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## **DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**15 MAY 2024**

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Present:

#### **MEMBERS:**

Councillor Tindall (Leader) Councillors, Adeleke, Allen, Anderson, Banks, Bhinder, Bristow, Bromham, Cox, Deacon, Dhyani, Douris, Durrant, Elliot, England, Freedman, Guest, Hannell, Hobson, Johnson, Link, Link, Maddern, McArevey, Mitchell, Patterson, Pesch, Pound, Reynolds, Riddick, Santamaria, Silwal, Smith-Wright, Stevens, Stewart, Symington, Taylor, Walker, Weston, Williams, Williams and C Wyatt-Lowe

#### **OFFICERS:**

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

#### **1 MAYOR**

Councillor William Allen made a speech in relation to his year as Mayor of Dacorum.

Councillor William Allen 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 2025.

It was moved by Councillor Carrie Link, seconded by Councillor Simy Dhyani and unanimously;

#### Resolved:

That Councillor Brenda Link be appointed Mayor to the Borough of Dacorum until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2025.

Councillor William Allen vacated the chair which was taken by Councillor Brenda Link who made her declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Brenda Link delivered a speech of acceptance.

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

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

#### Resolved:

That the Council tender to Councillor William Allen 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 2025.

It was moved by Councillor William Allen, seconded by Councillor Ron Tindall and unanimously;

### Resolved:

That Councillor Catherine McArevey be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Dacorum until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2025.

Councillor Catherine McArevey 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 Cllrs, Barry–Mears, Birnie, Capozzi, Gale, Pringle, Timmis, Wilkie.

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **6 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Brenda Link handed over to Cllr Tindall for his announcements.

Councillor Tindall advised that he was stepping down as leader of the council and proposed that Councillor Adrian England would take the position as leader.

It was proposed by Councillor Tindall, seconded by Councillor Nigel Taylor and agreed that Councillor England 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).

Mayor Brenda Link handed over to the Chief Executive Claire Hamilton for her announcements.

Claire Hamilton announced the following

**CHAIRMAN**

The Police & Crime Commissioner election was held on Thursday the 2nd of May 2024. I can confirm that there was a 29.3% turnout across Hertfordshire and the candidate elected was Jonathan Ash-Edwards of the Conservative Party.

I would also like to inform members that there will be a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum in the Bovingdon area on Thursday the 13th of June 2024. The Notice of election has been published and poll cards issued. For more information please see the Elections 2024 page of the council's website.

## **7 APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES 2024-2025**

Councillor Adrian England appointed Councillor Simy Dhyani as Deputy Leader

Proposals for the Cabinet, Chairs and Vice-Chairs and Members to serve on the Standing Committees until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2025 were circulated as set out in Annex A to these minutes and agreed.

## **8 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

Mayor Brenda Link handed over to Councillor Adrian England

The full appointment to outside organisations will come to the next meeting of the Full Council. In the interim, I propose the following representatives be appointed;

1. Councillor Jane Timmis - (London) Luton Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Adrian England extended thanks to Councillor Douris for his work on the West Herts Crematorium Joint Committee and advised that Councillor Robin Bromham would now handle any future liaison with them under the portfolio of Neighbourhood Delivery.

The Meeting ended at 8.15 pm

**CHAIRMAN**