

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 20 May 2021**

Present:

Members: Councillor J McNicholas (Chair)

Councillor N Akhtar	Councillor J Lepoidevin
Councillor P Akhtar	Councillor G Lloyd
Councillor M Ali	Councillor A Lucas
Councillor R Auluck	Councillor P Male
Councillor R Bailey	Councillor A Masih
Councillor L Bigham	Councillor K Maton
Councillor J Birdi	Councillor C Miks
Councillor J Blundell	Councillor B Mosterman
Councillor R Brown	Councillor J Mutton
Councillor K Caan	Councillor M Mutton
Councillor G Duggins	Councillor S Nazir
Councillor B Gittins	Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor L Harvard	Councillor G Ridley
Councillor G Hayre	Councillor E Ruane
Councillor M Heaven	Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor P Hetherton	Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor Hopkins	Councillor P Seaman
Councillor J Innes	Councillor R Simpson
Councillor T Jandu	Councillor B Singh
Councillor Keough	Councillor R Singh
Councillor T Khan	Councillor R Thay
Councillor AS Khan	Councillor C Thomas
Councillor R Lakha	Councillor A Tucker
Councillor R Lancaster	Councillor D Welsh
Councillor M Lapsa	

Apologies: Councillor F Abbott, J Clifford, D Skinner and S Walsh

**Public Business**

**1. Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor**

**(a) Death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**

The Lord Mayor referred to the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021. A letter of condolence had been sent by the Lord Mayor to the Private Secretary of Her Majesty the Queen on behalf of the City of Coventry. A memorial service was held in Coventry Cathedral on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April attended by a limited number of guests in line with Covid restrictions and streamed live.

**(b) Queen's Award for Enterprise**

The Lord Mayor reported that two Coventry companies had been included in the recently published Queen's Award for Enterprise 2021 - Embed and Mirius (formerly Coventry Chemicals).

Embed Ltd was founded in May 2005 and specialised in electronics and embedded software. The company have been awarded the Queen's Award for International Trade for Outstanding Short Term Growth in overseas sales over the last three years.

Coventry Chemicals Limited (trading as Mirius since 2018) started trading in 1963. They manufactured and supply cleaning liquids, powders and tablets for healthcare cleaning and hygiene of the veterinary, human and agri-food industries, producing in excess of one million bottles per week. The company have been awarded the Queen's Award for International Trade for Outstanding Continuous Growth in overseas sales over the last six years.

The Lord Mayor had written a letter to recipients on behalf of the City Council, congratulating them on their achievement.

**2. Election of the Chair of the Council (being the Lord Mayor of the City)**

It was moved by Councillor C Miks seconded by Councillor R Singh and supported by Councillor G Ridley, that Councillor John McNicholas be elected as Chair of the Council (being the Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED that Councillor John McNicholas be elected as Chair of the Council for the 2021/22 municipal year, having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Lord Mayor's Chain of Office.**

**3. The Lord Mayor's Address**

The Lord Mayor, Councillor McNicholas, addressed the City Council.

**4. Vote of thanks to the Retiring Lord Mayor**

A vote of thanks for the retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor Ann Lucas, was moved by Councillor R Lancaster, seconded by Councillor E Ruane and supported by Councillor G Ridley.

Councillor Lucas responded to the vote of thanks.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the warmest thanks of the Council are due and are thereby given to Councillor Ann Lucas for the zeal and impartiality with which she has discharged the arduous duties of the office of Lord Mayor during the year 2020/21; and**
- (2) That a copy of this resolution, under the common seal, be presented to Councillor Ann Lucas.**

5. **Election of the Vice-Chair of the Council (being the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City)**

It was moved by Councillor P Seaman, seconded by Councillor E Ruane and supported by Councillor G Ridley that Councillor Kevin Maton be elected as Vice Chair of the Council (being the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED that Councillor Kevin Maton be elected as Vice Chair of the Council for the 2021/22 Municipal Year, having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Deputy Lord Mayor's Badge.**

6. **Election of the Leader of the Council**

It was moved by Councillor A S Khan and seconded by Councillor N Akhtar that Councillor George Duggins be elected as Leader of the Council.

**RESOLVED that Councillor George Duggins be elected as Leader of the Council for the remainder of his term of office.**

7. **To receive a report of the Leader of the Council on the composition of the Cabinet and the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members and allocation of Executive Functions within the Cabinet**

The City Council received a report of the Leader, Councillor G Duggins, which confirmed the composition of the Cabinet, the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members and the allocation of executive portfolios/functions within the Cabinet (detailed below):

<b>Member</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
The Leader Policy and Leadership  Councillor G Duggins	One Coventry Council Plan City of Culture 2021 Scrutiny External relations / public relations Image and reputation Chair of Cabinet / Management Board meetings Emergency Planning Regional Matters West Midlands Combined Authority Corporate Governance Information Management and Governance Risk Management
The Deputy Leader Policing and Equalities  Councillor A S Khan  Deputy Cabinet Member  Councillor P Akhtar	Community Safety Community Cohesion Public Protection and Licensing Prosecution and Enforcement Democratic Services, including Lord Mayor's Electoral Services Equalities Legal Services Training (Members)

	Constitutional Matters and Political Management Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation Local Policing Media Strategy Events Parks International Liaison and diplomacy Peace, reconciliation and twinning Deputising on Leader Items
Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources  Councillor R Brown	Strategic Finance Medium Term Financial Strategy Budget Setting External Resources Operational Finance incl. Revenues and Benefits Service Transformation and value for money Procurement Human Resources Organisational Development Key Staff Recruitment and Retention Customer Services Health and Safety Pensions
Cabinet Member Children and Young People  Councillor P Seaman  Deputy Cabinet Member  Councillor B Gittins	Children and Families Children and Young People's Social Care Child Exploitation Young People Youth Offending Service Safeguarding *S19 Children Act 2004 Lead Member Fostering and Adoption Corporate Parenting
Cabinet Member Education and Skills  Councillor K Sandhu	Post 16 Education and Training Schools Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disability Libraries Adult Education Higher and Further Education (incl. Universities) Skills and Employability
Cabinet Member Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change  Councillor J O'Boyle	Economic Development City Centre (Regeneration) International Trade and Inward Investment Commercial and Operational Property (including catering) Local Enterprise Partnership Urban Regeneration Transportation Tourism and Marketing Sustainability and climate change Digital Strategy
Cabinet Member City Services	Highways, Drainage and Lighting Licensing Policy (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire)

Councillor P Hetherton Deputy Cabinet Member Councillor G Lloyd	Public Realm Street Services (Ground Maintenance, Refuse (domestic and commercial), Street Cleaning) Waste Management Flood Management Environment Bereavement Services Traffic Management and Road Safety Parking policy and operations Information Technology
Cabinet Member Adult Services Councillor M Mutton	Social Care for Adults and Older People Better Care Fund Transforming Care Carers Adult Safeguarding Adult social care integration with health
Cabinet Member Public Health and Sport Councillor K Caan Deputy Cabinet Member Councillor G Hayre	Health Strategy and Policy Integrated Care Systems development Health Inequalities and Marmot Air Quality Local Health Economy Public Health Sexual Health Teenage Pregnancies Mental Health Poverty Fuel Poverty Sport and physical activity
Cabinet Member Housing and Communities Councillor D Welsh	Archives Arts Heritage Museums Conservation Social Enterprise Strategy Mutuals Community and Voluntary Sector Relations Community Centres Refugees and Asylum Seekers Welfare Advice Services Housing and Homelessness Planning Policy

\*Cabinet Member Children and Young People is designated as the Lead Member for Children's Services as required by Section 19 of the Children's Act 2004

## 8. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021 were signed as agreed as a true record.

9. **Return of persons elected as Councillor for the City on 6 May 2021**

The return of Councillors elected for the following wards of the City on 6 May 2021 was reported:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Political Party</b>	<b>Year of Retirement</b>
<b>BABLAKE</b>	Steve Keough	Conservative	2024
<b>BINLEY AND WILLENHALL</b>	Christine E Thomas	Labour	2024
<b>CHEYLESMORE</b>	Barbara C Mosterman	Conservative	2024
<b>EARLSDON</b>	Antony J Tucker	Labour	2024
<b>FOLESHILL</b>	Shakila Nazir	Labour	2024
<b>HENLEY</b>	Ed Ruane	Labour	2024
<b>HOLBROOK</b>	Rachel E Lancaster	Labour	2024
<b>LONGFORD</b>	George A Duggins	Labour	2024
<b>LOWER STOKE</b>	Catherine E Miks	Labour	2024
<b>RADFORD</b>	Mal Mutton	Labour	2024
<b>SHERBOURNE</b>	Ryan M Simpson	Conservative	2024
<b>ST MICHAEL'S</b>	Naeem Akhtar	Labour	2024
<b>UPPER STOKE</b>	Kamran A Caan	Labour	2024
<b>WAINBODY</b>	John A Blundell	Conservative	2024
<b>WESTWOOD</b>	Asha Masih	Conservative	2024
<b>WHOBBERLEY</b>	Jayne E Innes	Labour	2024
<b>WOODLANDS</b>	Gary C Ridley	Conservative	2024
<b>WYKEN</b>	Angela B Hopkins	Labour	2024
	Robert R Thay	Labour	2023

10. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

11. **Matters for Determination for the City Council**

The Council considered the following documents which were tabled at the meeting:

- (i) Details of Licensing and Regulatory Committee, Planning Committee, Health and Wellbeing Board, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Scrutiny Boards, Audit and Procurement Committee, Ethics Committee, Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and such other Committees as the Council considers appropriate, to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions as set out in the Constitution. This also includes the appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair of those bodies
- (ii) The size and terms of reference for those Boards and Committee (as set out in the Constitution).
- (iii) The allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules.
- (iv) The nominations of Councillors to serve on each Scrutiny Board, Committee and Cabinet Advisory Panel.
- (v) The nominations and appointments to outside bodies.
- (vi) The programme of ordinary meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Scrutiny Boards, Committee and Advisory Panels for 2021/22 including the date and time of the next Annual Meeting and the scheme of delegations as set out in the Constitution.

**RESOLVED that the City Council approve the allocation of seats, appointments and programme of meetings together with the appointments to outside bodies (as appended to these minutes) and agree the scheme of delegations as set out in the Constitution.**

12. **If required, to consider any changes to the Constitution or any other matters arising from the Annual Meeting decisions and appointments**

There were no other matters arising.

(Meeting closed at 11.45 am)