
DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

17 MAY 2023

Present -

MEMBERS:

Allen (Mayor), Adeleke, Anderson, Barry-Mears, Banks, Barradell, Bhinder, Birnie, Bristow, Bromham, Cox, Deacon, Dhyan, Douris, Durrant, England, Freedman, Gale, Guest, Hannell, C Hobson, S Hobson, B Link (Deputy Mayor), C Link, Maddern, McArevey, Mitchell, Patterson, Pesch, Pound, Pringle, Reynolds, Santamaria, Stevens, Stewart, Silwal, Symington, Taylor, Timmis, Tindall, Walker, Weston, Wilkie, A Williams, B Williams, and Wyatt-Lowe (46)

OFFICERS:

C Silva Donayre (Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director, Corporate and Commercial), M Brookes (Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services), C O'Neil (Democratic Services Manager), D Bulpit (Events Officer), L Fowell (Democratic Support Lead Officer), J Webb (Majority Group Secretary), M Sells (Minority Group Secretary) and T Angel (Democratic Support Officer)

The meeting began at 7.30 pm.

1 MAYOR

Councillor John Birnie made a speech in relation to his year as Mayor of Dacorum.

Councillor John Birnie asked for nominations for the election of a Mayor to hold office until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024.

It was moved by Councillor C Hobson, seconded by Councillor Sally Symington and unanimously;

Resolved:

That Councillor William Allen be appointed Mayor to the Borough of Dacorum until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024.

Councillor John Birnie vacated the chair which was taken by Councillor William Allen who made his declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor William Allen delivered a speech of acceptance.

The newly elected Mayor referred to the duties carried out by Councillor John Birnie as Mayor of the Borough of Dacorum during the past year.

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Tindall and unanimously;

Resolved:

That the Council tender to Councillor John Birnie their most cordial thanks for the admirable manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Mayor of the Borough of Dacorum during the past year and place on record their appreciation of the energy and sound judgement which distinguished his actions during that period: That the Seal of the Council be affixed to a copy of this resolution and that it be presented to him in recognition of his services as Mayor of the Borough of Dacorum.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor asked for nominations for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor to hold office until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024.

It was moved by Councillor Tindall, seconded by Councillor Pringle and unanimously;

Resolved:

That Councillor Brenda Link be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Dacorum until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024.

Councillor Brenda Link made her declaration of acceptance of office.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting will be considered at the next Council meeting.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Capozzi, Mottershead, Elliot and Johnson.

The Mayor gave apologies on behalf of the Chief Executive, Claire Hamilton, who was represented by the Deputy Chief Executive, Catherine Silva Donayre.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

7 APPOINTMENTS OF THE LEADER, DEPUTY LEADER, CABINET, OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES 2023/24

It was proposed by Councillor England, seconded by Councillor C Hobson and agreed that Councillor Tindall be appointed as Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2027 (unless the term of office is brought to an end earlier in accordance with the Constitution).

Proposals for the Deputy Leader, the Cabinet, Chairs and Vice-Chairs and Members to serve on the Standing Committees until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024 were circulated as set out in Annex A to these minutes and agreed.

8 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The following appointments were agreed:

1. Councillor Jane Timmis - (London) Luton Airport Consultative Committee
2. Councillor Terry Douris – West Herts Crematorium Joint Committee
3. Councillor Ron Tindall - LGA General Assembly

Full appointments to outside organisations will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council on 12 July 2023.

The Mayor advised that concluded the business for the evening and declared the meeting closed.

The Meeting ended at 8.13 pm

ANNEX A

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET, OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, REGULATORY COMMITTEES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2023-2027

CABINET

Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Liberal Democrats
Leader of the Council	Ron Tindall
Corporate & Commercial Services	Sally Symington
Housing & Property Services	Simy Dhyani
Neighbourhood Operations	Robin Bromham
Climate Change and Deputy Leader	Adrian England
Place	Sheron Wilkie
People & Transformation	Carole Weston

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (14 members = 8:5:1:0)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Sammy Barry-Mears (Chair)	Julie Banks	Barbara Pesch
Michela Capozzi (Vice Chair)	Edward Barradell	
Catherine McAreyey	Gbola Adeleke	
Brenda Link	Alan Johnson	Independent
Carrie Link	Belinda Williams	
John Mottershead		
Toni Cox		
Lara Pringle		

FINANCE AND RESOURCES (14 members = 8:5:1:0)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Rick Freedman (Chair)	Graeme Elliot (Vice Chair)	Pete Hannell
Michela Capozzi	Andrew Williams	
Robert Stewart	Heather Pound	
Jonathan Gale	Gbola Adeleke	Independent
Paul Reynolds	Fiona Guest	
Victoria Santamaria		
Sadie Hobson		
Vacancy		

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (14 members = 7:5:1:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Claire Hobson (Chair)	Alan Anderson	Angela Mitchell
Dave Deacon (Vice-Chair)	Stewart Riddick	
Jonathan Gale	Jane Timmis	
Brian Patterson	Philip Walker	Independent
Victoria Santamaria	Colette Wyatt-Lowe	John Birnie
Sadie Hobson		

Lara Pringle		

HEALTH IN DACORUM COMMITTEE (12 members = 6:4:1:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Cathy McAreyve (Chair)	Alex Bhinder	Pete Hannell
Rick Freedman	Graeme Elliot	
Lara Pringle (Vice-Chair)	Heather Pound	
Carrie Link	Belinda Williams	Independent
Brian Patterson		Jan Maddern
Toni Cox		

AUDIT COMMITTEE (6 members = 3:2:0:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Robert Stewart (Chair)	Graeme Elliot	
Paul Reynolds (Vice-Chair)	Terry Douris	
Sadie Hobson		
		Independent
		John Birnie

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (14 members = 7:5:1:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Garrick Stevens (Chair)	Fiona Guest	Angela Mitchell
Claire Hobson (Vice-Chair)	Nigel Durrant	
Brian Patterson	Goverdhan Silwal	
Ian Bristow	Stewart Riddick	Independent
John Mottershead	Colette Wyatt-Lowe	Jan Maddern
Toni Cox		
Carrie Link		

APPEALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

APPEALS (8 members = 4:3:1:0)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Jonathan Gale (Chair)	Edward Barradell	Angela Mitchell
Toni Cox (Vice-Chair)	Gbola Adeleke	
Brenda Link	Belinda Williams	
Cathy McAreyve		Independent

**LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
(12 members = 7:4:1:0)**

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Lara Pringle (Chair)	Alex Bhinder	Barbara Pesch
Brenda Link (Vice-Chair)	Nigel Durrant	
William Allen	Alan Johnson	
Ian Bristow	Andrew Williams	Independent
Victoria Santamaria		
Paul Reynolds		
Dave Deacon		

**LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
(6 members = 3:2:1:0)**

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Lara Pringle (Chair)	Alan Johnson	Barbara Pesch
Brenda Link (Vice-Chair)	Alex Bhinder	
David Deacon		
		Independent

LICENSING OF ALCOHOL & GAMBLING SUB-COMMITTEE (3 members = 2:1:0:0)

This Committee consists of a Panel of 3 Members who are picked from the Members of the Licensing and Health and Safety Enforcement Committee. Only Members who have had training on the Licensing of Alcohol & Gambling Sub-Committee can sit on this Panel.

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Lara Pringle (Chair)	Alex Bhinder	
Brenda Link		
		Independent

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5 members = 3:2:0:0)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Jonathan Gale (Chair)	Alan Anderson	
Rick Freedman	Graeme Elliot	
Cathy McAreyve (Vice-Chair)		
		Independent

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (5 members = 3:2:0:0)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Ron Tindall	Graeme Elliot	
Nigel Taylor	Andrew Williams	
Claire Hobson		
		Independent

ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (6 members = 3:2:1:0)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Garrick Stevens	Alan Anderson	Pete Hannell
Lara Pringle	Andrew Williams	
Nigel Taylor		
		Independent

OTHERS**JNC (JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE) (4 members = 2:2:0:0)**

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Nigel Taylor	Terry Douris	
Ron Tindall	Andrew Williams	
		Independent

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP (6 members = 3:2:1:0)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Nigel Taylor (Chair)	Julie Banks	Angela Mitchell
Rick Freedman	Terry Douris	
Sammy Barry-Mears (Vice-Chair)		
		Independent