

Minutes of the meeting of Annual Council held on 11 June 2014 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Chris Baker, Jan Baker, Clare Baldwin, Mark Coxshall, Charles Curtis, Tony Fish, Oliver Gerrish, Robert Gledhill, Sue Gray, Yash Gupta, Garry Hague, James Halden, Shane Hebb, Terry Hipsey, Victoria Holloway, Barry Johnson, Roy Jones, Tom Kelly, Cathy Kent, John Kent, Martin Kerin, Charlie Key, Aaron Kiely, Steve Liddiard, Brian Little, Sue Little, Sue MacPherson, Ban Maney, Val Morris-Cook, Maggie O’Keeffe-Ray, Tunde Ojetola, Bukky Okunade, Barry Palmer, Maureen Pearce, John Purkiss, Robert Ray, Joy Redsell, Barbara Rice, Gerard Rice, Andrew Roast, Sue Shinnick, Andy Smith, Philip Smith, Graham Snell, Richard Speight, Michael Stone, Pauline Tolson, Simon Wootton and Lynn Worrall.

In attendance: Reverend Darren Barlow – Mayor’s Chaplain
Graham Farrant – Chief Executive
Steve Cox – Assistant Chief Executive
Barbara Brownlee – Director of Housing
David Bull – Director of Planning and Transportation
Carmel Littleton – Director of Children’s Services
Roger Harris – Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning
Sean Clark – Head of Corporate Finance
Jackie Hinchliffe – Head of HR, OD and Customer Strategy
Fiona Taylor – Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Steve Jones – Democratic Services Manager
Stephanie Young – Senior Democratic Services Officer

Before the start of the meeting, the Mayor invited Reverend Barlow to lead those present in prayer.

The Mayor then informed all present that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council’s website.

Councillor Fish, as the Mayor of Thurrock, took the Chair for Minute Nos. 1 and 2.

Following the election of the Mayor of Thurrock, Councillor Liddiard took the Chair for the remainder of the business.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting, held on 26 March 2014, were approved as a correct record.

2. To elect and install the Mayor for the municipal year 2014-15

Nominations were invited for the election of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014-15.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Kent, and seconded by Councillor B. Rice, that Councillor Liddiard be elected Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2013-14.

It was further proposed by the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Gledhill, and seconded by Councillor Halden, that Councillor Ojetola be elected as Mayor.

The Leader of the Opposition asked that a requisition vote be conducted for this item, and in accordance with Procedure Rule 20.7, five Members stood and requested that the vote to the appointment of the Mayor be recorded.

The result of the vote in respect of the Mayor for the municipal year 2014-15 was as follows:

Votes in favour of Councillor Steve Liddiard:

Councillors Clare Baldwin, Charles Curtis, Tony Fish, Oliver Gerrish, Sue Gray, Yash Gupta, Terence Hipsey, Victoria Holloway, Cathy Kent, John Kent, Martin Kerin, Aaron Kiely, Steve Liddiard, Val Morris-Cook, Bukky Okunade, Barbara Rice, Gerard Rice, Sue Shinnick, Andy Smith, Philip Smith, Richard Speight, Michael Stone and Lynn Worrall **(23)**.

Votes in favour of Councillor Tunde Ojetola:

Councillors Mark Coxshall, Robert Gledhill, Garry Hague, James Halden, Shane Hebb, Barry Johnson, Tom Kelly, Charlie Key, Brian Little, Sue Little, Sue MacPherson, Ben Maney, Tunde Ojetola, Barry Palmer, Maureen Pearce, John Purkiss, Joy Redsell, Andrew Roast, Pauline Tolson, Simon Wootton **(20)**.

Abstentions:

Councillors Chris Baker, Jan Baker, Roy Jones, Maggie O'Keeffe-Ray, Robert Ray and Graham Snell **(6)**.

The Mayor declared that Councillor Liddiard had been duly elected as Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2014-2015.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Liddiard be duly elected as Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2014-2015.

Councillor Liddiard signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and also received the chains of office.

The Mayor then made a short speech thanking the Council for the honour of being elected as the Mayor of Thurrock.

The Mayor presented Councillor Fish and his Mayoress, Mrs Sue Bradish, with their past mayor's badge and past consort's badge.

The Mayor also presented Mrs Wendy Curtis with a token of appreciation for the work that she undertook during the municipal year as Deputy Mayor of Thurrock.

The Leader of the Council then paid tribute to the out-going Mayor, Councillor Tony Fish, who had attended almost 400 events during his year as Mayor.

These sentiments were echoed by the Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the Independent Group and Councillor Coxshall, who all paid tribute to the positive work of Councillor Tony Fish throughout his Mayoral year.

Councillor Fish spoke to give thanks to those who had assisted him in his Mayoral year, paying particular tribute to the out-going Deputy Mayor Mrs Wendy Curtis, the Member Services team, the Mayor's drivers, the Mayors Chaplain, Reverend Darren Barlow, and to all Members of the Council for giving him the honour of being elected as the Mayor of Thurrock.

3. Items of Urgent Business

The Mayor informed Council that he had not agreed to the consideration of any items of urgent business.

4. To elect and install the Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2014-15

Nominations were invited for the election of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014-2015.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Kent, and seconded by Councillor B. Rice, that Councillor Gray be appointed Deputy Mayor of Thurrock for 2014-2015.

It was then proposed by Councillor Gledhill, and seconded by Councillor Halden, that Councillor Ojetola be appointed Deputy Mayor of Thurrock for 2014-2015.

Councillor Gledhill and four other Members stood and, in accordance with Procedure Rule 20.7, requested that the vote to the appointment of Deputy Mayor be recorded.

The result of the vote in respect of the Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2014-15 was as follows:

Votes in favour of Councillor Sue Gray:

Councillors Clare Baldwin, Charles Curtis, Tony Fish, Oliver Gerrish, Sue Gray, Yash Gupta, Terence Hipsey, Victoria Holloway, Cathy Kent, John Kent, Martin Kerin, Aaron Kiely, Steve Liddiard, Val Morris-Cook, Bukky Okunade, Barbara Rice, Gerard Rice, Sue Shinnick, Andy Smith, Philip Smith, Richard Speight, Michael Stone and Lynn Worrall **(23)**.

Votes in favour of Councillor Tunde Ojetola:

Councillors Mark Coxshall, Robert Gledhill, Garry Hague, James Halden, Shane Hebb, Barry Johnson, Tom Kelly, Charlie Key, Brian Little, Sue Little, Sue MacPherson, Ben Maney, Tunde Ojetola, Barry Palmer, Maureen Pearce, John Purkiss, Joy Redsell, Andrew Roast, Pauline Tolson, Simon Wootton **(20)**.

Abstentions:

Councillors Chris Baker, Jan Baker, Roy Jones, Maggie O'Keeffe-Ray, Robert Ray and Graham Snell **(6)**.

The Mayor announced that Councillor Sue Gray had been duly elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough and Vice-Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2014-2015.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Sue Gray be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough and Vice-Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2014-15.

Councillor Gray signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and also received the chains of office.

Councillor Gray then made a short speech to accept the honour of being appointed as Deputy Mayor.

5. Declarations of Interests

Councillor B. Little declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Agenda Item 10, as he was the Chairman of the William Palmer College Educational Trust.

6. Announcements

The Mayor was pleased to announce that Patricia Forrester had agreed to be his Mayoress. Patricia Forrester was asked to step forward and receive the Consort's Chain.

The Mayor then asked the Deputy Mayor to announce who her Consort would be.

The Deputy Mayor was pleased to announce that her partner, Tony Lane, would be her consort. Mr Lane was asked to step forward and receive the Consort's Chain.

The Mayor announced that his main charity for the Mayoral year would be Thurrock Community Chest.

Furthermore, the Mayor announced that his Mayoral Chaplain would be Reverend Darren Barlow.

The Mayor then invited the Leader of the Council to make any announcements he wished to make.

The Leader of the Council congratulated Councillor Liddiard on receiving the honour of Mayor and acknowledged his positive contributions to serving the borough for many years, as an officer of the Council, a volunteer with many local charities and local groups and then as a Ward Councillor for Tilbury St. Chads.

The Leader also paid tribute to the work of Mrs Wendy Curtis during her term of office as the Deputy Mayor.

He also acknowledged that in tight political situations, the vagaries of politics came to the fore but that he hoped Councillor Tunde Ojetola understood that he was held in high esteem across the Chamber and that if times and conditions were different, there could have been a different outcome at the meeting.

The Leader explained that he needed to formally advise Members that he had circulated a written statement which set out the appointments he had made to the Cabinet, the details of each portfolio and that Councillor Barbara Rice would be the Deputy Leader of the Council. The written statement was included in the supplementary information booklet that was circulated immediately prior to the meeting.

He also welcomed the 7 new Members of Council who had recently been elected and, regardless of the political parties they represented, acknowledged the importance of their role in representing their constituents.

The Leader recognised that the year ahead would be challenging, as it was a difficult task to balance the budget and mitigate the effects of spending cuts, and feared that tough decisions lay ahead. He also called on residents to have their say on the Thames River Crossing proposals via the online petition which was currently open on the Council's website.

He summarised the positive developments of the past year including robust partnership working to improve transport infrastructure across Thurrock, including Lakeside, Purfleet, Grays Town Centre, and in particular the road widening of the A13.

7. Committees and their Terms of Reference

The Leader of the Council proposed the recommendations as printed in the report.

Upon being put to the vote, Members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal, whereupon the Mayor declared this to be carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committees listed in paragraph 3.2 of the report be established for the 2014-15 municipal year, with their terms of reference being those set out in Chapter 4 of the Constitution.**
- 2. That the Committees listed in paragraph 3.4 of the report be established for the 2014-15 municipal year, with their terms of reference being those set out in Chapter 5 of the Constitution.**

8. Allocation of Committee Seats and Committee Appointments

The Leader introduced the report, which requested the Council to confirm the calculations relating to the allocation of seats on committees and also to appoint the nominations made by political groups to committees. In addition, the report also requested the Council to appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of certain committees.

The nominations made to Committees for the municipal year 2014-15, together with the nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair, were set out in a booklet circulated to Members immediately prior to the meeting.

Councillor Gledhill informed the Chamber that he felt that Opposition Group Members should hold the positions of Chair on each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in order to provide effective challenge. He expressed the view that the only way to hold the Council into account was to have Opposition representation on all Overview and Scrutiny Committees and felt that the UKIP Group should have had a seat on all 6 Overview and Scrutiny Committees, whereas they were only strictly entitled to a seat on 5 of the Committees.

As a result Councillor Gledhill proposed that the Conservative Group would leave one seat vacant on the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which the UKIP Group could nominate to if they so wished. He advised that this move enabled the UKIP Group to be represented on all 6 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The Mayor informed the Chamber that he wished to take a single vote on recommendations 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4, followed by a separate vote on each

of the contested appointments and finally a vote on those appointments that had not been contested.

Upon being put to the vote, Members voted unanimously in favour of recommendations 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 whereupon the Mayor declared these to be carried.

Councillor Gledhill advised Members that he had made an error in the paperwork containing his nomination for the Chair of the Licensing Committee and that this ought to have read that Councillor Maney had been nominated to the positions available.

The Mayor then called for a separate vote to be undertaken in respect of each of the contested nominations for Chairs of Committees.

At this point and in accordance with Procedure Rule 20.7, Councillor Gledhill and four further Members stood and requested that the vote in respect of each appointment be recorded.

The Mayor moved to a recorded vote on each of the contested appointments of Chair.

The result of each vote is set out below:

(i) Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The result of the vote was as follows:

Votes in favour of Councillor Morris-Cook:

Councillors Clare Baldwin, Charles Curtis, Tony Fish, Oliver Gerrish, Sue Gray, Yash Gupta, Terence Hipsey, Victoria Holloway, Cathy Kent, John Kent, Martin Kerin, Aaron Kiely, Steve Liddiard, Val Morris-Cook, Bukky Okunade, Barbara Rice, Gerard Rice, Sue Shinnick, Andy Smith, Philip Smith, Richard Speight, Michael Stone and Lynn Worrall **(23)**.

Votes in favour of Councillor Halden:

Councillors Mark Coxshall, Robert Gledhill, Garry Hague, James Halden, Shane Hebb, Barry Johnson, Tom Kelly, Charlie Key, Brian Little, Sue Little, Sue MacPherson, Ben Maney, Tunde Ojetola, Barry Palmer, Maureen Pearce, John Purkiss, Joy Redsell, Andrew Roast, Pauline Tolson, Simon Wootton **(20)**.

Abstentions:

Councillors Chris Baker, Jan Baker, Roy Jones, Maggie O'Keeffe-Ray, Robert Ray and Graham Snell **(6)**.

The Mayor declared that Councillor Morris-Cook duly appointed as the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(ii) Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The result of the vote was as follows:

Votes in favour of Councillor Cathy Kent:

Councillors Clare Baldwin, Charles Curtis, Tony Fish, Oliver Gerrish, Sue Gray, Yash Gupta, Terence Hipsey, Victoria Holloway, Cathy Kent, John Kent, Martin Kerin, Aaron Kiely, Steve Liddiard, Val Morris-Cook, Bukky Okunade, Barbara Rice, Gerard Rice, Sue Shinnick, Andy Smith, Philip Smith, Richard Speight, Michael Stone and Lynn Worrall **(23)**.

Votes in favour of Councillor Tolson:

Councillors Mark Coxshall, Robert Gledhill, Garry Hague, James Halden, Shane Hebb, Barry Johnson, Tom Kelly, Charlie Key, Brian Little, Sue Little, Sue MacPherson, Ben Maney, Tunde Ojetola, Barry Palmer, Maureen Pearce, John Purkiss, Joy Redsell, Andrew Roast, Pauline Tolson, Simon Wootton **(20)**.

Abstentions:

Councillors Chris Baker, Jan Baker, Roy Jones, Maggie O'Keeffe-Ray, Robert Ray and Graham Snell **(6)**.

The Mayor declared that Councillor Cathy Kent duly appointed as the Chair of the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Mayor enquired whether Members wished to move to a vote by show of hands for the remaining contested appointments, whereupon the Leader of the Opposition and four other Members stood to request that a recorded vote be continued.

(iii) Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The result of the vote was as follows:

Votes in favour of Councillor Gupta:

Councillors Clare Baldwin, Charles Curtis, Tony Fish, Oliver Gerrish, Sue Gray, Yash Gupta, Terence Hipsey, Victoria Holloway, Cathy Kent, John Kent, Martin Kerin, Aaron Kiely, Steve Liddiard, Val Morris-Cook, Bukky Okunade, John Purkiss, Barbara Rice, Gerard Rice, Sue Shinnick, Andy Smith, Philip Smith, Richard Speight, Michael Stone and Lynn Worrall **(24)**.

Votes in favour of Councillor Hebb:

Councillors Mark Coxshall, Robert Gledhill, Garry Hague, James Halden, Shane Hebb, Barry Johnson, Tom Kelly, Charlie Key, Brian Little, Sue Little, Sue MacPherson, Ben Maney, Tunde Ojetola, Barry Palmer, Maureen Pearce, Joy Redsell, Andrew Roast, Pauline Tolson, Simon Wootton **(19)**.

Abstentions:

Councillors Chris Baker, Jan Baker, Roy Jones, Maggie O'Keeffe-Ray, Robert Ray and Graham Snell **(6)**.

The Mayor declared that Councillor Gupta duly appointed as the Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

At this point, Councillor Gledhill advised the Mayor that the remaining votes could be undertaken by a show of hands.

(iv) Corporate Parenting Committee

A vote was undertaken in respect of the position of Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee, whereupon, 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor Okunade, 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Halden and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Okunade duly appointed as the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee.

(v) General Services Committee

A vote was undertaken in respect of the position of Chair of the General Services Committee, whereupon, 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor John Kent, 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Gledhill and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor John Kent duly appointed as the Chair of the General Services Committee.

(vi) Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A vote was undertaken in respect of the position of Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, whereupon, 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor Curtis, 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Key and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Curtis duly appointed as the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(vii) Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A vote was undertaken in respect of the position of Chair of the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, whereupon, 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor Gerard Rice, 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Johnson and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Gerard Rice duly appointed as the Chair of the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(viii) Licensing Committee

A vote was undertaken in respect of the position of Chair of the Licensing Committee, whereupon, 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor Stone, 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Maney and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Stone duly appointed as the Chair of the Licensing Committee.

(ix) Planning Committee

A vote was undertaken in respect of the position of Chair of the Planning Committee, whereupon, 24 Members voted in favour of Councillor Hipsey, 19 Members voted in favour of Councillor Brian Little and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Hipsey duly appointed as the Chair of the Planning Committee.

(x) Planning, Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A vote was undertaken in respect of the position of Chair of the Planning Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee, whereupon, 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor Gray, 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Kelly and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Gray duly appointed as the Chair of the Planning, Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was noted that the nomination of Councillor Wootton, for the position of Chair of the Standards and Audit Committee had not been contested.

The Mayor then moved to the contested nomination for the position of Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, the result of which was as follows:

(xi) Planning Committee, position of Vice Chair.

A vote was undertaken in respect of the position of Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, whereupon, 24 Members voted in favour of Councillor Curtis and 25 Members voted in favour of Councillor Brian Little.

The Mayor declared Councillor Brian Little duly appointed as the Vice Chair of the Planning Committee.

Finally, the Mayor called for a vote in respect of the positions of Vice Chair for those committees that had not been contested, as set out below:

Committee	Vice Chair
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Halden
Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Tolson
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Hebb
Corporate Parenting Committee	Councillor Halden
General Services Committee	Councillor Gledhill
Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Key
Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Johnson
Licensing Committee	Councillor Maney
Planning, Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Kelly

Members voted unanimously in favour of the nominations made to each of the aforementioned committees.

RESOLVED:

1. That the allocation of seats, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.
2. That the nominations of the political groups to seats on committees be approved, as set out in Appendix 2.
3. That, further to recommendation 1.2, those Members appointed to the following committees be required to undertake a DBS check prior to taking their seats:
 - Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Standards and Audit Committee
 - Corporate Parenting Committee
4. That the non-voting co-opted members of the Planning Committee, the Standards and Audit Committee, the Health and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate Parenting Committee be appointed, as set out in Appendix 2.
5. That the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees be appointed as set out below:

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Morris-Cook	Cllr Halden
Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr C Kent	Cllr Tolson
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Gupta	Cllr Hebb
Corporate Parenting Committee	Cllr Okunade	Cllr Halden
General Services Committee	Cllr J Kent	Cllr Gledhill

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Health and Wellbeing Board* *The Chair will be the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health and shall be appointed by the Council	Councillor Barbara Rice	No Vice Chair
Health and Well being Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Curtis	Cllr Key
Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr G Rice	Cllr Johnson
Licensing Committee	Cllr Stone	Cllr Maney
Planning Committee	Cllr Hipsey	Cllr B Little
Planning, Transport, Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Gray	Cllr Kelly
Standards and Audit Committee	Cllr Wootton	No Vice Chair appointed

9. **Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels.**

The Chief Executive submitted a report in respect of the appointments required to be made to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels.

The nominations of the political groups to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels were circulated to Members at the meeting.

The Mayor informed the Chamber that appointments to the following outside bodies, statutory and other panels were contested:

- Citizens Advice Bureau – Management Committee
- Coalhouse Fort Project
- East Thurrock Community Association
- Impulse Leisure

- Local Government Association
- Mucking Charitable Trust
- Thurrock Arts Council
- Thurrock Play Network
- Thurrock Sports Council
- TRUST Management Board
- West Tilbury Commons Conservators
- William Palmer College Educational Trust
- Adoption Panel
- Fostering Panel
- SACRE

Councillor Robert Ray informed the Mayor that he wished to withdraw the nominations made by the UKIP Group to the West Tilbury Commons Conservators, the Adoption Panel and the Fostering Panel.

The Leader of the Council informed the Mayor that he wished to withdraw the nomination of Councillor Gray to the Thurrock Play Network.

The Mayor called for a vote in respect of the nominations to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels that had not been contested. Members voted unanimously in favour of the nominations made, whereupon the Mayor declared these to be carried

The Mayor then called for a separate vote to be undertaken in respect of each of the contested nominations for appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels.

The result of each vote is set out below:

(i) Citizens Advice Bureau – Management Committee

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee, whereupon 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Wootton, 6 Members voted in favour of Councillor Snell and 23 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Wootton duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee.

(ii) Coalhouse Fort Project

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the Coalhouse Fort Project, whereupon 25 Members voted in favour of Councillor Cathy Kent, 21 Members voted in favour of Councillor Jones and 3 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Cathy Kent duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Coalhouse Fort Project.

(iii) East Thurrock Community Association

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the East Thurrock Community Association, whereupon 25 Members voted in favour of Councillor Speight, 21 Members voted in favour of Councillor Jones and 3 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Speight duly appointed as the representative of the council on the East Thurrock Community Association.

(iv) Impulse Leisure

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to Impulse Leisure, whereupon 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Ojetola, 6 Members voted in favour of Councillor Chris Baker and 23 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Ojetola duly appointed as the representative of the council on Impulse Leisure.

(v) Local Government Association

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the Local Government Association, whereupon 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Gledhill and 6 Members voted in favour of Councillor Ray and 22 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Gledhill duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Local Government Association.

(vi) Mucking Charitable Trust

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the Mucking Charitable Trust, whereupon 42 Members voted in favour of Councillor Purkiss and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Purkiss duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Mucking Charitable Trust.

(vii) Thurrock Arts Council

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to Thurrock Arts Council, whereupon 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor MacPherson, 6 Members voted in favour of Councillor Jones and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor MacPherson duly appointed as the representative of the council on Thurrock Arts Council.

(viii) Thurrock Sports Council

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to Thurrock Sports Council, whereupon 43 Members voted in favour of Councillor Worrall and 6 Members voted in favour of Councillor Chris Baker.

The Mayor declared Councillor Worrall duly appointed as the representative of the council on Thurrock Sports Council.

(ix) TRUST Management Board

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the TRUST Management Board, whereupon 24 Members voted in favour of Councillor Speight, 19 Members voted in favour of Councillor Hebb and 6 Members voted in favour of Councillor Chris Baker.

The Mayor declared Councillor Speight duly appointed as the representative of the council on the TRUST Management Board.

(x) William Palmer College Educational Trust

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the William Palmer College Educational Trust, whereupon 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor Worrall, 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Halden and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Worrall duly appointed as the representative of the council on the William Palmer College Educational Trust.

(xi) Adoption Panel

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the Adoption Panel, whereupon 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor Gray and 26 Members voted in favour of Councillor Sue Little.

The Mayor declared Councillor Sue Little duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Adoption Panel.

(xii) Fostering Panel

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the Fostering Panel, whereupon 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor Okunade and 26 Members voted in favour of Councillor Sue Little.

The Mayor declared Councillor Sue Little duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Fostering Panel.

(xiii) SACRE

A vote was undertaken in respect of the nominations made for the appointment to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE), whereupon 23 Members voted in favour of Councillor Gupta, 20 Members voted in favour of Councillor Johnson and 6 Members abstained from the vote.

The Mayor declared Councillor Gupta be duly appointed as the representative of the council on SACRE.

The Mayor asked the Chamber to agree recommendation 1.2 as printed in the report. Members voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation, whereupon the Mayor declared these to be carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the uncontested nominations to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels, as circulated at the meeting, be approved.**
- 2. That Councillor Wootton be appointed as the representative of the Council on the Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee.**
- 3. That Councillor Cathy Kent be appointed as the representative of the Council on the Coalhouse Fort Project.**
- 4. That Councillor Speight be appointed as the representative of the council on the East Thurrock Community Association.**
- 5. That Councillor Ojetola duly appointed as the representative of the council on Impulse Leisure.**
- 6. That Councillor Gledhill be duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Local Government Association.**
- 7. That Councillor Purkiss be duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Mucking Charitable Trust.**

8. That Councillor MacPherson be duly appointed as the representative of the council on Thurrock Arts Council
9. That Councillor Worrall be duly appointed as the representative of the council on Thurrock Sports Council.
10. That Councillor Speight be duly appointed as the representative of the council on the TRUST Management Board.
11. That Councillor Worrall be duly appointed as the representative of the council on the William Palmer College Educational Trust.
12. That Councillor Sue Little be duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Adoption Panel.
13. That Councillor Little be duly appointed as the representative of the council on the Fostering Panel.
14. That Councillor Gupta be duly appointed as the representative of the council on SACRE.
15. That, further to recommendation 1.1, those Members appointed to the following Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels be required to undertake a CRB check prior to taking up their role:
 - Adoption Panel
 - Fostering Panel

10. Schedule of Meetings 2014-15

The Leader of the Council introduced the report. A copy of the schedule of meetings for 2014-15 was included in the Agenda at Appendix 1 to the report.

Upon being put to the vote, Members voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation to approve the calendar of meetings for 2014-15, whereupon the Mayor declared this to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That the Calendar of Meetings for 2014-15 be approved.

11. Schedule of Elections and Order of Retirement of Councillors

The Leader of the Council introduced the report.

Upon being put to the vote, Members voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation contained within the report, whereupon the Mayor declared this to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That the schedule of elections from 2015-18 and order of retirement of Councillors be noted.

12. The Localism Act 2011 – Appointment of Independent Persons

The Leader introduced the report which included the recommendation of the Monitoring Officer, who was of the opinion to recommend that the engagement of the Independent persons should be set to continue until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2016.

The Leader thanked the Independent Persons for their efforts over the past year.

Upon being put to the vote, Members voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation contained within the report, whereupon the Mayor declared this to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That, for the purposes of section 28 of the Localism Act 2011, the Council agree to continue the appointment of Sarah Cooper-James, Fiona Fairweather and Fola Onaeko as its Independent Persons until the Annual Meeting of Council in 2016.

The meeting finished at 8.31pm.

Approved as a true and correct record

MAYOR

DATE

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