



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HART DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, HARLINGTON WAY, FLEET ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2017 AT 7.00 PM

Joint Chief Executive

CIVIC OFFICES, HARLINGTON WAY
FLEET, HAMPSHIRE GU51 4AE

AGENDA

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1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman from among the Councillors of the District.

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To elect a Vice-Chairman from among the Councillors of the District.

3 MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 27 April 2017. **Paper A**

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disclosable pecuniary, and any other, interests

6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7 MOTION TO COUNCIL

The following motion to Council has been moved by Councillor James Radley, seconded by Councillor Neighbour:

The Council wishes to use this AGM, as it represents the traditional point in the municipal year, to undertake a vote for the Leader of Council. To bring about such a vote the Constitution requires that a vote to remove the current leader first be tabled. To this end this Council retracts support for the current Leader and does so as required by the Constitution by voting to remove from office the current Leader of the Council and agrees that a new Leader should be elected forthwith.

8 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

I To appoint Members to serve on the following Committees:

(THE FIGURES ARE CALCULATED ON **PROVISIONAL** PARTY GROUPS)

Committee	Con	Lib-Dem	CCH	Independent	To be allocated	Total
Audit*	3	2	2	0	0	7
Licensing	5	3	3	0	0	11
Planning**	5	3	3	0	0	11
Overview & Scrutiny ***	5	3	3	0	0	11
Crime and Disorder Joint Scrutiny	1	1	1	0	0	3
Five Councils Partnership Joint Scrutiny						2
Standards	2	1	2	0	0	5
Staffing	2	1	2	0	0	5

Notes:

* No Members of the Cabinet will be Members of the Audit Committee.

** It is Council practice that membership of the Planning Committee will comprise the maximum of one representative from each Ward, provided this is consistent with the rules on political balance.

*** No Members of the Cabinet will be Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2 To confirm membership of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2017/18

- i Five District Councillors (as above)
- ii Two Lay Persons (Peter Kern and one Vacancy)
- iii Three Parish Members to be appointed by Hart District Association of Parish and Town Councils.

9 ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

The Chairman will take nominations for Chairmen of each of the Committees, and Members of each Committee will elect its Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year. Each Committee will elect their Vice-Chairman at their first meeting.

10 ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the 2016/17 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Bailey, will present the Committee's Annual Report. **Paper B**

Date of Despatch: 16 May 2017

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 27 April 2017 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Southern - (Chairman)

Ambler	Crookes	Neighbour
Axam	Dickens (7.10pm)	Oliver
Billings	Forster	Parker
Blewett	Gray	Radley (James)
Burchfield	Gorys	Radley (Jenny)
Butler	Harward	Renshaw
Clarke	Kennett	Wheale
Cockarill	Kinnell	Woods
Collett	Leeson	Wright
Crampton	Makepeace-Browne	
Crisp	Morris	

Officers Present:

Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Gill Chapman	Committee Services

I 07 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 March 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

I 08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Bailey.

I 09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

I 10 PRESENTATION - AEROBILITY

Mike Miller, Chief Executive Officer of Aerobility gave a presentation outlining the work of the charity. Aerobility, working out of Blackbushe Airport, helped people with disabilities to learn to fly.

Councillor Crisp would be doing a sponsored wing walk on 26 May (sponsorship page www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/gerrycrisp) raising money for the charity.

Members thanked Mike for the information and wished the Charity well in its very worthwhile endeavours.

I 11 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

A question was received from Ms Gabriele McKeown, details of which are set out in Appendix A attached to these Minutes.

I 12 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions received.

I 13 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had attended the following events on behalf of the Council.

5 April 2017	Hart Civic Day
6 April 2017	HCC Chairman – Concert at the Anvil, Basingstoke
12 April 2017	HCC Chairman’s Civic Dinner, Winchester

The Chairman reminded Members that it was now important for members to promote the Local Plan strategy with one voice.

I 14 CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council, **Councillor Parker**, announced:

I have only one announcement this month, and that is to formally inform members that the consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 of the draft Local Plan was formally launched yesterday. I would welcome comments from all residents, including members and those over the borders in adjacent districts and counties.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, **Councillor Burchfield**, reported:

We are holding the county election and the general election in quick succession, which due to the timescales, means an overlap between elections.

During this period officers will endeavour to ensure the continued high quality of services to both the public and members, but we would ask Councillors to work with us and be understanding during this period of high levels of workload for the Elections Team, Committee Services and Corporate Services as a whole.

Guidance on the extension of Purdah, for Councillors will be circulated in due course.

The Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, **Councillor Crampton**, announced:

I would like to update you on the projects underway in our open spaces. We are restoring the Causeway pond in Hartley Wintney. The banks of this historic pond were being eroded and by planting on the banks this erosion has been halted.

A large wildflower area has been created at Zebon Copse, in total 1200 m² has been planted. It will provide a boost for bees and other wildlife and regenerate an area destroyed by the National Grid. Working with BT, we are installing a wild flower area on the billboard on Fleet High Street. Similar wild flower planting projects will commence this year in Yateley and other areas of Fleet.

The Bramshot Farm SANG is progressing and we hope that the new access and car park will be in place by late summer when we can open it to the public. Phase 2 will deliver the visitors facilities and work on this will also start this year. We are hoping to have an open day when we can show members around this summer.

The Visitor Services department went live on 1st April. They are looking at the aspects of visitor management and promotion of the countryside and in particular SANGs promotion to attract people to these areas and away from our more sensitive sites. They will also support our key corporate objective such as Health and Wellbeing by extending the use of our open spaces to promote exercise and so on.

All Green Flag inspections have now been done and we are hopeful that we will have a 'full house' of awards in July and we will of course inform members of what we have achieved when we have the results. We currently have more Green Flag awards for excellent provision of green space than any other district in Hampshire, and draw with the county at four each.

Our new leisure centre opened on 1st April. The day was a great success with around 5,500 people attending. The feedback has been good, there were a few snagging issues which I am pleased to say have been or will be addressed.

Comments I have had have been also entirely positive, 'impressive' was said quite a number of times and one member of the public asked me to pass on their thanks to the Council for making this happen.

The Cabinet Member for Economic Development, **Councillor Crookes**, reported:

Cabinet agreed to set up the new Hart Lottery, which will be launching on Tuesday, 9 May, in association with HVA. This is an opportunity to contribute to local causes and we look forward to its success.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, **Councillor Forster**, announced:

Waste Contract retender: We have now agreed a shortlist of six bidders and we are on track to issue tenders by 5 May.

Litter enforcement: All is now in place to start the litter enforcement on 8 May and we are encouraging people to complete the online form identifying litter/dog fouling hotspots that they would like particular attention paid to

<https://www.hart.gov.uk/stop-it-dont-drop-it>. Neighbouring authorities will be watching the trial with interest.

Grounds maintenance are now entering their busiest time of year and grass cutting crews are out across the district and will be also working some weekends to ensure they keep the grass to manageable levels. Work is going well!

Fly tipping seems to be a particular problem at the moment and we have seen a significant increase in the last few weeks in the number of commercial fly tips that we have had to deal with. To address this we will shortly be trialling a new mobile CCTV system which it is hoped will be more effective at gathering evidence.

The CCTV annual report considered at recent Joint Governance Group meeting with Rushmoor, will be circulated to members of the service board for consideration. Things are going well.

Operation Hermes: Hart is to host the biannual Livex on the 29 June. This is a multi-agency exercise involving all blue light services, the military and partner authorities and will test the organisation's ability to deal with a major civil emergency.

Consolidation of on Street Parking and Waiting Restrictions: You should have seen details of the "Hart District Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2017" - it revokes 93 existing traffic regulation orders (TO) across the District that relate to a variety of prohibitions and restrictions, which includes orders dating from the 1960's, and brings (consolidates) all prohibitions and restrictions into one simple order. This is being done to improve efficiency in preparing new traffic regulation orders across the district by consolidating the orders. This process will also enable accurate and up to date information to be provided, for instance for Penalty Charge Notice appeals etc. We do have to consult as this is a major change, in line with the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Benefit to residents will result from placing all the consolidated order on the geographical information system [GIS] and on our website, so everyone can easily find out where and when parking is permitted - and not permitted. Future TO updates will be easier.

The Cabinet Member for Housing, **Councillor Gorys**, reported

The Housing team organised an Older Persons' Information Event in partnership with Vivid (previously Sentinel Housing Association) which was held at Campbell Place today, promoting housing options for older people in the district. The event was very well attended and feedback has been highly positive. My thanks to Nicola Harpham, Alison Smithen, Katy Herrington, Gemma Watts, Kate Layzell, Laura Cohn, and Diane Heberd for their work on the event.

As I have announced before I can now confirm that the Housing team has recruited three posts to support us to deliver the DCLG funded Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer across Hart and Rushmoor. Brian Bridger has joined the team as Transition & Partnerships Manager, and Tanith Perridge and Cisco Guedelha have joined as Health & Wellbeing Officers.

The Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, **Councillor Kennett**, reported:

Many members will have fielded complaints from the public about delayed planning applications, and this is largely due to problems of staff turnover and recruitment. Currently we are four planning officers short and the reason is very simply that we pay less than neighbouring councils and planning consultants. Not all the people we lose are outstanding but they are competent enough to get £3000 or £5000 more elsewhere.

This is happening at a time of greatly increased workload, not only with a relatively normal surge in applications, but also we have two very large, listed sites at Bramshill and Minley Manor which are both sensitive and time consuming. There are over 60 Appeals pending on Bramshill alone. Discussions regarding Minley Manor are less advanced and it is hoped, but by no means certain, that the Council can reach agreement with the developers. Appeals, as you know, are very expensive in time as well as money.

On 7 April I attended a meeting of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel at which the Commissioner outlined progress against his plan. The plan has ten priorities but most are vague and it is not really possible to judge success. There was a general feeling among members that it needed to be less vague and that this can be tightened in future. At the same meeting his Estates Manager confirmed that although the negotiation had been lengthy the sale of the Fleet Police Station should soon be completed. The site should then be a useful addition to our brownfield land supply.

The Cabinet Member for Town and Village Regeneration, **Councillor Morris**, reported:

On 6 April I attended the Armed Forces Military Covenant quarterly meeting held at RAF Odiham where topics discussed covered government funding through grants for covenant initiatives, neighbouring covenant champions and other military units outside of Hart working together sharing experiences and bringing forward funding success stories. As always these meetings hold great value helping to ensure service personal serving or retired are never disadvantaged in the community.

The Fleet Business Forum has now been disbanded as the Business Improvement District (the BID) have taken over their previous role. I attended the inaugural Fleet BID Annual General meeting on 24 April, eligible to BID members who elected Board members. As Hart's board member I also attended the first Board meeting held this morning where individual responsibilities were determined. The board is a set of very proactive members who have a full agenda of initiatives to bring forward to enhance the shopping experience for Fleet and further promote Fleet as a shopping destination.

The parking management team are maintaining their high levels of efficiency and even though they are understaffed the traffic management and enforcement process continues to successfully fill the void between now and when the revenue collection service is outsourced in October this year. Incidents including abandoned car removal, PCN's and car park revenue can be viewed on the parking Dashboard on

Hart's website. I encourage all councillors to visit this site to understand the work parking officers do.

Preparation ground work at Church Road car park will commence for 3 days, from Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 May, for drainage and surface structure testing works. The three areas within the car park will be cordoned off for public safety and all adjacent residents and businesses will be informed by letter. Also a press release will be issued to inform the greater public along with notices on social media and notice boards within the car park.

There has been a delay with the installation of the upgraded ticket machines because the company carrying out the work have gone through manpower issues and business restructuring. The current installation commencement date is 22 May 2017, which will see Victoria Road and Ghurkha Square trial the upgraded machines for two weeks to iron out any teething problems, and then all of Hart's car parks will have upgraded machines fitted soon after.

I 15 JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES' REPORT

The Joint Chief Executives' thanked Members for their support in the preparation and publication of the Draft Local Plan, now out for consultation until 5pm on 9 June. A briefing for Parishes had been held, and Roadshows were planned. He asked that Members encourage residents to attend the roadshows and respond to the consultation.

There was a four week public inquiry scheduled on the proposed development at Bramshill, which would be held at Bramshill House in October.

I 16 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny	21 March 2017

Councillor Axam asked that the Minutes reflect that he had sent apologies.

Audit	28 March 2017
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No questions asked

Cabinet	6 April 2017
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No questions asked.

Planning Committee	12 April 2017
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Minute 68 – Neighbour Notification Letters

Councillor Collett expressed concern at the decision to stop sending out neighbour notification letters. He highlighted examples of where this would be a problem in that some local residents may not become aware of development that could have a potential impact upon them.

Councillor Ambler, Chairman of Planning Committee, assured Members that the new scheme had been debated at length, both at Planning Working Group and Committee. Parishes, communities and neighbours all had a part to play in publicising applications, and savings would amount to £20k per year.

Councillor Collett asked that this decision be reviewed in due course.

I6/02989/OUT – Land at Odiham Road, Riseley, Reading, Berkshire

The application had been brought to Committee as a Departure because the site lies outside the settlement boundary and in that respect is contrary to Local Plan Policy RUR2. A request for debate had been received. Members' attention was drawn to the Briefing Note circulated, the reasons for the departure and the options for the Council going forward.

Councillor Ambler introduced the item. Local Plan policies on the delivery of housing were out of date and this was a case where para 14 of the NPPF (the presumption in favour of development) applied. He highlighted the benefits of the development which would deliver both market and affordable housing which must be given substantial weight. The scheme would result in the loss of some trees and hedging, although potential mitigation would offset this harm. The proposal would not in the opinion of the Planning Committee result in significant harm to the natural or built environment. Placing all factors and all of the relevant material considerations in the balance, the benefits of the development outweighed any adverse conflict with Policy RUR2. He therefore, moved that the recommendation set out at Minute 69 of the Planning Committee be approved. Councillor Cockarill seconded the Motion.

Members debated the issues. Points of discussion included:

- A previous application in the 1980's had been refused on appeal on the grounds of harm to the countryside.
- Undermined purpose of consulting on draft Local Plan if then grant planning permission before Local Plan consultation finished.
- Recognition that to meet housing needs it was inevitable that development would take place of greenfields even where in past times planning permission had been refused - applications had to be considered on their merits taking current policy and circumstances into account.
- Prematurity – not relevant here as the draft Plan carried little weight. There could be no moratorium on development simply because a draft Local Plan was out for consultation.
- The development proposed was not so substantial and its cumulative effect was not so significant, that to grant permission would undermine the plan-making process by predetermining decisions about the scale, location or phasing of new development that are central to draft Local Plan. In any event, the development proposal was acceptable on its own individual merits irrespective of the draft Local Plan.
- Implications of the Moulsham Lane appeal in terms of approach to meeting housing needs, the strength of Policy RUR2 and compatibility with NPPF.

- This site was no special exception to other planning permission that had been granted on greenfields in similar circumstances right across the District.

After a vote the resolution was deemed to be **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Regulatory Services be authorised to grant permission subject to the prior completion of an appropriate legal agreement as set out in the Planning Committee Minutes of 12 April 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Question from **Ms Gabriele McKeown**:

Why would Hart District Council want to grant planning permission for 83 houses in an area classified as open countryside within 2km of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (TBHSPA) and outside any built-up settlements of Hart District, Hampshire County, Wokingham District and Berkshire County, which will cause severe material impacts on a neighbourhood outside Hart District's area of jurisdiction, and even consider a change of RUR2 to do so, whilst simultaneously force meaningful and detrimental impacts on Riseley residents who are already suffering from gridlocked peak time traffic around all the relevant roads, who are already suffering from lack of essential infrastructure (no schools, no shops, no work opportunities, very poor public transport) and from overstretched medical centres miles away, and would be prepared to increase car traffic significantly, adding to the weekdays' peak time stop and go traffic without any essential provisions for their tenants or owners to get out of their poorly connected homes other than by private car travel and not providing leisure facilities for children, growing fast out of toddler's play grounds and recreation ground offers, whilst destroying the rural setting of our, namely a Berkshire village?

Councillor Ambler responded:

The Planning Committee is made up of eleven members from each of the wards in Hart, they are elected to the Committee each year at the AGM in accordance with political proportionality. In order to sit on the Committee members undergo regular training on all relevant aspects in order that they can competently carry out their duties in determining applications.

To quote from the guidance contained within our constitution “When considering development proposals the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.”

With regard to this particular application, it is my view that the officer report and Committee members properly debated all the relevant issues in reaching a decision. The location was discussed at length. It is a fact that this application site sits on the boundary of the Parish, the District and the County. As Hart covers a relatively small geographic area and shares a boundary with two adjacent counties, this situation is inevitably going to arise, however the boundaries are as they are and Hart District Council are the planning authority whose responsibility it is to determine this application.

With regard to the proximity to the SPA, as with many of the applications that we consider, the recommendation is subject to appropriate SANG being made available in mitigation. In respect of the highways issues, all the comments raised were examined and are dealt with in the comprehensive response from our highways officer, which concluded with no objection on highways grounds. This issue members also considered at length.

So in conclusion, it is my view that the Planning Committee properly weighed up all the factors and balanced the proportionate weight that should be applied to RUR2 and the NPPF presumption in favour of sustainable development, when arriving at their recommendation.

Ms McKeown asked a supplementary question:

As you have just yesterday started a 6-weeks' public Consultation phase on your Draft Local Housing Plan I ask you: How can you possibly justify a premature decision to grant an outline planning permission today for 83 houses in this greenfield site, which is disconnected and lies outside the defined settlement boundary of Riseley miles away from Hart District's infrastructure, which will undoubtedly lead to a split and not viable community and will ruin the character of our petite village, without proof of an overriding need for new houses on this site, whilst we and the wider community haven't yet commented on your draft Local Housing Plan and before you can finally specify your housing needs, which will possibly be covered in suitable and sustainable areas, well located within the Hart District, like Murrell Green?

Councillor Ambler responded:

As often happens with planning applications they are submitted and we have a legal obligation to deal with them within a timely manner. We cannot put a decision off until the local plan consultation has finished, it would probably be illegal. There is a need for new houses. At present we are working on an outdated local plan, with housing numbers to work to, and we have to continue our delivery of affordable homes. This site delivers affordable homes. All issues were considered by the Planning Committee, who came to the recommendation that will be debated later tonight.

COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 25 MAY 2017

TITLE OF REPORT: REVIEW OF THE WORK OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST YEAR 2016/2017

Report of: Councillor Stuart Bailey, Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To review the work of Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the past year 2016/17

2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Members note the report and the subsequent actions taken.

3 WHAT IS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY?

3.1 All local authorities operating a Cabinet and Scrutiny model have a Cabinet made up of the Leader of the Council and up to nine other members. All executive decisions (ie those needed to implement the Policy Framework and Budget approved by the County Council) are taken by the Cabinet.

3.2 Overview and Scrutiny bodies are not “decision making” bodies but are bodies which monitor and influence those that are. The Overview and Scrutiny role, carried out by non-Cabinet members, is designed to support the work of the Council in the following ways:

- Reviewing and scrutinising decisions taken by the Cabinet (as acting as a “critical friend”)
- Considering aspects of the Council’s performance
- Assisting in research, policy review and development
- Involving itself with external organisations operating in the District to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working
- Providing a means of involving the communities in the Council’s work

The Committee reviews and scrutinises decisions made or actions proposed in connection with the Council functions, including that of budget monitoring and service delivery.

Service Panels that comprise Lead Service Portfolio Holders and a small number of O&S members are appointed to look in depth at particular issues and their recommendations, which may suggest a change in policy or service provision. These are submitted to O&S for consideration and onward recommendation is appropriate.

4 REVIEW OF 2016-17 AND THE ACTIONS TAKEN

4.1 Regular reports -

Quarterly performance/budget monitoring /RIPA/Flooding

4.2 Regular annual one off reports -

Treasury Management/2014/15 Outturn Position/MTFS/Draft Budget /Service Plans

4.3 Individual Items of Note

4.4.1 June 2016

CAPITAL PROGRAMME; ECOLOGY AND COUNTRYSIDE SECTION OF LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

Members reviewed the capital programme prior to consideration at Cabinet.

COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

Members considered the situation regarding Council Tax Support, whether consultation should take place and the potential issues that may arise. After much discussion the recommendation to Cabinet included consulting on options and seeking views and experiences from other Councils and support organisation.

4.4.2 July 2016

REFINED HOUSING OPTIONS - WITHDRAWN CONSULTATION

Members were updated on the actions taken in response to the review.

REVIEW OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

The review, and its recommendations and implications were considered and recommendations made to Council.

4.4.3 September 2016

REVIEW OF HIGHWAY AGENCY AGREEMENTS

In light of reduced funding the Committee saw savings or income opportunities that had been identified and any potential consequences. Options were considered and a recommendation made to Cabinet.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS

Members considered the Annual Letter.

4.4.4 October 2016

UPDATE ON THE CREATION OF HART TRADING COMPANY

The developing proposal to set up a local trading company was extensively discussed and endorsed.

4.4.5 December 2016

COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2017/18

Members agreed in principle that savings did justify any adverse impact, and recommended to Cabinet a hardship fund or other approach. After in-depth discussion the recommendation to Cabinet was to not proceed with the scheme.

4.4.6 January 2017

SPECIFICATION OUTCOMES OF MEMBERS PANEL ON WASTE CONTRACT TENDER

The specification proposals were considered and recommended to Cabinet for approval.

LITTER AND DOG FOULING ENFORCEMENT PROPOSAL

The trialling of issuing of FPNs for littering and dog fouling were considered prior to Cabinet. Members discussed the input from Parish Councils, the Service Agreement and costs, and looked forward to an update on the performance of the trial.

4.4.7 February 2017

TENDERING OF THE JOINT WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT

The outline specification for the joint waste contract after October 18 was considered.

2018/19 BUDGET PROCESS

In considering their role in the process Members agreed to set up a task and finish group to scrutinise the savings proposals.

ROLE OF OVERVIEW SERVICE BOARDS

The role of Service Boards had been an issue with Members throughout the year. The Committee agreed that the number of service boards, and the number of meetings, should be reduced to enable more members of the Committee to attend.

4.4.8 March 2017

ROLE OF OVERVIEW SERVICE BOARDS – UPDATE

Further discussion determined that four service boards would be aligned to the Council structure and meetings should be held at least quarterly and in the evenings to ensure maximum attendance.

5 ACTION

Any outstanding follow ups will be incorporated into the 2017/18 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

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ANNUAL COUNCIL

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Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Crisp - (Chairman)

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Cockarill	Leeson	Woods
Collett	Makepeace-Browne	Wright
Crampton	Morris	
Crookes	Neighbour	

Officers Present:

Patricia Hughes	Joint Chief Executive
Bhupinder Gill	Head of Shared Legal Services
Gill Chapman	Committee Services
Alison Cottrell	Committee Services

I ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Crisp was proposed by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Radley as Chairman of the Council.

No other nominations having been received, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Crisp be elected Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2017-18.

The Chairman of the Council, having signed the required Declaration of Acceptance of Office, then took the Chair and thanked the Council for the honour bestowed on him.

Councillor Crisp thanked Councillor Southern, and members paid tribute to his Chairmanship and his work in fund raising such a large amount for his charities.

Councillor Southern responded, thanking Members for their complimentary comments, and saying it had been an honour to serve as Chairman. He thanked Officers for their help, especially Sally Wheeler, and was appreciative of the support in his fundraising, which would amount to approximately £12,000 for his charities. He had been privileged to be involved with many interesting and enjoyable events, and had met many good people.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Makepeace-Browne was proposed as Vice-Chairman of the Council by Councillor Neighbour and seconded by Councillor Butler.

No other nominations having been received, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Makepeace-Browne be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Vice Chairman of the Council, having signed the required Declaration of Acceptance of Office, thanked the Council for the honour bestowed on her.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Billings.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support and confidence in him:

“Thank you for your support, it is a privilege to serve Hart. I promise to do my best to serve as an ambassador for the community of Hart, and to celebrate the ‘Heart of Hart’. Many charities are struggling, starved of the publicity and cash they need. I am proposing to support about 7 charities from across Hart, and will be looking to Members and groups to put forward charities from the towns and parishes of Hart to benefit from the Chairman’s support this year. We will ask them to come to present to Council and talk about their work in the community. As you know, I have already chosen Aerobility as one of my charities for the year, and I am looking forward to my Wing Walk taking place tomorrow (26 May). Thank you to those already sponsoring me, I will be looking for your support during the year, and look forward to serving Hart as Chairman. “

7 MOTION TO COUNCIL

The following motion to Council was moved by Councillor James Radley, seconded by Councillor Neighbour:

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Members of the Cabinet noted the present Executive's many successes and expressed their disappointment in the motion. Members debated the motion.

A recorded vote was requested, the result of which was as follows:

FOR the motion: Councillors Ambler, Axam, Bailey, Blewett, Butler, Clarke, Cockarill, Collett, Crisp, Harward, Kinnell, Leeson, Makepeace-Browne, Neighbour, Oliver, Radley (James), Radley (Jenny), Woods(18)

AGAINST the motion: Councillors Burchfield, Crampton, Crookes, Dickens, Forster, Gray, Gorys, Kennett, Morris, Parker, Renshaw, Southern, Wheale, Wright (14)

It was therefore

RESOLVED

That Councillor Parker be removed as Leader of the Council.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Leader of the Council.

Councillor Neighbour was proposed as Leader of the Council by Councillor Axam, seconded by Councillor Collett.

Councillor Burchfield proposed Councillor Parker as Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Wright.

The nominees spoke and Members debated the nominations.

A recorded vote was requested, the result of which was as follows:

FOR Councillor Neighbour: Councillors Ambler, Axam, Bailey, Blewett, Butler, Clarke, Cockarill, Collett, Crisp, Harward, Kinnell, Leeson, Makepeace-Browne, Neighbour, Oliver, Radley (James), Radley (Jenny), Woods(18)

FOR Councillor Parker: Councillors Burchfield, Crampton, Crookes, Dickens, Forster, Gray, Gorys, Kennett, Morris, Parker, Renshaw, Southern, Wheale, Wright (14)

It was therefore

RESOLVED

That Councillor Neighbour be elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Neighbour announced that his Cabinet would consist of the following members:

Ambler
Bailey
Cockarill
Collett
Kinnell
Neighbour
Oliver
Radley (James)

Councillor Neighbour confirmed he would announce his Cabinet Portfolios as soon as possible.

8 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Members were appointed to serve on the Committees as follows:

RESOLVED

I For the purposes of Part I of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the allocation of Members and seats on the Committees of the Council be as follows:

Committee	Seats	Conser- vative	Lib Dem	CCH	Inde- pendent
Audit	7	Burchfield Crookes Parker	Blewett Harward	Makepeace-Browne Woods	
Licensing	11	Forster Grey Gorys Morris Wheale	Blewett Collett Harward	Butler Radley (Jenny) Woods	
Overview and Scrutiny	11	Burchfield Crookes Gray Morris Wheale	Crisp Harward	Axam Clarke Makepeace-Browne	Leeson

Crime and Disorder Joint Scrutiny	3	Renshaw	Crisp	Axam
Five Councils Partnership Joint Scrutiny	2	Southern		Axam
Planning	11	Forster Gorys Morris Southern Wheale	Blewett Cockarill Crisp	Ambler Oliver Radley (James)

Councillor James Radley, seconded by Councillor Collett asked for Standing Orders to be suspended in order that he may put a motion to increase the number of Staffing Committee to 8 Councillors. This would enable the Group Leaders to be part of the Committee. Proportionality would be followed with places for 3 Conservatives, 2 LibDems and 2 CCH, and a space for the Independent member.

After a vote it was

RESOLVED

That Standing Orders be suspended.

Members voted to increase the size of the Committee to include Group Leaders, Staffing Committee Members were therefore agreed as follows.

Staffing	5	Burchfield Kennett Parker	Billings Neighbour	Ambler Butler Radley (James)
Standards	5	Crookes Kennett	Crisp	Ambler Radley (Jenny)

Membership of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2017/18 was confirmed as follows:

- Five District Councillors (as above)
- Two lay persons - Peter Kern and one vacancy.
- Three Parish Representatives are to be appointed by Hart District Association of Parish and Town Councils.
- That the Chairman of the Standards Committee would be elected at its first meeting.

Councillor Collett asked how a new lay person would be recruited, the Joint Chief Executive agreed to provide a written response.

9 ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Members of the Committees established under Minute No 8 above elected their Chairmen for the ensuing Municipal Year.

RESOLVED

That the Committee Chairmen be agreed:

Committee	Chairman
Audit	Makepeace-Browne
Licensing	Butler
Planning	Cockarill
Overview & Scrutiny	Crookes
5 Councils Partnership Joint Scrutiny	Axam
Staffing	Kennett

10 ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Bailey, Chairman of the 2016/17 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, presented the Committee's Annual Report, in accordance with page 18, paragraph 6.6 of the Constitution. He thanked members for their work.

The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm