

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TANDRIDGE

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on Thursday the 22nd February 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Black (Chair), Cooley (Vice-Chair), Ainsworth, Allen, Blake-Thomas, Bond, Botten, Bradbury, Cannon, Childs, Compton, Connolly, D. Cooper, M. Cooper, Duck, Dunbar, Elias, Fisher, Fitzgerald, Harwood, Jecks, Jones, Lee, Lockwood, Manley, Morrow, Parker, Perkins, Prew, Pursehouse, Rujbally, Steeds, Steer, Thorn, Vickers, Wates, Weightman and Wren.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors, Davies, Stead, Webster and Young.

The meeting was preceded with a prayer read by Councillor Weightman.

219. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7th December 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

220. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Spring Dinner – Friday, 16th March

The Chair announced details of the following evening functions, both to be held at the Bletchingley Golf Club:

- charity Spring Dinner on Friday, 16th March in aid of the Bletchingley Skills Centre;
- civic reception and dinner for the voluntary sector on Wednesday, 18th April.

(ii) Queens Award for Enterprise - Mark Roberts Motion Control

The Chair was pleased to report that this high-tech company (based in Blindley Heath) had won the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise in the international trade category. The company had become an industry leader in camera robotics with record-high export sales last year. On behalf of all Members, the Chairman congratulated the company for its achievements and its economic contribution to the District.

(iii) Tandridge Lottery

The on-line first tickets for the Tandridge Together Lottery had gone on sale earlier in the day. The Chair reminded Members that the lottery had been established to support local good causes. She announced that over 220 tickets had already been purchased during the day and that 65 good causes had been registered.

(iv) Brian Thompson and Sue Hogg

Finally, the Chair thanked Brian Thompson for his services as interim Section 151 Officer since his arrival in October. She also welcomed Sue Hogg who had joined to replace Brian as the Council's new, permanent Section 151 Officer.

221. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED - that the reports of the following meetings be received and the recommendations therein adopted:

Resources (12th December 2017)

Planning (11th January 2018)

Housing (16th January 2018)*

**subject to Councillor Manley being added to the list of those Committee members present*

Planning Policy (17th January 2018)

Resources (18th January 2018)*

* Councillor Wren wished it to be recorded that she, and the rest of the 'OLRG with Caterham & Lingfield Independents' (Councillors Davies, Lockwood and Manley) were opposed to the recommendations under Minute 193 – 'Review of the Council's Constitution'.

Overview & Scrutiny (30th January 2018)*

* Councillor Wren wished it to be recorded that, regarding Minute 203 – 'Property Investment Strategy' – the 'OLRG with Caterham & Lingfield Independents' objected to the subsequent Council news release (*which stated that the Committee welcomed the report and was satisfied that due diligence had been observed regarding the purchase of the retail outlet in Week Street, Maidstone*) on the basis that Councillor Davies had expressed concerns at the meeting regarding that investment.

Community Services (31st January 2018)*

**subject to clarification that reference to Councillor Cooper in the list of those present referred to Councillor Dorinda Cooper*

Resources (6th February 2018)

The adoption of the recommendations under Minute 212 – 'Council Tax 2018/19 and Revenue Budget setting' - was the subject of two recorded votes in accordance with Standing Order 12 (5). The results of the two votes were as follows:

Recommendation A (regarding the approval of a £9,981,850 revenue budget for 2018/19)

For:

Councillors Black (Chairman), Cooley (Vice Chairman), Ainsworth, Allen, Blake-Thomas, Bond, Bradbury, Cannon, Childs, Compton, Connolly, M. Cooper, Duck, Dunbar, Elias, Fisher, Fitzgerald, Harwood, Jecks, Parker, Perkins, Prew, Steeds, Steer, Thorn, Vickers, Wates and Weightman (28).

Abstentions:

Councillors Botten, D. Cooper, Jones, Lee, Lockwood, Manley, Morrow, Pursehouse, Rujbally and Wren (10).

(No Councillors voted against)

Recommendations B to K (regarding the approval of a Band D Council Tax of £209.71 for 2018/19, an estimated General Revenue Reserve of £1,931,000 revenue budget; delegation to the Strategic Director of Resources to approve outstanding matters regarding the Surrey Business Rate pilot scheme; continuation of the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme and other technical matters in connection with the Council Tax setting for 2018/19)

For:

Councillors Black (Chairman), Cooley (Vice Chairman), Ainsworth, Allen, Blake-Thomas, Bond, Botten, Bradbury, Cannon, Childs, Compton, Connolly, D. Cooper, M. Cooper, Duck, Dunbar, Elias, Fisher, Fitzgerald, Harwood, Jecks, Jones, Lee, Lockwood, Manley, Morrow, Parker, Perkins, Prew, Rujbally, Steeds, Steer, Thorn, Vickers, Wates, Weightman and Wren (37).

Abstentions:

Councillor Pursehouse. (1).

(No Councillors voted against)

Planning (8th February 2018)

Rising: 9.20 p.m.