

City Council

Friday 19 May 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor Dann, in the Chair.

Councillor Penberthy, Vice Chair.

Councillors Allen, Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Bingley, Blight, Briars-Delve, Carlyle, Coker, Dr Cree, Cresswell, Darcy, Dingle, Evans OBE, Finn, Gilmour, Goslin, Harrison, Haydon, Hendy, Holloway, Hulme, Laing, Lowry, Luggier, Dr Mahony, McDonald, McLay, Moore, Murphy, Nicholson, Noble, Partridge, Patel, Penrose, Poyser, Reilly, Rennie, Ricketts, Salmon, Shayer, Smith, Sproston, Stephens, Stevens, Stoneman, Tippetts, Tofan, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wakeham and Ms Watkin.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Bridgeman, Loveridge and Mrs Pengelly

The meeting started at 10.44 am and finished at 12.10 pm.

Note: The full discussion can be viewed on the webcast of the City Council meeting at www.plymouth.gov.uk. At a future meeting, the Council will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

86. **To Elect the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the Period up to the Next Annual Meeting**

Council agreed unanimously that Councillor Mark Shayer was elected Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing year. This was proposed by Councillor Andy Luggier and seconded by Councillor Bill Stevens.

Council agreed unanimously that Councillor Kathy Watkin was elected Deputy Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing year. This was proposed by Councillor Mark Shayer and seconded by Councillor Eddie Rennie.

87. **To appoint the Lord Mayor's Chaplain**

The Lord Mayor announced the appointment of the Reverend Mark Woodhouse as the Lord Mayor's Chaplain.

88. **Presentation of Drake's Sword**

Warrant Officer Steve Harvey RN presented Drake's Sword to the Lord Mayor on behalf of the Royal Navy to symbolise the key links between the Royal Navy and the City of Plymouth.

89. **Vote of thanks to the Retiring Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor**

Council accorded to Councillor Sue Dann the sincere thanks of the Citizens of Plymouth for the invaluable services she had rendered to the City as Lord Mayor since May 2022, and for the able manner in which she had presided over the deliberations of the Council during that period.

The Council also expresses its indebtedness to Councillor Chris Penberthy for his diligent and efficient discharge of the duties of Deputy Lord Mayor.

90. **To elect the Leader of the City Council**

Council agreed that Councillor Tudor Evans OBE was elected Leader of the City Council.

91. **To note the Membership of the Cabinet**

The Council agreed to note the report which advised that the Cabinet would comprise of the following members:

- Councillor Jemima Laing – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children’s Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications
- Councillor Mary Aspinall – Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care
- Councillor Sally Haydon – Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Libraries, Cemeteries & Crematoria
- Councillor Chris Penberthy – Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development and Communities
- Councillor Sally Cresswell – Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships
- Councillor Mark Lowry – Cabinet Member for Finance
- Councillor Mark Coker – Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport
- Councillor Tom Briars-Delve – Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
- Councillor Sue Dann – Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Sport, Leisure and HR & OD

92. **To agree amendments to the constitution**

That Council agreed to amend the constitution to enable –

1. The largest opposition group to Chair the Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Performance Finance and Risk Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
2. The group in administration to Chair the Education and Childrens’ Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

93. **To agree committees and their members and appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs**

Council agreed to approve the appointments to committees, including the Chairs and Vice-Chairs as set out in the report.

94. **To nominate or appoint representatives to outside bodies**

Council agreed to approve the nominations to outside bodies as set in the report.

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