

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 20 JULY 2016 AT 6.00pm**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Hook) (P) (in the Chair);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard , Bateman (P), Mrs Batty (P), Beavis (P), Bergin (P) , Burgess (P), Carter (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Ms Diffey (P), Earle (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P), Mrs Forder (P), Foster-Reed (P), Mrs Furlong (P) Hicks, Hook (P), Mrs Huggins, Hylands (P), Jessop (P), Mrs Jones (P), Miss Kelly (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Mrs Prickett (P), Raffaelli (P), Ronayne(P), Scard (P), Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman O'Neill.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ms Ballard, Mrs Huggins, Hicks.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual and Adjourned meeting of the Council held on 18 and 19 May 2016 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 8 June 2016 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor advised that in April 2017 she would be abseiling the Spinnaker Tower with the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and Mayor of Havant. She also advised that the Mayor's Cricket XI would be playing at Privett Park following the Council meeting and that Members were welcome to attend.

DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received.

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

There were none.

PART II MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following Part II Minutes be received.

- Economic Development Board: 19 May 2016 and 15 June 2016
- Community Board: 19 May 2016 and 29 June 2016.
- Policy and Organisation Board: 19 May 2016 and 6 July 2016

SHARED MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Consideration was given to a Report and addendum of the Chief Executive which advised the Council on the progress of shared management arrangements with Portsmouth City Council and to appoint officers including statutory officers.

It was recommended that the Council agree to appoint as from 1 October 2016 :-

1. David Williams as Chief Executive and the statutory officer appointment as Head of Paid Service;
2. Michael Lawther as Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive and the statutory officer appointment as Monitoring Officer;
3. Christopher Ward as Borough Treasurer and the statutory officer appointment as Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer);
4. Michael Lawther, pursuant to Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act, as Returning Officer for the Council with authority to act in that capacity for elections to the Council.
5. Michael Lawther, pursuant to Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as the Council's Registration Officer.
6. That, in relation to the conduct of local authority elections and polls, and elections to the United Kingdom Parliament, and all other electoral duties where the Council is entitled by law to do so, the Council shall take out and maintain in force insurance indemnifying the Council and the Returning Officer against legal expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any proceedings brought against the Council or the Returning Officer and/or the cost of holding another election in the event of the original election being declared invalid (provided that such proceedings or invalidation are the result of the accidental contravention of the Representation of the People Acts or other legislation governing the electoral process, or accidental breach of any ministerial or other duty by the Returning Officer or any other person employed by or officially acting for him in connection with the election or poll).
7. That, in the event of such insurance carrying an 'excess' clause by which an initial portion of risk is not insured, the Council, through its internal insurance fund or otherwise, will indemnify the Returning Officer up to the value of such excess.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved.

The meeting concluded at 6.23pm

The Mayor.