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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

24th May, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Chase (in the Chair)
Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Brookes, Cairns, Cracknell, Darby, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hyldon-King, Jackson, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Nichols, Nici, Oxby, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Sheridan, Shreeve, Silvester, Sutton, Swinburn, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

OFFICERS:	Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
	Simon Jones	Monitoring Officer
	Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance, Resources and Operations
	Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

NEL.5 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor welcomed all those present to this meeting, particularly the newly Elected Members.

NEL.6 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence from this meeting was received from Councillor James.

NEL.7 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

NEL.8 **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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

NEL.9 **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:

Deputy Leader	Councillor Watson	Finance, Governance and Resources
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Bolton	Safer and Stronger Communities
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Hyldon-King	Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Patrick	Environment, Transport and Energy
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Rogers	Tourism, Heritage and Culture
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Wheatley K.	Children, Young People and Education
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Wheatley P.	Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets

Councillor Jackson questioned the justification for an additional portfolio holder post.

Councillor Oxby, Leader of the Council, responded that this had been budgeted for and was important in the context of enhancing pride in the area and engaging effectively with communities.

NEL.10 **REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Council considered a report from the Monitoring Officer, setting out amendments and modifications to the Council’s constitutional and governance arrangements for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

Councillor Fenty raised a concern regarding proposed changes to the Council’s petition scheme with regard to rejected petitions, as he felt that it was unfair to assign this responsibility to one individual. The Monitoring Officer advised Council that, in such circumstances, he would consult with political group leaders. In moving the recommendations in the report, Councillor Oxby noted that he was content to include specific reference to this within the proposed amendments to the petition scheme.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Scheme of Delegation, as currently set out in the Constitution and incorporating the proposed changes as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for the Municipal Year 2018/19 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 be 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 amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules, as a result of procurement threshold changes, be noted.
- (3) That the Executive and Scrutiny Liaison Board be discontinued and an Overview and Scrutiny Committee be established as a formal committee of the Council, with its chairmanship subject to a special responsibility allowance set at the same rate as the scrutiny panel chairs pending review by the Independent Remuneration Panel and with terms of reference as set out in Appendix 2 of this report.
- (4) That the amendments to the Petition Scheme, as set out at Appendix 3 of this report, be approved subject to clarification that the proposed amendment regarding rejected petitions be carried out in consultation with political group leaders when such instances occur.
- (5) That the amendments to the Council's Standing Orders, as set out in Section 6 of this report, be approved.
- (6) That two non-voting Town and Parish Council representatives be co-opted onto the Standards and Adjudication Committee.
- (7) 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.
- (8) That a further, detailed review of the Constitution and the Council's decision-making arrangements be undertaken by 31st December, 2018 and reported back to full Council in due course.

NEL.11

MEETINGS TIMETABLE 2018/2019

The Council considered a proposed schedule of meetings of the Council, its Cabinet and Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

The Leader moved the schedule of meetings subject to the removal of the Planning Committee meeting on 14th November, 2018 as this was not required and the change of date of the first meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny

Panel from 4th July to 11th July, 2018. He also moved an additional recommendation that the principle of evening meetings be supported in order to enhance public engagement with the Council's decision-making processes and that Committee/Panel Chairs be encouraged to review the timings of their meetings accordingly. This was seconded by Councillor Watson.

Councillor Jackson moved an amendment to the additional recommendation to allow, at their first meeting, for each Panel/Committee to vote on the time that they would like to hold their meetings for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

The Leader was content to support this amendment.

The substantive Motion, including the additional and amended recommendation noted above, was then put to the vote by the Mayor and it was:

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the meetings of the Council and its Committees for the ensuing Municipal Year as set out in the schedule now submitted be approved, subject to the removal of the Planning Committee meeting on 14th November, 2018 as this was not required and the change of date of the first meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel from 4th July to 11th July, 2018.
- (2) That the principle of evening meetings be supported in order to enhance public engagement with the Council's decision-making processes and at their first meeting, each Panel/Committee vote on the time that they would like to hold their meetings for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

NEL.12 **COMMITTEE AND PANEL MEMBERSHIP**

The Council considered a schedule allocating seats on the Council's Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2018-2019. Nominations to the role of Chair and Deputy Chair for each Committee and Panel were also considered.

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.13 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Council considered a schedule setting out representation on Outside Bodies for 2018-2019.

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

The Mayor advised on the procedure to be followed for those Bodies where there were contested nominations. Those nominations were voted upon on an individual basis.

The Mayor reported that since the schedule had been circulated, the nomination of Councillor Sheridan for Tourism North East Lincolnshire had been withdrawn. The Mayor put the remaining nominations to the vote, as set out, and it was:

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Schedule of Representation on Outside Bodies for 2018-2019 now submitted be approved.
- (2) That the Supporting People Commissioning Body and the Shoreline Housing Partnership be deleted from the schedule.
- (3) That Councillor Bolton be appointed to the Immingham Museum Management Committee and the Local Authority Governor Oasis Academy Immingham.
- (4) That Councillors Rogers, K Wheatley and Freeston be appointed to Tourism North East Lincolnshire.

NEL.14

ANNUAL REVIEW OF SCRUTINY FOR 2017/2018

The Council considered a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer reviewing the work undertaken by Scrutiny in 2017-18 and the planned work programme for 2018-19.

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

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.23 p.m.