

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, 22 May 2018.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

D Andrews	S Gordon	A J S Mitchell
D A Ashley	J M Graham	M D M Muir
D J Barnard	L Greensmyth	R G Parker
S Bedford	F Guest	S Quilty
N Bell	J S Hale	N A Quinton
P Bibby	D Hart	R M Roberts
J Billing	K M Hastrick	A F Rowlands
S N Bloxham	C M Hayward	R Sangster
S J Boulton	M S Hearn	R H Smith
A P Brewster	T C Heritage	A Stevenson
M Bright	D J Hewitt	S J Taylor
S Brown	F R G Hill	R A C Thake (Chairman)
E H Buckmaster	N A Hollinghurst	R G Tindall
F Button	T W Hone	M A Watkin
L A Chesterman	T Howard	J A West
C Clapper	T R Hutchings	C J White
H K Crofton	S K Jarvis	A D Williams
T L F Douris	J R Jones	J D Williams
D S Drury	J S Kaye	T J Williams
M A Eames-Petersen	A K Khan	C B Woodward
S J Featherstone	P V Mason	C B Wyatt-Lowe
B A Gibson	G McAndrew	W J Wyatt-Lowe
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	R Mills	P M Zukowskyj
E M Gordon	M B J Mills-Bishop	

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the County Council held on 22 May 2018, 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, **W J Wyatt-Lowe**, took the Chair and called for nominations.
- 1.2 **R A C Thake** was nominated by **J D Williams** and this was duly seconded by **T C Heritage**.
- 1.3 There being no other nominations, **R A C Thake** was declared ELECTED Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following. He 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 **W J Wyatt-Lowe** was nominated by **J D Williams** and this was duly seconded by **T C Heritage**. There being no other nominations, **W J Wyatt-Lowe** 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.

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 March 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

(i) Death of former County Councillor Bryan Smalley

The Chairman advised that Council had received the sad news that former County Councillor Bryan Smalley had passed away.

Bryan Smalley was elected to the County Council in 1985 representing Sawbridgeworth and served for a total of 12 years. During his time as a County Councillor he sat on a number of committees including the Personnel and Support Services Committee, Highways Committee, Fire and Public Protection

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Committee, Police Committee, Policy & Resources Committee, Finance & General Purposes Committee, Community Services Committee, and the Environment Committee.

An active community champion, as well as serving as a County Councillor, Bryan Smalley also served for 15 years as an East Herts District Councillor. He was made a Deputy Lieutenant of the County in 2007.

D A Ashley and C J White spoke in tribute. J Billing offered condolences to the family of Bryan Smalley.

Council stood in memory of Bryan Smalley.

(ii) New Member for St Albans North

On behalf of Council, the Chairman welcomed Roma Mills, newly elected Member for St Albans North, to the Council.

(iii) Children In Care Council – Annual Report

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

(iv) Extraordinary Meeting of Council

The Chairman reminded Members that there would be an extraordinary meeting of Council taking place at 11.30am that morning in the Council Chamber.

(v) Manchester Terror Attack 2017

The Chairman advised Members that the Council would be observing a minute's silence at 2.30pm that afternoon in remembrance of those that lost their lives and the many others affected by the terrorist attack in Manchester last year.

5. REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

- 5.1** Council was informed that for the motion at 5.2 to be agreed required no Member to vote against it.

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5.2 The following motion proposed by **J D Williams** and duly seconded by **T C Heritage** was CARRIED with no Member voting against:-

- “1. That Council confirms the scheme of proportionality as set out in the Appendix to the report.

2. That, in respect of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee and any Topic Group or Sub-Committee of Overview & Scrutiny Committee or Health Scrutiny Committee, the Council waives the requirements for proportionality so as to agree the arrangements set out in Part B of the Appendix to the report for Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee, provided that the Leader of any of the three largest political groups on the Council can request at any time a review of political proportionality in respect of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee.”

6. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

6.1 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 and subject to any changes in membership duly made by the Chief Legal Officer:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Conservative Group Nominees</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Group Nominees</u>	<u>Labour Group Nominees</u>
Audit Committee (6:3:1)	S N Bloxham F Button S Gordon J M Graham A J S Mitchell W J Wyatt-Lowe	B A Gibson N A Hollinghurst T J Williams	S J Taylor
Development Control Committee (7:2:1) (and substitute members)	D Andrews D J Barnard S J Boulton M D M Muir S Quilty I M Reay A D Williams <u>Substitutes</u> J R Jones A J S Mitchell R H Smith	D S Drury J S Hale <u>Substitutes</u> B A Gibson	E M Gordon <u>Substitutes</u> M A Eames-Petersen

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Employment (3:1:1)	T C Heritage R M Roberts J D Williams	S B A F H Giles- Medhurst	J Billing
Health Scrutiny (7:2:1) <i>(The Committee also includes 10 District Council representatives)</i>	S Brown E H Buckmaster F Guest D Hart L J Greensmyth D J Hewitt S Quilty	R G Tindall C J White	M A Eames-Petersen
Overview and Scrutiny (7:2:1) <i>(The Committee also includes 4 parent governor and 2 church representatives when considering education matters)</i>	D Andrews F Button H K Crofton M S Hearn D J Hewitt J S Kaye I M Reay	K Hastrick P M Zukowskyj	R Mills
Pensions Committee (7:2:1)	S J Boulton R C Deering J M Graham C M Hayward A J S Mitchell S Quilty R Sangster	D S Drury R G Parker	M A Eames-Petersen
Standards Committee (3:1:1)	D J Hewitt A Plancey W J Wyatt-Lowe	R G Parker	N Bell

6.2 The Council also resolved that 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 (2): John Sloan (Archdiocese of Westminster Schools Commission) and David Morton (Education Board of the Diocese of St Albans).

Parent Governor Representatives (4): Andrew Charlwood, Jan Cameron and Natalie Punter [1 position currently vacant]

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

[Vacancy] East & North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group
 Nicolas Small, Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group
 Beverley Flowers, East & North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group
 Kathryn Magson, Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group
 [Vacancy] Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG Representative
 Jenny Coles, Director of Children’s Services
 Iain MacBeath, Director of Adult Care Services
 Jim McManus, Director of Public Health
 Stephen Palmer, Healthwatch Hertfordshire
 Linda Haysey, District Council Representative
 Lynda Needham, District Council Representative
 Nick Carver, NHS Provider Representative
 David Lloyd, Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner

6.3 The following motion proposed by **J D Williams** and duly seconded by **T C Heritage** was CARRIED:-

“That the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to make changes to the membership of any of the Council’s committees, sub-committees, topic groups and other member bodies as may be notified from time to time by the relevant political group to which those seats have been allocated by the Council.”

7. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

7.1 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	F Button	W J Wyatt-Lowe
Development Control Committee	I M Reay	M D M Muir
Employment Committee	J D Williams	T C Heritage
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	D Andrews	<u>Liberal Democrat</u> K M Hastrick <u>Labour:</u> R Mills
Health Scrutiny Committee	S Quilty	C J White

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Pensions Committee	R Sangster	A J S Mitchell
Standards Committee	D J Hewitt	W J Wyatt-Lowe

8A. APPOINTMENTS TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

8.1 The following motion proposed by **J D Williams** and duly seconded by **T C Heritage** was CARRIED:-

*“That **C B Wyatt-Lowe, R M Roberts** and **T C Heritage** be appointed as the County Council’s representatives on the Hertfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following”.*

8.2 The following motion proposed by **J D Williams** and duly seconded by **T C Heritage** was CARRIED:-

*“That **C B Wyatt-Lowe** be appointed as Chairman of the Hertfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following”.*

8B. APPOINTMENTS TO JOINT COMMITTEES

8.3 The following motion proposed by **J D Williams** and duly seconded by **T C Heritage** was CARRIED:-

*“That **C B Woodward** be appointed as the County Council’s representative on the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following”.*

8.4 The following motion proposed by **J D Williams** and duly seconded by **T C Heritage** was CARRIED:-

*“That **R Sangster** be appointed as the County Council’s representative on the Local Government Pension Scheme ACCESS Joint Committee until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following”.*

9. REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AND COUNTY COUNCILS’ NETWORK

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

- J D Williams, T C Heritage, R M Roberts** and **C J White** to serve

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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. **J D Williams, T C Heritage, 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.

10. CONSTITUTION UPDATE – ANNEX 3

- 10.1** The following motion proposed by **J D Williams** and duly seconded by **T C Heritage** was CARRIED:-

“That Council notes the changes made to the Council’s Constitution by the Chief Legal Officer as set out in the report.”

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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