

At the Annual Meeting of the **WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL** held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILWORTHY PARK, TAVISTOCK** on **TUESDAY** the **24th** day of **MAY 2022** at **11.00am** pursuant to Notice given and Summons duly served.

Present

Cllr C Mott – The Mayor (In the Chair)

Cllr K Ball	Cllr A Blackman
Cllr T Bolton	Cllr R Cheadle
Cllr A Coulson	Cllr P Crozier
Cllr M Davies	Cllr C Edmonds
Cllr M Ewings	Cllr N Heyworth
Cllr N Jory	Cllr P Kimber
Cllr A Leech	Cllr D Moyse
Cllr T Pearce	Cllr B Ratcliffe
Cllr M Renders	Cllr P Ridgers
Cllr L Samuel	Cllr D Sellis
Cllr T Southcott	Cllr J Spettigue
Cllr D Turnbull	Cllr L Wood
Cllr J Yelland	

Chief Executive
Monitoring Officer
Democratic Services Manager

Also in Attendance – Cllr J Moody (via Teams)

CM 1/22 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

Cllr Cheadle moved the re-appointment of Cllr Mott as Mayor for the ensuing year and Cllr Jory subsequently seconded the motion.

No other nominations were received and, upon the motion being submitted to the meeting, it was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that Cllr Mott be re-appointed Mayor for the ensuing year”.

Cllr C Mott then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, signed the register and proceeded to address the meeting.

CM 2/22 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

One nomination was received as follows:

Cllr T Pearce	proposed:	Cllr Jory
	seconded:	Cllr Cheadle

There being no other nominations, it was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that Cllr Pearce be re-appointed as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year”.

The Deputy Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, signed the register and then proceeded to address the Council.

CM 3/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bridgewater, Daniel, Kemp, Moody and Vachon.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Cllr Cheadle addressed the meeting and, on behalf of all Members, wished to offer Cllr Daniel the condolences of the Council on her recent family bereavement.

CM 4/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Mayor invited Members to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting, but there were none made.

CM 5/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Cllr Jory, seconded by Cllr Cheadle and upon the motion being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that the Council agree the Minutes of the 5 April 2022 meeting”.

CM 6/22 MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that she had not yet selected a Charity to support during her forthcoming year in office and welcomed nominations from both the general public and Members by the end of June 2022. After this deadline had expired, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor would select a Charity from those that had been suggested.

CM 7/22 ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL’S CONSTITUTION

The Mayor advised that the Council’s Constitution was to be subject to a detailed review during the upcoming months and that, as a result, a further report would be brought to Council later in the year.

Upon being submitted to the Meeting, it was then declared to be **CARRIED** and “**RESOLVED** that the Council’s Constitution continue to be that previously adopted by the Council, but noting that a report will be brought to the meeting on 27 September 2022 with proposals for a new Constitution and further noting that Group Leaders and deputies (or nominees) as well as the wider membership of the Council will be consulted in the drafting of those proposals”.

The Mayor then signed the copy of the Constitution for 2022/2023.

CM 8/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Mayor informed the Meeting that no Public Questions had been received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules.

CM 9/22 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Members noted that no Questions on Notice had been received from the membership in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules.

CM 10/22 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

a) Council Tax Setting Panel – 22 February 2022

It was moved by Cllr C Mott, seconded by Cllr N Jory and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and “**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 22 February 2022 meeting be received and noted”.

b) Development Management & Licensing Committee – 1 March 2022 and 19 April 2022

It was moved by Cllr J Yelland, seconded by Cllr T Pearce and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and “**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings held on 1 March 2022 and 19 April 2022 be received and noted”.

c) Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 22 March 2022

It was moved by Cllr M Ewings, seconded by Cllr P Kimber and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and “**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 22 March 2022 meeting be received and noted”

d) Hub Committee - 12 April 2022

It was moved by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and “**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 12 April 2022 be received and noted, with the exception of Recommendation HC 86/21”.

In respect of the recommendation:

HC 86/21: Climate Change & Biodiversity Action – Council Net-Zero Update

It was moved by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the lead Hub Member for Finance to:

2. approve and agree the lending terms to Fusion Leisure for a loan of up to £300,000 to facilitate solar panel installation across both WDBC Leisure Centres over the remaining term of the leisure contract, in accordance with treasury management advice; and
3. update the Council’s Capital Strategy, Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23 for a £300,000 loan provision to Fusion Leisure for the solar installation, in accordance with treasury management advice”.

CM 11/22 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

a. Leader

It was moved by Cllr Cheadle, seconded by Cllr Edmonds and upon the motion being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that Cllr N Jory be appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.”

b. Deputy Leader

It was moved by Cllr R Cheadle, seconded by Cllr N Jory and upon the motion being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **“RESOLVED** that Cllr C Edmonds be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.”

Cllr Jory proceeded to thank Cllr Cheadle for the hard work, total commitment and unwavering support that he had shown during his time as Deputy Leader of the Council.

CM 12/22 REPORT OF THE FORMATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS

Members noted the schedule of officially appointed political groups as follows:

- 17 Conservative Group Members;
- 12 West Devon Alliance Group Members; and
- 2 Non-aligned Independent Members

CM 13/22 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

It was moved by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon the motion being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and “**RESOLVED** that the Committee structure be as follows for the coming year:

Audit	7 Members;
Hub	9 Members;
Overview & Scrutiny	15 Members;
Development Management & Licensing	10 Members;
Standards	5 Members;
Council Tax Setting	4 Members; and
Regeneration & Investment	3 Members

with all of the appointments to the above Committees being politically balanced”.

CM 14/22 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

A list of nominations made to the Committees by the two political groups for the ensuing year had been circulated and were **PROPOSED** by Cllr N Jory and **SECONDED** by Cllr R Cheadle to be duly approved.

When put to the vote, the circulated list was declared to be **CARRIED**.

CM 15/22 DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

It was noted that the two Council representatives appointed to the Dartmoor National Park were:-

Cllr D E Moyse (Conservative); and
Cllr M Renders (West Devon Alliance Group).

(NOTE: These appointments formed part of the Political Balance Table.)

CM 16/22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

The following appointments were proposed by Cllr N Jory and seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and when put to the vote were declared to be **CARRIED**:

- Audit Committee: Cllr K Ball (Chairman);
Cllr M Davies (Vice Chairman);
- Council Tax Setting Committee Cllr T Pearce (Chairman);
- Development Management & Licensing
Committee: Cllr J Yelland (Chairman);
Cllr T Pearce (Vice-Chairman);

- Hub Committee: Cllr N Jory (Chairman);
Cllr C Edmonds (Vice Chairman);
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Cllr M Ewings (Chairman)
Cllr P Kimber (Vice-Chairman);
- Regeneration & Investment
Committee: Cllr C Edmonds (Chairman); and
- Standards Committee: Cllr P Kimber (Chairman); and
Cllr L Wood (Vice Chairman).

CM 17/22 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LIST OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr N Jory advised that there had been two proposed additions to the list of Outside Bodies to be appointed to by the Council for the 2022/23 Municipal Year, these being 'Tavistock Rail Group' and 'Unesco Biosphere Reserve Partnership.'

It was then proposed by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **"RESOLVED** that the appointments as presented to the meeting be endorsed for the ensuing year".

CM 18/22 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LIST OF GOVERNANCE BOARDS / PANELS / HUB ADVISORY GROUPS

It was proposed by Cllr N Jory, seconded by Cllr R Cheadle and upon being submitted to the Meeting was declared to be **CARRIED** and **"RESOLVED** that the appointments as presented to the meeting be endorsed for the ensuing year".

CM 19/22 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The Mayor advised that no Motions on Notice had been received for consideration at this Council meeting.

(The Meeting terminated at 11.40 am)

Mayor