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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, 24th May, 2022 at 7.00 pm* for the transaction of the business set out on the Agenda given below.

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH -

Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford will move and Cllr K. Dibble will second:

"That Councillor **JOHN HENRY MARSH** be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023."

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 Major Ted Benneyworth as the Mayor's Chaplain.

VOTE OF THANKS –

To record the Council's appreciation of the excellent service rendered by Mr. Bruce Thomas as Mayor and Mrs Tracey Thomas as Mayoress during the Municipal Year 2021/22. An illuminated scroll shall be presented, together with a Past Mayor's Badge, to Mr. Thomas and a Past Mayoress' Badge to Mrs Tracey Thomas.

3. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR -

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

"That Councillor **CLIVE PATRICK GRATTAN** be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023."

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

4. **MINUTES –** (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28th April 2022 (copy Minutes herewith).

5. **RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT –** (Pages 7 - 12)

To receive the Returning Officer's Report of the names of the persons elected as Borough Councillors at the Elections held on 5th May 2022 (copy attached).

6. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS -

7. 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 2023. Cllr D.E. Clifford has been nominated by the Conservative Group.

8. **APPOINTMENTS 2022/23 –**

(1) To note the appointment of the Deputy Leaders and the following councillors as Cabinet Portfolio Holders for the Municipal Year 2022/23, as made by the Leader of the Council:

Cllr M.L. Sheehan
Cllr M.J. Tennant
Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr Sue Carter
Deputy Leader and Operational Services
Deputy Leader and Major Projects and Property
Customer Experience, Digital and Transformation
Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships

Cllr A.R. Newell Planning and Economy Cllr P.G. Taylor Corporate Services

(2) To consider and approve the Appointments to Committees for the Municipal Year 2022/23 as follows in accordance with the allocations to achieve political balance indicated:

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Voting Members

Conservative: 8 Labour: 2 Liberal Democrat: 1

Cllr D.B. Bedford Cllr Clive Grattan Cllr T.W. Mitchell

Cllr Jib Belbase Cllr Sophie Porter

Cllr P.I.C. Crerar Cllr Peace Essien-

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Cllr Michael Hope Cllr L. Jeffers

Cllr S.J. Masterson Cllr C.J. Stewart

Standing Deputies:

Conservative: Labour: Liberal Democrat: Cllr A. Adeola Cllr Nadia Martin Cllr C.W. Card

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: 8 Labour: 3

Cllr Ade Adeola Cllr Keith Dibble

Cllr Jessica Auton Cllr Christine Guinness

Cllr M.S. Choudhary Cllr Sarah Spall

Cllr P.J. Cullum Cllr A.H. Gani Cllr Nem Thapa Cllr S. Trussler Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Standing Deputies:

Conservative: Labour:

Cllr Mara Makunura Cllr C.P. Grattan

NOTE: The Independent Member (Audit) of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee, Mr Tom Davies, is to be a non-voting Member of the Committee.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITEE

Voting Members

Conservative: 8 Labour: 3

Cllr A. Adeola Cllr Gaynor Austin Cllr K. Dibble Cllr D.B. Bedford Cllr L. Jeffers Cllr Sophie Porter

Cllr Prabesh KC Cllr Mara Makunura Cllr Marina Munro Cllr M.D. Smith Cllr S. Trussler

Standing Deputies:

Conservative: Labour:

Cllr Jib Belbase Cllr Nadia Martin

POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD

Voting Members

Conservative: 8 Labour: 2 Liberal Democrat: 1

Cllr Jessica Auton Cllr Jules Crosslev Cllr C.W. Card Cllr M.J. Roberts

Cllr Jib Belbase Cllr M.S. Choudhary Cllr P.I.C. Crerar

Cllr Peace Essien

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Cllr Michael Hope Cllr Marina Munro Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Standing Deputies:

Liberal Democrat: Conservative: Labour: Cllr P.J. Cullum Cllr Christine Guinness Cllr T.W. Mitchell

(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

Cllr C.J. Stewart Nominated Chairman Cllr L. Jeffers Nominated Vice-Chairman

Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards

Nominated Chairman - Cllr P.J. Cullum Nominated Vice-Chairman - Cllr Jessica Auton

(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 2022/23:

The Aldershot Recreation Ground Trust

Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford Cllr K. Dibble Cllr M.S. Choudhary

Standing Deputy: Cllr Nadia Martin

King George's Field, Farnborough Trust

Cllr C.J. Stewart Cllr Christine Guinness 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

A.E. COLVER Head of Democracy and Community

Council Offices Farnborough Hampshire GU14 7JU

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Farnborough on Thursday, 28th April, 2022 at 7.00 pm.

The Worshipful The Mayor (Cllr B.A. Thomas)
The Deputy Mayor (Cllr J.H. Marsh)

Cllr Gaynor Austin
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford
Cllr T.D. Bridgeman
Cllr Sue Carter

Cllr D.F. Clifford

Cllr D.E. Clifford Cllr P.I.C. Crerar Cllr K. Dibble Cllr A.J. Halstead Cllr L. Jeffers

Cllr L. Jeffers
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr Nadia Martin
Cllr T.W. Mitchell
Cllr K.H. Muschamp
Cllr Sophie Porter
Cllr M.L. Sheehan
Cllr Sarah Spall
Cllr P.G. Taylor

Cllr Nem Thapa

Cllr Jessica Auton Cllr Jib Belbase Cllr J.B. Canty Cllr M.S. Choudhary Cllr A.K. Chowdhury Cllr R.M. Cooper Cllr P.J. Cullum

Cllr Christine Guinness

Cllr Michael Hope Cllr Prabesh KC Cllr S.J. Masterson Cllr Marina Munro Cllr A.R. Newell Cllr M.J. Roberts Cllr M.D. Smith Cllr C.J. Stewart Cllr M.J. Tennant Cllr Jacqui Vosper

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

Before the meeting was opened, the Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Malcolm Cummins, led the meeting in prayers.

47. MINUTES

It was MOVED by Cllr D.E. Clifford; SECONDED by Cllr P.G. Taylor and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28th April 2022 (copy having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

48. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) The Mayor welcomed Mr. Jerry Jones to the Chamber to present him with a long service award. The Mayor also welcomed Mr. Jones' family and friends who were also in attendance. The Mayor stated that Mr. Jones had started work with Rushmoor on 10th November 1977 and had worked for 44 years until his retirement on 12th November 2021. Originally employed as a refuse

loader, he had quickly been encouraged to take the HGV driving test and then worked as a driver for the Council for many years. Mr. Jones had transitioned across to the Council's environmental contractor when the service had been outsourced in the 1990s and, whilst employed by a private sector company, had remained working on behalf of Rushmoor's residents as a member of the wider Rushmoor team.

It was known that Mr. Jones had been held in very high regard by his former colleagues and had been a well-known figure by the Borough's residents, having worked the same round for many years. Mr. Jones had been a well-recognised face and his diligent service had been appreciated by several thousands of people. The Mayor placed on record the Council's thanks and appreciation to Mr. Jones; 44 years showed amazing dedication and commitment to the area and it was right that Rushmoor recognised such an achievement. Mr. Jones was given the Council's best wishes for his well-earned retirement and invited to come forward to be presented with a gift and a long service certificate.

- (2) The Mayor advised Members that he had held his Charity Ball at Princes Hall, Aldershot on 11th March 2022. He thanked all Members who had supported this event, which had raised £2,065.
- (3) The Mayor reported that the Mayoress' Easter Afternoon Tea had been held on 6th April and had raised £364 for the Mayor's charities.
- (4) As this was the final meeting of the 2021-22 Municipal Year, the Mayor paid tribute to the five Members who would not be seeking re-election at the elections on 5th May 2022: Cllrs Terry Bridgeman, Sophia Choudhary, Rod Cooper, Ashley Halstead and Ken Muschamp. The Mayor was also not seeking re-election and his final meeting would be the Annual Council Meeting on 24th May 2022.

The Mayor wished all Members well in their endeavours who were standing for election at the Borough Council Elections.

49. STANDING ORDER 8 - QUESTIONS

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

50. NOTICES OF MOTION

The Council was asked to consider two Motions which had been submitted in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1).

(1) Fuel Poverty

It was MOVED by Cllr. Nadia Martin; SECONDED by Cllr. Sarah Spall – That

"The Resolution Foundation think-tank's research shows that over 3,000 Rushmoor households are in fuel poverty, which has been exacerbated since the price cap

increase on 1st April. The cost-of-living crisis is spiralling out of control for many in our Borough and hardworking families are now requiring intervention and support.

We call on Rushmoor Borough Council to support these families struggling by setting up a cross party Emergency Task and Finish Group to identify ways in which residents can be supported, including: review of available budget, amalgamating all charitable support, increasing awareness of all government funding and encouraging those who do not need their Winter Fuel Allowance to donate to those who are suffering the most from high fuel prices and offering a dedicated helpline to those in fuel and food poverty."

During debate, it was MOVED by Cllr A.R. Newell; SECONDED by Cllr P.G. Taylor that the Motion be amended as follows:

"That the Motion be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration at its next meeting, but that the Committee be requested to review the Terms of Reference of the Council Tax Support Group, rather than set up a new group, to enable it to carry out a detailed examination of the issues in the Motion so that it can advise the Cabinet accordingly."

In seconding the Amendment, Cllr. P.G. Taylor stated that the issue of fuel poverty had exercised all Ward Councillors, with residents going to find things difficult in the weeks and months ahead. He urged Members to support the Amendment.

During debate, Members spoke of the need for urgent action to help the Borough's residents who were in fuel poverty and reference was also made to the help already being provided to support residents most in need.

The Amendment was put to the meeting. On a Recorded Vote, there voted FOR: Cllrs. Jessica Auton, Mrs. D.B. Bedford, J. Belbase, J.B. Canty, Sue Carter, M.S. Choudhary, A.K. Chowdhury, D.E. Clifford, R.M. Cooper, P.I.C. Crerar, P.J. Cullum, M. Hope, L. Jeffers, Prabesh KC, Mara Makunura, S.J. Masterson, Marina Munro, K.H. Muschamp, A.R. Newell, M.L. Sheehan, M.D. Smith, C.J. Stewart, P.G. Taylor, M.J. Tennant, N. Thapa, Jacqui Vosper and the Deputy Mayor (Cllr. J.H. Marsh) (27); AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: Cllrs. Gaynor Auston, T.D. Bridgeman, K. Dibble, Christine Guinness, A.J. Halstead, Nadia Martin, T.W. Mitchell, Sophie Porter, M.J. Roberts, Sarah Spall and the Mayor (Cllr. B.A. Thomas) (11) and the Amendment was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

Following further debate, the Substantive Motion was put to the meeting. On a Recorded Vote there voted FOR: Cllrs. Gaynor Austin, Jessica Auton, Mrs. D.B. Bedford, J. Belbase, T.D. Bridgeman, J.B. Canty, Sue Carter, M.S. Choudhary, A.K. Chowdhury, D.E. Clifford, R.M. Cooper, P.I.C. Crerar, P.J. Cullum, K. Dibble, Christine Guinness, A.J. Halstead, M. Hope, L. Jeffers, Prabesh KC, Mara Makunura, Nadia Martin, S.J. Masterson, T.W. Mitchell, Marina Munro, K.H. Muschamp, A.R. Newell, Sophie Porter, M.J. Roberts, M.L. Sheehan, M.D. Smith, Sarah Spall, C.J. Stewart, P.G. Taylor, M.J. Tennant, N. Thapa, Jacqui Vosper and the Deputy Mayor (Cllr. J.H. Marsh) (37); AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: The Mayor (Cllr. B.A. Thomas) (1) and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

(2) Ukraine

It was MOVED by Cllr J.B. Canty and SECONDED by Cllr P.J. Cullum - That

"Rushmoor Borough Council is saddened and disturbed by the unprovoked aggression against Ukraine, which has caused horrific devastation, and created an escalating humanitarian crisis with millions displaced or affected. In light of this, and as a way of expressing support for the people of Ukraine and members of our communities who are from or who ties with Ukraine, this Council:

- (a) Condemns the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine and stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and their families and friends, including those local to Rushmoor.
- (b) Stands ready to provide support and open our arms to innocent people displaced and affected by this unprovoked Russian aggression.
- (c) Will work with and support the efforts of our local communities to provide help, support and comfort to those in need."

In introducing his Motion, Cllr. Canty referred to the atrocities being carried out in Ukraine and to the plight of Ukrainian refugees who were fleeing to neighbouring countries, including Poland where Rushmoor had the partner towns of Sulechow and Rzeszow. Cllr. Canty paid tribute to the incredible charitable support being extended to the people of Ukraine.

During debate, Members spoke of the United Kingdom's long history of helping refugees and the need for the Borough to welcome refugees from Ukraine and to make sure they were resettled until such time as they could return to their homeland. Members referred to the atrocities being carried out in Ukraine by the Russian army. The Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder (Cllr. A.R. Newell) referred to the work of Hampshire County Council in matching refugees to local families who had volunteered to open their homes to refugees. He also referred to the work of Rushmoor Voluntary Services and Citizens Advice and what support could be given by way of local networks and partners, including counselling for those suffering with trauma. The Council was also liaising with Rushmoor International Association over contact with the Borough's partner towns in Poland over the situation there and also working closely with a Ukrainian charity in the Borough.

Following further debate, the Motion was put to the meeting. On a Recorded Vote there voted FOR: Cllrs. Cllrs. Gaynor Austin, Jessica Auton, Mrs. D.B. Bedford, J. Belbase, T.D. Bridgeman, J.B. Canty, Sue Carter, M.S. Choudhary, A.K. Chowdhury, D.E. Clifford, R.M. Cooper, P.I.C. Crerar, P.J. Cullum, K. Dibble, Christine Guinness, A.J. Halstead, M.Hope, L. Jeffers, Prabesh KC, Mara Makunura, S.J. Masterson, T.W. Mitchell, Marina Munro, K.H. Muschamp, A.R. Newell, Sophie Porter, M.J. Roberts, M.L. Sheehan, M.D. Smith, Sarah Spall, C.J. Stewart, P.G. Taylor, M.J. Tennant, N. Thapa, Jacqui Vosper, the Deputy Mayor (Cllr. J.H. Marsh) and the Mayor (Cllr. B.A. Thomas) (37); AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: 0 was **DECLARED CARRIED** unanimously.

51. MAYOR-ELECT AND DEPUTY MAYOR-ELECT 2022/23

The Chairman of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee (Cllr Sue Carter) reported that the Committee had considered the nominations for the Mayor-Elect and the Deputy Mayor-Elect for 2022/23 at its meeting on 28th March 2022. The Committee had agreed to recommend that:

- (i) Cllr J.H. Marsh be selected as Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2022/23; and
- (ii) Cllr A.K. Chowdhury be selected as Deputy Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

It was MOVED by Cllr Sue Carter; SECONDED by Cllr P. Cullum — That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee be approved in respect of the Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect.

There voted FOR: 35: AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

52. RECOMMENDATION OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Pay Policy Statement 2022/23

Cllr. Sue Carter introduced the Report of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 28th March 2022, which recommended the approval of the Pay Policy Statement. It was MOVED by Cllr. Sue Carter; SECONDED by Cllr P.J. Cullum – That approval be given to the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23.

There voted FOR: 35; AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: 0 and the Recommendation was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

53. QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET

The Mayor reported that one question had been submitted by Cllr. M.J. Roberts for response by the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder on the current and future management of capital revenue debt.

In response, Cllr. P.G. Taylor stated that the Council had approved the Annual Treasury Management Strategy at its meeting on 24th February 2022, which set out how such financial issues should be dealt with.

54. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cllr M.D. Smith, presented the Annual Report of the Committee 2021/22.

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

55. **REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES**

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

Cabinet	15th March 2022
Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee	15th February 2022
Development Management Committee	16th February 2022
Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee	28th March 2022

56. **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: That the Reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 17th February and 7th April 2022 be noted.

The meeting o	losed at	9.31	pm.
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ANNEX 1

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - 24TH MAY 2022

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 5TH MAY 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

ALDERSHOT PARK

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5083	1413	27.8%
	RESULT OF POLL	

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
ARMITAGE	David Anthony	562
CROSSLEY	Jules	840

Candidate Elected JULES CROSSLEY

CHERRYWOOD

No. of Electors 5144	No. of Ballots Completed 1743	Percentage 34%
	RESULT OF POLL	
Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
GRATTAN	Clive Patrick	1008
PUN	Suman	730

Candidate Elected
CLIVE PATRICK GRATTAN

COVE AND SOUTHWOOD

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5375	1672	31%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
JABBI	Madi	417
MITCHELL	Emily Rebecca	374
TENNANT	Martin John	869

Candidate Elected
MARTIN JOHN TENNANT

EMPRESS

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
4582	1603	35%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
CARD	Leola Jane	337
SMITH	Mike	739
WILLIAMS	Gareth Idris	514

Candidate Elected
MIKE SMITH

FERNHILL

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5232	1404	27%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
GANI	Akmal Hussain	705
GARDNER	Janet	391
SWEET	Nat	293

Candidates Elected
AKMAL HUSSAIN GANI

KNELLWOOD

PERKINS

SPALL

No. of Electors 5607	No. of Ballots Completed 2170	Percentage 38.7%
	RESULT OF POLL	
Surname MAKUNURA SOUTHON WHYMAN	Other Names Mara Martha Colin Frederick Jill	Total No. of Votes 1077 469 602
	Candidate Elected MARA MARTHA MAKUNURA	
MANOR PARK		
No. of Electors 5542	No. of Ballots Completed 1900	Percentage 34.3%
	RESULT OF POLL	
Surname ESSIEN IGODIFO RENARD TROTTER	Other Names Peace Brandon Zero Hindell Mark	Total No. of Votes 867 763 241
	Candidate Elected PEACE ESSIEN IGODIFO	
NORTH TOWN		
No. of Electors 4981	No. of Ballots Completed 1488	Percentage 29.8%
	RESULT OF POLL	
Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes

Andrew James

Sarah Joanne

Candidate Elected SARAH JOANNE SPALL 449

1037

ROWHILL

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5015	1759	35.07%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
HILLIAR	Alan Richard	374
KOOHESTANI	Halleh	663
TRUSSLER	Stuart	707

Candidate Elected STUART TRUSSLER

ST JOHN'S

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
4966	1580	31.8%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
VOSPER	Jacqui	839
WARNER	Julia Louise	724

Candidate Elected JACQUI VOSPER

ST MARK'S

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5208	1760	33.8%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
CARD	Craig William	778
JONES	Barry	260
KOHER CHOWDHURY	Abul	710

Candidate Elected
CRAIG WILLIAM CARD

WELLINGTON

No. of Ballots Completed No. of Electors **Percentage** 1081 4277 25.27% **RESULT OF POLL** Surname Other Names **Total No. of Votes HARTLEY** 470 Mary Ann Nadia Noelle **MARTIN** 608

Candidate Elected NADIA NOELLE MARTIN

WEST HEATH

No. of Electors No. of Ballots Completed Percentage 4821 1522 31.6%

RESULT OF POLL

SurnameOther NamesTotal No. of VotesADEOLAAde790O'DOWD-BOOTHOlive Jane291THOMASRebekkah428

Candidates Elected
ADE ADEOLA

