



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL

20 May 2021

7.00 - 8.01 pm

Main Hall, Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stroud

Minutes

Membership

Councillor Steve Robinson (Chair)

Councillor Beki Aldam*
 Councillor Paula Baker
 Councillor Martin Baxendale
 Councillor Natalie Bennett
 Councillor Catherine Braun
 Councillor Chris Brine
 Councillor Martin Brown
 Councillor Jason Bullingham
 Councillor Doina Cornell
 Councillor Gordon Craig
 Councillor Kate Crews
 Councillor Laurie Davies
 Councillor Stephen Davies
 Councillor Trina Davis
 Councillor Jonathan Edmunds
 Councillor Christopher Evans
 Councillor Helen Fenton
 Councillor Colin Fryer
 Councillor Victoria Gray
 Councillor Lindsey Green
 Councillor Jessie Hoskin
 Councillor Nicholas Housden
 Councillor Nick Hurst
 Councillor Stephen Hynd
 Councillor George James

*= Absent

Councillor Trevor Hall (Vice Chair)*

Councillor Julie Job
 Councillor Christopher Jockel
 Councillor John Jones
 Councillor Haydn Jones*
 Councillor Norman Kay
 Councillor Robin Layfield
 Councillor Jenny Miles
 Councillor Dave Mossman*
 Councillor Gillian Oxley
 Councillor Loraine Patrick
 Councillor Martin Percy
 Councillor Keith Pearson
 Councillor Nigel Prenter
 Councillor Mattie Ross
 Councillor Mark Ryder
 Councillor Lucas Schoemaker
 Councillor Ashley Smith
 Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
 Councillor Haydn Sutton
 Councillor Brian Tipper
 Councillor Ken Tucker
 Councillor Chloe Turner
 Councillor Tricia Watson
 Councillor Rich Wilsher

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive
 Monitoring Officer
 Strategic Director of Resources

Head of Community Services
 Corporate Policy and Governance Manager
 Senior Democratic Services and Elections Officer

CL.1 **Chair of Council**

Councillor Steve Robinson was nominated for the position of Chair of Council.

RESOLVED That Councillor Steve Robinson be elected Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2021-22.

CL.2 **Vice-Chair of Council**

Councillor Trevor Hall was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of Council.

RESOLVED That Councillor Trevor Hall be elected Vice-Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2021-22.

CL.3 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aldam, Hall, Haydn Jones and Mossman.

CL.4 **Declaration of Interests**

There were none.

CL.5 **Minutes**

The Chair advised that an amended version of the minutes had been sent to Members to incorporate the amendment proposed by Councillor Rathor for the Motion at Minute Number CL.061 which was voted upon and agreed.

Furthermore, the Chair confirmed that it had been brought to the attention of Democratic Services that the following sentence also needed to be amended from the minutes at CL.058 for the Local Plan. "In terms of net density, 700 dwellings per hectare would be a low level and 900 would be needed in order to achieve efficient use of land" the sentence should not include 'per hectare' and should instead be 'In terms of net density, 700 dwellings would be a low level and 900 would be needed in order to achieve efficient use of land'.

Councillor John Jones queried CL.055 and clarified the name Green should be Reed. It was confirmed that this change would be made.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2021 are confirmed and signed as a correct record with the amendments listed above.

CL.6 **Announcements**

The Chair thanked Gary Powell, the outgoing Chair of Council, for all of his hard work including representing the District Council at many functions. He also offered a personal thanks to all of the outgoing Councillors and gave a warm welcome to the newly elected Councillors.

CL.7 **Appointment to Committees**

The appointment to committees was agreed as set out below. It was identified later in the meeting that Councillor Sutton had not been appointed to a Committee, Councillor Stephen Davies apologised and advised that he would confirm Councillor Sutton's appointment at a later time and it would be brought back to the next Council meeting for confirmation.

Community Services and Licensing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Chris Brine
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds
 Councillor Beki Aldam
 Councillor Gordon Craig
 Councillor Kate Crews
 Councillor Jessie Hoskin

Councillor Julie Job
 Councillor John Jones
 Councillor Gill Oxley
 Councillor Nigel Prenter
 Councillor Steve Robinson
 Councillor Ken Tucker

Environment Committee (13 Members)

Councillor Chloe Turner
Councillor Robin Layfield
 Councillor Natalie Bennett
 Councillor Martin Brown
 Councillor Chris Evans
 Councillor George James
 Councillor Haydn Jones

Councillor Norman Kay
 Councillor David Mossman
 Councillor Ashley Smith
 Councillor Trina Davis
 Councillor Brian Tipper
 Councillor Tricia Watson

Housing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Christopher Jockel
 Councillor Paula Baker
 Councillor Laurie Davies
 Councillor Trina Davis
 Councillor Colin Fryer

Councillor Lindsey Green
 Councillor Nick Housden
 Councillor Steve Hynd
 Councillor Jenny Miles
 Councillor Loraine Patrick
 Councillor Lucas Schoemaker

Strategy and Resources Committee (13 Members)

Councillor Doina Cornell
Councillor Catherine Braun
 Councillor Chris Brine
 Councillor Gordon Craig
 Councillor Stephen Davies
 Councillor Nick Housden
 Councillor Nick Hurst

Councillor Martin Percy
 Councillor Keith Pearson
 Councillor Steve Robinson
 Councillor Mattie Ross
 Councillor Ken Tucker
 Councillor Chloe Turner

Audit and Standards Committee (9 Members)

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
Councillor Martin Percy

Councillor Nick Hurst
 Councillor Norman Kay

Councillor Chris Brine
 Councillor Doina Cornell
 Councillor Stephen Davies

Councillor Keith Pearson
 Councillor Rich Wilsher

Development Control Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Martin Baxendale
Councillor Trevor Hall
 Councillor Martin Brown
 Councillor Jason Bullingham
 Councillor Helen Fenton
 Councillor Victoria Gray

Councillor Haydn Jones
 Councillor Loraine Patrick
 Councillor Mattie Ross
 Councillor Mark Ryder
 Councillor Lucas Schoemaker
 Councillor Ashley Smith

RESOLVED That an additional seat be added to the Membership of the Environment Committee and that Councillors be appointed to the Council's committees as set out in these minutes.

CL.8 Appointment of Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

The following Councillors were nominated and voted into the positions of Chairs and Vice-Chairs on the Council's committees in 2021-22.

Audit and Standards Committee

Chair: Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy Vice-Chair: Councillor Martin Percy

Community Services and Licensing Committee

Chair: Councillor Chris Brine Vice-Chair: Councillor Jonathan Edmunds

Development Control Committee

Chair: Councillor Martin Baxendale Vice-Chair: Councillor Trevor Hall

Environment Committee

Chair: Councillor Chloe Turner Vice-Chair: Councillor Robin Layfield

Housing Committee

Chair: Councillor Mattie Ross Vice-Chair: Councillor Christopher Jockel

Strategy and Resources Committee

Chair: Councillor Doina Cornell Vice-Chair: Councillor Catherine Braun

RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair to the Council's committees as set out in these minutes.

CL.9 Other Appointments

Councillors were appointed as lead and substitute on other bodies in 2021/22.

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Gloucestershire)

Councillor Helen Fenton (Lead)
 Councillor Natalie Bennett (Substitute)

Police and Crime Panel (Gloucestershire)

Councillor Chris Brine (Lead)

Councillor Martin Percy (Substitute)

Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Chloe Turner (Lead)

Councillor Ashley Smith (Substitute)

Gloucestershire Covid-19 Outbreak Engagement Board

Councillor Doina Cornell (Lead)

Councillor Catherine Braun (Substitute)

Appointment of three Mental Health Champions

Councillors Victoria Gray, Jenny Miles and Tricia Watson

Appointment of five Members to the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

Councillors Gill Oxley, Robin Layfield, Natalie Bennett, Norman Kay, Beki Aldam.

RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed to other bodies as set out above.

a) **Audit and Standards Committee - 27 April 2021**

Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy offered his welcome and congratulations to all newly elected and re-elected Councillors. He introduced his report and advised that a correction needed to be made to the report on Page 24 where the 'Informal briefing on the Youth Service' had been included inadvertently under the list of training.

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy drew the Committees attention to various key points including the following:

- Statement from the Chairman on Page 17
- Page 14 Paragraphs 1, 3 and 2.1 which provide a loose indication as to what the Audit and Standards Committee entails
- Page 18 Paragraphs 4 and 7 regarding the amendments to the internal audit plan as a result of Covid-19
- Work Programme included on page 20
- Outcome of the Internal Audit External Quality Assessment 2020

Councillor Pearson stated that the Committee had worked hard under the chairmanship of Councillor Studdert-Kennedy and commended the report.

RESOLVED That the Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21 be approved as recommended by the Audit and Standards Committee at their meeting on 27th April 2021.

CL.10 **Ubico Five Year Vision and Business Plan 2021/22**

The Chief Executive presented the report which was an update and explains that Ubico is a teckal company wholly owned by Stroud District Council and 6 other partners. It was advised that Ubico provides Stroud District Council with a number of services including waste and recycling, grounds maintenance, street cleaning and building cleaning. As Stroud has a Committee system the Chief Executive fulfils the shareholder function on behalf of the Council and that the Environment Committee has the opportunity each year to consider the draft business plan.

Councillor Hurst asked if Ubico were reviewing the disposal of plastic recycling waste. The Chief Executive provided assurance that this would be reviewed by the partnership.

Councillor Ryder asked for clarification as to the decision made to add Gloucester City Council to the partnership and whether there were any financial implications to this. The Chief Executive advised that a full report had been taken to the last Council meeting regarding this however due to the nature of the information contained it was taken in private session, it was confirmed that incoming councillors could be provided a copy of the report if they requested it.

- RESOLVED**
- a) **To note the Five Year Vision and Business Plan for 2021/22**
 - b) **To note that the Chief Executive, as Ubico shareholder representative, proposes to sign the written resolution to approve the Ubico Five Year Vision and Business Plan in due course.**

CL.11 **Amendment to the Constitution**

The Monitoring Officer presented the report and advised that the background section set out the issue of leader and deputy leader.

Councillor Pearson asked if there were any financial implications involved with this decision, it was confirmed that a Special Responsibility Allowance had not been recommended to this post however the Independent Remuneration Panel would be asked to consider this.

Councillor Cornell offered support to the proposal advising that it was important to clarify the roles and that it was necessary for someone to be able to stand in for the Leader as necessary.

- RESOLVED** **To Amend the Constitution in accordance with the recommendation made in paragraph 3 of the report.**

The meeting closed at 8.01 pm

Chair