

## **COUNCIL**

Thursday, 27 March 2025

**PRESENT** – The Mayor, Councillors Allen, Anderson, Baker, Bartch, Beckett, Cossins, Crumbie, Mrs Culley, Curry, Dillon, Dulston, Durham, Garner, Harker, Haszeldine, Henderson, Holroyd, Johnson, Keir, Laing, Lawley, Layton, Lee, Mammolotti, Marshall, McCollom, McEwan, McGill, K Nicholson, M Nicholson, Porter, Ray, Renton, Dr. Riley, Roche, Mrs Scott, Snedker, Storr, Toms, Tostevin, Wallis and Walters.

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Coe, Crudass, Kane, Mahmud and Pease.

**ABSENT** – Councillors Ali and Robinson.

### **66 MINUTES - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THIS COUNCIL HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2025 AND 20 FEBRUARY 2025**

**Submitted** – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Council held on 30 January 2025 and 20 February 2025.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meetings of this Council held on 30 January 2025 and 20 February 2025, be approved as correct records.

### **67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

### **68 SEALING.**

**Presented** – The Register showing the documents which had been sealed since the last meeting of Council.

### **69 ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**Welcome to the Chief Executive** – The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Rose Rouse, the new Chief Executive, who was attending her first Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

**Death of former-Councillor Barrie Armstrong** - The Mayor announced the death of former-Councillor Barrie Armstrong, and made reference to former-Councillor Armstrong's years of service on the Council.

Members stood and observed a short silence in respect of their former colleague.

### **70 QUESTIONS - TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (WHERE APPROPRIATE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN FROM):-**

#### **(1) THE PUBLIC;**

There were eight questions, received with notice, from Members of the Public. Seven Members of the Public attended the meeting to ask their question in person, and each

received an answer thereon.

The Mayor requested that a written response be provided to the Member of the Public who did not attend to ask their question in person.

**(2) MEMBERS TO CABINET/CHAIRS;**

There were no questions from Members, where notice had been given, for the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet, or the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees.

**71 COUNCIL REPORTS.**

There were no reports to be decided by Council, which had not been considered by Cabinet.

**72 CABINET REPORTS.**

The Cabinet Members each gave a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken under their relevant portfolio during the previous cycle of meetings. Cabinet Members answered questions on their portfolios.

**73 SCRUTINY REPORTS - TO CONSIDER SCRUTINY OVERVIEW REPORTS:-**

The Scrutiny Committee Chairs each submitted a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken by their relevant Scrutiny Committee during the last cycle of Committee meetings, and responded to any questions thereon.

**74 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - TO CONSIDER ANY MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO COMMITTEES, SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND OTHER BODIES.**

There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.