

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes and report of the annual meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on the 25th May 2023 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Allen, Bilton, Black, Blackwell, Bloore, Booth, Botten, Chotai, Cooper, Crane, Damesick, Chris Farr, Sue Farr, Gillman, Gray, Alun Jones, Anna Jones, Langton, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, O'Driscoll, O'Riordan, Patel, Pinard, Prew, Pursehouse, Robinson, Sayer, Sharp, Shiner, Smith, Steeds, Colin White, Nicholas White, Windsor and Wren

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Evans, Gaffney, Groves, Hammond and North

1. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING CHAIR

Councillors Sayer and O'Driscoll paid tribute to Councillor Wren for her work as Chair of the Council during 2022/23. Councillor Wren responded by thanking all concerned for the support she had received throughout the previous municipal year.

2. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2023/24

The Council proceeded with the election of a Chair for 2023/24. Councillor Botten was nominated by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Lee. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Botten be elected Chair of the Council for 2023/24.

Councillor Botten then took the Chair and thanked Members for appointing him.

3. ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2023/24

The Council proceeded with the election of a Vice-Chair for 2023/24. Councillor Sue Farr was nominated by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Wren.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Sue Farr be elected Vice Chair of the Council for 2023/24.

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed the new Members who had joined the Council following the District elections on the 4th May (namely Councillors Peter Damesick, Anna Jones, Nicola O'Riordan, Anna Patel, Lewis Sharp, Richard Smith and Helena Windsor).

The Chair also advised that, during the year ahead, he would seek to promote the valuable services provided by Tandridge school governors and raise funds for his two chosen charities, namely:

- The Westway (Community & Wellbeing) Centre in Caterham; and
- the East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH APRIL 2023

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20th April 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Planning Committee – 18th April 2023

Planning Committee – 11th May 2023.

7. ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO COMMITTEES FOR 2023/24

Members considered a report to enable the Council to appoint its Committees for the 2023/24 Municipal Year, including the allocation of seats in accordance with political balance requirements.

RESOLVED – that the Council's committees for 2023/24, and the number of seats allocated to each committee, be as per Appendix A.

8. APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCILLORS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2023/24

A list of proposed appointments to outside bodies was considered.

Votes were taken in respect of:

- the Caterham Community Association as Councillors Groves and Robinson had been nominated for the single vacancy – the vote was in favour of Councillor Robinson; and
- the East Surrey Museum as Councillors Cooper and Evans had been nominated for the single vacancy – the vote was in favour of Councillor 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 2023/24 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 2023/24 Municipal Year.

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

RESOLVED – that the Administration's Policy Statement be received.

Rising 9.09 pm