



BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

To the Mayor and Members of the Council,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Rushmoor to be held at the Council Offices, Farnborough on **Tuesday, 23rd May, 2023 at 7.00 pm** for the transaction of the business set out on the Agenda given below.

A G E N D A

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH –

Cllr Christine Guinness will move and Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford will second:

“That Councillor **CLIVE PATRICK GRATTAN** be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024.”

On his election, the Mayor will make his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

The Mayor will address the meeting and will signify the appointment of Mrs June Smith as the Mayoress and Mr. David Betts as the Mayor’s Chaplain.

2. **VOTE OF THANKS –**

To record the Council's appreciation of the excellent service rendered by Mr. John Marsh as Mayor during the Municipal Year 2022/23. An illuminated scroll shall be presented, together with a Past Mayor's Badge, to Mr. Marsh.

3. **ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR –**

Cllr P.G Taylor will move and Cllr Peace Essien Igodifo will second:

“That Councillor **MARA MAKUNURA** be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024.”

On her election, Councillor Makunura will make her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

4. **MINUTES – (Pages 1 - 8)**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20th April 2023 (copy Minutes herewith).

5. **RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT – (Pages 9 - 14)**

To receive the Returning Officer's Report of the names of the persons elected as Borough Councillors at the Elections held on 4th May 2023 (copy attached – Annex 1).

6. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS –**

7. **APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE HEAD OF FINANCE AS SEC 151 OFFICER – (Pages 15 - 16)**

To consider the report of the Chief Executive (copy attached – Annex 2) which recommends the new Executive Head of Finance, Mr. Peter Vickers, be designated as the Council's Section 151 Officer (Chief Finance Officer) from August 2023.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL –**

To consider the nominations and appoint the Leader of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting in 2024. Cllr D.E. Clifford has been nominated by the Conservative Group.

9. **APPOINTMENTS –**

(1) To note the appointment of the Deputy Leaders and the following councillors as Cabinet Portfolio Holders for the Municipal Year 2023/24, as made by the Leader of the Council:

Cllr M.L. Sheehan	Deputy Leader and Operational Services
Cllr M.J. Tennant	Deputy Leader and Major Projects and Property
Cllr J.B. Canty	Customer Experience, Transformation and Corporate

Cllr Sue Carter	Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships
Cllr G.B. Lyon	Planning and Economy
Cllr P.G. Taylor	Finance

- (2) To consider and approve the Appointments to Committees for the Municipal Year 2023/24 as follows in accordance with the allocations to achieve political balance indicated:

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Voting Members

Conservative: 7 Labour: 4

Cllr Jib Belbase	Cllr C.P. Grattan
Cllr P.J. Cullum	Cllr Halleh Koohestani
Cllr A.H. Gani	Cllr Sophie Porter
Cllr Michael Hope	Cllr Dhan Sarki
Cllr S.J. Masterson	
Cllr Marina Munro	
Cllr Calum Stewart	

Standing Deputies:

Conservative:	Labour:
Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford	Cllr Christine Guinness
Cllr S. Trussler	Cllr Gareth Williams

NOTE: The Cabinet Member with responsibility for planning matters is to be an ex officio non-voting member of the Development Management Committee.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Voting Members

Conservative: 6 Labour: 4 Liberal Democrat: 1

Cllr A. Adeola	Cllr Christine Guinness	Cllr C.W. Card
Cllr P.J. Cullum	Cllr Nadia Martin	
Cllr A.H. Gani	Cllr Sarah Spall	
Cllr Nem Thapa	Cllr Gareth Williams	
Cllr S. Trussler		
Cllr Jacqui Vosper		

Standing Deputies:

Conservative:	Labour:	Liberal Democrat:
Cllr S.J. Masterson	Cllr Keith Dibble	Cllr T.W. Mitchell
Cllr Peace Essien-Igodifo	Cllr C.P. Grattan	

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Voting Members

Conservative: 7

Labour: 4

Cllr A. Adeola

Cllr Jessica Auton

Cllr D.B. Bedford

Cllr Mara Makunura

Cllr S.J. Masterson

Cllr M.D. Smith

Cllr S. Trussler

Cllr Gaynor Austin

Cllr Jules Crossley

Cllr Keith Dibble

Cllr Sophie Porter

Standing Deputies:

Conservative:

Cllr P.J. Cullum

Cllr Nem Thapa

Labour:

Cllr Abe Allen

Cllr Gareth Williams

POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD

Voting Members

Conservative: 6

Labour: 4

Liberal Democrat: 1

Cllr Jessica Auton

Cllr Jib Belbase

Cllr Peace Essien

Igodifo

Cllr Michael Hope

Cllr Marina Munro

Cllr Calum Stewart

Cllr Abe Allen

Cllr M.J. Roberts

Cllr Becky Williams

Cllr Gareth Williams

Cllr T.W. Mitchell

Standing Deputies:

Conservative:

Cllr P.J. Cullum

Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Labour:

Cllr Gaynor Austin

Cllr Halleh Koohestani

Liberal Democrat:

Cllr C.W. Card

- (3) To consider the nominations and appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees (the Conservative Group nominations are set out below):

Development Management

Nominated Chairman

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Cllr S.J. Masterson

Nominated Vice-Chairman

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Cllr Marina Munro

Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards

Nominated Chairman - Cllr P.J. Cullum
Nominated Vice-Chairman - Cllr S. Trussler

- (4) To consider the nominations and appoint the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Policy and Project Advisory Board (the Conservative Group nominations are set out below):

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Nominated Chairman - Cllr M.D. Smith

Policy and Project Advisory Board

Nominated Chairman - Cllr Marina Munro

- (5) To consider and approve the appointments to the Management Boards for the Municipal Year 2023/24:

The Aldershot Recreation Ground Trust

Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford Cllr K. Dibble Cllr S. Trussler

Standing Deputy: Cllr Nadia Martin

King George's Field, Farnborough Trust

Cllr Calum Stewart Cllr Gareth Williams Cllr P.J. Taylor

Standing Deputy: Cllr Mara Makunura

The Alfred Henry Goode Will Trust

Cllr D.E. Clifford Cllr Nadia Martin Cllr Sophie Porter

P. SHACKLEY
Chief Executive

Council Offices
Farnborough
Hampshire GU14 7JU

16th May 2023

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BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Farnborough on Thursday, 20th April, 2023 at 7.00 pm.

The Worshipful The Mayor (Cllr J.H. Marsh) – In the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Cllr C.P. Grattan)

Cllr A. Adeola	Cllr Gaynor Austin
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford	Cllr Jib Belbase
Cllr J.B. Canty	Cllr C.W. Card
Cllr Sue Carter	Cllr M.S. Choudhary
Cllr D.E. Clifford	Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr Jules Crossley	Cllr P.J. Cullum
Cllr K. Dibble	Cllr Peace Essien Igodifo
Cllr Christine Guinness	Cllr Michael Hope
Cllr Prabesh KC	Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr Nadia Martin	Cllr S.J. Masterson
Cllr A.R. Newell	Cllr Sophie Porter
Cllr M.J. Roberts	Cllr M.L. Sheehan
Cllr M.D. Smith	Cllr Sarah Spall
Cllr Calum Stewart	Cllr P.G. Taylor
Cllr M.J. Tennant	Cllr Nem Thapa
Cllr S. Trussler	Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Honorary Alderman A.E.A. Gardiner
Honorary Alderman R.J. Kimber

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Jessica Auton, Cllr A.H. Gani, Cllr L. Jeffers, Cllr T.W. Mitchell and Cllr Marina Munro.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chief Executive, Mr Paul Shackley, read a tribute to the Council in respect of Mr Reman Rana, one of the Council's officers who had very sadly passed away aged 29. Mr Shackley spoke of Reman's achievements and career and that he had joined Rushmoor as a Housing Officer in April 2022.

Reman was very well liked and respected and took great pride in carrying out what was a challenging role. The Chief Executive had written to Reman's family expressing the Council's sincere condolences and support. The Deputy Chief Executive would be attending the funeral along with Reman's colleagues and friends from Rushmoor. The Council stood to observe a period of silence in Reman's memory. The Mayor's Chaplain, Major Ted Benneyworth, then led the meeting in prayers.

41. **MINUTES**

It was **MOVED** by Cllr M.L. Sheehan; **SECONDED** by Cllr D.E Clifford and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23rd February 2023 be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

42. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (1) The Mayor reported that he had welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress of Gorkha to the Borough on 9th March 2023. The delegation had stayed in the Borough until 12th March and the group had also included the Deputy Mayor of Gorkha. The delegation had also attended the Mayor's Charity Banquet on 10th March.

The Mayor advised the Council that he had attended festivities for the Nepali New Year, which this year had fallen on 14th April 2023. The in Nepali calendar it was the year 2080.

- (2) The Mayor advised that, on 10th March 2023, he had attended an event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Edgar Jerome Ltd in Aldershot.
- (3) The Mayor reported that, on 10th March 2023, he had held his Charity Banquet at Princes Hall in Aldershot. He thanked all Members who had supported this event, which had raised £3,000 for his charities.
- (4) The Mayor reported that, on 24th February, he had attended a topping out ceremony at Union Yard in Aldershot, which marked the completion of the building's concrete structure, when councillors, staff and representatives from the Hill Group had joined together to pour the topping concrete on the roof.
- (5) The Mayor reported that it gave him great pleasure to mark the long-service of eight councillors:
- Cllr Diane Bedford had been elected to St. Mark's Ward in 2002 and had served on many of the committees and panels during her 21 years' service. Currently, Cllr Bedford was Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and she had also served as the Leisure and Youth Portfolio Holder from 2004 until 2013. Cllr Bedford had had the honour to serve as Deputy Mayor in 2013/14 and Mayor of the Borough in 2014/15 (*20 years' service medal*).
 - Cllr Craig Card had been first elected to the Council in 1991 and had served the residents of Mayfield Ward until 2010. After a spell away from the Council, Cllr Card had been re-elected to represent the residents of St. Mark's Ward in 2022 (*20 years' service medal*).
 - Cllr Peter Crerar had been elected to the Council in 2003 to represent the residents of Manor Park Ward. Cllr Crerar had served on many of the Council's committees and panels and currently served as Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Project Advisory Board. Cllr Crerar had also had the honour of being Deputy Mayor in 2011/12 and Mayor of the Borough in 2012/13 (*20 years' service medal*).

- Cllr Paul Taylor had been elected to the Council in 2002 and had served the residents of Knellwood Ward ever since. Cllr Taylor had served as Chairman of the Leisure and Youth Panel from 2003 to 2007 and had been the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder on the Cabinet since 2007 (except for one year when Cllr Taylor had been the Customer Experience and Improvement Portfolio Holder) (*20 years' service medal*).
- Cllr Steve Masterson had been first elected to the Council in 1991 and had served the residents of Grange Ward until 1995. Cllr Masterson's second term of office had been from 2004 until 2012 and his current term of office had commenced in 2015, representing the residents of Cove and Southwood Ward. Cllr Masterson was currently the Cabinet Champion for Climate Change and had previously served as the Safety and Regulation Portfolio Holder and as Chairman of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee with involvement in many licensing hearings. Cllr Masterson had had the honour of serving as Deputy Mayor in 2017/18 and then as Mayor of the Borough in 2018/19 (*20 years' service medal*).
- Cllr Charles Choudhary was congratulated on his 31 years' service in local government. Cllr Choudhary had been a Member for Rowhill Ward (formerly Alexandra Ward) from 1987 to 1995 and again from 2000 to present. Cllr Choudhary had served on many of the Council's committees and panels and had also been the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Concessions and Community Support from 2005 to 2013. Cllr Choudhary had had the honour of serving twice as Mayor of the Borough in 2001/02 and 2020/21 (*30 years' service bar to be added to long-service medal*).

Cllr Choudhary had also been elected to serve on Hampshire County Council in 2013 and had had the honour of serving as Vice-Chairman during 2018/19 and then Chairman of Hampshire County Council in 2019/20.

- Cllr David Clifford had achieved 32 years' service in local government. Cllr Clifford had been elected to the Council in 1991 and had represented Queen's, Wellington and Empress Wards and had then been elected to serve the residents of Manor Park Ward in 2016. Cllr Clifford had served on most of the Council's committees and panels and, most notably, Cllr Clifford had been Leader of the Council since 2016. Cllr Clifford also had the honour of being Mayor of the Borough in 1999/2000 (*30 years' service bar to add to long-service medal*).
- Cllr Mike Smith had achieved 35 years' service in local government. Cllr Smith had originally been elected to the Council in 1978 to the Farnborough North Ward and had served until 1979. His second term of office had been from 1982 to 1994 when he had been elected to Grange Ward, and again in his third term of office from 2000 until 2012. After a period of two years away, Cllr Smith had been elected to the Council to serve the residents of Empress Ward. Cllr Smith had served on many of the Council's committees, with a number of chairing roles, and most

recently as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. (35 years' service bar to add to long-service medal).

The long-service award Members were invited to step forward to receive their long-service medals and bars.

(6) The Mayor advised Members that this was the final Council meeting before the Borough Elections on 4th May 2023 and that, in addition to himself, there were three other Members not seeking re-election – Councillors Charles Choudhary, Lee Jeffers and Prabesh KC:

- Cllr Lee Jeffers had been elected to serve the residents of West Heath Ward in 2019. Cllr Jeffers had been Vice-Chairman of the Development Management Committee from 2021 to date.
- Cllr Prabesh KC had been elected to serve the residents of Wellington Ward in 2019. During his time on the Council, Cllr Prabesh KC had served on the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Policy and Project Advisory Board.
- Cllr Charles Choudhary – The Mayor referred to the potted history of Cllr Choudhary's service given earlier in the meeting and stated that his experience and expertise at Rushmoor would be greatly missed. 31 years' service in local government was an outstanding achievement.

The Mayor thanked Councillors Jeffers, Prabesh KC and Choudhary for their service to the Council and to the people of the Borough and wished them all well for the future.

The Leader of the Council then paid tribute to the 42 years' service to the Borough of the Mayor (Cllr J.H. Marsh), who would not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming Borough Council Elections. Cllr Clifford thanked Cllr Marsh for his long and dedicated service to the Council and the residents of the Borough of Rushmoor and stated that he would be deeply missed. There would be an opportunity to say more about Cllr Marsh at the Annual Council Meeting on 23rd May 2023.

43. **STANDING ORDER 8 - QUESTIONS**

The Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted under Standing Order 8.

44. **NOTICE OF MOTION - YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION**

The Council was asked to consider a Motion which had been submitted by Cllr Sophie Porter in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1):

“Youth violence is an issue in Rushmoor, compared to other areas in Hampshire. According to the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) report “Violence Reduction Unit – Problem Profile (2020)”, the four factors leading to an increased risk of crime involvement are: society, community, relationships and the individual.

Rushmoor continues to have higher rates of risk factors, this being due to greater deprivation. A safe space for youth, such as youth cafes, can have an impact on individual factors for reducing youth crime.

External funding has been found to implement a youth crime prevention programme in Aldershot, but there needs to be targeted schemes through the whole of Rushmoor. A submission has been made to seek external funding.

This Motion requests Rushmoor Borough Council allocates Officer resources to tackle youth crime in the area by:

- writing business cases to seek external funding for a youth café in both Farnborough and Aldershot, addressing access to the arts, youth employment and engagement with civic duties;
- the Communities Team redesign the youth provision in Farnborough with crime prevention in mind; and
- the Chief Executive writes to the Crime Commissioner requesting investment in the area for youth services.”

In moving the Motion, Cllr Porter referred to a 17-year-old from Aldershot who had attended a party in Camberley who had sadly been stabbed and who had died from his injuries. This young man’s family was known to Cllr Porter. Cllr Porter also advised of a recent event for 11–16 year olds where it had become apparent that many knew of someone their age who carried a knife.

Cllr Porter referred to a new crime prevention programme called “Fighting Chance” which aimed to address the causes of crime in young people by encouraging them to engage in other social activities, including sport. Members were advised that a funding bid had been made to the National Lottery for this scheme to enable it to be offered throughout the Borough, particularly to those deemed at risk of exclusion from school or vulnerable to gangs with the potential to be involved in serious youth violence. Cllr Porter stated that the Motion was not about asking for funding but asking for Council Officers to be able to devote time to the scheme.

An amendment was MOVED by Cllr Porter; SECONDED by Cllr Gaynor Austin – That the Motion be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to examine the “Fighting Chance” youth programme and youth services in the Borough, including the work of the Police and Hampshire County Council in respect of young people.

In seconding the Amendment, Cllr Austin referred to the importance of stability for young people and referred to the links between drugs and crime; family, relationships, deprivation and lack of stability were all factors in young people turning to drugs and crime. Cllr Austin spoke of the importance of early intervention to help

prevent young people getting involved in crime. She felt that it was most important to invest in and support the Borough's young people, by giving them good role models and showing them stability at least in some areas of life.

During debate, there was some support for the Amendment, although it was also suggested that, subject to National Lottery funding being received for the youth programme, the Motion should be referred to the Policy and Project Advisory Board. The view was also expressed that the provision of increased resources for activities to support young people at risk of entering into crime had not been raised as part of the budget setting process. It was further mentioned that Hampshire County Council was responsible for the provision of such services.

Following further discussion, the Mayor directed that, under the provisions of Standing Order 9 (4), the Motion be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration in the first instance.

45. **CONSTITUTION REVIEW - STANDING ORDERS FOR THE REGULATION OF BUSINESS**

The Mayor advised Members that, on 23rd February 2023, the Council had considered and approved an updated Constitution. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 29(1), the proposed amendments for the Standing Orders for the Regulation of Business had stood adjourned without discussion until this meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Cllr P.J. Cullum (Chairman of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee); **SECONDED** by Cllr S.J. Trussler – That the revised Standing Orders for the Regulation of Business (as set out in Annex 1 of the Agenda) be adopted for inclusion in Part 4 of the Constitution. There voted **FOR: 25; ABSTAINED: 0; AGAINST: 0** and the Recommendation was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

46. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES**

(1) **Pay Policy Statement and Gender Pay Gap 2023/24**

Cllr P.J. Cullum introduced a report of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 27th March 2023, which recommended the approval of the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24 for publication under the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017, as set out in Annex 2 to the agenda. It was **MOVED** by Cllr P.J. Cullum; **SECONDED** by Cllr S. Trussler – That the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24 be approved.

There voted **FOR: 22; AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: 0** and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

(2) **Variation to the Capital Programme – Local Authority Housing Fund**

Cllr M.J. Tennant, Major Projects and Property Portfolio Holder, introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 18th April 2023 on progress that had been made on the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) and the proposed governance

arrangements associated with the purchase of individual properties. This Fund aimed to reduce housing pressures on local authorities arising from the conflicts in Afghanistan and Ukraine.

It was MOVED by Cllr M.J. Tennant; SECONDED by Cllr P.J. Taylor – That £1,818,089 be added to the Capital Programme for 2023/24 for the purchase of Local Authority Housing Fund funded properties, noting the capital financing implications of the match funding, as set out in Exempt Appendix 1 to the Report.

There voted FOR: 22; ABSTAINED: 0; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

47. **QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET**

- (1) Cllr M.J. Roberts had submitted a question for response by the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder (Cllr P.G. Taylor) in respect of business rates and how these affected small, medium and large businesses.

In response, Cllr P.G. Taylor stated that support for local businesses had been extensive. The Council had distributed over £7 million to local businesses around the Borough as a result of government initiatives to mitigate the effect of the Pandemic. The business rates team had done much to make sure businesses were receiving the support they needed.

- (2) Cllr M.J. Roberts had submitted a question for response by the Customer Experience, Digital and Transformation Portfolio Holder (Cllr J.B. Canty) in respect of artificial intelligence (AI) on the work of the Council.

In response, Cllr Canty stated that, over the previous few years, the Council had seen a major shift in how residents accessed its services. Fewer people were visiting the Council Offices in person. The Council had a Customer, Digital and Technology Plan in place. Cllr Canty confirmed that there were currently no plans to roll out AI at the Council, however this was something that would be looked at more closely.

- (3) Cllr M.J. Roberts had submitted a question for response by the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder (Cllr P.G. Taylor) on various financial matters, concerning the level of borrowing/debt in respect of Capital Programme projects; the effect of inflation on goods and services; and, whether any major works would be deferred.

In response, Cllr Taylor stated that approved projects within the Capital Programme would go forward, alongside Council approved plans. The Council would keep within borrowing requirements and projects would be carried out as needed. Cllr Taylor advised that the Council would not spend or borrow until it was the right time to do so. In respect of inflation, Cllr Taylor confirmed that inflation was factored into projects.

48. **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cllr M.D. Smith, presented the Annual Report of the Committee 2022/23.

The Mayor reported that one question had been submitted by Cllr Jules Crossley for response by the Chairman in respect of the scrutiny of Farnborough Airport and whether the Committee would be continuing this work through the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to look at noise monitoring, weekend flights, complaints from outside of the Borough and air quality in Rushmoor. In response, Cllr Smith stated that he expected such a Task and Finish Group to be set up and invited Cllr Crossley to be a member when it was established.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

49. **REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED: That the Reports of the following meetings be received:

Cabinet	14th March 2023
Development Management Committee	22nd February 2023
Development Management Committee	22nd March 2023
Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee	27th March 2023

50. **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD**

RESOLVED: That the Reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 9th February and 30th March 2023 and the Policy and Project Advisory Board meeting held on 15th March 2023 be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 23RD MAY 2023

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
4TH MAY 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

ALDERSHOT PARK

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5067	1381	27.3%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
ARMITAGE	David Anthony	298
MORRELL	James Samuel	85
<i>PORTER</i>	<i>Sophie Lee'Ann</i>	987

Candidate Elected
SOPHIE LEE'ANN PORTER

CHERRYWOOD

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5095	1472	28.9%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
<i>GUINNESS</i>	<i>Christine Avril</i>	994
PUN	Suman	470

Candidate Elected
CHRISTINE AVRIL GUINNESS

COVE AND SOUTHWOOD

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5436	1658	30.5%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
CAWSEY	Paul Andrew	117
GRINTER	Kieran James	489
<i>MASTERSON</i>	<i>Stephen John</i>	794
MITCHELL	Emily Rebecca	246

Candidate Elected
STEPHEN JOHN MASTERSON

EMPRESS

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
4663	1761	37.8%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
CARD	Leola Jane	372
DALE	Helen	593
SIMPSON	Ian Michael Brumwell	82
WILLIAMS	Gareth Idris	707

Candidate Elected
GARETH IDRIS WILLIAMS

FERNHILL

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5112	1560	30.5%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
ALLEN	Abe Michael Terry	822
AMOS	Leonard Matthew John	583
WHYMAN	Jill	151

Candidates Elected
ABE MICHAEL TERRY ALLEN

KNELLWOOD

No. of Electors
5600

No. of Ballots Completed
2245

Percentage
40.1%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
CRAGG	Tadeusz Osborne	636
JOYCE	Kevin Robert	115
STEWART	<i>Calum James</i>	863
TROTTER	Mark	623

Candidate Elected
CALUM JAMES STEWART

MANOR PARK

No. of Electors
5488

No. of Ballots Completed
2030

Percentage
37%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
CRERAR	<i>Peter Ian Charles</i>	921
WILLIAMS	Rebecca Jane	1103

Candidate Elected
REBECCA JANE WILLIAMS

NORTH TOWN

No. of Electors
5006

No. of Ballots Completed
1400

Percentage
27.97%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
AUSTIN	<i>Gaynor Frances</i>	1022
BROWN	Richard	301
CHRISTODOULOU	Glenn Alexander	67

Candidate Elected
GAYNOR FRANCES AUSTIN

ROWHILL

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
4981	1792	35.98%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
HILLIAR	Alan Richard	254
KOOHESTANI	Halleh	866
NEWELL	<i>Adrian Robert</i>	660

Candidate Elected
HALLEH KOOHESTANI

ST JOHN'S

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
4966	1658	33.4 %

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
CULLUM	<i>Peter James Gordon</i> <i>Edward McGready</i>	747
O'DOWD-BOOTH	Olive Jane	165
WARNER	Julia Louise	733

Candidate Elected
PETER JAMES GORDON MCGREADY CULLUM

ST MARK'S

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5277	1606	30.43%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
JONES	Barry	268
KOHER CHOWDHURY	Abul	554
MITCHELL	<i>Thomas William</i>	774

Candidate Elected
THOMAS WILLIAM MITCHELL

WELLINGTON

No. of Electors
4533

No. of Ballots Completed
1154

Percentage
25.46%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
HARTLEY	Mary Ann	414
LUNN	Aidan David	66
LYDDALL	Ryan Christopher	22
SARKI	Dhan Bahadur	652

Candidate Elected
DHAN BAHADUR SARKI

WEST HEATH

No. of Electors
4767

No. of Ballots Completed
1521

Percentage
31.9%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
FRANCIS	Gavin Raymond	607
FRASER-FLEMING	Charles Dennis	194
LYON	Gareth Benjamin	634
NEVILLE	Edward John	77

Candidates Elected
GARETH BENJAMIN LYON

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ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 23RD MAY 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE HEAD OF FINANCE
AS SECTION 151 OFFICER**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council has a statutory requirement to appoint a Section 151 Officer (Chief Finance Officer) with responsibility for the administration of the financial affairs of the Council. Under the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the designation of an officer as the Council's Section 151 Officer is made by the Council, and this report seeks approval to designate the new Executive Head of Finance as S151 Officer following the departure of the current Interim Executive Head of Finance.

The Council is recommended to approve the Executive Head of Finance, Mr. Peter Vickers, as the Council's Section 151 Officer from the commencement of his employment. An update on the expected start date will be reported at the meeting.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The current Interim Executive Head of Finance, Mr Simon Little, has been in post since early January 2023, and since then a process has been carried out by the Chief Executive to recruit a permanent Executive Head of Finance for the Council. During April a cross party Member Panel, which included the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Leader of the Labour Group and the Chairman of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee, held interviews with the short-listed candidates as part of the selection process.
- 1.2 With the approval of the Member Panel, Mr Peter Vickers has been appointed to the role of Executive Head of Finance, and it is anticipated that he will join Rushmoor in August 2023. However, the designation of an officer as the Council's Section 151 Officer must be formally agreed by the Council. It is important to ensure there is continuity of arrangements to support the Council through the financial challenges ahead, and the current Interim Executive Head of Finance has agreed to continue on over the next few months to enable a seamless handover.
- 1.3 Mr Peter Vickers is an experienced financial professional who has been the Head of Finance at Waverley Borough Council since 2014 and the Executive Head of Finance for both Waverley Borough Council and Guildford Borough Council since last October.

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