

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, KT1 2DN ON 21 MAY 2019 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM, THE COUNCIL BEING CONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Tony Samuels (Chairman)
Helyn Clack (Vice-Chairman)

	Mary Angell	Julie Iles
	Ayesha Azad	Naz Islam
	Barton	Colin Kemp
*	John Beckett	Eber Kington
	Mike Bennison	Graham Knight
	Chris Botten	Rachael I Lake
	Liz Bowes	Yvonna Lay
	Natalie Bramhall	David Lee
*	Mark Brett-Warburton	Mary Lewis
*	Ben Carasco	Andy MacLeod
	Bill Chapman	Ernest Mallett MBE
	Stephen Cooksey	David Mansfield
	Clare Curran	Jan Mason
	Nick Darby	Cameron McIntosh
	Paul Deach	Sinead Mooney
*	Graham Ellwood	Charlotte Morley
	Jonathan Essex	* Marsha Moseley
	Robert Evans	Tina Mountain
	Tim Evans	Bernie Muir
	Mel Few	Mark Nuti
	Will Forster	John O'Reilly
	John Furey	Tim Oliver
	Matt Furniss	Andrew Povey
*	Bob Gardner	* Wyatt Ramsdale
	Mike Goodman	Mrs Penny Rivers
*	Angela Goodwin	Stephen Spence
	David Goodwin	Lesley Steeds
	Zully Grant-Duff	Peter Szanto
	Alison Griffiths	Keith Taylor
	Ken Gulati	Barbara Thomson
	Tim Hall	Rose Thorn
	Kay Hammond	Chris Townsend
	David Harmer	Denise Turner-Stewart
	Jeffrey Harris	Richard Walsh
	Nick Harrison	Hazel Watson
	Edward Hawkins	Fiona White
*	Marisa Heath	Keith Witham
	Saj Hussain	* Victoria Young

*absent

25/18 CHAIRMAN [Item 1]

Under the motion of Ms Turner-Stewart, seconded by Mr Botten, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That Mr Anthony Samuels be elected Chairman of the Council for the council year 2019/20.

26/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 2]

Apologies for absence have been received from Mr Beckett, Mrs Bowes, Mr Brett-Warburton, Mr Carasco, Mr Ellwood, Mr Gardner, Mrs Goodwin, Miss Heath, Mrs Moseley, Mr Ramsdale and Mrs Young.

27/18 MINUTES [Item 3]

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 19 March 2019 were submitted, confirmed and signed.

28/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]

There were none.

29/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 5]

The Chairman:

- Led a silent tribute in remembrance of Mrs Elise Whiteley, a former county councillor, who had died recently.
- Thanked Mr Nick Harrison for his dedication during his time as Leader of the Residents Association and Independent Group and welcomed Nick Darby as his successor.
- Informed Members that he was hosting an event at Walton Cricket Club to commemorate the fact that baseball was first played in Walton on Thames by the Prince of Wales in 1749. It was noted that Members were welcome to attend.
- Highlighted that he had arranged for some young musicians from the Yehudi Menuhin school in Cobham to play for Members at 2.30pm after the next County Council meeting. Members were asked to confirm attendance by 31 May 2019.

30/18 VICE-CHAIRMAN [Item 6]

Upon the motion of Mrs Mary Lewis, seconded by Mr Will Forster, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Mrs Helyn Clack be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the council year 2019/20.

31/18 LEADER'S STATEMENT [Item 7]

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The Leader made a detailed statement. A copy of the statement is attached as Appendix 1. A copy of the changes to the Cabinet Portfolios was tabled at the meeting and is attached as Appendix 2.

Members raised the following topics:

- Highlighted that the main issues for the Council were resident experience, collaboration of Members and working with partners.
- That residents were concerned with issues relating to youth centres, libraries and bus subsidies.
- That changes to the Council's scrutiny function would be positive.
- That Surrey Heartlands commissioners spend the lowest amount per capital on mental health in the country.
- That climate change needed to be addressed.
- That they welcome a review of the Community Recycling Centres and rural car parking policies.
- They hoped that this was the last County Council meeting were an Ombudsman Report was considered.
- There was a need for residents to better understand cross-agency support.
- Acknowledged a group called Extinction Rebellion and welcomed comments on climate change.
- There was a need to transform bus services to increase accessibility.
- That environment and climate change should be added to the Place Select Committee's title.

32/18 ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR [Item 8]

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:50am due to disruption in the public gallery.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:00am

The Chief Executive formally reported that Mrs Nikki Barton was duly elected as the new County Councillor for the Haslemere division following the by-election held on 2 May 2019.

33/18 CHANGES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FUNCTION [Item 9]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and highlighted that an opposition Member would hold a Vice-Chairmanship of each select committee and would support the Committee's working groups. It was further stated that there was a need for a robust scrutiny structure in order to provide sufficient scrutiny of the Council's services and transformation programmes.

Members made the following comments:

- That they felt it was a positive move to have two Vice-Chairman on each select committee.
- Highlighted that there was a need for sufficient resource and support for select committees from Democratic Services.
- That the transparency of the process should be celebrated.

- They endorsed the role of the Select Committee Chairman's and Vice-Chairman's Group.

Mr John O'Reilly proposed a motion, seconded by Mr Saj Hussain, to change the title of the Place Select Committee to the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee. It was stated that the proposed title better reflected the work of the Committee and would allow for an increased understanding from a resident perspective. Two Members spoke on the amendment and made the following comments:

- That it was inappropriate to amend the title at such short notice.
- That the overall goal was to allow residents to understand the work of the Select Committee.

Mr Hussain, as seconder of the amendment, made the following comment:

- That he felt it was important that residents understand the remit of the Select Committee.

The amendment was put to a vote with 51 Members voting for, 2 against and 8 abstentions. Therefore the amendment was carried.

RESOLVED

Subject to an amendment carried at the meeting, the revised structure for overview and scrutiny in the County Council be adopted.

34/18 ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY [Item 10]

The annual review of the Scheme of Political Proportionality 2019/20 was introduced by the Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED (with no Member voting Against):

That the committee sizes and scheme of proportionality be adopted for 2019/20.

35/18 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION [Item 11]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and provided a brief summary.

Members made the following comments:

- Members asked whether the Committee in Common Sub-Committee meetings would be held in public. The Leader of the Council confirmed that decisions made by the Sub-Committee would be held in public.
- Members asked whether the Strategic Investment Board would be subject to scrutiny at a select committee. The Leader of the Council confirmed that the Board fell within the remit of the Performance and Resources Select Committee.

RESOLVED:

The County Council approved the changes to the Scheme of Delegation and the Articles as set out in the Annexes, and authorised the Director of Law and Governance to make the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution.

36/18 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES [Item 12]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report. Members noted that the title of the Resources and Performance Select Committee was incorrect in the report.

RESOLVED (with no Members voting against):

- (1) To appoint Members to serve on the Committees of the Council for the Council year 2019/20 in accordance with the wishes of political groups.
- (2) To authorise the Chief Executive to make changes to the membership of any of the Council's Committees as necessary during the Council year in accordance with the wishes of political groups.
- (3) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Woking borough area to serve on the Woking Joint Committee for the Council year 2019/20.
- (4) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Spelthorne borough area to serve on the Spelthorne Joint Committee for the Council year 2019/20.
- (5) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Runnymede borough area to serve on the Runnymede Joint Committee for the Council year 2019/20.
- (6) To appoint the County Councillors representing divisions in the Guildford borough area to serve on the Guildford Joint Committee for the Council year 2019/20.
- (7) To appoint the remaining County Councillors for each district/borough area to serve on the appropriate Local Committee for the Council year 2019/20, and to authorise the Chief Executive to appoint an equal number of district/borough councillors to the Local Committees following nominations by the district and borough councils, which they should be requested to make politically proportional to their Membership.
- (8) To appoint the Council's representative to the Surrey Police and Crime Panel for the Council year 2019/20.
- (9) To appoint four Members (one of whom must be a Cabinet Member and the others County Councillors representing divisions that include the Basingstoke Canal) to the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee.
- (10) To appoint up to two Members to the Buckinghamshire County Council and Surrey County Council Joint Trading Standards Service Committee, one of whom must be a Cabinet Member; the other in an advisory non-voting role.

(11) To note the Leader's appointments to the Council's Executive Committees as outlined above.

37/18 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN [Item 13]

The proposals for the appointment of Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairmen were emailed to Members and tabled at the meeting. It is attached as Appendix 3 to these minutes.

The appointment to the role of Chairmanship of the Epsom and Ewell Local Committee was subject to a contested election, with 48 Members voting for Tina Mountain and 14 for John Becket.

RESOLVED:

That the Members listed below are duly elected as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen respectively of the Committees as shown for 2019/20.

SELECT COMMITTEES		
	Chairman	Vice-Chairmen
Adults and Health	Jeff Harris	1. Bernie Muir 2. Nick Darby
Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture	Kay Hammond	1. Lesley Steeds 2. Chris Botten
Place	John O'Reilly	1. Saj Hussain 2. Andy MacLeod
Resources and Performance	Nick Harrison	1. Graham Knight 2. Will Forster
REGULATORY COMMITTEES		
	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		
	Tim Oliver	Colin Kemp
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
	David Harmer	Keith Witham

PLANNING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE		
	Tim Hall	Edward Hawkins
SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE		
	Tim Evans	Ben Carasco
LOCAL COMMITTEES		
<i>DISTRICT</i>	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Elmbridge	Peter Szanto	Mike Bennison
Epsom & Ewell	Tina Mountain	Jan Mason
Mole Valley	Tim Hall	Stephen Cooksey
Reigate & Banstead	Jeff Harris	Barbara Thomson
Surrey Heath	Bill Chapman	Edward Hawkins
Tandridge	Cameron McIntosh	Rose Thorn
Waverley	Victoria Young	David Harmer

JOINT COMMITTEES		
Guildford	Borough to appoint	Keith Taylor
Runnymede Joint Committee	Borough to appoint	Mark Nuti
Spelthorne Joint Committee	Borough to appoint	Richard Walsh
Woking Joint Committee	Ayesha Azad	Borough to appoint

38/18 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 14]

Notice of four questions had been received. The questions and replies were published in a supplementary agenda on 20 May 2019.

A number of supplementary questions were asked and a summary of the main points is set out below:

(Q1) Mr Eber Kington asked the Cabinet Member for Highways to confirm whether highways funding was based on road used and whether he would agree to introduce it as a criteria for local highways funding in the future. The Cabinet Member stated that it would not be appropriate to monitor and assess until after a full year had passed. It was further stated that each local council had received core funding for highways.

(Q2) Mr Robert Evans asked the Cabinet Member for Highways whether he would visit his electoral division to see the state of local pavements in order to better understand the challenges residents face when using them.

Mr Essex asked if the Cabinet Member would agree that the review should not only assess the process but also the funding allocation.

The Cabinet Member confirmed that he was happy to visit any Member's division to better understand local issues. The Cabinet Member further confirmed that there were currently 13 reconstruction schemes on pavements which equalled 6.5 kilometres. In response to the second question, the Cabinet Member highlighted that Members were able to use their Members' Allocation to address issues with pavements up to 10 to 15 metres.

(Q3) Mr Chris Botten asked the Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health whether they would consider publishing a delegated action list to outline details of decisions taken by offices and information on how the decisions could be challenged.

The Cabinet Member confirmed that a document which outlined key decisions delegated to officers was currently published. The Cabinet Member stated that she would arrange for Democratic Services to circulate an email notification to Members upon the publication of key delegated decisions..

(Q4) Mr Robert Evans highlighted to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste that children were particularly affected by fine matter and asked whether the Cabinet Member would continue to have the highest possible standards for air quality.

The Cabinet Member confirmed that funding had been secured to educate children in Surrey schools on air quality. The Cabinet Member further confirmed that an anti-idling campaign would be held in five schools on 20 July 2019. Members further noted that the Schools Air Quality Programme would be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2019 rather than December 2019.

39/18 STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS [Item 15]

Mrs Tina Mountain made a statement concerning a recent house fire in Stoneleigh where she commended the work of the Fire Service.

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40/18 DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY VISION FOR SURREY IN 2030: WORKING WITH PARTNERS AND RESIDENTS [Item 16]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and provided a brief summary.

Members made the following comments:

- A Member highlighted that there was previously an agreement of work between partners and the Council known as the Surrey Compact and asked if this would be reinstated. The Leader of the Council stated he that he would look into this.
- That they full supported the initiative.

RESOLVED:

Council endorsed and approved the Partnership Commitment and supported its promotion across the county.

41/18 APPOINTMENT OF SECTION 151 OFFICER [Item 17]

The Leader of the Council introduced the report.

RESOLVED:

The County Council agreed to appoint Leigh Whitehouse as Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer of Surrey County Council.

42/18 REPORT OF THE CABINET [Item 18]

The Leader presented the report of the Cabinet meetings held on 26 March 2019 and 30 April 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

A. Revision Of Procurement and Contract Standing Orders

REPORT FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

B. Asset And Place Strategy

C. Moving Closer To Resident

D. Local Government Ombudsman

E. Quarterly Report On Decisions Taken Under Special Urgency Arrangements: 1 February – 7 May 2019

RESOLVED:

That the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 26 March 2019 and 30 April 2019 be adopted.

43/18 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS [Item 19]

No notification had been received by the deadline from Members wishing to raise a question or make a statement on any matters in the minutes.

[Meeting ended at: 11.28 am]

Chairman