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Minutes of a meeting of the
Worthing Council
20 May 2022
at 12.00 pm

The Mayor, Councillor Lionel Harman (Chairman)
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Richard Nowak

Councillor Noel Atkins	Councillor Dr Heather Mercer
*Councillor Roy Barraclough	Councillor Nigel Morgan
Councillor Mike Barrett	Councillor Richard Mulholland
Councillor Ibsha Choudhury	Councillor Dale Overton
Councillor Henna Chowdhury	Councillor Jon Roser
Councillor Russ Cochran	Councillor Helen Silman
Councillor Dr Beccy Cooper	Councillor Dawn Smith
Councillor Dan Coxhill	Councillor Sally Smith
Councillor Jim Deen	Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes
*Councillor Rita Garner	Councillor Emma Taylor
Councillor Cathy Glynn-Davies	Councillor Samuel Theodoridi
Councillor Dan Hermitage	Councillor Hazel Thorpe
Councillor Margaret Howard	Councillor John Turley
Councillor Daniel Humphreys	Councillor Steve Waight
Councillor Charles James	Councillor Carl Walker
Councillor Kevin Jenkins	Councillor Vicki Wells
Councillor Martin McCabe	Councillor Andy Whight
	Councillor Rosey Whorlow

*=Absent

The Mayor, Councillor Lionel Harman in the Chair)

C/1/22-23 Apologies for Absence

The Mayor received apologies for absence from Councillors Roy Barraclough and Rita Garner.

C/2/22-23 Election of the Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Sally Smith and seconded by Councillor Emma Taylor that Councillor Henna Chowdhury be elected to serve as Mayor for the coming year.

Resolved that Councillor Henna Chowdhury be elected Mayor of the Borough of Worthing for the 2022-23 Municipal Year.

There was an adjournment whilst the newly elected Mayor received the Insignia and Robes.

Councillor Henna Chowdhury returned to the Chamber and made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then addressed the Council.

(The Mayor, Councillor Henna Chowdhury, in the Chair)

C/3/22-23 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor

The Mayor proposed that Councillor Rita Garner be appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor in 2022/23, the proposal was seconded by Councillor Martin McCabe.

Resolved that Councillor Rita Garner be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

C/4/22-23 Returning Officer's Return of Persons Elected

The Council noted the Returning Officer's return of persons elected in the Borough Elections held on 5 May 2022.

C/5/22-23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

C/6/22-23 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2022 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Mayor.

C/7/22-23 Vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor and presentation of past Mayor and Mayoress' insignia

A vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kevin Jenkins and it was unanimously

Resolved that the Council placed on record its sincere thanks to Councillor Lionel Harman for the fine manner in which he upheld the tradition of the Office of Mayor of the Borough, for his service to the community of Worthing during the year, and for the fair business like way in which he presided over the meetings of the Council during the year; and that the Council also expressed its sincere thanks to Karen Harman for the dedicated and friendly manner in which she carried out the duties of Mayoress.

The Mayor presented the outgoing Mayor with his Past Mayor insignia and Mrs Karen Harman with the past Mayoress' insignia.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing Deputy Mayor was also proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kevin Jenkins and it was unanimously

Resolved that the Council placed on record, its sincere thanks to Cllr Richard Nowak, for the fine manner in which he carried out the duties of Deputy Mayor, for his service to the community of Worthing during the past year and for his support to the Mayor.

C/8/22-23 Items raised under Urgency Provisions

There were no urgent items.

C/9/22-23 Announcements by the Mayor and / or the Head of Paid Service

There were no announcements.

C/10/22-23 Election of the Leader of the Council

It was proposed by Councillor Carl Walker and seconded by Councillor Jim Deen that Councillor Dr Beccy Cooper be elected Leader of the Council.

Following a vote, the Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Resolved that Councillor Dr Beccy Cooper be the Leader of the Council for the period of her term of office as Councillor; namely to the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024.

C/11/22-23 Leader's Announcements

The Leader addressed the Council.

C/12/22-23 Political proportionality and allocation of committee seats

Before the Council was a report by the Interim Director for Communities, copies of which had been distributed to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 12.

The report outlined a number of decisions required by Council to ensure that the decision making structure for 2022/23 was determined according to the Council's Constitution.

It was noted that an updated Appendix B had been circulated in advance of the meeting detailing the nominations for Committee Memberships from each of the political groups and the chair and vice-chair nominations from the leading group.

The Leader suggested that members of the opposition be nominated for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) and the Worthing Overview & Scrutiny Committee (WOSC). In the absence of any nominations from the opposition groups, the Leader proposed Cllr Jon Roser as Chair of both JOSC and WOSC and Cllr Dan Hermitage as the Vice-Chair of JOSC and WOSC.

The recommendations outlined in the report, were proposed by Councillor Dr Beccy Cooper and seconded by Councillor Carl Walker.

Council unanimously approved the recommendations following a vote.

Resolved

That the Council

- i) noted the decision making structure of the Council and the political balance of the Council as detailed in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 and Appendix A.;
- iv) appointed to the Committees in accordance with the wishes of the Political Groups on the Council, as detailed in Appendix B (attached);
- v) that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees, as detailed in Appendix B (attached), be appointed until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2023;
- vi) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39, the Council noted the appointment of the Leader of the Conservative Group on the Council, as the Leader of the Main Opposition.

C/13/22-23 Youth Mayor

Council noted that Henny Sonneman-Petty would be the Youth Mayor in 2022/23.

The Mayor announced that she was looking forward to their support during her mayoral year.

The meeting ended at 1.11 pm

Mayor

Appendix B

JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP / APPOINTMENTS 2022-23

Joint Strategic Committee Membership is the Leader and their Executive <i>(no requirement for political balance)</i>		
No	Councillor	Political Group
Worthing Borough Council		
1	Chair:	
2	Vice-Chair:	
3	tbc	
4	tbc	
5	tbc	
6	tbc	
Adur District Council		
1	Chair:	
2	Vice-Chair:	
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Joint Governance Committee <i>(requirement for political balance)</i>		
No	Councillor	Political Group
Worthing Borough Council		
1	Chair: Rita Garner	Labour
2	Vice-Chair: Mike Barrett	Labour
3	Ibsha Chowdhury	Labour
4	Helen Silman	Labour
5	Andy Whight	Labour
6	Steve Waight	Conservative
7	Nigel Morgan	Conservative
8	Charles James	Conservative
Adur District Council		
1	Chair:	
2	Vice Chair:	
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**** Note:** *Not more than one member to be an Executive Member*

For Standards matters:

Independent persons: Simon Norris-Jones and Lindsay Viljoen (1 vacancy)

Parish representatives: Lancing Parish Council (1) – Sompting Parish Council (1)

Joint Staff Committee <i>(requirement for political balance)</i>		
No	Councillor	Political Group
Worthing Borough Council		
1	Chair: Rosey Whorlow	Labour
2	Vice-Chair: Margaret Howard	Labour
3	Elizabeth Sparkes	Conservative
Adur District Council		
1	Chair:	
2	Vice Chair:	
3		

Joint Senior Staff Committee <i>(requirement for political balance)</i>		
No	Councillor	Political Group
Worthing Borough Council		
1	Chair: Beccy Cooper	Labour
2	Vice-Chair: Carl Walker	Labour
3	Kevin Jenkins	Conservative
Adur District Council		
1	Chair:	
2	Vice-Chair:	
3		

Note: Each Council must have one Executive member

Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee <i>(requirement for political balance)</i>		
No	Councillor	Political Group
Worthing Borough Council		
1	Ibsha Chowdhury	Labour
2	Rita Garner	Labour
3	Vice-Chair: Dan Hermitage	Labour
4	Margaret Howard	Labour
5	Chair: Jon Roser	Labour
6	Heather Mercer	Conservative
7	Elizabeth Sparkes	Conservative
8	Daniel Humphreys	Conservative
Adur District Council		
1	Chair:	
2	Vice Chair:	
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WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP /
APPOINTMENTS
2021-22**

Executive, appointed by the Leader		
	Councillor	Title
1		Leader
2		tbc
3		tbc
4		tbc
5		tbc
6		tbc
Policy Advisors to Executive Members These are not Council appointments; they are made by the individual Executive Member and advised to the Director of Communities.		
1		Leader
2		tbc
3		tbc
4		tbc
5		tbc
6		tbc

Worthing Planning Committee (requirement for political balance)		
No	Councillor	Political Group
1	Chair: Jim Deen	Labour
2	Vice-Chair: John Turley	Labour
3	Helen Silman	Labour
4	Emma Taylor	Labour
5	Andy Whight	Labour
6	Noel Atkins	Conservative
7	Russ Cochran	Conservative
8	Dan Coxhill	Conservative

It is a requirement that Members and substitute members of this Committee must receive appropriate training.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(requirement for political balance)

No	Councillor	Political Group
1	Mike Barrett	Labour
2	Ibsha Chowdhury	Labour
3	Rita Garner	Labour
4	Vice-Chair: Dan Hermitage	Labour
5	Margaret Howard	Labour
6	Richard Mulholland	Labour
7	Dale Overton	Labour
8	Chair: Jon Roser	Labour
9	Sam Theodoridi	Labour
10	Elizabeth Sparkes	Conservative
11	Heather Mercer	Conservative
12	Daniel Humphreys	Conservative
13	Richard Nowak	Conservative
14	Kevin Jenkins	Conservative
15	Hazel Thorpe	Liberal Democrat

Worthing representative on the West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care Committee
(membership is from the Scrutiny Committee)

tbc	Labour
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Licensing and Control Committees 'A' and 'B' (requirement for political balance)		
No	Councillor	Political Group
1	Chair: Sally Smith	Labour
2	Vice-Chair: Rosey Whorlow	Labour
3	Mike Barrett	Labour
4	Cathy Glynne-Davies	Labour
5	Richard Mulholland	Labour
6	Jon Roser	Labour
7	Dawn Smith	Labour
8	Sam Theodoridi	Labour
9	Andy Whight	Labour
10	Richard Nowak	Conservative
11	Roy Barraclough	Conservative
12	Lionel Harman	Conservative
13	Russ Cochran	Conservative
14	Kevin Jenkins	Conservative
15	Hazel Thorpe	Lib Dem
Substitute Member Nomination		Political Group

Note:

Although two separate Committees operating under different rules, it is suggested that Membership/Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson are the same for both.

It is a requirement that Members of this Committee must receive appropriate training.

Substitutes are not permitted for 'B' Committee.

Requirement for Political balance is dependent on which Committee is meeting. Officers will ensure this is correct in each case.

Notified Group Leaders (Regulation 8(3))

Labour Group - Cllr Dr Beccy Cooper (Leader)

Cllr Carl Walker (Deputy)

Conservative Group - Cllr Kevin Jenkins (Leader)

Cllr Elizabeth Sparkes (Deputy)

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