. The Leader informed Councillors that she and her cabinet would concentrate on getting the basics right as without firm foundations all work would be at risk.

## 9 **Appointment of Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members and their Portfolios**

It was moved by the leader, Councillor Lezley Picton and seconded by Councillor Steve Charmley that the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes and recommendations contained therein be received and agreed

### **RESOLVED:**

- A. That the appointment of Cabinet Members and the allocation of titles and remits of portfolios, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, be noted.
- B. That the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members and the allocation of titles and remits of portfolios, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, be noted.
- C. (i) That the continuation of the discharge of the functions of the Council in relation to West Mercia Energy through the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee and the West Mercia Energy Pension Committee be noted and the Council's Executive Member representatives be noted, namely Councillor Edward Potter and Councillor Gwilym Butler serving on the Joint Committee.  
  
(ii) That the continuation of the discharge of functions through the Health and Well-Being Board be noted and the Council's Executive representatives be noted, namely:
  - Portfolio Holder for Children and Education – Councillor Kirstie Hurst-Knight;
  - Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Public Health & Assets – Councillor Dean Carroll
  - Portfolio Holder for Communities, Place, Tourism & Transport – Councillor Cecilia Motley

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

It was moved by the Leader, Councillor Lezley Picton and seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Steve Charmley that the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes and recommendations contained therein be received and agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council confirms the constitution of committees and the allocation of seats to each of the political groups for the 2021/22 municipal year and the allocation of seats between the political groups, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report be confirmed as follows:

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

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Roy Aldcroft Gerald Dakin Geoff Elner Simon Jones Chris Schofield Dan Thomas	Heather Kidd Tracey Huffer	Kate Halliday	David Minnery	
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Vince Hunt	Bernie Bentick Viv Parry	Julia Buckley		
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Joyce Barrow Simon Jones Robert Macey Peggy Mullock Claire Wild Les Winwood	Roger Evans Heather Kidd	Julia Buckley Alan Mosley		
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Vince Hunt	David Vasmer TBC	Ted Clarke Tony Parsons		
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (10)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Nick Hignett Mark Jones Christian Lea Elliott Lynch Robert Macey Dan Morris	Nigel Hartin Viv Parry	Ted Clarke		Duncan Kerr
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Claire Wild	Andy Boddington Nat Green	Rosemary Dartnell		Julia Evans
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**PLACE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (10)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Joyce Barrow Steve Davenport Geoff Elner Paul Gill Dan Morris Paul Wynn	Andy Boddington David Vasmer	Pam Moseley		Julian Dean
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Dan Thomas	Nat Green Rob Wilson	Kate Halliday		Mike Isherwood
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**PEOPLE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (10)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Ed Bird Peter Broomhall David Evans Hillary Luff Peggy Mullock Claire Wild	Nat Green Ruth Houghton	Kev Pardy	Kevin Turley	
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Dan Thomas	Roger Evans David Vasmer	Caroline Bagnall		
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**PENSIONS COMMITTEE (4)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Tom Biggins Simon Harris Brian Williams	Roger Evans			
<b>TOTAL – 3</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Chris Schofield	Mary Davies			
<b>TOTAL – 3</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**AUDIT COMMITTEE (5)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Simon Harris Nigel Lumby Brian Williams	David Vasmer	Rosemary Dartnell		
<b>TOTAL – 3</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>



**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Chris Schofield	Roger Evans	Caroline Bagnall		
<b>TOTAL – 3</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**STRATEGIC LICENSING COMMITTEE (15)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Roy Aldcroft Peter Broomhall Garry Burchett Simon Jones Nigel Lumby Elliott Lynch Chris Schofield Robert Tindall	Richard Huffer Viv Parry Alex Wagner	Pam Moseley Kev Pardy	Dave Tremellen	Mike Isherwood
<b>TOTAL – 8</b>	<b>TOTAL - 3</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Vince Hunt Dan Thomas	Mary Davies Nigel Hartin Ruth Houghton	Kate Halliday		Julian Dean
<b>TOTAL – 8</b>	<b>TOTAL - 3</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**STANDARDS (9)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Joyce Barrow Dean Carroll David Evans Dan Morris Brian Williams	Roger Evans	Tony Parsons	Edward Towers	Julian Dean
<b>TOTAL – 5</b>	<b>TOTAL – 1</b>	<b>TOTAL – 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Claire Wild	David Vasmer			Duncan Kerr
<b>TOTAL – 5</b>	<b>TOTAL – 1</b>	<b>TOTAL – 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**SOUTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE (11)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
David Evans Nick Hignett Hillary Luff Nigel Lumby Richard Marshall Robert Tindall	Andy Boddington Richard Huffer	Caroline Bagnall Tony Parsons	Dave Tremellen	
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Claire Wild	Nigel Hartin Heather Kidd	Julia Buckley Kevin Pardy		
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**NORTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE (11)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Joyce Barrow Garry Burchett Geoff Elner Vince Hunt Mark Jones Paul Wynn	David Vasmer Alex Wagner	Ted Clarke	Edward Towers	Mike Isherwood
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Gerald Dakin	Nat Green Nigel Hartin	Pam Moseley		Julian Dean
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**HOUSING SUPERVISORY BOARD (9)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Jeff Anderson Vince Hunt Simon Jones Rob Macey Dan Thomas	Ruth Houghton Heather Kidd	Tony Parsons		Julian Dean
<b>TOTAL – 5</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Nick Bardsley	Andy Boddington Roger Evans	Rosemary Dartnell		Duncan Kerr
<b>TOTAL – 5</b>	<b>TOTAL - 2</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>

**SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD AND WREKIN FIRE AUTHORITY (10)**

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Green Group
Roy Aldcroft Garry Burchett Nick Hignett Christian Lea John Price Paul Wynn	Roger Evans Nigel Hartin	Kev Pardy	David Minnery	
<b>TOTAL – 6</b>	<b>TOTAL – 2</b>	<b>TOTAL – 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 1</b>	<b>TOTAL - 0</b>

**11 Appointments to Outside Bodies, Committees and Other Groups**

It was moved by the Leader, Councillor Lezley Picton and seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Steve Charmley that the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes and recommendations contained therein be received and agreed.

Councillor Alan Moseley asked that the following nominations from the Labour Group be included: -

County Council Network Council – Councillor Caroline Bagnall  
Local Government Association – Councillor Julie Buckley  
SPARSE (Rural Services Network) – Councillor Caroline Bagnall (Observer)

**RESOLVED: -**

- A. That urgent appointments to the outside bodies, committees and groups set out in Appendix 1 to the report be as follows:

Outside Body	Required Representation	
<b>County Council Network Council</b>	Up to 4 Members	Lezley Picton Cecilia Motley Roger Evans Caroline Bagnall
<b>Local Government Association</b>	Up to 4 Members	Lezley Picton Cecilia Motley Roger Evans Julia Buckley

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Required Representation</b>	
<b>The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Board</b>	1 – Member	Ed Potter
<b>SPARSE (Rural Services Network)</b>	4 (2 as observers)	Gwilym Butler Cecilia Motley  <u>Observer</u> Heather Kidd Caroline Bagnall
<b>West Mercia Police and Crime Panel</b>	4 – Members (1 Substantive Member & 3 co-opted) 4 – Alternates	Nigel Lumby (Substantive) Jeff Anderson (Co-Opted) Roger Evans (Co-Opted) Vivienne Parry (Co-Opted)  <u>Alternates</u> Roy Aldcroft Richard Marshall
<b>West Midlands Combined Authority – Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee</b>	1 – Member	Chris Schofield
<b>West Midlands Combined Authority – Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>	1 – Member	Nigel Lumby

- B. That a small working group comprising Group Leaders or their nominated representatives be established to appoint to the remaining outside bodies, committees and groups, and that any bodies where agreement cannot be reached by the Group be referred back to Council for decision.

- C. That, the Chief Executive in consultation with appropriate Group Leaders be authorised to agree any other appointment that may be necessary as a matter of urgency.

## 12 Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

It was moved by the Leader, Councillor Lezley Picton and seconded by Councillor Roger Evans that the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes and recommendations contained therein be received and agreed.

Members were advised that the recommendations would be amended to take account of their earlier decision regarding the Chairman/Speaker.

Councillor Boddington proposed that the recommendations of the Panel be accepted and in addition that the Basic Allowance should be increased annually in line with the % increase for Local Government workers salary as agreed by the NJC or by Shropshire Council (if this is different from the NJC rates) at SCP 18. This was seconded by Councillor Roger Evans. Following a vote, the amendment was carried.

Councillor Kevin Pardy proposed that any increase in allowances be deferred for 12 months to allow a full assessment of the financial situation at that time. This was seconded by Councillor Rosemary Dartnall. Following a vote, the amendment was defeated

### **RESOLVED:**

That the recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel be approved subject to –

Amendment to the recommendations following the decision regarding the Chairman and Speaker roles, and

The Basic Allowance being increased annually in line with the % increase for Local Government workers salary as agreed by the NJC or by Shropshire Council (if this is different from the NJC rates) at SCP 18.

## 13 Schemes of Delegation

It was proposed by the Chairman, Councillor Vince Hunt, and seconded by the Leader Councillor Lezley Picton and duly **RESOLVED** that the Responsibility for Functions, set out in Part 3 of the Constitution and the Scheme of Delegation, set out in Part 8 of the Constitutions be agreed.

**14 Dates of Council Meetings**

It was proposed by The Chairman, Councillor Vince Hunt and seconded by the Leader, Councillor Lezley Picton and duly **RESOLVED** that the programme of dates for future meetings of Shropshire Council, as set out below, be approved and that all meetings commence at 10.00 a.m.

- 15 July 2021
- 23 September 2021
- 16 December 2021
- 24 February 2022
- 12 May 2022

**15 Exclusion of Press and Public**

**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 Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items.

**16 Exempt Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2021, as circulated with the agenda papers, be approved and signed as a correct record.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....