

# Minutes



To: All Members of the Council  
Chief Executive, Chief Officers

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MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday, 19 May 2015.

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

D Andrews	R J Henry	R G Prowse
D A Ashley	T C Heritage	S Quilty
J R Barfoot	D J Hewitt	I M Reay
S A Batson	F R G Hill	L F Reeve
S Bedford	N A Hollinghurst	R M Roberts
R H Beeching	T W Hone	P A Ruffles
N Bell	T Hunter	R Sangster
J Billing	T R Hutchings	D T F Scudder
F Button	S L C Johnston	A M R Searing
L A Chesterman	A Joynes	R H Smith
R F Cheswright	L R Kercher	A Stevenson
G R Churchard	A King	J J Taylor
C Clapper	J G L King	S J Taylor
M J Cook	P F J Knell	R A C Thake
M Cowan	A Lee	R G Tindall
M S Crawley	J Lloyd	A S B Walkington
H K Crofton	P V Mason	M A Watkin
T L F Douris	G McAndrew	C J White
D S Drury	A McKay	A D Williams
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	R Mills	J D Williams
E M Gordon	M B J Mills-Bishop	C B Woodward
R I N Gordon	M D M Muir	C B Wyatt-Lowe
D Hart	R G Parker	W J Wyatt-Lowe
K M Hastrick	A Plancey	P M Zukowskyj
C M Hayward		

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the County Council held on 19 May 2015, as circulated, action was taken or decisions were reached as follows:-

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**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman, R H Smith, not being himself a candidate for election, called for nominations.

F Button was nominated by R I N Gordon and this was seconded.

There being no other nominations, **F Button** was declared ELECTED Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following.

She signed her declaration of acceptance of office, thanked the Council and took the Chair.

The outgoing Chairman, R H Smith paid tribute to his Vice-Chairman (P A Ruffles) and the Council's Honorary Aldermen, thanked the Members and officers who had supported him during his Chairmanship, and gave his best wishes to the Council and his successor.

R I N Gordon was joined by S B A F H Giles-Medhurst, L F Reeve and J Billing in paying tribute to the outgoing Chairman and his many years of service as a Member of the County Council.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman called for nominations.

R H Beeching was nominated by R I N Gordon and this was duly seconded. There being no other nominations, **R H Beeching** was declared ELECTED Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following. He signed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the Council.

C B Wyatt-Lowe, M Cowan and S J Taylor spoke in appreciation of the dedicated service of the outgoing Vice-Chairman. P A Ruffles responded and spoke of the privilege and enjoyment he had received from serving the Council in his capacity as Vice-Chairman.

**3. MINUTES**

Following clarification on a point of accuracy in relation to item 6B, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 31 March 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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**4. REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS TO SCRUTINY AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

**4.1** The following motion proposed by **R I N Gordon** and duly seconded, was CARRIED with no vote against:

*That Council agrees that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee sizes as follows, subject to notes (1), (2), and (3) below:-*

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Labour</b>
<i>Overview &amp; Scrutiny</i> <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	10	6	2	2
<i>Health Scrutiny</i> <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	10	6	2	2

*Notes:*

- (1) In respect of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, when considering education matters its Members will include six Parent Governor and Church representatives, as a result of which (but only at such times) the Conservative Group is entitled to an additional five Members. However, the Council waives the requirements for proportionality (so that the Conservative Group foregoes the five additional Members to which it is entitled when the Committee is considering education matters).*
- (2) In respect of the Health Scrutiny Committee, the Committee will include one of its Members nominated by each Hertfordshire Borough and District Council as a result of which the Conservative Group is entitled to an additional nine Members. However, the Council waives the requirement for proportionality (so that the Conservative Group forgoes the nine additional Members to which it is entitled).*
- (3) Provided that the Leader of any of the three largest political groups on the Council may, at any time, request a review of political proportionality in respect of Overview and Scrutiny and / or Health Scrutiny Committee.*

**4.2** Subject to 4.1 above, Council agreed that the sizes of Committees be as follows:-

Overview and Scrutiny (10[6:2:2])  
 Health Scrutiny (10 [6:2:2])  
 Audit (10 [6:2:2])

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Development Control (10 [6:2:2])  
 Employment (5 [3:1:1])  
 Pensions (10 [6:2:2])  
 Standards (5 [3:1:1])  
 Health & Wellbeing Board (3 County Councillor Members [*Leader of the Council's nominations*])

**4.3** The Council made the following appointments to Committees for the ensuing year (nominations having been proposed on behalf of each Group and duly seconded); Members to remain in office unless there is a resolution to the contrary at a future Annual Meeting of the Council or following a review of political proportionality:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Conservative Group Nominees</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Group Nominees</u>	<u>Labour Group Nominees</u>
Audit Committee	D Andrews R F Cheswright T W Hone T Hunter A D Williams W J Wyatt-Lowe	G R Churchard D T F Scudder	L R Kercher S J Taylor
Development Control Committee (and substitute members)	D J Barnard M D M Muir S Quilty I M Reay P A Ruffles A D Williams  Substitutes: M B J Mills-Bishop T W Hone J R Barfoot	D S Drury G R Churchard  Substitutes: S Bedford M A Watkin S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	J Lloyd M J Cook  Substitutes: E M Gordon A King
Employment	R I N Gordon C M Hayward A Stevenson	M Cowan	L F Reeve
Health Scrutiny ( <i>The Committee also includes 10 District Council representatives</i> )	J R Barfoot R H Beeching D Hart D J Hewitt S L C Johnston S Quilty	C J White R G Tindall	S A Batson L R Kercher
Health & Wellbeing Board ( <i>Leader of the Council's nominations</i> )	T C Heritage R M Roberts C B Wyatt-Lowe		

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Overview and Scrutiny <i>(The Committee also includes 6 parent governor and church representatives when considering education matters)</i>	C Clapper H K Crofton T W Hone T R Hutchings D E Lloyd G McAndrew	M Cowan D T F Scudder	A Joynes J Billing
Pensions Committee	C M Hayward D E Lloyd R Sangster A M R Searing A Stevenson J D Williams	R G Parker D T F Scudder	R J Henry J G L King
Standards Committee	R H Beeching D J Hewitt A Plancey	D T F Scudder	N Bell

The Council also resolved that:

- (a) *The ten District Council representatives on the Health Scrutiny Committee continue to be voting Members of the Committee.*
- (b) *The non-County Councillor Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Health and Wellbeing Board be appointed as follows:*

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Non-County Councillor Members -

Parent Governor representatives: Emmanuel Mensah, Robin Osterley and David Wolstenholme-Williams, (1 vacancy);

Church representatives: John Sloan (Archdiocese of Westminster Schools Commission) and Jon Reynolds (Education Board of the Diocese of St Albans).

Health and Wellbeing Board: Non-County Councillor Members –

H Pathmanathan, N Small, L Watts, N Bell, Clinical Commissioning Groups, J Coles, Director of Children’s Services, I MacBeath, Director Health and Community Services, J McManus, Director of Public Health, M Downing, Healthwatch Hertfordshire, D Thornhill, L Needham, District Council representatives, N Carver, D Law, NHS Provider representatives D Lloyd, Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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**5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

The following members were appointed as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the ensuing year, having been proposed and duly seconded:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>
Audit Committee	A D Williams	W J Wyatt-Lowe
Development Control Committee	I M Reay	M D M Muir
Employment	R I N Gordon	C M Hayward
Health & Wellbeing Board	C B Wyatt-Lowe	
Overview and Scrutiny	T W Hone	Lib Dem: M Cowan Labour: A Joynes
Health Scrutiny	S Quilty	C J White
Pensions Committee	C M Hayward	J D Williams
Standards Committee	D J Hewitt	R H Beeching

**6. REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AND COUNTY COUNCILS' NETWORK**

The following members, having been proposed and duly seconded, were APPOINTED as follows:-

1. *R I N Gordon, C M Hayward, R M Roberts and C J White to serve as the representatives of the County Council on the Local Government Association General Assembly until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following.*
2. *That all the available votes at the Local Government Association General Assembly be allocated to the Conservative Group representatives present at each Assembly Meeting.*
3. *R I N Gordon, C M Hayward, R M Roberts, and S B A F H Giles-Medhurst to serve as the representatives of the County Council on the Council of the County Councils' Network with all available votes being allocated to the Conservative Group representatives present at each Council Meeting.*

**KATHRYN PETTITT  
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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