

## NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Full Council** held in the Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1BY on Tuesday, 23 May 2023 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor S Saddington (Chairman)

Councillor N Allen, Councillor A Amer, Councillor A Brazier, Councillor L Brazier, Councillor C Brooks, Councillor I Brown, Councillor R Cozens, Councillor S Crosby, Councillor L Dales, Councillor D Darby, Councillor P Farmer, Councillor A Freeman, Councillor S Forde, Councillor J Hall, Councillor S Haynes, Councillor Mrs R Holloway, Councillor J Kellas, Councillor J Lee, Councillor K Melton, Councillor Mrs S Michael, Councillor D Moore, Councillor E Oldham, Councillor P Peacock, Councillor C Penny, Councillor M Pringle, Councillor Mrs P Rainbow, Councillor K Roberts, Councillor N Ross, Councillor T Smith, Councillor M Spoons, Councillor P Taylor, Councillor L Tift, Councillor T Thompson, Councillor T Wendels and Councillor T Wildgust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor P Harris, Councillor R Jackson and Councillor M Shakeshaft

### 1 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR FOR 2023/24

Councillor S Michael moved and Councillor T Wendels seconded that Councillor P Rainbow be elected Chair of Newark & Sherwood District Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Councillor P Peacock moved and Councillor L Brazier seconded that Councillor C Brooks be elected Chair of Newark & Sherwood District Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

The two nominations for the Office of Chair were put to the meeting. The voting was as follows:

Councillor Mrs P Rainbow	13 votes
Councillor Mrs C Brooks	19 votes

There were 2 abstentions.

AGREED that Councillor C Brooks be elected Chair of Newark & Sherwood District Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

(Councillor C Brooks signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received the Chain of Office from the Retiring Chair.)

### 2 PRESENTATION OF PAST CHAIR'S BADGE

Councillor Brooks presented the past Chair's badge to Councillor Saddington.

(As the newly elected Chair, Councillor Mrs Brooks took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.)

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

Councillor R Cozens moved and Councillor D Moore seconded that Councillor J Hall be elected Vice-Chair of Newark & Sherwood District Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Councillor J Kellas moved and Councillor S Haynes seconded that Councillor J Lee be elected Vice-Chair of Newark & Sherwood District Council for the 2023/2024 municipal year.

The two nominations for the Office of Vice-Chair were put to the meeting. The voting was as follows:

Councillor Mrs J Hall 22  
Councillor J Lee 12

AGREED that Councillor J Hall be elected Vice-Chair of Newark & Sherwood District Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

(Councillor Hall signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received the Vice-Chair's Chain of Office.)

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest from Members and Officers and the Council noted the interests previously declared by Members in Agenda Item No. 18 – Minutes for Noting.

5 NOTIFICATION TO THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND STREAMED ONLINE

Other than the Council recording in accordance with usual practice, there were no declarations of intention to record the meeting.

6 MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2023

AGREED that that minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7 TO APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE LEADER

Councillor R Cozens moved and Councillor K Melton seconded that Councillor P Peacock be appointed as the Council's Executive Leader for 2023/24.

AGREED (with 21 votes for, 13 against and 2 abstentions) that Councillor P Peacock be appointed as the Council's Executive Leader for 2023/24.

8 TO NOTE THE LEADER'S APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER, CABINET MEMBERS AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

In advising of his appointments to Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members and Portfolio Holders, Councillor Peacock took the opportunity to pay tribute to ex-Councillor Roger Blaney.

Councillor Peacock advised that he was to hold the position of Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Performance & Finance and he advised of the interim Cabinet as follows:

Councillor M Spoor - Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economic Development & Visitors

Councillor C Penny - Portfolio Holder for Organisational Development & Governance

Councillor L Brazier - Portfolio Holder for Homes & Health

Councillor P Taylor - Portfolio Holder for Cleaner, Safer, Greener

Councillor R Holloway - Appointed as Member of Cabinet without Portfolio

9 POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES TO POLITICAL GROUPS

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive which sought to consider the political composition of the Council and proposals for the allocation of seats on Committees to Political Groups, as required by Council Procedure Rule No. 1.1.2.

Section 15 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 required the Council to consider the political composition of the Council. This Act, together with the Local Government (Committees & Political Groups) Regulations 1990, required the Council to allocate seats on committees on a proportional basis in accordance with the number of seats held on the Council by each political group.

The report detailed the new political composition of the Council and set out the committees which were required to reflect the political balance of the Council. It was noted that the terms of reference for the Board of the Trustees of the Gilstrap restricted membership to Newark Ward Members, however this was not possible given the result of the elections. Therefore, it was proposed to make a minor amendment to the terms of reference to state that membership was restricted to Newark Ward Members, subject to political proportionality rules.

AGREED (unanimously) that:

- a) the allocation of seats to Political Groups (as set out in Appendix A to these Minutes) be approved; and
- b) the terms of reference for the Board of Trustees of the Gilstrap Charity be amended as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

10 TO ALLOCATE CHAIR PERSONS, VICE-CHAIR PERSONS AND MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES ETC.

The Council were circulated with a proposed schedule of appointments to the Council's Committees, including the positions of Chairs and Vice-Chairs and substitute Members.

AGREED (with 23 votes for and 13 against) that the appointments of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs on Committees and the appointment of other Members to Committee etc. as set out in the schedule at Appendix B to the Minutes, be approved.

11 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

The Council considered the report of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer which sought to consider the appointments of Paul Cox and Sarah Britton as Independent Persons to the Council for a further 4-year term.

AGREED (unanimously) that Paul Cox and Sarah Britton be appointed as Independent Persons to the Council for a further 4-year term to May 2027.

12 MINUTES FOR NOTING

13 CABINET - 21 MARCH 2023

14 EXECUTIVE SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2023

14a POLICY AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 6 MARCH 2023

15 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 16 MARCH 2023

16 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 20 APRIL 2023

17 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - 6 APRIL 2023

18 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - 2 MARCH 2023

19 LICENSING COMMITTEE - 2 MARCH 2023

20 RECORD OF URGENT DECISIONS

NOTED the record of exempt urgent decisions taken in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution.

Meeting closed at 7.03 pm.

Chairman