

## **EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL**

**Meeting held on Thursday, 4th June, 2020 at 10.00 am**

**Present:** Councillor Andy Meakin in the Chair;

Councillors John Baird, Chris Baron, Kier Barsby, Jim Blagden, Christian Chapman, Ciaran Brown, Melanie Darrington, Samantha Deakin, Andy Gascoyne, Dale Grounds, Arnie Hankin, Andrew Harding, David Hennigan, Tom Hollis, Trevor Locke, Rachel Madden, Sarah Madigan, Lauren Mitchell, Keir Morrison, Warren Nuttall, Matthew Relf, Kevin Rostance, Phil Rostance, Dave Shaw, John Smallridge, Helen-Ann Smith, David Walters, Lee Waters, Caroline Wilkinson, Daniel Williamson, John Wilmott and Jason Zadrozny.

**Apology for Absence:** Councillor David Martin.

**Officers Present:** Bev Bull, Lynn Cain, Carol Cooper-Smith, Ruth Dennis, Mike Joy and Andy Slate.

### **C.17 Minute's Silence for Alan Cordin**

The Council observed a minute's silence in respect of Alan Cordin, a former employee of the Council, colleague and friend.

### **C.18 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interest and Non Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **C.19 Leader of the Council Updates**

The Leader of the Council spoke with regard to the following:

#### **Funeral Cortège for Alan Cordin**

The funeral cortege for Alan Cordin had paused outside the Council offices on 1<sup>st</sup> June to enable many of Alan's colleagues and friends to pay their respects to him. A heartfelt tribute was made in respect of Alan's dedication to the Council and its communities whilst undertaking his role as a Community Protection Officer.

### 'Black Lives Matter' Campaign

In light of recent events in America regarding the tragic death of George Floyd, a statement of support from the Council was given to the 'Black Lives Matter' campaign with supporting comments.

### Covid-19 Update

A reminder as to the current guidelines for staying alert and safe during the Covid-19 outbreak and the continued efforts of the Council and all its committed employees and volunteers, to deliver essential services to the District whilst navigating the new recovery phase of the Covid-19 lockdown.

## **C.20 Political Balance and Committee Changes**

Council was requested to consider the consequential impact of political proportionality on seats on the Council's Committees for the remainder of the 2020/21 local government year, following Councillors Melanie Darrington and David Hennigan now serving as non-aligned independent Members.

RESOLVED that

- a) the reduction by 5 seats of the number of places allocated to the Ashfield Independent Group on those Council Committees, subject to political proportionality, be noted;
- b) the allocation of 5 seats to the two non-aligned Independent Members on those Council Committees, subject to political proportionality, be also noted;
- c) it be confirmed that the two non-aligned Independent Members, Councillors Melanie Darrington and David Hennigan, will share between them the seat allocations on the following Committees:
  - Licensing Committee
  - Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee
  - Scrutiny Panel A
  - Scrutiny Panel B
  - Charities Committee.
- d) it be noted that the Council will continue to carry a vacancy following the regulations set out in the Coronavirus Act 2020, which postpones any elections or by-elections until 6 May 2021;
- e) the proposed changes to committee memberships and appointments to Chairman and Vice Chairman seats, as presented, be approved as follows:-

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7)  
(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

Jim Blagden  
Dale Grounds (Vice Chairman)  
Andrew Harding (Chairman)  
Phil Rostance  
David Walters  
Lee Waters  
Caroline Wilkinson

Scrutiny Panel A (7)  
(5 Ashfield Independents, 1 Labour, 1 Non-Aligned Independent)

David Hennigan  
Trevor Locke  
Lauren Mitchell  
Warren Nuttall  
Dave Shaw (Chairman)  
John Smallridge (Vice Chairman)  
David Walters

Scrutiny Panel B (7)  
(5 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Non-Aligned Independent)

Jim Blagden (Vice Chair)  
Ciaran Brown  
Christian Chapman (Chairman)  
Melanie Darrington  
Dale Grounds  
Phil Rostance  
David Walters

Planning Committee (11)  
(9 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour)

Chris Baron  
Ciaran Brown (Vice Chairman)  
Samantha Deakin  
Tom Hollis  
Rachel Madden  
Sarah Madigan (Chairman)  
Lauren Mitchell  
John Smallridge  
Helen-Ann Smith  
Daniel Williamson  
Jason Zadrozny

Licensing Committee (11)

(9 Ashfield Independents, 1 Labour, 1 Non Aligned Independent)

Keir Barsby  
Jim Blagden  
Melanie Darrington  
Dale Grounds  
Arnie Hankin  
Trevor Locke  
Rachel Madden  
Lauren Mitchell  
Warren Nuttall (Chairman)  
Caroline Wilkinson  
John Wilmott

Audit Committee (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

John Baird  
Jim Blagden  
Christian Chapman  
Arnie Hankin  
Kevin Rostance  
Dave Shaw  
David Walters (Chairman)

Charities Committee (7)

(5 Ashfield Independents, 1 Labour, 1 Non-Aligned Independent)

Jim Blagden  
Melanie Darrington  
Dale Grounds  
Lauren Mitchell  
David Shaw  
David Walters  
Caroline Wilkinson (Chairman)

Chief Officers' Employment Committee (7)

(6 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative)

Chris Baron  
Tom Hollis  
David Shaw  
Helen-Ann Smith  
David Walters  
Daniel Williamson  
Jason Zadrozny (Chairman)

Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee (7)  
(5 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Non-Aligned Independent)  
Jim Blagden  
Christian Chapman  
David Hennigan  
Warren Nuttall  
Phil Rostance  
Helen Ann-Smith  
Lee Waters (Chairman)

Local Plan Working Group (11)  
(9 Ashfield Independents, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour)  
Keir Barsby  
Samantha Deakin  
Tom Hollis  
Rachel Madden (Chairman)  
David Martin  
Keir Morrison  
Matthew Relf  
Kevin Rostance  
Helen-Ann Smith  
Daniel Williamson  
Jason Zadrozny

Local Joint Consultative Committee (7)  
(Not subject to political balance rules)  
Samantha Deakin  
Tom Hollis  
David Martin  
Matthew Relf  
Helen-Ann Smith  
Daniel Williamson  
Jason Zadrozny

**C.21 Recommendation from the Chief Officers' Employment Committee to Council**

Council considered the following recommendations:-

**Minute No. CO.3**  
**Chief Officers' Employment Committee – 3 June 2020**  
**Update in Respect of the Recruitment to the Position of Head of Paid Service/Chief Executive including Interim Arrangements**

RESOLVED

that the extension of the appointment of Carol Cooper-Smith as Head of Paid Service up to 31 July 2021, be approved.

## **C.22 Interim Review of Polling Places and Names of Electoral Areas**

Council was requested to consider a proposal and timetable for carrying out an interim review of polling places and to commence the process for considering changes to the names of wards in Ashfield.

RESOLVED that

- a) the establishment of a Polling Place Review and Ward Name Working Group, with terms of reference as outlined in the report, be approved;
- b) it be agreed that the Working Group consists of 6 Members in accordance with political balance; 4 Ashfield Independent Members, 1 Conservative Member and 1 Labour Member;
- c) the following Members be appointed to the Working Group:
  - Christian Chapman
  - Lauren Mitchell
  - Kevin Rostance
  - Helen-Ann Smith
  - Lee Waters
  - Jason Zadrozny (Chairman)
- d) the timetable for the review, as outlined in the report, be approved.

The meeting closed at 10.40 am

Chairman.