

## **AGENDA**

Item No:

### **1. Procedure**

(a) Apologies

(b) Minutes

To approve, and the Mayor to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 June 2020 (Item 1) (**Pages 7 to 34**).

(c) Disclosure of Interests

Councillors to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business to be transacted and officers to disclose any interest in contracts to be considered by the Council.

(d) Announcements

To receive announcements, if any.

### **2. Election of a Deputy Mayor**

At its meeting on 20 May 2020 (Minute CL03 refers) the Council deferred the appointment of the Deputy Mayor.

The Council, at its meeting on 12 November 2002 (Minute CL66(d) refers), agreed a selection criterion for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor based on the number of seats held by a particular party group over a period of time.

The Council is asked to appoint a Deputy Mayor in accordance with the agreed selection criterion. The nomination falls to the Labour Group.

### **3. Public Involvement**

(a) Petitions

Any petitions received by the deadline of 7:30 pm on Monday 14 September 2020 will be reported at the meeting.

(b) Questions from Members of the Public

To receive questions and provide answers to questions received from members of the public by the deadline of 7:30 pm on Monday 14 September 2020 and any urgent questions agreed by the Mayor.

### **4. Business Remaining from Last Meeting**

None

## **5. Reports from Cabinet and Committees**

- (a) Corporate Parenting Panel – 23 June 2020

That the Council receive the annual report of the Corporate Parenting Panel for 2019-20 (**Pages 35 to 60**).

- (b) Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 25 June 2020

That the Committee formally requests Council that its name be changed to the Regeneration and Renewal Scrutiny Committee.

## **6. Councillors' Matters**

- (a) Councillors' Questions

Councillors to ask questions of the Leader, a Cabinet Member, the Chair of any Committee, or the Leader of a Political Group on the Council.

- (b) Notices of Motions:

- (i) Councillor R Bradburn – 29 July 2020  
Continuation of virtual meetings
- (ii) Councillor Reilly - 29 July 2020  
The impact of COVID-19 on BAME communities
- (iii) Councillor D Hopkins – 1 August 2020  
Low traffic neighbourhoods
- (iv) Councillor Crooks - 2 September 2020  
Planning for the future
- (v) Councillor Walker – 3 September 2020  
Covid -19 economic recovery

The motions are set out in full at (Item 6) (**Pages 61 to 68**).

## **7. Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990**

Further to receipt by the Proper Officer of the resignation of Councillor Baines from the Conservative Group, the Council is required by the above Regulations to review the basis of allocation of seats amongst the Political Groups. In making its review, the Council is required, so far as reasonably practicable, to comply with the following principles:

- (a) Not all seats on each Committee are to be allocated to the same Group.
- (b) The majority of seats is to be allocated to a particular Group if the number of persons belonging to that Group is a majority on the Council.
- (c) Subject to the above paragraphs, the number of seats on the Committees allocated to each Group should bear the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the Committees as that borne by the number of Members of that Group to the Membership of the Council.

- (d) Subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to different political groups bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Council.

The Conservative Group holds 29.8246% of the seats on the Council, the Labour Group 40.3509% of the seats, the Liberal Democrat Group 26.3158% of the seats and 1.7544% of seats are vacant.

Where a local authority is not entirely comprised of Political Groups it has a duty to secure proportional appointments for ungrouped Councillors. This means that, as the only ungrouped member of the Council, Councillor Baines is entitled to be allocated 1.7544% of the available seats on Committees.

There are a total of 149 seats across the Committees of the Council and the proportional entitlement is therefore revised as follows:

- Conservative Group – 44 (-3)
- Labour Group – 60 (unchanged)
- Liberal Democrat Group – 39 (unchanged)
- Independent – 3 (+3)
- One Casual Vacancy – 3 (unchanged)

The Council is requested to note the report and to agree the revised Committee allocations set out in (Item 7) **(to follow)**.

Accountable Officer: Sharon Bridglalsingh (Director Law and Governance) – MK252385

Background Papers: None

## **8. Appointment of Independent Persons**

To consider Item 8 **(Pages 69 to 72)**

## **9. Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions**

In accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.4, to note that the Provisions for Special Urgency, as set out in Access to Information Procedure Rule 16, was not used during the period 6 June 2020 to 3 September 2020.

Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 provides for key decisions to be taken within the usual 5-day notice period, subject to the agreement of the Chair/Vice-Chairs of the Scrutiny Management Committee.

Contact Officer: Peter Brown (Head of Democratic Services) - 01908 253671

Background Papers: None

## **10. Ward Based Budgets 2020/21**

All Councillors have a budget of £1,000 to spend on Ward based issues, giving them the ability to make contributions to projects carried out in their local communities by local organisations.

For the period 1 April 2020 to 3 September 2020, applications totalling £1,450.90 have been approved. Details of the applications are attached at Item 10 (**Page 73**).

Contact Officer: Siobhan Pitkin (Business Support & Civic Events Manager) - 01908 252426.

Background Papers: None