

MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL

16 MAY 2024

PRESENT:

[The retiring Mayor Councillor O'Rourke in the Chair], Councillors Bennett, Brown, Claire Edwards, Freeman, Garcia, Gillias, Harrington, Hassell, Henderson, Howling, Karadiar, Lawrence, Lewis, Livesey, Maoudis, Mistry, Moran, Parker, Picker, Poole, Robinson, Roodhouse, Russell, Sandison, Sayani, Simpson-Vince, Slinger, Srivastava, Thomas, Timms, Trimble, Ward and Willis.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Barnett, Daly, Dumbleton, Sam Edwards, McKenzie and New.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Garcia, seconded by Slinger and

RESOLVED THAT – Councillor Simon Ward be and is hereby appointed Mayor of Rugby Borough Council for the ensuing year.

[The Mayor (Councillor Ward) made and subscribed a declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair].

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Livesey and

RESOLVED THAT – Councillor Barbara Brown be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Rugby Borough Council for the ensuing year.

[The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Brown) made and subscribed a declaration of acceptance of office].

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Mistry, seconded by Councillor Roodhouse and

RESOLVED THAT – the Council places on record its appreciation of the manner in which the retiring Mayor (Councillor Maggie O'Rourke) has presided over the Council during the past year and she be thanked for her services to the Borough.

The Retiring Mayor wished to place on record her thanks for the support she had received in the role from her late husband and Consort, Brendan, until his sudden passing in December 2023.

5. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS

It was proposed by Councillor Poole, seconded by Councillor Moran and

RESOLVED THAT – the Council places on record its appreciation of the contribution which former Councillors A' Barrow, Douglas, Rabin, Sue Roodhouse, Robbins and Watson-Merret made during their service as members of the Borough Council.

6. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that this Council celebrates its 50th anniversary this municipal year following a merger between the Rugby Urban District Council and the Rugby Rural District Council which came into effect in April 1974.

The fiftieth anniversary will provide an opportunity to celebrate the very best of the borough, commemorate the Council's service to its residents and recognise the contributions of so many.

There will be a number of events held over the coming year to mark this anniversary and these will be promoted in due course.

7. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER – RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2 MAY 2024

The Council considered the report of the Returning Officer (agenda item 7) concerning the results of the Borough Council elections held on 2 May 2024.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Councillors Claire Edwards, Freeman, Henderson, Howling, Thomas and Trimble as new Members and wished them well in their future service of the Council.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO PARTY GROUPS 2024/25

The Council considered the report of the Chief Officer – Legal and Governance (agenda item 8) in respect of constitutional arrangements and the allocation of seats to party groups for the municipal year 2024/25.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) the following appointments be made to the Audit and Ethics Committee:

Paul Dudfield (Chairman);
John Eves (Vice Chairman); and
four borough councillors (as per the composition arrangements set out in Appendix 1);

(2) the following appointments be made to the Shareholders Committee:

Paul Shackley (Chairman); and
five borough councillors (as per the composition arrangements set out in Appendix 1); and

(3) appointments to all other committees be made in accordance with the composition arrangements set out in Appendix 1 to this report and specific names to be submitted to both the Chief Executive and the Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) and thereafter delegated authority granted to the Proper Officer to make such appointments.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2024/25 – BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

The Council considered the report of the Chief Officer – Legal and Governance (agenda item 9) concerning appointments to outside bodies by virtue of office together with miscellaneous appointments.

RESOLVED THAT – this item be deferred to a future meeting of Council.

MAYOR