

## COUNCIL

**HELD: Wednesday, 16 May 2018**

Start: 7.30 pm

Finish: 8.10 pm

## PRESENT:

Councillors:

N Furey (Mayor)	
N Delaney (Deputy Mayor)	
T Aldridge	I Ashcroft
Mrs P Baybutt	Mrs M Blake
T Blane	J Bullock
J Cairns	C Cooper
P Cotterill	S Currie
T Devine	C Evans
D Evans	Y Gagen
J Gordon	N Hennessy
G Hodson	J Hodson
P Hudson	J Kay
F McKenna	C Marshall
Mrs J Marshall	J Mee
M Mills	I Moran
M Nixon	G Owen
A Owens	J Forshaw
R Pendleton	E Pope
A Pritchard	N Pryce-Roberts
L Savage	Mrs D Stephenson
D West	D Westley
Mrs M Westley	D Whittington
K Wilkie	K Wright
C Wynn	A Yates

Officers:

Kim Webber, Chief Executive  
John Harrison, Director of Development and Regeneration  
Heidi McDougall, Director of Leisure & Environment  
Terry Broderick, Borough Solicitor  
Chris Twomey, Deputy Director of Housing & Inclusion  
Jacky Denning, Assistant Member Services Manager  
Ann England, Civic PA  
Jill Ryan, Member Services/Civic Support Officer

## 1 PRAYERS

The Mayor welcomed all those in attendance to the meeting, particularly the new Members, Councillors Michelle Aldridge, Vickie Cummins, Cynthia Dereli, Susan Evans and Kath Lockie.

The Mayor's Chaplain for the evening, Father Michael, led Members and officers in prayer.

The Mayor presented Father Michael with a token of appreciation for his support during his Mayoral year in office.

**2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ian Davis and David O'Toole.

The Mayor paid tribute to those Members who were no longer Councillors following the elections held on 3 May 2018, Malcolm Barron, John Davis, Gareth Dowling, Dave McKay and Ruth Melling, and thanked them for their service to the Council. He advised that the election results were available on the Council's website.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**4 A. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR ENSUING YEAR**

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Furey, thanked Council Members and staff, friends and family for their part in making his year of office so enjoyable and wished the incoming Mayor a successful year of office and invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the ensuing Municipal year 2018/19.

Councillor Moran moved the following Motion, which was seconded:  
"That Councillor Noel Delaney be elected Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year."

A vote was taken, the Motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Noel Delaney be elected as Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.

(Note, during this item:

1. Councillor Delaney signified his acceptance of the Office and after he had been dressed in the Mayor's robes and invested in the Mayor's Chain and Badge of Office, he made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, following which he assumed the Chair.
2. The New Mayor, Councillor Delaney, expressed his thanks to the proposer, Councillor Moran, and seconder, Councillor Wright, and to the Council for the honour conferred upon him in electing him as Mayor, before presenting Councillor Furey, the retiring Mayor, with his Past Mayor's engraved Shield.
3. The Mayor presented the outgoing Mayoress, Mrs Julie Furey, with her past Mayoress's engraved Shield.
4. The New Mayor, Councillor Delaney, presented the New Mayoress, Mrs Ann Stubbart, with the Mayoress' Chain and Badge.
5. The Mayor and Group Leaders paid tribute to Ann England, Civic PA, who was retiring on 31 May 2018 and she was thanked for her service to the Council.)

**B. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

The Mayor invited nomination for the appointment of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Gagen moved the following Motion, which was seconded:  
"That Councillor Gaynar Owen be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year."

A vote was taken, the Motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gaynar Owen be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.

(Note, during this item:

1. Councillor Owen signified her acceptance of Office and after she had been invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain and Badge of Office, she made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed the Deputy Mayor's Chair. The Deputy Mayor then thanked the Council for the honour of allowing her to serve as Deputy Mayor.
2. The Mayor presented the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Bernie Green, with the Deputy Mayoress' Chain and Badge.)

5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Mayor announced:

- A. That his Chaplain for the year will be Father Godric Timney of St Anne's Church in Ormskirk
- B. That Civic Sunday will be held on Sunday, 9 September 2018 at 2pm at St Anne's Church in Ormskirk
- C. That fund raising activities for his year in office would be in aid of Twinkle House and St Anne's Scouts and Guides in Ormskirk and he sought the support of Members at the various fund raising events to be held throughout the year.

6 **ELECTION OF THE LEADER, THE LEADER'S APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET, AND 'PROPER OFFICER PROVISIONS AND SCHEMES OF DELEGATION'**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained on pages 5 to 8 of the Book of Reports, which sought to elect the Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting in 2019, receive notification of the Leader's appointment of a Deputy Leader for the same term and Cabinet for the Municipal Year 2018/19 and to confirm the 'Proper Officer Provisions and Schemes of Delegation'.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That Councillor Ian Moran be elected as the Leader of the Council for a term of office expiring on the date of the Annual Meeting in 2019.
  - B. That the Member appointed by the Leader as Deputy Leader for the same term of office, and the Members appointed by the Leader as Members of the Cabinet for 2018/19, with the Portfolios identified by the Leader, be noted as follows:
    - Councillor Moran – Leader, Economic Regeneration
    - Councillor Gagen – Deputy Leader, Leisure and Human Resources
    - Councillor Wright – Health and Community Safety
    - Councillor J Hodson – Planning
    - Councillor Forshaw – Housing and Landlord Services
    - Councillor Wilkie – Street Scene
    - Councillor Yates – Resources and Transformation
    - Councillor Cooper – Communities and Older People
  - C. That the ‘Proper Officer Provisions and Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers’, insofar as they are Council functions be confirmed and insofar as they are Cabinet functions it be noted that the Leader has delegated these to the officers stated therein.
  - D. That the Leader’s Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet members, as updated to reflect the Portfolios/Portfolio Holders now appointed, be noted.

**7 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION GROUPS AND SHADOW CABINET**

The Council noted that Councillor David Westley had been appointed Leader of the Conservative Group and that Councillor Iain Ashcroft was the Deputy Leader of the Group and members were advised that details of the Shadow Cabinet and Spokesmen would be circulated after the meeting.

The Council also noted that Councillor Adrian Owens had been appointed Leader of the Our West Lancs (OWL) Group and that Councillor Ian Davis was Deputy Leader of the Group.

**8 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES ETC 2018/19**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained on pages 9 to 10 of the Book of Reports, which set out the appointment of Committees etc. and their terms of reference and allocation of seats thereon to the political groups for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That, for the period ending with the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or such lesser period should the political balance or allocation to political groups change during the year requiring a review under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Committees, Sub-Committees etc be appointed as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and that the allocation of seats to the political groups be as indicated.
  - B. That the representatives of the Labour Group and the Our West Lancs Group on the Committees etc now appointed shall be as indicated in Appendix 1 to the report and the appointment of the Independent Person and Reserve Independent Person on the Standards Committee, be as detailed in that Appendix.
  - C. That the representatives of the Conservative Group on the Committees etc be notified to the Borough Solicitor, by the Leader of the Group following the meeting.
  - D. That the terms of reference for the Committees etc now appointed be agreed as set out in the Constitution.
  - E. That it be noted that the Leader has appointed Cabinet Working Groups as indicated in Appendix 1, with the terms of reference included in the Constitution.

**9 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

Consideration was given to the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the ensuing year. Members noted that details of nominations had been incorporated in Appendix 1 to the report considered at agenda item 8.

RESOLVED: That Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for 2018/19 be appointed as indicated in Appendix 1 to the report at agenda item 8.

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**THE MAYOR**