



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL

Thursday, 18 May 2023

7.00 - 7.40 pm

Council Chamber

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 Doina Cornell
 Councillor Gordon Craig
 Councillor Kate Crews
 Councillor Laurie Davies
 * Councillor Stephen Davies
 * Councillor Katrina Davis
 Councillor Robin Layfield
 Councillor Jonathan Edmunds
 Councillor Christopher Evans
 Councillor Helen Fenton
 Councillor Colin Fryer
 * Councillor Victoria Gray
 Councillor Lindsey Green
 * Councillor Trevor Hall
 Councillor Jessie Hoskin
 * Councillor Nicholas Housden
 * Councillor Nick Hurst
 Councillor Steve Hynd
 * Absent

Councillor Norman Kay (Vice-Chair)

Councillor George James
 Councillor Julie Job
 Councillor Christopher Jockel
 Councillor John Jones
 Councillor Haydn Jones
 Councillor Gary Luff
 Councillor Jenny Miles
 * Councillor Dave Mossman
 Councillor Gill 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
 Corporate Director (Monitoring Officer)

Strategic Director of Resources
 Democratic Services & Elections Officer

Councillor Robinson asked everyone to join him for a minute silence to remember Mark Rees, a previous Chair of Council, who had sadly passed away. Councillors Pearson and Robinson paid tribute to Mark Rees and offered condolences to their friends and families.

CL.001 **Chair of Council**

Councillor Cornell was nominated for the position of Chair of Council.

RESOLVED That Councillor Doina Cornell be elected Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2023-24.

CL.002 **Vice-Chair of Council**

Councillor Norman Kay was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of Council.

RESOLVED That Councillor Norman Kay be elected Vice-Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2023-24.

CL.003 **Leader and Deputy Leader (Chair and Vice-Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee)**

Councillor Catherine Braun was nominated for the position of Leader of Council (Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee).

Councillor Natalie Bennett was nominated for the position of Deputy Leader of Council (Vice-Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee).

RESOLVED That Councillor Catherine Braun be elected Leader of Council and that Councillor Natalie Bennett be elected Deputy Leader of Council for the Civic Year 2022-23.

CL.004 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Baker, Brown, Stephen Davies, Trina Davis, Gray, Hall, Housden, Hurst, Mossman, Patrick, Prenter, Studdert-Kennedy, Sutton, Tipper and Wilsher.

CL.005 **Declaration of Interests**

There were none.

CL.006 **Minutes**

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2023 were approved as a correct record.

CL.007 **Announcements**

The Chair, Councillor Cornell, welcomed the newly elected Councillor Luff to his first Council Meeting.

The Leader, Councillor Braun, thanked the Elections Team for organising the By-Election and thanked all of the Candidates for their participation.

Councillor Green echoed Councillor Braun's comments.

CL.008 Appointments to Committees

The appointments to committees was agreed as set out below:

Audit and Standards Committee (9 Members)

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	Councillor Christopher Jockel
Councillor Martin Percy	Councillor Norman Kay
Councillor Paula Baker	Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Doina Cornell	Councillor Ashley Smith
Councillor Stephen Davies	

Community Services and Licensing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Beki Aldam	Councillor Steve Hynd
Councillor Trevor Hall	Councillor Julie Job
Councillor Paula Baker	Councillor John Jones
Councillor Gordon Craig	Councillor Gill Oxley
Councillor Kate Crews	Councillor Nigel Prenter
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds	Councillor Ken Tucker

Development Control Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Martin Baxendale	Councillor Gary Luff
Councillor Helen Fenton	Councillor Jenny Miles
Councillor Martin Brown	Councillor Loraine Patrick
Councillor Victoria Gray	Councillor Martin Percy
Councillor Haydn Jones	Councillor Mark Ryder
Councillor John Jones	Councillor Lucas Schoemaker

Environment Committee (13 Members)

Councillor Chloe Turner	Councillor Norman Kay
Councillor Robin Layfield	Councillor Nigel Prenter
Councillor Martin Brown	Councillor Ashley Smith
Councillor Christopher Evans	Councillor Haydn Sutton
Councillor George James	Councillor Brian Tipper
Councillor Haydn Jones	Councillor Tricia Watson
Councillor Steve Hynd	

Housing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Mattie Ross	Councillor Jessie Hoskin
Councillor Lucas Schoemaker	Councillor Christopher Jockel
Councillor Stephen Davies	Councillor Gary Luff
Councillor Trina Davis	Councillor Jenny Miles
Councillor Colin Fryer	Councillor Loraine Patrick
Councillor Lindsey Green	Councillor Rich Wilsher

Strategy and Resources Committee (14 Members)

Councillor Catherine Braun
 Councillor Natalie Bennett
 Councillor Beki Aldam
 Councillor Gordon Craig
 Councillor Stephen Davies
 Councillor Laurie Davies
 Councillor Trina Davis

Councillor Robin Layfield
 Councillor Lindsey Green
 Councillor Keith Pearson
 Councillor Steve Robinson
 Councillor Mattie Ross
 Councillor Ken Tucker
 Councillor Chloe Turner

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

CL.009 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 2023-24. Following a request from Councillor Brine, all votes were taken separately.

Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (Chair)
 Councillor Martin Pearcy (Vice-Chair)

Community Services and Licensing Committee

Councillor Beki Aldam (Chair)
 Councillor Trevor Hall (Vice-Chair)

Development Control Committee

Councillor Martin Baxendale (Chair)
 Councillor Helen Fenton (Vice-Chair)

Environment Committee

Councillor Chloe Turner (Chair)
 Councillor Robin Drury-Layfield (Vice-Chair)

Housing Committee

Councillor Mattie Ross (Chair)
 Councillor Lucas Schoemaker (Vice-Chair)

Strategy and Resources Committee

Councillor Catherine Braun (Chair)
 Councillor Natalie Bennett (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Brine asked for it to be minuted that he did not support the nomination for the Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee.

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

CL.010 **Other Appointments**

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Gloucestershire)

Councillor Helen Fenton (Lead)

Councillor Natalie Bennett (Substitute)

Police and Crime Panel (Gloucestershire)

Councillor Martin Pearcy (Lead)

Councillor Ken Tucker (Substitute)

Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Chloe Turner (Lead)

Councillor Robin Layfield (Substitute)

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

CL.011 **Dispensation under Section 85 Local Government Act 1972**

The Corporate Director (Monitoring Officer) introduced the report and explained that the dispensation had been sought for Councillor Gray due to ill health.

The Chair, on behalf of all Councillors, asked Councillor Green to pass along their best wishes.

Proposed by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor Pearson.

On being put to the Vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED To authorise Councillor Gray to be absent from all meetings of the Authority for a 6 month period with effect from 18 May 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chair