

Medway Council
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEDWAY COUNCIL
Wednesday, 19 May 2010
7.00pm to 8.19pm

RECORD OF THE MEETING

PRESENT: The Outgoing Mayor (Councillor Royle)
The Outgoing Deputy Mayor (Councillor Kemp)
The Incoming Mayor (Councillor Brake)
The Incoming Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hewett)
Councillors Andrews, Avey, Baker, Janice Bamber,
Kenneth Bamber, Bhutia, Brice, Bright, Burt, Carr,
Mrs Diane Chambers, Rodney Chambers, Chishti, Clarke,
Crack, Doe, Etheridge, Filmer, Tony Goulden, Griffin, Gulvin,
Haydock, Hicks, Jarrett, Juby, Sheila Kearney,
Stephen Kearney, Mackinlay, Maisey, Mason, Reckless,
Ruparel, Smith, Sutton, Wicks and Wildey

In Attendance:	Rose Collinson	Director of Children and Adults
	Robin Cooper	Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture
	Neil Davies	Chief Executive
	Mick Hayward	Chief Finance Officer
	Richard Hicks	Assistant Director, Customer First, Leisure, Culture, Democracy and Governance
	Deborah Upton	Assistant Director, Housing and Corporate Services
	Julie Keith	Head of Democratic Services
	Ellen Wright	Committee Coordinator

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Discussion:

Councillor Carr proposed and Councillor Griffin supported the nomination of Councillor Brake to the office of the Mayor of Medway for the forthcoming municipal year. Councillor Brake was duly elected.

Councillor Chishti proposed and Councillor Kemp supported the nomination of Councillor Hewett to the office of Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year. Councillor Hewett was duly elected.

The newly elected Mayor made the declaration required by law and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. The Mayor also accepted the ceremonial sword and silver oar as symbols of his office as Constable of Rochester Castle

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and Admiral of the Water of Medway from Sheerness to Hawkwood respectively.

The newly elected Deputy Mayor made the declaration required by law and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor then addressed the Council, following which Councillor Doe proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor supported by Councillor Kenneth Bamber.

The Mayor announced that his nominated charities were the Medway Scouts, Help the Aged, the Salvation Army and Young Carers.

The Mayor presented the outgoing Mayor and Mayoresses each with a past mayoral badge and flowers were presented to the retiring Mayoresses and Deputy Mayoress. The outgoing Mayor responded to the vote of thanks.

Decision:

- (a) That Councillor Brake be elected to the office of Mayor of Medway for the 2010/2011 municipal year.
- (b) That Councillor Hewett be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor for the 2010/2011 municipal year.
- (c) That a vote of thanks be given to the Outgoing Mayor.

2 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor announced that Reverend John Currie had accepted his invitation to act as his Chaplain for the forthcoming year.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Val Goulden, Hunter and O'Brien.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6 ELECTION OF LEADER

Discussion:

Councillor Jarrett, supported by Councillor Kenneth Bamber proposed the election of Councillor Rodney Chambers as Leader of the Council for the 2010/2011 municipal year. Councillor Rodney Chambers was duly elected.

Appendix A to the report had been tabled at the meeting and appendix B to the report had been circulated with the main agenda. Appendix A included details of the Cabinet portfolios for the new municipal year.

Decision:

- (a) That Councillor Rodney Chambers be elected as Leader of the Council.
- (b) That details of those appointed by the Leader to serve as Deputy Leader and Members of the Cabinet, as set out in Appendix A of item 7A of the agenda, and the overview of their individual portfolios be noted.
- (c) That the delegation of executive functions to officers as set out in Appendix B of item 7A of the agenda be noted.
- (d) That the delegation of non-executive functions to officers as set out in Appendix B be agreed.

7 ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2010/2011

Discussion:

Members considered a report proposing the establishment of Committees, and the appointment of Members to serve on Committees and other bodies, and the programme of meetings.

Appendices A and B to the report had been tabled at the meeting and appendix C had been circulated with the agenda.

Decision:

- (a) That the establishment of committees, their size and the allocation of seats to political groups as set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report be agreed.
- (b) That the establishment of an ad hoc committee to consider the removal of Council appointed school governors as and when necessary be agreed and political balance in respect of this Committee be waived.

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- (c) That the membership of each committee as set out in Appendix A to the report, including the appointment of voting and non-voting co-optees on committees as listed be agreed.
- (d) The appointments to Joint Committees and other bodies as set out in Appendix B to the report be agreed.
- (e) The timetable of meetings for the 2010/2011 municipal year as set out in Appendix C to the report be agreed.
- (f) That the following be recommended to the Joint Meeting of Committees:
 - (i) the appointment of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees
 - (ii) the establishment of sub committees (with terms of reference as set out in the Council's constitution), task groups, their size and the allocation of seats to political groups as set out in Appendix A to the report.

8 VOTE OF THANKS TO STAFF

Discussion:

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Rodney Chambers, supported by Councillor Jarrett, the Deputy Leader, proposed a vote of thanks to staff. Councillor Tony Goulden, Leader of the Independent Group added his thanks. The Chief Executive responded on behalf of staff.

Decision:

That a vote of thanks be given to staff.

Mayor

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