
DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

15 MAY 2019

Present -

MEMBERS:

R Sutton (Mayor), Adeleke, Anderson, Arslan, Banks, Mrs Bassadone, Barratt, Barry, Beauchamp, Bhinder, Birnie, Chapman, Cloughton, Douris (Deputy Mayor), Durrant, Elliot, England, Freedman, Griffiths, Guest, Hearn, Hobson, Hollinghurst, Imarni, Johnson, Link, Maddern, So Mahmood, Su Mahmood, McDowell, Oguchi, Peter, Pringle, Ransley, Riddick, Rogers, Silwal, Stevens, G Sutton, R Sutton, Symington, Taylor, Tindall, Timmis, Townsend, Uttley, Williams, Woolner, Wyatt-Lowe (49)

OFFICERS:

The Chief Executive, the Corporate Director (Finance & Operations), the Corporate Director (Housing & Regeneration), Assistant Director (Corporate & Contracted Services), the Group Manager (Legal & Corporate Services), J Doyle (Elections Team Leader), K Soley (Communications & Consultation Team Leader), T Angel (Corporate and Democratic Support Officer - Minutes)

The meeting began at 7.30 pm.

1. THE MAYOR

Councillor R Sutton made a speech in relation to her year as Mayor.

Councillor R Sutton 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 2020.

It was moved by Councillor Elliot, seconded by Councillor Griffiths and unanimously

Resolved:

That Councillor Terry Douris be appointed Mayor to the Borough of Dacorum until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

Councillor R Sutton vacated the chair which was taken by Councillor Terry Douris who made his declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor delivered a speech of acceptance.

COUNCILLOR DOURIS

The newly elected Mayor referred to the duties carried out by Councillor R Sutton as Mayor of the Borough of Dacorum during the previous year.

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

Resolved:

That the Council tender to Councillor R Sutton their most cordial thanks for the admirable manner in which she 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 her actions during that period: That the Seal of the Council be affixed to a copy of this resolution and that it be presented to her in recognition of her 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 2020.

It was moved by Councillor Barrett, seconded by Councillor Chapman and unanimously;

Resolved:

That Councillor Riddick be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Dacorum until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

Councillor Riddick made his declaration of acceptance of office.

3. MINUTES

There were no minutes available to be signed at this meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Allen and Bowden.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER, CABINET, OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES 2019/20

- a) The Council appointed Councillor Williams as Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023 (unless the term of office is brought to an end earlier in accordance with the Constitution).
- b) The Council received from Councillor Williams the appointments of the Deputy Leader and the other Members of the Cabinet and their respective Portfolios.

Councillor Williams – Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Contracted Services

Councillor Mrs Griffiths – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing

Councillor Banks - Portfolio Holder for Community and Regulatory Services

Councillor Elliot - Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources

Councillor G Sutton - Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure

Councillor Anderson - Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

- c) Proposals for the Cabinet, Chairs and Vice-Chairs and Members to serve on the Standing Committees until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020 were circulated as set out in Annex A to these minutes and agreed.
- d) Nominations to the pool of Members who are trained, or who are to be trained, to serve on the Appeals Committee as and when required were received and agreed.
- e) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committees (except the Standards Committee) were appointed.
- f) The Chairman of the Standards Committee will be elected by the Committee.

8. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON AND INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Council appoint the following independent person and independent members:

- 1. Susan Johnson as the Council's Independent Person for a term of four years.
- 2. Caroline Guest and Gloria Gillespie as Independent Members of the Standards Committee for a term of four years.

9. CONSTITUTION – SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

That, Council unanimously approved the changes to the Member substitution rules as set out in the paragraphs below, and authorised the Monitoring Officer to make the required changes to the Constitution to give effect to these changes.

- 1. The rules relating to substituting members where members are unable to attend a relevant committee or sub-committee are contained in Part 4 of the Constitution and currently require Council to agree a number of members (maximum three from each political party) for each committee or sub-committee.
- 2. The substitute members for each committee and sub-committee are currently agreed in advance at annual council each year.
- 3. In order to widen the pool of members who may attend as substitutes it is considered that it will assist the Council if the limitation on the maximum of three members from each political party is removed and allow all members to attend any committee or sub-committee as substitutes if they are nominated by their leader or deputy leader.
- 4. The substitute member must be of the same political group as the member substituted and the only other limitation proposed on nominating a member as a substitute is that in respect of the Regulatory Committees, which are Development Management Committee, the Licensing and Health & Safety Enforcement Committee, the Licensing and Health & Safety Enforcement Sub Committee, the Licensing of Alcohol & Gambling Sub Committee, the Appeals and Reviews Committee and the Audit Committee; the nominated substitute must have received prior training.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

ANNEX

A

MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET, OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, POLICY DEVELOPMENT PANELS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2019-2023

CABINET

Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Conservative
Leader & Corporate and Contracted Services	Cllr Williams
Finance & Resources	Cllr Elliot
Housing	Cllr Mrs Griffiths (Deputy Leader)
Environmental Services	Cllr Anderson
Community and Regulatory Services	Cllr Banks
Planning & Infrastructure	Cllr G Sutton

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (13 members = 8:5)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Gbola Adeleke (Vice Chair)	Adrian England
Frances Arslan	Lara Pringle
Hazel Bassadone	Nick Hollinghurst
Nigel Durrant	Sammy Barry
Isy Imarni (Chair)	Rick Freedman
Alan Johnson	
Suqlain Mahmood	
Pearl Oguchi	

FINANCE AND RESOURCES (13 members = 8:5)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Gbola Adeleke	Christopher Townsend (Vice Chair)
Frances Arslan	Stephen Claughton
Graham Barrett	Sally Symington
Bert Chapman	Ron Tindall
Fiona Guest	Nigel Taylor
Sobaan Mahmood	
Suqlain Mahmood (Chair)	
Babita Sinha	

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (13 members = 8:5)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Graham Barrett	Garrick Stevens
Rob Beauchamp	Roxanne Ransley
John Birnie (Chair)	Claire Hobson
Penny Hearn	Nigel Taylor
Stewart Riddick	Nicky Woolner
Mark Rogers	
Goverdhan Silwal (Vice Chair)	
Jane Timmis	

HEALTH IN DACORUM COMMITTEE (9 members = 6:3:1)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Independent
Rob Beauchamp	Adrian England	Jan Maddern
Alex Bhinder (Vice Chair)	Nick Hollinghurst	
Nigel Durrant	John Bowden	
Fiona Guest (Chair)		
Alan Johnson		
Babita Sinha		

AUDIT COMMITTEE (6 members = 4:2)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
John Birnie	Christopher Townsend
Bert Chapman (Chair)	Sally Symington
Sobaan Mahmood	
Goverdhan Silwal	

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (13 members = 7:5:1)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Independent
Rob Beauchamp	Phil McDowell	Jan Maddern
Nigel Durrant	Liz Uttley	
Fiona Guest (Chair)	Nicky Woolner	
Pearl Oguchi	Sally Symington	
Stewart Riddick	Vacancy	
Colette Wyatt-Lowe (Vice Chair)		
Vacancy		

APPEALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE**APPEALS (8 members = 5:3)**

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Gbola Adeleke	Brenda Link
Hazel Bassadone (Chair)	Phil McDowell
Penny Hearn (Vice Chair)	Liz Uttley
Rosie Sutton	
Colette Wyatt-Lowe	

**LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
(12 members = 8:4)**

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Hazel Bassadone	Brenda Link
Alex Bhinder (Vice Chair)	William Allen
Penny Hearn (Chair)	Lara Pringle
Isy Imarni	John Bowden
Alan Johnson	
Colin Peter	
Mark Rogers	
Rosie Sutton	

**LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
(6 members = 4:2:0)**

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Hearn (Chairman)	Link
Bhinder (Vice-Chairman)	Pringle
Bassadone	
R Sutton	

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

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.

Conservative	Liberal Democrat

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5 members = 3:2)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Alan Anderson	Roxanne Ransley
Rosie Sutton	Claire Hobson
Colette Wyatt-Lowe	
Independent Town Council Rep	

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (5 members = 3:2)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Margaret Griffiths	Ron Tindall
Andrew Williams	Stephen Claughton
Colette Wyatt-Lowe	

ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (6 members = 4:2)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Alan Anderson	Garrick Stevens
Terry Douris	Nick Hollinghurst
Margaret Griffiths	
Andrew Williams	

OTHERS**JNC (JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE) (4 members = 3:1)**

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Bert Chapman	Ron Tindall
Isy Imarni	
Gbola Adeleke	

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP (6 members = 4:2)

Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Goverdhan Silwal	Rick Freedman
Alex Bhinder	Sammy Barry
Terry Douris	
Rosie Sutton (Chairman)	