

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on the 23rd May 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Former Councillor Chris Botten (in the Chair for Items 1 and 2 below), and Councillors Allen, Bassett, Black, Blackwell, Bloore, Bolton, Booth, Chotai, Cline, Cooper, Crane, Damesick, Duggan, Evans, Chris Farr, Sue Farr, Fowler, Gaffney, Gray, Horne, Jones, Killick, Lockwood, Mark, Patel, Prew, Pursehouse, Rujbally, Sayer, Sharma, Sharp, Sherry, Shiner, Smith, Sowambur, Spencer, Steeds, Colin White, Nicholas White and Windsor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Case, Langton and O'Riordan

1. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING CHAIR

Councillor Gray paid tribute to Chris Botten for his work as Chair of the Council during 2023/24 and for his 27 years' service as a District Councillor (1996 - 2015 and 2016 - 2024). Chris Botten responded by thanking all concerned for the support he had received during the previous municipal year.

2. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2024/25

The Council proceeded with the election of a Chair for 2024/25. Councillor Sue Farr was nominated by Councillor Sayer and seconded by Councillor Crane.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Sue Farr be elected Chair of the Council for 2024/25.

Councillor Sue Farr then took the Chair and thanked Members for appointing her.

3. ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2024/25

The Council proceeded with the election of a Vice-Chair for 2024/25. Councillor Blackwell was nominated by Councillor Sue Farr and seconded by Councillor Sayer.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Blackwell be elected Vice-Chair of the Council for 2024/25.

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed the new Members who had joined the Council following the District elections on the 2nd May, namely Councillors Chris Bassett, Ashleigh Bolton, Louise Case (in her absence), Deano Cline, Julie Duggan, Richard Fowler, Ben Horne, Peter Killick, Liz Lockwood, Richard Mark, James Rujbally, Ankita Sharma, Deborah Sherry, Sarah Sowambur and Robin Spencer.

The Chair also advised that, during the year ahead, she would seek to raise funds for her two chosen charities, namely:

- Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex; and
- the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH APRIL 2024

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18th April 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – that the reports of the following meetings be received:

Audit & Scrutiny Committee – 11th April 2024

Planning Committee – 16th April 2024.

7. ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO COMMITTEES FOR 2024/25

Members considered a report to enable the Council to appoint its committees for the 2024/25 Municipal Year, including the allocation of seats in accordance with political balance requirements.

RESOLVED – that the Council's committees for 2024/25, and the number of seats allocated to each committee, be as per Appendix A.

8. APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCILLORS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2024/25

A list of proposed appointments to outside bodies was considered.

Votes were taken in respect of:

- Gatwick Airport outside bodies, namely Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee, Gatwick Noise and Track Monitoring Advisory Group, Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board (Community Forum); and Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board (Executive). Councillor Lockwood (with Councillor Allen as the substitute) and Councillor Sir Nicholas White (with Councillor Smith as the substitute) had been nominated. The vote was in favour of Councillor Sir Nicholas White as the principal member and Councillor Smith as the substitute.
- Tandridge Health & Wellbeing Board. Councillors Case, Cline and Evans had been nominated for two seats. The vote was in favour of Councillors Case and Evans.

RESOLVED – that the appointments to outside bodies, attached at Appendix B, be agreed.

9. POLICY STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE ADMINISTRATION COVERING THE 2024/25 MUNICIPAL YEAR

In accordance with Standing Order No 6 (2), Councillor Sayer, in her capacity as Leader of the Residents' Alliance minority administration, made a policy statement covering the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Councillors Gray, Bloore and Allen responded as Leaders of the Liberal Democrat, Conservative and Independent Groups respectively.

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TDC COMMITTEES AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS 2024/25

Audit & Scrutiny Committee		
1	RA	Ian Booth
2	RA	Mike Crane
3	RA	Colin White
4	RA	Nicholas White
5	Lib Dem	Annette Evans
6	Lib Dem	Anna Patel
7	Lib Dem	Sarah Sowambur
8	Con	Michael Cooper
9	Ind Grp	Helena Windsor
Independent Member		Katharine Eberhart
<i>Subs</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>Chris Bassett</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Lib Dem</i>	<i>Jenny Gaffney and James Rujbally</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Con</i>	<i>Lewis Sharp</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Ind Grp</i>	<i>Martin Allen</i>

Community Services Committee		
1	RA	Bryan Black
2	RA	Ashleigh Bolton
3	RA	Louise Case
4	RA	Chris Farr
5	RA	Peter Killick
6	RA	Deb Shiner
7	Lib Dem	Annette Evans
8	Lib Dem	Anna Patel
9	Lib Dem	Sarah Sowambur
10	Con	Richard Mark
11	Con	Lewis Sharp
12	Ind Grp	Deano Cline
13	Ind Grp	Helena Windsor
<i>Subs</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>Sue Farr</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Lib Dem</i>	<i>Richard Fowler and James Rujbally</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Con</i>	<i>Lesley Steeds</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Ind Grp</i>	<i>Jeremy Pursehouse and Liz Lockwood</i>

Housing Committee		
1	RA	Louise Case
2	RA	Peter Damesick
3	RA	Nicola O’Riordan
4	RA	Deb Shiner
5	RA	Richard Smith
6	Lib Dem	Jenny Gaffney
7	Lib Dem	Ben Horne
8	Lib Dem	James Rujbally
9	Con	Ankita Sharma
10	Con	Lewis Sharp
11	Ind Group	Jeremy Pursehouse
<i>Subs</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>Chris Farr</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Lib Dem</i>	<i>Annette Evans and Robin Spencer</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Con</i>	<i>Richard Mark</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Ind Group</i>	<i>Deano Cline</i>

Licensing Committee		
1	RA	Mike Crane
2	RA	Peter Killick
3	RA	Richard Smith
4	RA	Deb Shiner
5	RA	Colin White
6	Lib Dem	Perry Chotai
7	Lib Dem	Jenny Gaffney
8	Lib Dem	Anna Patel
9	Con	Ankita Sharma
10	Con	Lesley Steeds
11	Ind Grp	Martin Allen
<i>Subs</i>	<i>RA</i>	
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Lib Dem</i>	<i>Jeffrey Gray</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Con</i>	<i>Richard Mark and Lewis Sharp</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Ind Group</i>	

Planning Committee		
1	RA	Chris Bassett
2	RA	Bryan Black
3	RA	Claire Blackwell
4	RA	Chris Farr
5	RA	Sue Farr
6	RA	Deborah Sherry
7	Lib Dem	Perry Chotai
8	Lib Dem	Jeffrey Gray
9	Con	Keith Prew
10	Con	Lesley Steeds
11	Ind Group	Liz Lockwood
<i>Subs</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>Ian Booth and Juile Duggan</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Lib Dem</i>	<i>Annette Evans and James Rujbally</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Con</i>	<i>Robin Bloore and Michael Cooper</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Ind Group</i>	<i>Helena Windsor</i>

Planning Policy Committee		
1	RA	Claire Blackwell
2	RA	Julie Duggan
3	RA	Chris Farr
4	RA	Sue Farr
5	RA	Catherine Sayer
6	Lib Dem	Richard Fowler
7	Lib Dem	Alun Jones
8	Lib Dem	Robin Spencer
9	Con	Keith Prew
10	Con	Lesley Steeds
11	Ind Grp	Liz Lockwood
<i>Subs</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>Mike Crane and Deborah Sherry</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Lib Dem</i>	<i>Jenny Gaffney and Jeffrey Gray</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Con</i>	<i>Robin Bloore</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Ind Grp</i>	<i>Jeremy Pursehouse</i>

Standards Committee		
1	RA	Claire Blackwell
2	RA	Catherine Sayer
3	RA	Nicholas White
4	Lib Dem	Annette Evans
5	Lib Dem	Jenny Gaffney
6	Con	Keith Prew
7	Ind Grp	Martin Allen
Independent Person		Shaun Mundy
Independent Person		Melissa Clarke
<i>Subs</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>Sue Farr</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Lib Dem</i>	<i>Richard Fowler and Perry Chotai</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Con</i>	<i>Richard Mark</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Ind Grp</i>	<i>Liz Lockwood</i>

Strategy & Resources Committee		
1	RA	Ian Booth
2	RA	Mike Crane
3	RA	Peter Damesick
4	RA	Peter Killick
5	RA	Chris Langton
6	RA	Deborah Sherry
7	Lib Dem	Perry Chotai
8	Lib Dem	Jeffrey Gray
9	Lib Dem	Ben Horne
10	Con	Robin Bloore
11	Con	Michael Cooper
12	Ind Grp	Deano Cline
13	Ind Grp	Jeremy Pursehouse
<i>Subs</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>Bryan Black and Catherine Sayer</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Lib Dem</i>	<i>Alun Jones and Robin Spencer</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Con</i>	<i>Ankita Sharma and Lewis Sharp</i>
<i>Subs</i>	<i>Ind Group</i>	<i>Martin Allen and Helena Windsor</i>

APPENDIX B

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OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS FOR 2024/25

	Body	24/25 Appointments <i>(all Councillors except for No.4)</i>
1	Biggin Hill Airport Consultative Committee	Martin Allen (Ind Grp)
2	Blanchmans Farm Nature Reserve	Robin Bloore (Con)
3	Blindley Heath Common Liaison Group	Chris Farr (RA)
4	Caterham Barracks Community Trust	Chief Executive
5	Caterham Community Association	James Rujbally (Lib Dem)
6	Citizens Advice Tandridge District	Deano Cline (Ind Grp) Alun Jones (Lib Dem) Deborah Sherry (RA)
7	East Surrey Museum	Annette Evans (Lib Dem)
8	Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee	Nicholas White (RA) Sub: Richard Smith (RA)
9	Gatwick Noise and Track Monitoring Advisory Group (NaTMAG)	Nicholas White (RA) Sub: Richard Smith (RA)
10	Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board (Community Forum)	Nicholas White (RA) Sub: Richard Smith (RA)
11	Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board (Executive)	Nicholas White (RA) Sub: Richard Smith (RA)
12	High Weald Joint Advisory Committee	Nicholas White (RA)
13	Hurst Green Community Centre	Deb Shiner (RA)
14	Lingfield Community Wildlife Area Management Committee	Julie Duggan (RA)
15	Local Government Association – General Assembly	Catherine Sayer (RA)
16	National Trust Limpsfield Common Local Committee	Claire Blackwell (RA)
17	PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee	<i>Authority delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to appoint the 2024/25 representative.</i>

	Body	24/25 Appointments <i>(all Councillors except for No.4)</i>
18	Redhill Aerodrome Consultative Committee	Richard Fowler (Lib Dem)
19	Surrey County Playing Fields Association	Colin White (RA)
20	Surrey Environmental Partnership	Bryan Black (RA)
21	Surrey Hills AONB Board (Sub is appointed to the AONB Partnership)	Catherine Sayer (RA) Sub Claire Blackwell (RA)
22	Surrey Leaders' Group	Catherine Sayer (RA) Sub Chris Farr (RA)
23	Surrey Museums' Consultative Committee	Jeffrey Gray (Lib Dem)
24	Surrey Police & Crime Panel	Richard Smith (RA)
25	Tandridge Access Group	Louise Case (RA) Deano Cline (Ind Grp)
26	Tandridge Armed Forces Champion	Richard Smith (RA)
27	Tandridge Community Safety Partnership	Richard Smith (RA)
28	Tandridge Health & Wellbeing Board	Louise Case (RA) Annette Evans (Lib Dem)
29	Tandridge Voluntary Action	Deano Cline (Ind Grp)
30	Upper Medway Drainage Board	Mike Crane (RA)
31	Warlingham Church Hall Charity (Director)	Keith Prew (Con)
	Sports Associations:	
32	Bletchingley	Helena Windsor (Ind Grp)
33	Holland	Bryan Black (RA)
34	Lingfield	Peter Killick (RA)
35	Smallfield	Sue Farr (RA)
36	South Godstone	Mike Crane (RA)
37	Warlingham	Perry Chotai (Lib Dem)