

COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Monday, 18 May 2015 and reconvened on Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Present: Civic Mayor (Councillor Steve Foulkes) in the Chair
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Les Rowlands)

Councillors	RL Abbey	JE Green	C Povall
	T Anderson	R Gregson	D Realey
	B Berry	P Hackett	L Reecejones
	C Blakeley	J Hale	L Rennie
	E Boulton	P Hayes	D Roberts
	A Brighthouse	A Hodson	J Salter
	P Brightmore	K Hodson	Tony Smith
	D Burgess-Joyce	T Johnson	W Smith
	C Carubia	AER Jones	C Spriggs
	P Cleary	C Jones	J Stapleton
	W Clements	B Kenny	M Sullivan
	J Crabtree	A Leech	A Sykes
	M Daniel	AR McLachlan	J Walsh
	A Davies	M McLaughlin	G Watt
	G Davies	C Meaden	S Whittingham
	P Davies	D Mitchell	J Williamson
	WJ Davies	B Mooney	I Williams
	D Elderton	C Muspratt	KJ Williams
	G Ellis	S Niblock	P Williams
	L Fraser	T Norbury	S Williams
	P Gilchrist	M Patrick	

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1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any matters to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

2 **CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Civic Mayor thanked all those within the Council and throughout the Borough who had supported him and the Mayoress in the wide variety of activities that they had undertaken throughout his year of office. In particular, the Civic Mayor thanked the staff of Civic Services and the Attendants for their valued assistance, and all those involved in the work of the Civic Mayor's Charity Fund. He stated how grateful, humble and proud both he and the Mayoress were to have served as Civic Mayor and Mayoress.

3 **ELECTION OF CIVIC MAYOR 2015/16**

The Civic Mayor invited nominations for election of the Civic Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

On a motion moved by Councillor Jeff Green, seconded by Councillor Gilchrist and, in the absence of any other nominations, it was:

Resolved (unanimously) – That Councillor Les Rowlands be elected Civic Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Councillor Rowlands proceeded to make his declaration of acceptance of office and the retiring Civic Mayor (Councillor Foulkes) vacated the Chair. Councillor Rowlands occupied the Chair.

The Civic Mayor welcomed his guests and spoke to his election.

4 **DEPUTY CIVIC MAYOR 2015/16**

The Civic Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of a Deputy Civic Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

On a motion moved by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Jeff Green, and in the absence of any other nominations, it was:

Resolved (unanimously) – That Councillor Pat Hackett be appointed Deputy Civic Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Councillor Hackett proceeded to make his declaration of acceptance of office.

5 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council agreed, without a vote, pursuant to Standing Order 5A (1), that the meeting stand adjourned to 6.15pm on Tuesday, 19 May 2015.

RECONVENED ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Annual Council reconvened at 6.15pm on Tuesday 19 May 2015

6 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any matter to be debated or determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

7 **CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Civic Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the public and the three newly Elected Members and those Members successfully re-elected.

8 PETITIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 21, the Civic Mayor received petitions submitted by –

- (i). Councillor Sykes on behalf of 155 signatories calling upon the Council to move the crossing point on Woodkind Hey to make the crossing safer for schoolchildren and other pedestrians.
- (ii). Councillor Sykes on behalf of 52 signatories calling the Council to reinstate the 4-weekly litter picks throughout the village of Thornton Hough.

Resolved – That the petitions be noted and referred to the appropriate Chief Officer in accordance with Standing Order 34.

9 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 16 March, 2015 had been circulated to Members and, it was –

Resolved – That the minutes be approved and adopted as a correct record.

10 ELECTION RESULTS - 7 MAY 2015

The Chief Executive/Returning Officer presented a summary of the results of the Local Government Elections held on 7 May 2015.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

11 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Leader of the Council confirmed appointments to his Cabinet for 2015/16 as follows:

Portfolio	Councillor	Party	Address	Ward
Leader	Phil Davies Leader of the Council	Labour	16 Westbourne Grove West Kirby Wirral CH48 4DL	Birkenhead and Tranmere
Governance, Commissioning and Improvement	Ann McLachlan Deputy Leader	Labour	27 Danefield Road Greasby Wirral CH49 3BP	Bidston and St James
Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement	George Davies	Labour	46 Shamrock Road Claughton Birkenhead Wirral CH41 0EQ	Claughton

Support Services	Adrian Jones	Labour	10 Elmswood Road Seacombe Wallasey Wirral CH44 8DB	Seacombe
Adult Social Care and Public Health	Christine Jones	Labour	10 Elmswood Road Seacombe Wallasey Wirral CH44 8DB	Seacombe
Leisure, Sport and Culture	Chris Meaden	Labour	19 Inglemere Road Rock Ferry Birkenhead Wirral CH42 4QL	Rock Ferry
Economy	Pat Hackett	Labour	7 Wood Lane Wallasey Wirral CH45 8QP	New Brighton
Children and Family Services	Tony Smith	Labour	27 South Drive Upton Wirral CH49 6LA	Upton
Environment and Sustainability	Bernie Mooney	Labour	30 Brompton Avenue Liscard Wallasey Wirral CH44 0BD	Liscard
Highways and Transport	Stuart Whittingham	Labour	16 Fender Way Prenton Birkenhead Wirral CH43 7ZJ	Upton

The Leader indicated that there would be no changes made to the Cabinet and Portfolio but gave notice to Members that his intention was to review the portfolios and report back to the Council in due course.

The Leader further highlighted his intention to recommend a three year Corporate Plan for approval to Policy Council meeting held on 13 July following consideration by the Cabinet at its meeting in June 2015. The Leader indicated that Plan would be shared with the Political Leader prior to its submission to Cabinet and Policy Council.

Resolved – That the Cabinet appointments be noted.

12 **MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL**

The Council was requested to consider the reports of the Head of Legal and Member Services and Committee referrals on the following matters –

- (i). Appointments and Constitution of Council Committees and the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to such Committees.

- (ii). Appointments to Statutory and Advisory Committees, Working Parties and Panels.
- (iii). Appointment of Members (and/or other individuals) to Outside Bodies and Organisations.
- (iv). Policy Council Agenda.

In response to a Members question, the Leader indicated that the position of Chair for the four Policy and Performance Committees would be taken up by the Labour Group.

In respect of the first matter requiring approval, it was moved by Councillor Phil Davies and seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan –

‘That the recommendations in the report be approved.’

Resolved (61:1) (One abstention) –

(1) That for the 2015/16 municipal year the total number of Committee places (excluding those on the Cabinet and Constituency Committees) shall be 133 and the places shall be allocated in the following proportions:

Committee	Places	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Dem.	Green
Audit and Risk Management	9	5	3	1	
Employment and Appointments	8	5	2	1	
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	15	10	4	1	
Licensing, Health and Safety and GP	9	5	3	1	
Pensions	10	6	3	0	1
Planning	13	7	4	1	1
Standards and Constitutional Oversight	9	5	3	1	
Coordinating Committee P & P	15	9	5	1	
Families and Wellbeing P & P	15	9	5	1	
Regeneration and Environment P & P	15	9	5	1	
Transformation and Resources P & P	15	9	5	1	

Total	133	79	42	10	2
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(2) That the Chairs of the above Committees be allocated to the Labour Group along with the Vice-Chairs

(3) That the nominations for places on committees be submitted by the respective Political Group Leaders to the Head of Legal and Member Services and be as set out in Appendix A to the minutes of this meeting.

(4) That the ongoing nominations of Diocesan and Parent Governor representatives on the Coordinating Committee and Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee be noted.

In respect of appointments to Statutory and Advisory Committees, Working Parties and Panels it was moved by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan and –

Resolved (62:0) (One abstention) - That the numbers be agreed for each appointment to Statutory and Advisory Committees, Working Parties and Panels for the 2015/2016 municipal year, including the proportional split where appropriate, and the nominations be submitted by the respective Political Group Leaders to the Head of Legal and Member Services and be as set out in Appendix B to the minutes of this meeting.

In respect of appointments to Outside Bodies and Organisations, it was moved by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan and –

Resolved (62:0) (One abstention) - That the numbers be agreed for each appointment of Members (and/or other individuals) to all Outside Bodies for the 2015/2016 municipal year, including the proportional split, where appropriate, and the nominations be submitted by the respective Political Group Leaders (and Chief Executive in respect of Council Officer nominations) to the Head of Legal and Member Services and be as set out in Appendix C to the minutes of this meeting.

In respect of the report of the Head of Legal and Member Services in relation to the proposed agenda for the Policy Council meeting to be held on 13 July 2015, moved by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan it was –

Resolved (62:0) (One abstention) – That the proposed agenda for the Policy Council to be held on the 13 July 2015 as set out within the report, be approved.

APPENDIX A COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2015-16

Appendix A Committee Membership 2015/16

Appendix B Statutory and Advisory Committees, Working Parties and Panels
2015/16

Appendix C Outside Bodies 2015/16