

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 19 May
2022

Present:

Members: Councillor K Maton (Chair)

Councillor F Abbott	Councillor AS Khan
Councillor N Akhtar	Councillor R Lakha
Councillor P Akhtar	Councillor R Lancaster
Councillor M Ali	Councillor M Lapsa
Councillor R Bailey	Councillor G Lloyd
Councillor L Bigham	Councillor P Male
Councillor J Birdi	Councillor A Masih
Councillor J Blundell	Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor R Brown	Councillor C Miks
Councillor K Caan	Councillor B Mosterman
Councillor J Clifford	Councillor S Nazir
Councillor G Duggins	Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor B Gittins	Councillor G Ridley
Councillor S Gray	Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor L Harvard	Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor G Hayre	Councillor P Seaman
Councillor M Heaven	Councillor R Simpson
Councillor P Hetherton	Councillor R Singh
Councillor A Hopkins	Councillor R Thay
Councillor J Innes	Councillor CE Thomas
Councillor T Jandu	Councillor A Tucker
Councillor A Jobbar	Councillor S Walsh
Councillor S Keough	Councillor D Welsh
Councillor T Khan	

Honorary Alderman: D Batten, H Fitzpatrick, K Mulhall, K Taylor and J Wright

Apologies: Councillor R Auluck, J Innes, J Lepoidevin, M Mutton,
E Ruane and B Singh

Public Business

1. Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor

Councillor John Mutton

The Lord Mayor referred to the recent sad death of Councillor John Mutton.

John was a proud Coventry Kid and champion of the City. A Former Leader of the Council and Lord Mayor who had served as a Binley and Willenhall Ward Councillor since 1984 and having been re-elected to that position only days before his death.

All those present stood for a Minute silence as a mark of respect to John who will be greatly missed by his family and friends, his colleagues and his beloved City.

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

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Kevin Maton be elected as Chair of the Council for the 2022/23 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 Maton, addressed the City Council.

4. **Vote of Thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor**

A vote of thanks for the retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor John McNicholas, was moved by Councillor C Miks, seconded by Councillor R Singh and supported by Councillor G Ridley.

Councillor McNicholas responded to the vote of thanks.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the warmest thanks of the Council are due and are thereby given to Councillor John McNicholas for the zeal and impartiality with which he has discharged the arduous duties of the office of Lord Mayor during the year 2021/22; and

(2) That a copy of this resolution, under the Common Seal, be presented to Councillor John McNicholas and Dr June McNicholas.

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

It was moved by Councillor G Ridley, seconded by Councillor T Jandu and supported by Councillor G Duggins that Councillor Jaswant Singh Birdi be elected as Vice Chair of the Council (being the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jaswant Singh Birdi be elected as Vice Chair of the Council for the 2022/23 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. **Vote of Thanks to the Former Lord Mayor for 2019/20, Councillor Linda Bigham**

A vote of thanks for former Lord Mayor for 2019/20, Councillor Linda Bigham, was moved by Councillor G Duggins, seconded by Councillor L Harvard and supported by Councillor G Ridley.

Councillor Bigham responded to the vote of thanks.

7. Vote of Thanks to the Former Lord Mayor for 2020/21, Ann Lucas, OBE

A vote of thanks for former Lord Mayor for 2020/21, Ann Lucas OBE, was moved by Councillor R Lancaster, seconded by Councillor J Clifford and supported by Councillor G Ridley.

Ann Lucas responded to the vote of thanks.

8. 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, together with a statement, 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):

Member	Portfolio
<p>The Leader Policy and Leadership Councillor G Duggins</p>	<p>One Coventry Council Plan City of Culture 2021 Legacy 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</p>
<p>The Deputy Leader Policing and Equalities Councillor A S Khan Deputy Cabinet Member Councillor P Akhtar</p>	<p>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</p>

	<p>International Liaison and diplomacy Peace, reconciliation and twinning Deputising on Leader Items</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources Councillor R Brown</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Children and Young People Councillor P Seaman Deputy Cabinet Member Councillor B Gittins</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Education and Skills Councillor K Sandhu</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change Councillor J O'Boyle</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Cabinet Member City Services</p>	<p>Highways, Drainage and Lighting Licensing Policy (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire) Public Realm Street Services (Ground Maintenance, Refuse (domestic</p>

<p>Councillor P Hetherton Deputy Cabinet Member Councillor G Lloyd</p>	<p>and commercial), Street Cleaning) Waste Management Flood Management Environment Bereavement Services Traffic Management and Road Safety Parking Policy and Operations Information Technology</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Adult Services Councillor M Mutton</p>	<p>Social Care for Adults and Older People Better Care Fund Transforming Care Carers Adult Safeguarding Adult social care integration with health</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Public Health and Sport Councillor K Caan Deputy Cabinet Member Councillor G Hayre</p>	<p>Health Strategy and Policy Integrated Care Systems Health Inequalities and Marmot Air Quality Local Health Economy Public Health Sexual Health Teenage Pregnancies Mental Health Poverty Fuel Poverty Sport and physical activity</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Housing and Communities Councillor D Welsh Deputy Cabinet Member Councillor S Nazir (Excluding Planning Policy)</p>	<p>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</p>

*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

The Leader paid tribute to the late Councillor John Mutton.

9. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2022 were signed as agreed as a true record.

10. **Return of Persons Elected as Councillors for the City on 5 May 2022**

The return of Councillors elected for the following wards of the City on 5 May 2021 was reported:

Ward	Name	Political Party	Year of Retirement
BABLAKE	Jaswant Singh Birdi	Conservative	2026
BINLEY AND WILLENHALL	John R Mutton	Labour	2026
CHEYLESMORE	Roger M Bailey	Conservative	2026
EARLSDON	Kindy Sandhu	Labour	2026
FOLESHILL	Tariq Khan	Labour	2026
HENLEY	Kevin B Maton	Labour	2026
HOLBROOK	Stephen R Gray	Green Party	2026
LONGFORD	Lindsley Harvard	Labour	2026
LOWER STOKE	Rupinder Singh	Labour	2026
RADFORD	Patricia M Hetherington	Labour	2026
SHERBOURNE	Seamus Walsh	Labour	2026
ST MICHAEL'S	David S Welsh	Labour	2026
UPPER STOKE	Gurdev Singh Hayre	Labour	2026
WAINBODY	Mattie Heaven	Conservative	2026
WESTWOOD	Abdul Jobbar	Labour	2026
WHOBBERLEY	Bally Singh	Labour	2026
WOODLANDS	Julia E Lepoidevin	Conservative	2026
WYKEN	Faye Abbott	Labour	2026

11. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

12. **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, Coventry Shareholder 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 2022/23 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) (including the delegation to the Director of Law and Governance, following consultation with the Leader, in relation to those outstanding appointments) and agree the scheme of delegations as set out in the Constitution.

13. **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 12.45 pm)