

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2011

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 24 November 2011. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes. If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Holly Adams.

REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS (INCLUDING PUBLIC RECORDING OF MEETINGS) (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 10 NOVEMBER 2011)

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) Standing Order 14.5, When a member may speak again, be amended to include: "A member who has spoken on a motion may not speak again whilst it is the subject of debate, except...(f) at the Chairman's discretion, to raise a point of information;" with subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly; and
- (b) Standing Order 14.13, Point of Information, be added as follows: "A member may ask to raise a point of information at any time, but will be permitted to speak only at the Chairman's discretion. A point of information may only be made where a member is aware that the Council has incorrect information before it on a material point. The member who raises the point of information must be able to cite evidence to support their statement. The point of information may be raised whilst another member is speaking but only if that member is willing to give way. The ruling of the Chairman on the admissibility of a point of information will be final." and subsequent Rules of Debate be renumbered accordingly.

Council **NOTED** that the Constitution Review Working Party did not recommend any further changes to Standing Orders to address the public recording of meetings or social media use during meetings, as it was felt by the Working Party that the existing provisions for recording were sufficient, and that that nothing in the Constitution specifically prohibited the use of social media by the press, public, councillors or officers.

HEAD OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CABINET, 10 NOVEMBER 2011)

Council, with 46 voting in favour, 1 voting against and 2 abstentions, **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) a new post of Head of Planning and Economic Development, reporting to the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) be created; and
- (b) proposals to achieve savings from the Council's staffing structure be included within the 2012/13 budget to enable the funding of this post.

HISTON AND IMPINGTON: AMENDMENTS TO ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS (ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE, 21 NOVEMBER 2011)

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) the making of a Grouping Order to group the Parish Councils of Histon and Impington; and
- (b) to delegate to the Chairman of the Electoral Arrangements Committee, in consultation with officers and the two parish councils, to finalise the wording of the Grouping Order.

PLRE-ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE SEATS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS 2011/12

Council **RESOLVED**:

(a) to approve the re-allocation of seats, as follows:

Body	Size	Conservatives	Liberal Democrats	Independent Group
Climate Change Working Group	10	6	3	1
Corporate Governance	7	4	2	1
Electoral Arrangements	7	4	2	1
Employment	7	4	3	0
Licensing	15	9	5	1
Planning	14	8	5	1
Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee	7	4	2	1
Scrutiny and Overview	12	7	4	1
Total Seats	79	46	26	7

(b) to approve the nominations of the political groups to seats on committees, where nominations have changed as follows:

Body	Conservatives	Liberal Democrats	Independent Group	Non-Group
Employment Committee 7 members (4 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat)	Brian Burling Pippa Corney Simon Edwards Alex Riley Substitutes: 1) Val Barrett 2) Richard Barrett 3) Charlie Nightingale 4) Tony Orgee	John Batchelor Liz Heazell Jim Stewart Substitutes: 1) Lynda Harford 2) Sebastian Kindersley 3) 4)		
Licensing Committee 15 members (9 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent Group)	Richard Barrett Val Barrett Alison Elcox Roger Hall Raymond Matthews David McCraith Charlie Nightingale Alex Riley Ben Shelton Substitutes: 1) David Bard 2) 3)	Trisha Bear Jose Hales Liz Heazell Janet Lockwood Substitutes: 1) Hazel Smith 2) 3) 4)	Sally Hatton Substitutes: 1) Neil Scarr 2) 3) 4)	Cicely Murfitt (seat accepted from Liberal Democrat group) Substitutes: 1) Nigel Cathcart (seat accepted from Liberal Democrat group)

	4)			
Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee 6 (4 Conservatives, 2 Liberal Democrats)	1) Brian Burling 2) Simon Edwards 3) Alex Riley 4) Tim Wotherspoon Spokesman: 1) Tim Wotherspoon Substitute: 1) Nick Wright	1) Lynda Harford 2) Hazel Smith Substitute: 1) John Batchelor		
Planning Committee 14 members (8 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent Group)	Val Barrett Brian Burling Pippa Corney Caroline Hunt Mervyn Loynes David McCraith Charlie Nightingale Robert Turner Substitutes: 1) David Bard 2) Ben Shelton 3) Richard Barrett 4) Raymond Matthews	Trisha Bear Lynda Harford Tumi Hawkins Sebastian Kindersley Hazel Smith Substitutes: 1) Jose Hales 2) John Batchelor 3) Jim Stewart 4)	Deborah Roberts Substitutes: 1) Neil Scarr 2) Mike Mason 3) Douglas de Lacey 4)	
Scrutiny and Overview Committee 12 members (7 Conservative, 4 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent Group)	Richard Barrett Alison Elcox Roger Hall James Hockney Ted Ridgway Watt Bunty Waters David Whiteman-Downes Substitutes: 1) Ben Shelton 2) Charlie Nightingale 3) Val Barrett 4)	Jose Hales Tumi Hawkins Liz Heazell Bridget Smith Substitutes: 1) Lynda Harford 2) John Batchelor 3) Edd Stonham 4)	Mike Mason Substitutes: 1) Deborah Roberts 2) Sally Hatton 3) 4)	

(c) and to maintain the current membership of the Standards Committee until the end of the 2011/12 municipal year.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2012/13

Council **RESOLVED** that meetings during the 2012/13 Civic Year be scheduled to take place at 2 pm on the following dates:

- Thursday 26 July 2012
- Thursday 27 September 2012
- Thursday 22 November 2012
- Thursday 31 January 2013
- Thursday 28 February 2013 (Budget)
- Thursday 25 April 2013
- Thursday 23 May 2013 (Annual)

NOTICE OF MOTION STANDING IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS SIMON EDWARDS AND MERVYN LOYNES

Council **RESOLVED** that "This Council recognises the acute hardship many people are experiencing as the coalition government begins to put our country back on a sound financial footing.

"Council also acknowledges that to support the governments reduced spending plans, staff salaries at this authority will, for a second year, remain frozen for the year 2011/12.

"Council notes that member allowances have also been frozen for the last 3 years, and in recognition of the difficulties our residents and our staff are experiencing in the current economic climate, and to support this council's revised spending plans, this council resolves not to increase member allowances, or expenses, for a further year in 2012/13."

A recorded vote was requested by more than six councillors.

Those in favour (46)

Cllr David Bard	Cllr Richard Barrett	Cllr Valerie Barrett
Cllr John Batchelor	Cllr Trisha Bear	Cllr Tom Bygott
Cllr Jonathan Chatfield	Cllr Pippa Corney	Cllr Simon Edwards
Cllr Sue Ellington	Cllr Jose Hales	Cllr Roger Hall
Cllr Steve Harangozo	Cllr Lynda Harford	Cllr Tumi Hawkins
Cllr Liz Heazell	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Caroline Hunt
Cllr Pauline Jarvis	Cllr Sebastian Kindersley	Cllr Douglas de Lacey
Cllr Janet Lockwood	Cllr Mervyn Loynes	Cllr Mick Martin
Cllr David McCraith	Cllr Charlie Nightingale	Cllr Tony Orgee
Cllr Ted Ridgway Watt	Cllr Alex Riley	Cllr Bridget Smith
Cllr Hazel Smith	Cllr Jim Stewart	Cllr Peter Topping
Cllr Robert Turner	Cllr Bunty Waters	Cllr David Whiteman-Downes
Cllr John G Williams	Cllr Tim Wotherspoon	Cllr Nick Wright

Those against (4)

Cllr Alison Elcox*	Cllr Mike Mason	Cllr Raymond Matthews
Cllr Deborah Roberts		

**After the meeting Cllr Elcox explained to the Chairman that she had voted against inadvertently and asked that it be recorded that she had intended to vote in favour.*

Those abstaining (1)

Cllr Sally Hatton

Those not voting (1)
Cllr Neil Scarr