

# 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, 17 May 2016.

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

D Andrews	C M Hayward	R G Prowse
D A Ashley	R J Henry	S Quilty
J R Barfoot	T C Heritage	I M Reay
D J Barnard	D J Hewitt	L F Reeve
S A Batson	F R G Hill	R M Roberts
S Bedford	N A Hollinghurst	P A Ruffles
R H Beeching	T W Hone	R Sangster
N Bell	T Hunter	D T F Scudder
J Billing	T R Hutchings	A M R Searing
M Bright	S L C Johnston	R H Smith
F Button (Chairman)	A Joynes	A Stevenson
L A Chesterman	L R Kercher	J J Taylor
R F Cheswright	A King	S J Taylor
G R Churchard	J G L King	R A C Thake
C Clapper	P F J Knell	R G Tindall
M J Cook	D E Lloyd	A S B Walkington
M Cowan	J Lloyd	M A Watkin
H K Crofton	P V Mason	J A West
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

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the County Council held on 17 May 2016, as circulated, action was taken or decisions were reached as follows:-

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

- 1.1 The Chairman, being a candidate for election, left the meeting and the Vice-Chairman, R H Beeching, took the Chair and called for nominations.
- 1.2 F Button was nominated by R I N Gordon and this was duly seconded.
- 1.3 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 the declaration of acceptance of office, thanked the Council and took the chair.

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

- 2.1 The Chairman called for nominations.
- 2.2 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.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Before continuing with the formal business of the meeting the Chairman made the following announcements:-

**(i) Death of former Chairman of the County Council Michael Colne**

The Chairman advised that Council had received the sad news that former County Councillor and Chairman of the Council Michael Colne had passed away on 11 May at the age of 86. Michael was first elected as a County Councillor for Bushey North from 1973-1977. Four years later in 1981 Michael was re-elected and became the Liberal Democrat group leader until 1985. Michael continued as a Councillor until 2009, serving with distinction as Chairman of the Council from 1993-1995. He was also a Deputy Lieutenant for the County.

S B A F H Giles-Medhurst, L F Reefe, S Quilty and C J White spoke in tribute.

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Council stood in memory of Michael Colne.

**(ii) Recognising Hertfordshire**

The Chairman advised Council that since the last meeting of Council in March she had attended several events. These included:-

- A beacon lighting ceremony to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday on Thursday 21st April in Hertford; there was also one in Sawbridgeworth attended by the Vice-Chairman; and one in Stevenage, attended by Alderman Stuart Pile. A number of beacons were also lit elsewhere around the County including those at Welwyn Garden City, St Albans, Rickmansworth and Hatfield.
- The Duke of York's visit to Ashridge Business School on Wednesday 13th April;
- The Duchess of Cornwall's visit to the Royal Veterinary College on Thursday 28th April, to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Queen Mother Hospital for Animals; and
- HM The Queen's visit to Berkhamsted School on Friday 6th May, to celebrate its 475th Anniversary.

**(iii) Children In Care Council - Presentation**

The Chairman reminded Members that representatives from the Children in Care Council would be presenting their report to Members at 11.00am; all Members of the Council were invited to attend.

**3. MINUTES**

- 3.1** The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 March 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**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:-*

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<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 foregoes 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])  
 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** **D E Lloyd** declared a personal interest in the appointments to be made at 4.4 below due to him being the Hertfordshire Police and Crime

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Commissioner. He remained in the room and voted on this item.

**4.4** 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	J Lloyd 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		
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

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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:-

Church representatives, John Sloan (Archdiocese of Westminster Schools Commission) and David Morton (Education Board of the Diocese of St Albans).

[Parent Governor Representatives (4) – positions currently vacant]

Health and Wellbeing Board: Non-County Councillor Members:-

H Pathmanathan, N Small, B Flowers, C Ward, 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, L Haysey, L Needham, District Council representatives, N Carver, T Cahill, NHS Provider representatives  
D E Lloyd, Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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

**5.1** 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	I M Reay	M D M Muir

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Committee		
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**

**6.1** 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.*

**7. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STANDING ORDERS FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 17 MAY 2016**

**7.1** The following motion proposed by **R I N Gordon** and duly seconded, was CARRIED:-

*"That Council varies Standing Order 6(1) of Annex 6 of the Constitution so as to allow for consideration of a report on amending the Council's Petitions Scheme."*

**8. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PETITIONS SCHEME**

**8.1** The following motion proposed by **R I N Gordon** and duly seconded, was CARRIED:-

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*“That County Council agrees:-*

1. *that the revised Petitions Scheme, attached as Annex 1 to the report, be approved and incorporated into the County Council’s Constitution at Annex 22; and*
2. *that the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to make such amendments as are necessary to the standing orders for Cabinet Panels and elsewhere in the Constitution ensure that the principles of the Petitions Scheme (as revised) are incorporated into the Constitution.”*

**KATHRYN PETTITT  
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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