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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON

26th May, 2022

Present:

Councillor Beasant (in the Chair)
Councillors Abel, Aisthorpe, Astbury, Batson, Boyd, Brasted, Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Cracknell, Croft, Dawkins, Farren, Freeston, Furneaux, Goodwin, Green, Harness, Hasthorpe, Holland, Hudson, Jackson, Lindley, McLean, Mickleburgh, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Reynolds, Shepherd, Shreeve, Shutt, Silvester, Smith, K.Swinburn, S.Swinburn, Westcott, Wheatley and Wilson

Officers in Attendance:

- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Paul Windley (Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager)

The proceedings were opened with prayers by Reverend Joy Osbourne.

NEL.5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Robinson and Sandford.

NEL.6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by Members in the items on the agenda for this meeting.

NEL.7 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED – That the fourth year of service of Councillor Jackson as Leader of North East Lincolnshire Council be noted.

NEL.8 **DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERSHIP**

Council noted a paper setting out the Leader's choice of Deputy Leader and the Cabinet. He confirmed his appointments as follows:

Councillor Shreeve – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care

Councillor Harness – Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets

Councillor Cracknell – Portfolio Holder for Children and Education

Councillor S Swinburn – Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport

Councillor Furneaux – Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy

Councillor Shepherd – Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities

NEL.9 **REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Council considered a report from the Monitoring Officer, setting out a review of the Council's Constitution.

Following a debate which focused on the review of the Council's scrutiny arrangements, the recommendations in the report were put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED –

1. That the Scheme of Delegation, as currently set out in the Constitution, be approved for the Municipal Year 2022/23 subject to any changes required by (i) operation of law or (ii) owing to the direct effect of Cabinet or Committee decisions, in which case authority is delegated to the Monitoring Officer to make such changes, in consultation with the Leader of the Council (in respect of executive arrangements) and the Chair of any relevant Committee or Panel (non-executive arrangements) as the case may be.
2. That the recommendations of the scrutiny review group, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, with the exception of recommendation 11 relating to the appointment of substitute members, be approved.
3. That the proposed amendment to Standing Order 10B be referred to the Standards and Adjudication Committee to consider any recommendations to be made back to Council.
4. That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Group Leaders, to make any amendments of a minor nature to the Constitution from time to time.

NEL.10 **MEETINGS TIMETABLE 2022/2023**

The Council considered a proposed schedule of meetings of the Council, its Cabinet and Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

Councillor Patrick moved an amendment that all scrutiny panel meetings commence no earlier than 4.30 p.m. This was seconded by Councillor Wilson.

Following a brief debate, a vote was taken on the amendment and on a show of hands, the amendment was lost.

A vote was then taken on the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED – That the meetings of the Council and its Committees for the ensuing Municipal Year, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

NEL.11 **COMMITTEE AND PANEL MEMBERSHIP**

The Council considered a schedule allocating seats on the Council's Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2022/23. Nominations to the role of Chair and Deputy Chair for each Committee and Panel were also considered.

Councillor Wilson moved an amendment that Councillor Patrick be appointed as the Chair of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for the ensuing Municipal Year. This was seconded by Councillor Mickleburgh.

Following a brief debate, a vote was taken on the amendment and on a show of hands, the amendment was lost.

A vote was then taken on the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED - That appointments of the Chairs and Deputy Chairs and to the seats on the Committees and Panels of the Council be agreed as set out in the schedule now submitted, including the Leader of the Council's appointments to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

NEL.12 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Council considered a schedule setting out representation on Outside Bodies for 2022/23.

Where nominations were unopposed, these were moved for approval en bloc.

The Mayor advised on the voting procedure to be followed for those Bodies where there were contested nominations.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Schedule of Representation on Outside Bodies for 2022-23 now submitted, be approved.
2. That the Freeman Street Regeneration Steering Group be removed from the schedule.

3. That Councillor Dawkins be appointed to Age UK North East Lincolnshire.
4. That Councillor Shepherd be appointed to the Allotments Forum.
5. That Councillor Callison be appointed to the Beacon Academy.
6. That Councillors Hasthorpe and Hudson be appointed to the Education Foundation of Philip and Sarah Stanford.
7. That Councillors Astbury and Lindley be appointed to the Fostering Panel.

NEL.13

ANNUAL REVIEW OF SCRUTINY FOR 2021/2022

The Council received a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer reviewing the work undertaken by Scrutiny in 2021-22 and the planned work programme for 2022/23.

RESOLVED - That the Annual Report of Scrutiny be received and noted.

There been no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.53 p.m.