



Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 22 May 2024 when there were present:-

The Worshipful the Mayor: Cllr L McCarthy-Calvert
Deputy Mayor: Cllr B Campagna

Cllr S Ainsley	Cllr J Huntman
Cllr N Benson	Cllr D Jones
Cllr D Blackwell	Cllr J Knott
Cllr K Bowker	Cllr K Knott
Cllr L Breading	Cllr L Larman
Cllr S Brooke	Cllr R Lillis
Cllr T Copsey	Cllr D Macpherson
Cllr M Cortes	Cllr P May
Cllr M Dearson	Cllr N Pachy
Cllr L Dixon	Cllr B Palmer
Cllr A Edwards	Cllr J Payne
Cllr M Fuller	Cllr C Sach
Cllr T Gibson	Cllr R Savage
Cllr W Gibson	Cllr D Silk
Cllr P Greig	Cllr D Thomas
Cllr A Harbinson	Cllr G Watson
Cllr N Harvey	Cllr B Wimbledon
Cllr G Howlett	Cllr G Withers

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Mountford.

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Hutchings	- Chief Executive
C Adlem	- Director Corporate & Customer
I Butt	- Director Place & Communities
M Harwood-White	- Director Commercial & Assets
B Brooke	- Assistant Director Policy, Performance & Customer
S Garner	- Assistant Director Development Services
S Jarvis	- Assistant Director Environment
A Law	- Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Services

D McLoughlin	- Assistant Director Estates
J Parker-East	- Assistant Director Environmental Health, Licensing & Community
A Parrot	- Assistant Director Climate & Growth
S Williams	- Assistant Director Recreation
L Wosko	- Assistant Director Finance & Procurement
S Worthington	- Democratic Services Manager
C Barker	- Personal Assistant to Leader, Cabinet & Member Support
L Piatto-Hill	- Governance Officer

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88 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting all re-elected Members and newly elected Members including Cllrs L Breading, S Brooke, T Copsey, M Cortes, L Dixon, A Harbinson, J Huntman, K Knott, L Larman, D Macpherson, N Pachy, D Silk and B Wimbledon.

She extended thanks to her Chaplain, Rev T Menegatti, for her support during the past year, to Cadet Sergeant Calvert for carrying out mace bearing duties during the past year to L Piatto-Hill for her support with co-ordinating Mayoral duties during the past year and to all those who had supported the Mayor in fundraising for her chosen charities during the year and to all those who had welcomed her to civic events during a very enjoyable Mayoral year.

89 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2024/25

Cllr W Gibson moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell, that Cllr L McCarthy-Calvert be elected Mayor for 2024/25 and this was approved on a show of hands. Cllr L McCarthy-Calvert signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Rev L McCarthy-Calvert thanked Members for extending the honour of her continuing for a second term of office as Mayor and also thanked Rev T Menegatti who had agreed to continue as her Chaplain during 2024/25 and to Cadet Sergeant Calvert who would continue to support her during 2024/25 with mace bearing duties. The Mayor would announce her chosen charities for the year at a later date.

Resolved

That Cllr L McCarthy-Calvert be elected Mayor Castle Point for 2024/25.

90 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2024/25

Cllr W Gibson moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell, that Cllr B Campagna be elected Deputy Mayor for 2024/25 and this was approved on a show of hands. Cllr B Campagna signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr L McCarthy-Calvert extended her thanks to Cllr Campagna and to Mayoress Campagna for all their support during the past year and for their continued support for the coming year.

91 ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr W Gibson moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr L McCarthy-Calvert, that Cllr D Blackwell be appointed Leader of the Council for a four-year period with effect from 2024/25 and this was approved on a show of hands.

Cllr D Blackwell thanked Members for all their support and, in particular, Cllr W Gibson, for his support and very much looked forward to working with him over the coming year. He made particular reference to the historic achievement of creating a wholly independent council this year, bringing together like minded people wanting to do the best for their local community. He was confident that Members would work hard together to make Castle Point a great place to live and work.

92 BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS – 2 MAY 2024

Council had received a report providing details of the borough election results for 2024 and these were noted.

93 NOTICES OF GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Council had received details of the notices of group membership that had been received by the Proper Officer and these were noted.

94 APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES 2024/2025

Council considered the report of the Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Services on the discharge of business during 2024/25. Addendums to the report had been provided setting out the Leader's appointments to the Cabinet, nominations for members and substitute members of committees and nominations for the Chairs of committees and Vice-Chair of Development Management Committee.

Cllr W Gibson moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell, that the recommendations set out in the report be agreed and this was approved on a show of hands.

Resolved

- (1) That appointees to the Cabinet (including Deputy Leader and associated portfolios, as set out in addendum 1, be noted.
- (2) That committees be constituted as set out in appendix 1.
- (3) That Members and Substitute Members be appointed to serve on committees for 2024/25 as set out in addendum 2.
- (4) That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees be appointed for 2024/25, as set out in addendum 3.

95 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2024/25

Council considered the report of the Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Services on appointments to outside bodies and external partnerships for 2024/25. An addendum to the report had been provided setting out the nominations to the various organisations.

Cllr W Gibson moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell, that the recommendations set out in the report be agreed and this was approved on a show of hands.

Resolved

- (1) That the appointment of Councillors to outside bodies for the 2024/25 Municipal Year be on the basis set out at Appendix 1 and in the addendum to the report.
- (2) That the attendance of the Leader of the Council (or their nominee) and Portfolio Holders as the Council's representatives at a number of external partnerships, as set out in appendix 1 and in the addendum to the report, be noted.

96 TRANSFORMATION – REVIEW OF NEW CONSTITUTION

Council considered the report of the Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Services seeking adoption of the new Constitution.

Cllr W Gibson moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell, that the Council Constitution, set out in appendix 2, be agreed and adopted and this was approved on a show of hands.

Resolved

That the new and revised Council Constitution, as set out in appendix 2, be agreed and adopted.

97 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved

That meetings of Council be scheduled on 26 June 2024, 24 July 2024, 9 October 2024, 11 December 2024, 19 February 2025 and 26 March 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm.

Chair

Date

BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 2 May 2024

Appleton Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Michael Harry Maurice Dixon	449	29.6%
Wayne Johnson	504	
Diana Meiling Jones	831 Elected	
Lorraine P Larman	793 Elected	
Mark Jonathan Maguire	205	
Lynsey McCarthy-Calvert	854 Elected	
Barry Webb	420	
Charlie Michael Young	196	

Canvey Island Central Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Lorraine Carol Breading	683 Elected	22.8%
Mickey Finn	479	
Jamie David Huntman	590 Elected	
Peter May	716 Elected	
Lisa Jane Megennis	431	
Terry George Miller	183	
Sean Douglas Brian Quartermaine	476	

Canvey Island East Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Susan Brooke	910 Elected	25.4%
Daniel Alan Curtis	225	
Michael Griffin	435	
John David Last	263	
Rachel Ojo	224	
Carole Sach	876 Elected	
Grace Watson	809 Elected	

Canvey Island North Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Dave Blackwell	834 Elected	27.3%
Nikki Bianca Drogman	187	
Anita Patricia Kathleen Duffield	168	
Brendan Peter Duffield	152	
Michael John Fuller	732 Elected	
Nick Harvey	715 Elected	
Pat Haunts	162	
Kevin Andre Hobbs	527	
Paul Lawrence Joiner	500	
Jade Pittman	473	

Canvey Island South Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Barry Campagna	851 Elected	25.9%
Jamie Coronado	411	
Heidi Cox	122	
Katie Elizabeth Curtis	116	
Leah Griffin	417	
Scott John Griffin	426	
Joan Margaret Elizabeth Liddiard	224	
Barry Palmer	784 Elected	
Janice Payne	754 Elected	

Canvey Island Winter Gardens Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Darren Harry Brown	235	21.6%
Bob Chapman	162	
Moreblessing Chasiya	178	
Praise Coronado	277	
Ivor Robert Earl	157	
Peter Greig	548 Elected	
Michelle Griffin	335	
Natalie Sharon Lawrence	285	
Maggie McArthur-Curtis	184	
David Thomas	551 Elected	
Graham Withers	491 Elected	

Hadleigh St James Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Aimme Harbinson	850 Elected	33.3%
Simon Evan Hart	464	
Kate Knott	946 Elected	
Duncan MacPherson	791 Elected	
Dina Mehdi	251	
Charlotte Ann Reilly	245	
Jacqui Thornton	445	

St George's Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Nicola Lyn Benson	751 Elected	28.4%
Billy Brew	195	
Steven Paul Cole	409	
David Cross	369	
Paul Harbord	333	
Nanine Pachy	509 Elected	
Jackie Reilly	245	
Dean Silk	552 Elected	
Freddy West	202	

St Mary's Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Sharon Anne Ainsley	1322 Elected	35.8%
Laurence James Chapman	285	
Joe Cooke	249	
Roxanne Catherine Indianna Goldfinch	390	
Rob Lillis	1351 Elected	
Georgina Morgan-Bates	239	
Russ Savage	1360 Elected	

St Michael's Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Tim Copsey	1387 Elected	38.3%
Warren Gibson	1396 Elected	
John Charles Knott	1450 Elected	
Amie Esther Maguire	179	
Jacqueline Warner	165	

Tarpots Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Kieron David Bowker	730 Elected	28.3%
Michael Dearson	899 Elected	
Holly Foxen	232	
Susan Janet Foxen	221	
Sunil Kumar Gupta	504	
Andrew Graham Sheldon	674	
Benn Wimbledon	678 Elected	

Thundersley North Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Margaret Belford	382	31.8%
Bill Emberson	209	
Helen Lesley Emberson	209	
Tom Gibson	1298 Elected	
Gareth Howlett	1408 Elected	
Steve Mountford	1339 Elected	
Vincent Derrick White	300	

Thundersley South Ward	Number of Votes	Percentage Poll
Gwyn Bailey	168	27.9%
Matt Cortes	648 Elected	
James Matthew Cutler	364	
Andrew James Darling	144	
Laurie Dixon	634 Elected	
Allan David Edwards	652 Elected	
Adrian Roper	316	
Andy Thornton	321	

NOTICES OF GROUP MEMBERSHIP**88 MEMBERSHIP OF GROUPS**

- 88.1 The Proper Officer has been advised of the division of Members of the Council into political groups and the appointment of the Leaders and Deputy Leaders (where appointed) as follows:-

Canvey Island Independent Party

Cllr D Blackwell
Cllr L C Breading
Cllr S Brooke
Cllr B Campagna
Cllr M J Fuller
Cllr P Greig
Cllr N Harvey
Cllr J D Huntman
Cllr P May
Cllr B Palmer
Cllr J Payne
Cllr C Sach
Cllr D Thomas
Cllr G Watson
Cllr G Withers

Leader: Cllr D Blackwell
Deputy Leader: Cllr B Campagna

People's Independent Party

Cllr S A Ainsley
Cllr A Harbinson
Cllr N L Benson
Cllr K D Bowker
Cllr T Copsey
Cllr M Cortes
Cllr M Dearson
Cllr L Dixon
Cllr A D Edwards
Cllr T Gibson
Cllr W Gibson
Cllr G Howlett
Cllr D M Jones
Cllr J C Knott
Cllr K Knott
Cllr L P Larman
Cllr R Lillis
Cllr D Macpherson
Cllr L McCarthy-Calvert

Cllr S Mountford
Cllr N Pachy
Cllr R Savage
Cllr D Silk
Cllr B Wimbledon

Leader: Cllr W Gibson
Deputy Leader: Cllr S Mountford

CABINET APPOINTMENTS – 2024/25

PORTFOLIOS	APPOINTMENT
Leader	Cllr D Blackwell
Deputy Leader/Strategic Planning	Cllr W Gibson
Economic Growth & Climate Action	Cllr B Palmer
Environment	Cllr M Fuller
Health, Wellbeing & Housing	Cllr R Lillis
People & Community	Cllr R Savage
Resources	Cllr S Mountford
Special Projects & Assets	Cllr T Gibson

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES – 2024/25

COMMITTEE	APPOINTMENTS
Audit & Governance (9 seats)	Chair: Cllr N Harvey Cllr N Benson Cllr L Breading Cllr A Edwards Cllr A Harbinson Cllr J Huntman Cllr L Larman Cllr D Silk Cllr B Wimbledon <u>Substitutes (4)</u> Cllr M Dearson Cllr W Gibson Cllr S Brooke Cllr G Withers
Development Management (10 seats)	Chair: Cllr K Bowker Vice-Chair: Cllr P Greig Cllr M Cortes Cllr G Howlett Cllr J Huntman Cllr D Jones Cllr R Lillis Cllr C Sach Cllr R Savage Cllr G Watson <u>Substitutes (4)</u> Cllr S Ainsley Cllr D Macpherson Cllr M Fuller Cllr G Withers

COMMITTEE	APPOINTMENTS
Licensing (11 seats)	Chair: Cllr J Knott Cllr M Dearson Cllr L Dixon Cllr T Gibson Cllr P Greig Cllr N Harvey Cllr D Jones Cllr D Macpherson Cllr P May Cllr B Palmer Cllr R Savage
Overview & Scrutiny (15 seats)	Chair: Cllr D Thomas Cllr S Ainsley Cllr N Benson Cllr K Bowker Cllr L Breading Cllr S Brooke Cllr M Cortes Cllr A Edwards Cllr D Jones Cllr K Knott Cllr L Larman Cllr J Payne Cllr G Watson Cllr B Wimbledon Cllr G Withers
Staff Appointments & Review Panel (7 seats)	Chair: Cllr D Blackwell Cllr B Campagna Cllr M Fuller Cllr T Gibson Cllr W Gibson Cllr K Knott Cllr S Mountford

COMMITTEE	APPOINTMENTS
Standards (9 seats)	Chair: Cllr A Edwards Cllr T Copsey Cllr M Fuller Cllr P Greig Cllr J Knott Cllr R Lillis Cllr N Pachy Cllr D Silk Cllr G Watson
Climate Policy & Scrutiny Sub-Committee (7 seats)	Chair: Cllr A Edwards Cllr S Ainsley Cllr T Copsey Cllr M Fuller Cllr R Lillis Cllr P May Cllr J Payne

OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS 2024/25

Outside Body	No. of Appointees	Appointments for 2024/25
Age UK	1	Cllr D Macpherson
Castle Point Association of Voluntary Services	2	Cllr L Breading Cllr S Brooke
Civil Military Partnership Board (Veterans UK)	1	Cllr P Greig
Relate South Essex	1	Cllr L McCarthy-Calvert
London Southend Airport Consultative Committee	1 1 Substitute	Cllr M Fuller Substitute: Cllr S Ainsley
Wyvern Community Transport	1	Cllr T Copsey
Canvey Island Towns Board	1	Cllr D Blackwell
Canvey Island Common Liaison Committee	2	Cllr M Fuller Cllr D Jones

Outside Body	No. of Appointees	Appointments for 2024/25
Local Highways Panel	4	Cllr L Dixon Cllr D Jones Cllr N Harvey Cllr J Knott

Forum	No. of Appointees	Appointments for 2024/25
Castle Point Plan Board (Note: 1 vacant seat)	9 (pro rata)	Cllr D Blackwell Cllr T Copsey Cllr M Fuller Cllr W Gibson Cllr R Lillis Cllr S Mountford Cllr B Palmer Cllr R Savage

PORTFOLIO HOLDER APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

External Partnership	Appointment
Castle Point & Rochford Community Safety Partnership	Cllr R Savage
Castle Point & Rochford Health & Wellbeing Board	Cllr R Lillis
Essex Countywide Traveller Unit	Cllr R Savage
Essex Pension Fund Strategy Board	Cllr S Mountford
Essex Police, Fire & Crime Panel	Cllr R Savage
Essex Waste Partnership Board	Cllr M Fuller
East of England Local Government Association	Cllr D Blackwell
South Essex Councils	Cllr D Blackwell
South Essex Children's Partnership Board	Cllr M Fuller
South Essex Parking Partnership	Cllr M Fuller