



# **Rutland County Council**

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Minutes of the **TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FOURTH MEETING of the COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Monday, 9th July, 2018 at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT:**

Mr I Arnold  
Mr N Begy  
Mr E Baines  
Ms R Burkitt  
Mr G Conde  
Mr J Dale  
Mrs J Fox  
Mr J Lammie  
Mr A Mann  
Mrs L Stephenson  
Mr A Walters

Mr G Brown  
Mr K Bool  
Mr O Bird  
Mr B Callaghan  
Mr W Cross  
Mr R Foster  
Mr O Hemsley  
Mr A Lowe  
Mr M Oxley  
Miss G Waller  
Mr D Wilby

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr R Gale

Mr C Parsons

**OFFICERS**

**PRESENT:**

Mrs H Briggs  
Mrs D Mogg  
  
Miss C Snell  
Mr K Silcock

Chief Executive  
Director for Resources  
(Monitoring Officer  
Head of Human Resources  
Governance Officer

## **120 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Gale and Mr Parsons.

## **121 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that the list of engagements had been circulated.

## **122 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Leader announced that Mr Andrew Stewart had stood down from Council, and thanked Mr Stewart for his work on Council and as Vice chairman on the Planning and Licensing Committee.

The Leader announced that there had been a change in Cabinet with Mr Nick Begy stepping down from Cabinet. Mr Gordon Brown would take over as Deputy Leader, and Mrs Lucy Stephenson would join Cabinet. Mr Begy's portfolios would be split between Mr Brown and Mrs Stephenson as detailed in Report No. 128/2018.

### **123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **124 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 272<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Rutland County Council District Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual and 273<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Rutland County Council district Council held on 14 May 2018, were confirmed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

### **125 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no petitions, deputations or questions from members of the public.

### **126 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

There were no questions from members of the Council.

### **127 REFERRAL OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

No Committee decisions had been referred.

### **128 CALL-IN OF DECISIONS FROM CABINET MEETINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 7 APRIL 2018 TO 6 JULY 2018 (INCLUSIVE)**

No call-ins were received.

### **129 REPORT FROM THE CABINET**

Report No. 122/2018 from the Cabinet was received, the purpose of which was to report to Council the Key Decisions made by Cabinet since the publication of the agenda for the previous ordinary meeting of the Council on 9 April 2018, as detailed in Appendix A of the report.

Miss Waller sought clarification as to whether the decision made on 22 May 2018 for the continuation of the Rutland Flyer 1 bus service had been postponed while further work was being carried out. Mr Hemsley confirmed this was correct.

### **RESOLVED**

Council **NOTED** the Key Decisions made since the publication of the agenda for the previous ordinary meeting of the Council 9 April 2018, as detailed in Appendix A to Report No. 122/2018.

### **130 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL**

No reports were received.

### **131 REPORTS FROM SCRUTINY COMMISSION / SCRUTINY PANELS**

A verbal update from Mrs Lucy Stephenson was received and text of the update can be found below:

“Since the last full council the scrutiny commission has been meeting monthly and is currently developing a programme of work to implement the vital function of scrutiny as effectively and as efficiently as possible. This will ensure that as a council we are robust in performing this function.

The commission is mindful that training for the scrutiny chairs is a crucial part of this process. To this end Cllr Waller and I attended chairs training in Melton and, as members are aware, RCC is hosting scrutiny training on 11<sup>th</sup> July. This training is being provided by the Centre for Public Scrutiny and we have worked in partnership with East Midlands Councils to extend this invitation to all members of the East Midlands Region.

I attended the East Midlands Scrutiny Commission network meeting in Bolsover last month. This proved to be useful and informative, not least because it was interesting to hear from other authorities and to hear an external perspective on the latest government select committee inquiry into the effectiveness of local authority overview and scrutiny committees. I am also pleased to announce that RCC will be hosting the next scrutiny network meeting in December.

For those of you who are unaware, in October 2017 there was a government select committee review of the effectiveness of local authority overview and scrutiny committees. This has culminated in a white paper with the prospect of new guidelines being issued by the end of the year. To this end the scrutiny commission received an excellent presentation from Natasha Taylor (Scrutiny Officer) offering us the main headlines and background to the proposals and I have no doubt that all members will have the opportunity to consider these proposals in the context of what would work best for Rutland.

I will finish by noting that the officer support provided by Natasha Taylor has been invaluable to assist the members of the scrutiny commission in their work; we are very lucky to have such a dedicated officer who is passionate about the importance of this work.”

Mr Oxley asked for clarification as to whether the Scrutiny Chairs had received the training that was asked at Annual Council in May. Mrs Stephenson confirmed that it was in the programme, and that there was Scrutiny training on Wednesday 11 July 2018.

### **132 JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

- i. Mr Bool – Combined Fire Authority  
The next meeting would be held next week, an update would be provided at the next Council meeting.

- ii. Mr Foster - Carlton Hayes Mental Health Charity  
Whilst there had recently been bids for funding from groups in Rutland, most of the bids were from Leicester City and Leicestershire. Mr Foster asked all members to mention the charity to their wards if there were any groups looking after people with mental afflictions of any kind and need help to run projects and outings, to talk to Mr Foster, or look online at the Carlton Hayes website.
- iii. Mr Oxley – Uppingham in Bloom  
Mr Oxley noted that Uppingham in Bloom were also judged, and were national winners last year which would be included on town signs in the future.
- iv. Mr Conde – Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group  
Mr Conde noted himself and Mr Brown performed at the opening of the Hanson Cement Group 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

### **133 NOTICES OF MOTION**

No notices of motion had been submitted.

### **134 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Council was recommended to determine whether the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and in accordance with the Access to Information provisions of Procedure Rule 239, as the following item of business was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

### **RESOLVED**

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with paragraph 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the local Government Act 1972.

(Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Paragraph 4 – Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.)

### **135 SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

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After debate and voting on this item the Council **APPROVED** that the meeting returned to public session.

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## **136 ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

Report No. 128/2018 was received from the Chief Executive, the purpose of which was to inform Council of the Cabinet membership and appoint a Chair for the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel and the Scrutiny Commission.

### **i. Revised membership of Cabinet**

#### **RESOLVED**

Council **NOTED** the revised membership of Cabinet and the portfolios allocated to Cabinet Members as shown in Section 2 of the Report.

### **ii. Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel**

A nomination was received from Mr Hemsley who proposed the appointment of Mr G Conde as Chairman of Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel. This was seconded by Mr Foster.

A further nomination was received from Mr Oxley who proposed the appointment of Miss G Waller as Chairman of Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel. This was seconded by Mr Arnold.

Mr Conde was invited to give a short speech regarding his previous experience and suitability for this role.

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#### **RESOLVED**

Mr G Conde was appointed Chairman of Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel.

### **iii. Scrutiny Commission**

In accordance with Procedure Rule 192, the Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel listed above would be automatically appointed to the Scrutiny Commission for the period of their office.

The Council was requested to appoint the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission from one of the three Chairmen of the Scrutiny Panels.

Mr Brown noted that in the Council's constitution there was no mention that the Council should appoint a Chairman for the Scrutiny Commission. Mrs Mogg noted that there was not a specific reference, but it had previously been done at Annual Council.

Mr Brown proposed an amendment that the Scrutiny Commission elect a Chairman from amongst themselves at their next meeting and would notify Council on the result. This amendment was seconded by Mr Hemsley.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Scrutiny Commission would elect a Chairman from amongst the three members at the next meeting of the Scrutiny Commission, and would notify Council of the result.

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The Chairman and Council gave their thanks to Mrs Mogg, who was leaving Rutland County Council, for her support to the Council as Director for Resources and Monitoring Officer.

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**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.03 pm.**

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