

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**

**CABINET**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 3rd June, 2024  
at 5.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place,  
King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Beales (Chair)  
Councillors B Anota, M de Whalley, C Morley, S Ring and S Squire

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Moriarty and J Rust

**CAB1 URGENT BUSINESS**

None

**CAB2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**CAB3 CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**CAB4 MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

None

**CAB5 MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM OTHER BODIES**

The Standards Committee on 22 May 2024 made a recommendation in favour of the award of Freedom of the Borough, which will also be reported to Council on 17 June 2023.

The Appointments Board on 24 May 2024 had recommended the appointment of a new Chief Executive.

**CAB6 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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Following a report to Cabinet to confirm that the post of Chief Executive was required by the Council, and a process to attract candidates for the role, the Appointment Board had met to determine the successful candidate for the position. In accordance with the Council's constitution, the Appointment Board's recommendation must be

considered by Cabinet, and, if supported, recommended to Full Council for ratification.

The report outlined the Appointment Board's recommendation following completion of the selection process. Cabinet fully supported the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDED:** That Full Council be recommended to approve that the post of Chief Executive be offered to Kate Blakemore

**Reason for Decision**

To comply with requirements of the Constitution of the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, Part 4 Standing Orders, section 23: *Staff establishment and the filling of vacancies.*

CAB7 **CONSIDERATION OF A NOMINATION FOR HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

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The Cabinet agreed not to exclude the press and public from the item as a press release was due to be released shortly.

Cabinet considered a report and the recommendations from the Standards Committee on the nomination of Ms Jill Bennett for the Honorary Freedom of the Borough. The Standards Committee had unanimously supported the recommendation. Councillor de Whalley had nominated Ms Bennett for the award, in recognition of her decades of media coverage for West Norfolk. The nomination was supported by the following individuals:

King's Lynn Civic Society (signed by Ms Alison Gifford (Chair))  
 Cllr Paul Bland JP  
 Dr Paul Richards FRSA FSA DL  
 Mr David Goddard DL  
 Mr Tony Williams MA FRSA DL  
 Mr Nick Balaam FSA.

Cabinet supported the proposal and made the following recommendations onto Council:

**RECOMMENDED:** That Council consider the recommendations from Standards and Cabinet at the Extraordinary meeting on 17 June 2024 to consider the proposal to bestow the Freedom of the Borough on Ms Jill Bennett which would be awarded as set out in recommendation 2 below:

- 1) That the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council being held after the Council meeting on 27 June 2024 to bestow the honour of Honorary Aldermen also include the award of the Honorary of

Freedom of the Borough to Ms Jill Bennett, under s249 of the Local Government Act 1972, in recognition of the eminent service that Ms Bennett has given to the Borough and west Norfolk.

- 2) That the common seal of the Council be affixed to a certificate to be presented to Ms Bennett at that meeting.

**Reason for decision**

To give consideration to the nomination received.

**The meeting closed at 5.08 pm**