

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

ANNUAL COUNCIL

**Minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Council held on
Thursday, 16th May, 2024 at 5.00 pm in the Assembly Room, Town Hall,
Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

PRESENT: Councillor M Wilkinson (Chair)
Councillors B Anota, T Barclay, M Bartrum, A Beales, S Bearshaw, J Bhondi,
P Bland, R Blunt, F Bone, A Bubb, R Coates, Mrs J Collingham, S Collop,
R Colwell, C J Crofts, S Dark, M de Whalley, T de Winton, P Devulapalli,
S Everett, P Hodson, A Jamieson, B Jones, C Joyce, A Kemp, J Kirk, P Kunes,
A Lawrence, S Lintern, B Long, J Lowe, J Moriarty, C Morley, S Nash, J Osborne,
T Parish, J Ratcliffe, S Ring, C Rose, J Rust, A Ryves, S Sandell, D Sayers,
Mrs V Spikings, S Squire, M Storey, D Tyler and A Ware

Honorary Aldermen Dr P R Richards and L V Wilkinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Ayres, P Beal,
A Dickinson, D Heneghan and H Humphrey

C:1 PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev Canon Ling

C:2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

C:3 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

C:4 URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

**C:5 ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO HOLD OFFICE AS MAYOR OF
THE BOROUGH OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK AND TO
BE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR
2024/2025**

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Councillor M de Whalley proposed Councillor Paul Bland for the for the position of Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the 2024/2025 Municipal year. This was seconded by Councillor S Ring.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Paul Bland be appointed as Mayor and Chairman for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

C:6 **ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO HOLD OFFICE AS DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK AND TO BE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/25**

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Councillor Long proposed Councillor Andy Bullen as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal year 2024/25. Councillor A Beales seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Andy Bullen be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2024/25 municipal year

C:7 **ADMINISTER OATH TO THE MAYOR**

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Councillor Bland read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then, in addressing Members, thanked them for his election and informed the Council that his wife, Marion Bland would be his Mayoress.

Councillor Bland informed Council that the Mayor's Chaplain for the year would be Rev Canon Adrian Ling.

The Mayor also informed the Council that he would continue to appoint Mayor's Cadets and those for this year would be:

Sea Cadet: Amelia Walters
 Army Cadet: Dylan Lewis
 Air Cadet: Grace Munson
 Police Cadet: Alex Reeve
 Fire Cadet: Dulcie Hornigold

Mayor's Cadets badges were bestowed on the Cadets.

The Mayor's charities would be Trues Yard and the Sea Cadets.

C:8 **ADMINISTER OATH TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

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Councillor Bullen read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then, in addressing Members, thanked them for his election and informed the Council that his sister, Jane Justice would be his Deputy Mayoress.

C:9 **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORTS**

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Councillor Parish proposed the vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor Councillor Margaret Wilkinson. This was seconded by Councillor Beales.

C:10 **TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORTS AND RECEIVE RESPONSES**

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Council was informed that gifts and flowers for the outgoing Mayor and Consorts were placed at the front of the stage.

Councillor Mrs Wilkinson gave a response and thanked the Council and the community for its support during the year.

C:11 **TO AGREE THE CHAIR OF CABINET AND LEADER FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE YEARS**

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Councillor Bone proposed Councillor Beales as the Leader for the following 3 years. This was seconded by Councillor Rust.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Beales be elected Leader for the forthcoming 3 years.

C:12 **TO NOTE THE CABINET MEMBERS FOR 2024/25**

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RESOLVED: That the membership of the Cabinet be noted as follows:

Deputy Leader– S Ring (IP)
 B Anota (IP)
 J Moriarty (IP)
 C Morley (IP)
 J Rust (IP)
 S Squire (IP)
 M de Whalley (IP)

C:13 **PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION OF SEATS**

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APPOINTMENTS BOARD / INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

(9 Members – 4 Ind, 3 Con, 2 Lab)

A Beales (IP)
 F Bone (L)
 R Blunt (C)
 B Long (C)
 S Lintern (IP)
 C Morley (IP)
 S Ring (IP)
 S Sandell (C)
 A Ware (L)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

(9 Members – 4 Ind, 3 Con, 2 Lab)

P Beal (IP)
 S Bearshaw (IP)
 F Bone (L)
 S Dark (C)
 P Devulapalli (IP)
 B Jones (L)
 B Long (C)
 T Ryves (IP)
 T de Winton (C)

LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Licensing Act 2003 & Gambling Act)
 (15 Members – 5 Ind, 6 Con, 3 Lab, 1 Pro)

B Anota (IP)
 B Ayres (C)
 M Bartrum (L)
 J Bhondi (IP)
 A Bubb (C)
 R Coates (C)
 C Crofts (C)
 D Heneghan (L)
 A Kemp (PG)
 J Kirk (C)
 S Nash (IP)
 T Parish (IP)
 J Rust (IP)
 D Tyler (C)

M Wilkinson (L)

LICENSING AND APPEALS BOARD

(All other Licensing and Appeals matters)
(15 Members – 5 Ind, 6 Con, 3 Lab, 1 Pro)

B Anota (IP)
B Ayres (C)
M Bartrum (L)
J Bhondi (IP)
T Bubb (C)
R Coates (C)
C Crofts (C)
B Jones (L)
J Kirk (C)
S Nash (IP)
T Parish (IP)
C Rose (PG)
S Squire (IP)
D Tyler (C)
M Wilkinson (L)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(7 Members – 3 Ind, 3 Con, 1 Lab)
(2 Parish, 1 Ind person)

B Ayres (C)
S Bearshaw (IP)
S Ring (IP)
S Sandell (C)
S Squire (IP)
D Tyler (C)
A Ware (L)

PLANNING COMMITTEE

(18 members – 7 Ind, 7 Con, 3 Lab, 1 Pro)

B Anota (IP)
T Barclay (C)
R Blunt (C)
A Bubb (C)
R Coates (C)
P Devulapalli (IP)
S Everett (L)
D Heneghan (L)
S Lintern (IP)
T Parish (IP)
S Ring (IP)
C Rose (PG)
T Ryves (IP)

M Storey (C)
 V Spikings (C)
 D Tyler (C)
 M de Whalley (IP)
 Vacancy (L)

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL
 (12 Members – 4 Ind, 5 Con, 2 Lab, 1 Pro)

J Bhondi (IP)
 R Blunt (C)
 J Collingham (C)
 B Jones (L)
 B Long (C)
 J Osborne (L)
 C Rose (PG)
 S Nash (IP)
 T Ryves (IP)
 S Sandell (C)
 D Sayers (IP)
 V Spikings (C)

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY PANEL
 (12 Members – 5 Ind, 5 Con, 2 Lab)

T Barclay (C)
 P Bland (IP)
 A Bullen (IP)
 S Collop (L)
 P Devulapalli (IP)
 D Heneghan (L)
 P Hodson (C)
 J Kirk (C)
 P Kunes (C)
 J Ratcliffe (IP)
 S Sandell (C)
 A Kemp (PG) Gifted by IP

**REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
 PANEL**
 (12 Members – 5 Ind, 5 Con, 2 Lab)

P Beal (IP)
 S Bearshaw (IP)
 R Blunt (C)
 A Bubb (C)
 J Collingham (C)
 R Colwell (IP)
 C Crofts (C)
 S Everett (L)

P Hodson (C)
S Lintern (IP)
S Nash (IP)
J Osborne (L)

C:14

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

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i) APPOINTMENTS BOARD/IDC COMMITTEE

Chair – A Beales (IP)
Vice-Chair – A Ware (L)

ii) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair – T Parish (IP)
Vice-Chair – S Lintern (IP)

iii) LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chair – M Bartrum (L)
Vice-Chair – J Bhondi (IP)

iv) LICENSING AND APPEALS BOARD

Chair – B Jones (L)
Vice-Chair – C Rose (PG)

v) STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Chair – A Ware (L)
Vice Chair – S Sandell (C)

vi) CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL

Chair: B Long (C)
Vice Chair to be appointed at the first meeting

vii) ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY PANEL

Chair: S Collop (L)
Vice Chair to be appointed at the first meeting

viii) REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL

Chair: S Bearshaw (IP)
Vice Chair to be appointed at the first meeting

ix) AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chair: T Ryves (I)
Vice Chair to be appointed at the first meeting

C:15 **PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATIONS ON TASK GROUPS**

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RESOLVED: That the following allocation for Task Groups be agreed:

Task Groups with 9 Members – 3 Independent P’ship, 3 Conservative,
2 Labour, 1 Progressive

Task Groups with 7 Members – 3 Independent P’ship, 3 Conservative,
1 Labour

Task Groups with 5 Members – 2 Independent P’ship, 2 Conservative,
1 Labour

C:16 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

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RESOLVED: That any members previously appointed to an outside body continue to serve until 11 June 2024 Cabinet or 27 June 2024 Council, whichever is appropriate.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm