

CIVIC AFFAIRS

14 May 2012
6.00 - 6.40 pm

Present: Councillors Boyce (Chair), Rosenstiel (Vice-Chair), Brierley, Marchant-Daisley, Herbert and Stuart

Officers:

Chief Executive – Antoinette Jackson
Head of Legal Services – Simon Pugh
Committee Manager – Glenn Burgess

Also Present:

Councillor Tim Bick
Councillor Sian Reid
Councillor Mike Pitt
Councillor Tim Ward
Councillor John Hipkin

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

12/22/civ Apologies for absence

None

12/23/civ Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the 21 March 2011 meeting were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

12/18/civ Prayers at Council Meetings – bullet point 4:

Clarification was requested on whether any Mayors had previously not appointed a Chaplain. Following discussion it was suggested that at least one previous Mayor had chosen to not appoint a ~~Mayor~~ Chaplain but also on occasions the Mayor's Chaplain may be unavailable for meetings.

At the request of Councillor Herbert it was agreed that a follow up agenda item on Prayers at Council Meetings be brought to the meeting on 27 June 2012.

12/24/civ Declarations of Interest

None

12/25/civ Public Questions

None

12/26/civ Procedural Decisions for the Annual Meeting of the Council

The Committee received a verbal update from the Head of Legal Services on the procedural elements of the Annual Meeting of the Council.

12/27/civ Nominations for Leader of the Council

The Committee received two nominations for the Leader of the Council, Councillor Tim Bick and Councillor Lewis Herbert.

Councillor Bick was invited to state, in the event of being elected Leader, any changes he would make to executive responsibilities. Councillor Bick said that responsibility for community safety and CCTV would be moved to the Leader's portfolio and responsibility for climate change would be moved to the portfolio of the Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport. Councillor Herbert was invited to comment in a similar manner and said that he supported the proposed change to executive responsibilities.

Recommended that:

- i. In the event of changes to executive responsibilities, corresponding changes be made to Scrutiny Committee responsibilities

12/28/civ Nominations for Committees for the Municipal Year 2012/13

The Committee considered a paper setting out the proposed size of committees, the allocations by party and the nominations received.

The Committee considered the rules on political balance set out in the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 in developing the recommendations set out below.

Councillor Boyce proposed and Councillor Rosenstiel seconded a proposal to change the size of committees.

Recommended (by 4 votes to 0):

- i. That Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, Environment Scrutiny Committee, Community Services Scrutiny Committee, Housing Management Board and the Planning Committee to be reduced in size from 9 members to 8.
- ii. That the Employment Appeals Panel to be increased in size from 9 members to 10.
- iii. That the Labour Group's proposal that the one seat allocated to it on the Joint Development Control Committee and on the Employment Appeals Sub-Committee be allocated instead to the Independent/Conservative Group (as a departure from the rules on political proportionality would require Council's approval, nem. con.)
- iv. To recommend to Council to agree the size and membership of the committees as follows:

Scrutiny Committees:

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	NOMINATION(S)	CURRENT NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Community Services [with up to 3 co-optees nominated by HMB and a nomination from the PCT]	Liberal Democrats	4 (1)	Brown, Blackhurst, Kerr, Kightley. Alt: Pippas
	Labour	4 (1)	Birtles, Blencowe (Housing Spokes), Moghadas (Arts, Sport, Public Places Spokes), O'Reilly (Community Development and Health Spokes). Alt: Todd-Jones
		8 Total	

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	NOMINATION(S)	CURRENT NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Environment	Liberal Democrats	4 (1)	Kightley, Reid, Saunders, Reiner Alt: Brierley
	Labour	4 (1)	Marchant-Daisley (Planning and Sustainable Transport Spokes), Owers (Environmental and Waste Services Spokes), Pogonowski, Johnson. Alt: Herbert
		8 Total	

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	NOMINATION(S)	CURRENT NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Strategy & Resources	Liberal Democrats	4 (1)	Boyce, Brown, Rosenstiel, Tucker. Alt: Blackhurst
	Labour	4 (1)	Ashton, Birtles, Herbert (Climate Change and Strategy Spokes), Benstead (Customer Services and Resources Spokes). Alt: Pogonowski
		8 Total	

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	NOMINATION(S)	CURRENT NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Housing Management Board	Liberal Democrats	4 (1)	Blackhurst, Brierley, Rosenstiel, Pippas Alt: Tucker
	Labour	4 (1)	Price (Spokes), Johnson, Bird, Pogonowski. Alt: Blencowe
[plus 6 elected tenants/leaseholders]		8 Total	

Regulatory Committees:

COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Planning	Liberal Democrat	4 (1)	Brown, Saunders, Stuart, Tunnacliffe. Alt: Tucker
	Labour	3 (1)	Blencowe, Dryden, Marchant-Daisley, Alt: Herbert
	Indep/Cons	1	Hipkin
		8 Total	

COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Licensing (Currently meets: Mondays at 10am) [Sub-Cttees appt. during Annual Meeting]	Liberal Democrat	6 (1)	Brierley, Pippas, Reiner, Rosenstiel, Saunders, Smith. Alt: Stuart
	Labour	5 (1)	Benstead, Owers, Gawthrope, Hart, McPherson. Alt: Marchant-Daisley
	Indep/Cons	1 (1)	Meftah. Alt: Hipkin
		12 Total	

Licensing Committee will meet to appoint the four sub-committees (of 3 members each)

Other Committees:

COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Civic Affairs	Liberal Democrat	3 (1)	Boyce, Pitt, Rosenstiel. Alt: Brierley
	Labour	3 (1)	Herbert, Benstead, Marchant-Daisley. Alt: Pogonowski
		6 Total	

COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Cambridge Traffic Management Area Joint Committee	Liberal Democrat	3 (1)	Brown, Rosenstiel, Tunnacliffe. Alt: Tucker,
	Labour	3 (1)	Price, Bird, Owers Alt: TBC
		6 Total	

COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Standards Committee The External Members (3) will be recommended for re-appointment	Liberal Democrat	3 (1)	Smart, Swanson, Tucker. Alt: Pitt
	Labour	3 (1)	McPherson, Dryden, Ashton. Alt: TBC
	External Members	3	
		9 Total	

COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Joint Development Control Committee	Liberal Democrat	3 (1)	Reid, Smart, Tucker. Alt: Tunnacliffe
	Labour	2 (1)	Blencowe, Dryden, Alt: Marchant-Daisley
	Indep/Cons	1	Hipkin
	6 Total		

COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Employment Appeals Sub Committee	Liberal Democrat	5	Pippas, Reid, Saunders, Smart, Tucker.
	Labour	4	Price, Bird, Johnson, Gawthrope
	Indep/Cons	1	Hipkin
		10 Total	

12/29/civ Nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny and Regulatory Committees

The committee received nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny and Regulatory Committees.

Resolved to note the nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny and Regulatory Committees as follows:

Committee	Lib Dem Nomination		Labour Nomination	
	Chair	Vice Chair	Chair	Vice Chair
Community Services	Kerr	Kightley	O'Reilly	-
Environment	Kightley	Saunders	Marchant-Daisley	-
Strategy and Resources	Brown	Rosenstiel	Benstead	-

HMB	Blackhurst	Tenant Rep	Price	-
Planning	Stuart	Tunnacliffe	-	Blencowe
JDCC	Reid (City Lead)	-	Blencowe (City Lead)	-
Licensing	Rosenstiel	Reiner	-	Benstead
Civic Affairs	Boyce	Rosenstiel	Marchant- Daisley	
Employment Appeals Sub Committee	Smart	N/A	-	-

12/30/civ Nominations for Honorary Councillors

Recommended: that the Council appoints Councillor Nimmo-Smith and former Councillor Roman Znajek as Honorary Councillors.

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

CHAIR