
West Sussex County Council – Ordinary Meeting

15 July 2022

At the Ordinary Meeting of the County Council held at 10.30 am on Friday, 15 July 2022, at County Hall, Chichester PO19 1RQ, the members present being:

Cllr Bradbury (Chairman)

Cllr Wickremaratchi (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Joy
Cllr Albury	Cllr A Jupp
Cllr Ali	Cllr Kerry-Bedell
Cllr Atkins, RD	Cllr Lanzer
Cllr Baldwin	Cllr Linehan
Cllr Baxter	Cllr Lord
Cllr Bence	Cllr Markwell
Cllr Bennett	Cllr Marshall
Cllr Boram	Cllr McDonald
Cllr Britton	Cllr McGregor
Cllr Burgess	Cllr McKnight
Cllr Burrett	Cllr Milne
Cllr Cherry	Cllr Mitchell
Cllr Chowdhury	Cllr Montyn
Cllr Condie	Cllr Oakley
Cllr Cooper	Cllr O'Kelly
Cllr Cornell	Cllr Oxlade
Cllr Crow	Cllr Patel
Cllr J Dennis	Cllr Payne
Cllr N Dennis	Cllr Pudaloff
Cllr Duncton	Cllr Quinn
Cllr Elkins	Cllr Russell
Cllr Evans	Cllr Sharp
Cllr Forbes	Cllr Smith
Cllr Gibson	Cllr Sparkes
Cllr Greenway	Cllr Turley
Cllr Hall	Cllr Urquhart
Cllr Hillier	Cllr Waight
Cllr Hunt	Cllr Wall
Cllr Johnson	Cllr Walsh, KStJ, RD

100 Death of Cllr John Charles and two former members

100.1 The Chairman reported the death of Cllr John Charles, the member for the Felpham division. Members expressed their sincere condolences to Cllr Charles's family.

100.2 He also reported the deaths of two former members of the Council – Mr Ian Elliott, DL and Mr Donald Lissenburg. Mr Lissenburg had represented the Gaisford division in Worthing from 2001 to 2009. Mr Elliott had been the member for Shoreham from 1973 until 2001. He had held a number of senior positions and became

Chairman of the County Council from 1997 to 2001. Mr Elliott also served as a Deputy Lieutenant for West Sussex for many years, representing Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex.

100.3 Members held a minute's silence.

101 Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

101.1 The Chairman reported that a response had been received from Her Majesty the Queen in response to the Council's loyal address on the occasion of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

102 Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex

102.1 The Chairman reported that he had written to Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex, Dame Susan Pyper, to offer the County Council's thanks for her 14 years of dedicated service, from which she will retire at the end of July. He had also written to congratulate Lady Emma Barnard DL, who has been confirmed as the new Lord-Lieutenant and will take office on 1 August 2022.

103 Director of Finance and Support Services

103.1 The Chairman informed members that it was the last meeting of the County Council that Katharine Eberhart, the Director of Finance and Support Services, would attend before she leaves the County Council at the end of August. Members expressed their thanks to Ms Eberhart for her help and support to all members and sent their best wishes for the future.

103.2 The Chairman reported that steps are being taken to appoint a successor to Ms Eberhart as Section 151 Officer. As it is for the Council to confirm the designation of the officer fulfilling that role, he said he would keep members informed of the process.

104 Attendance and Apologies for Absence

104.1 The following members attended the meeting virtually and therefore did not take part in or vote on items requiring a decision.

Cllr Bennett, Cllr Evans, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hillier, Cllr A Jupp, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Oxlade, Cllr Sparkes and Cllr Wall.

104.2 Apologies were received from Cllr Dunn, Cllr N Jupp, Cllr Kenyon, Cllr Mercer, Cllr Nagel, Cllr Oppler, Cllr Pendleton and Cllr Richardson.

104.3 Apologies for the morning session were received from Cllr Chowdhury. Apologies for the afternoon session were received from Cllr Bennett, Cllr Britton, Cllr Evans, Cllr Urquhart and Cllr Wall. Cllr Oakley gave his apologies and arrived at 12.35 pm. Apologies for the remainder of the morning session were given by

the following: Cllr Wall at 10.55 am, Cllr Evans at 11.00 am, Cllr Bennett at 12.15 pm and Cllr Hall at 12.40 pm.

104.4 Cllr A Jupp left at 3.47 pm and Cllr Turley at 4.00 pm.

105 Members' Interests

105.1 Members declared interests as set out at Appendix 1.

106 Minutes

106.1 It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the County Council held on 27 May 2022 (pages 5 to 26) be approved as a correct record.

107 Result of By-election

107.1 The Council received the County Returning Officer's return of the by-election on 7 July 2022 for the county councillor for the Worthing West electoral division (supplement page 3).

108 Review of Proportionality

108.1 The County Council noted its statutory duty to review the proportionality on its committees following the by-election. A paper on the application of the proportionality rules and how they were applied had been circulated (supplement pages 5 and 6).

108.2 Resolved –

That the proportionality be recalculated after a Felpham division by-election and that the impact of the recent by-election on committee vacancies, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report, be approved.

109 Committee Appointments

109.1 The Council approved appointments as set out below.

Committee	Change
Governance Committee	Cllr Lord in place of Cllr Walsh
Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	Cllr McKnight to fill vacancy
Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee	Cllr McKnight to fill vacancy

109.2 The following appointments were approved subject to the agreement of the Council to recommendation (3) of item 8, Review of the Constitution.

Committee	New
Governance Committee	Cllr Cornell Cllr Hunt Cllr Urquhart Cllr Walsh
Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Nagel
Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Cooper
Fire & Rescue Service Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Duncton
Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Baldwin
Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Bence Cllr Johnson

110 Appointment of Co-opted Member

110.1 The Council was asked to approve the appointment of Mrs Julie Oldroyd, the current Deputy Director of the Education Service for the Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, as a voting co-opted member of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee. The appointment will take effect from 1 September 2022 when Mrs Oldroyd takes up her new post of Director of the Education Service for the Diocese.

110.2 Resolved –

That the appointment be approved.

111 Address by a Cabinet Member

111.1 Members received an address by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People on the inspection of the Youth Justice Service.

111.2 In response to a question from Cllr Cornell about the number of BAME staff working on youth justice, where they were based and whether anything could be done to increase their number, the Cabinet Member said she would find out and respond to her.

112 Governance Committee: Constitution Review

112.1 The Council reviewed the changes made to Standing Orders to provide for virtual meetings and proposals for meeting cancellation,

substitutes and treatment of notices of motion at Council in the light of a report from the Governance Committee (pages 27 to 34).

112.2 Recommendation (4) was put to a recorded vote under Standing Order 3.35.

(a) For recommendation (4) – 38

Cllr Albury, Cllr Ali, Cllr Atkins, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Baxter, Cllr Bence, Cllr Boram, Cllr Bradbury, Cllr Britton, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Burrett, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Cornell, Cllr Crow, Cllr J Dennis, Cllr Duncton, Cllr Elkins, Cllr Forbes, Cllr Greenway, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Lanzer, Cllr Linehan, Cllr Markwell, Cllr Marshall, Cllr McDonald, Cllr McGregor, Cllr McKnight, Cllr Montyn, Cllr Patel, Cllr Payne, Cllr Pudaloff, Cllr Quinn, Cllr Russell, Cllr Smith, Cllr Turley, Cllr Urquhart, Cllr Waight and Cllr Wickremaratchi.

(b) Against recommendation (4) – 12

Cllr Cherry, Cllr Condie, Cllr N Dennis, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Joy, Cllr Kerry-Bedell, Cllr Lord, Cllr Milne, Cllr O’Kelly, Cllr Sharp and Cllr Walsh.

(c) Abstentions – 0

112.3 Recommendation (4) was approved.

112.4 Recommendation (5) was put to a recorded vote under Standing Order 35.5.

(a) For recommendation (5) – 31

Cllr Albury, Cllr Ali, Cllr Atkins, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Bence, Cllr Boram, Cllr Bradbury, Cllr Britton, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Burrett, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Crow, Cllr J Dennis, Cllr Duncton, Cllr Elkins, Cllr Forbes, Cllr Greenway, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Lanzer, Cllr Linehan, Cllr Markwell, Cllr Marshall, Cllr McDonald, Cllr McGregor, Cllr Montyn, Cllr Patel, Cllr Payne, Cllr Russell, Cllr Urquhart, Cllr Waight and Cllr Wickremaratchi.

(b) Against recommendation (5) – 19

Cllr Baxter, Cllr Cherry, Cllr Condie, Cllr Cornell, Cllr N Dennis, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Joy, Cllr Kerry-Bedell, Cllr Lord, Cllr McKnight, Cllr Milne, Cllr O’Kelly, Cllr Pudaloff, Cllr Quinn, Cllr Sharp, Cllr Smith, Cllr Turley and Cllr Walsh.

(c) Abstentions – 0

112.5 Recommendation (5) was approved.

112.6 Resolved –

That the following changes, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved:

- (1) Changes to virtual attendance at meetings (paragraphs 5 to 8 of the report and Standing Order 3.09 (e));
- (2) New Standing Order on meeting cancellation (paragraph 9 of the report and Standing Order 3.09 (f));
- (3) Arrangements for substitutes (paragraph 10 of the report and Standing Orders 6.03, 6.04 and 7.03) and confirmation of the provisional appointments set out in minute 109.2 above;
- (4) Treatment of motions not reached due to lack of time (paragraphs 11 and 12 of the report and Standing Order 2.23 (k)); and
- (5) Time of for motion subjects returning for consideration (paragraphs 13 and 14 of the report and Standing Order 2.55).

113 Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel

113.1 The Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Panel moved the report of the recent work of the Panel (pages 35 to 68).

113.2 Resolved -

That the Corporate Parenting Report for Children we Care for, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

114 Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee: Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

114.1 The Chairman of the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee moved the Scrutiny Annual Report which summarises the main outcomes of scrutiny, best practice, lessons learnt, and any development issues identified during 2021/22 (pages 69 to 78).

114.2 Resolved -

That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

115 Standards Committee: Annual Report 2021/22

115.1 The Council noted a report from the Standards Committee on its activities for the period from April 2021 to March 2022 (pages 79 and 80).

115.2 Resolved -

That the report be noted.

116 Question Time

116.1 Members asked questions of members of the Cabinet on matters relevant to their portfolios and asked questions of chairmen, as set out at Appendix 3. This included questions on those matters contained within the Cabinet report (pages 81 to 86) and a supplementary report (supplement page 1) and written questions and answers pursuant to Standing Order 2.38 (set out at Appendix 2).

116.2 The Chairman informed the Council that as the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills was not in attendance, any questions on that portfolio would be covered by the Leader or the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

117 Motion on Integrated Care System

117.1 The following motion was moved by Cllr Ali and seconded by Cllr McDonald.

‘This Council:

- (1) Welcomes the formation of the Integrated Care System (ICS) for Sussex from 1 July in accordance with the provisions of the Health and Care Act 2022.
- (2) Welcomes the opportunity afforded by the ICS to develop deeper collaboration between the NHS, local government and other partners to deliver improved outcomes in population health, address inequalities, improve productivity and value for money, and support social and economic development.
- (3) Notes that the Integrated Care Strategy, to be approved by the Sussex Health and Care Assembly, aims to improve health and care for the Sussex population and that the three Health and Care partnerships have responsibility for delivering improved and joined-up health and care across West Sussex, Brighton and Hove, and East Sussex.
- (4) Notes that the three Health and Wellbeing Boards have responsibility for agreeing Health and Wellbeing Strategies and Joint Strategic Needs Assessments for the three local authority areas, and so identify priorities for each place within the ICS.
- (5) Notes that while some health and care priorities will be pan-Sussex in nature, others will be more localised and place-based.
- (6) Calls upon the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing, as Chairman of the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), to ensure that the HWB exerts its

influence so that the Integrated Care Strategy reflects local place-based needs and priorities, and that the same inform the development and delivery of services via the three Health and Care Partnerships, noting that the Sussex Integrated Care Board and the Sussex Health and Care Assembly both have duties to consider HWB plans.'

117.2 The motion was put to a recorded vote under Standing Order 35.5.

(a) For the motion – 30

Cllr Albury, Cllr Ali, Cllr Atkins, Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Bence, Cllr Boram, Cllr Bradbury, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Burrett, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Crow, Cllr J Dennis, Cllr Duncton, Cllr Elkins, Cllr Forbes, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Greenway, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Lanzer, Cllr Linehan, Cllr Marshall, Cllr McDonald, Cllr McGregor, Cllr Montyn, Cllr Oakley, Cllr Patel, Cllr Payne, Cllr Russell, Cllr Waight and Cllr Wickremaratchi.

(b) Against the motion – 0

(c) Abstentions – 18

Cllr Baxter, Cllr Cherry, Cllr Chowdhury, Cllr Condie, Cllr Cornell, Cllr N Dennis, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Joy, Cllr Kerry-Bedell, Cllr Lord, Cllr McKnight, Cllr Milne, Cllr O'Kelly, Cllr Pudaloff, Cllr Quinn, Cllr Sharp, Cllr Smith and Cllr Walsh.

117.3 The motion was carried.

118 Motion on Support for Carers

118.1 Due to lack of time the motion on Support for Carers was deferred for consideration for selection for debate at the next meeting.

Chairman

The Council rose at 4.17 pm