

Annual Council

15th May, 2025

PRESENT:-

Councillor M. Collinson, Lord Mayor, in the Chair.
 Councillor Payne, Deputy Lord Mayor (D. C.);
 Councillors Beeson, Belcher, Bridges, Burton, Byrne, Cahill, Chambers,
 A. Collinson, Conner, Coward, Dad, Dearing, Dolman, Drake-Davis,
 Fudge, Gardiner, Grozav, Haines, Hale, Harper, Harrison, Hatcher,
 Healand, Henry, Herrera-Richmond, Hofman, Ieronimo, Jepmond,
 Kassim, Keal, Kemp, Kennett, McCobb, McMurray, K. Neal, T. Neal,
 Nicola, North, Pantelakis, Petrini, Preston, Pritchard, Quinn, Randall,
 Raspin, Robinson, Ross, Singh, A. Thompson, D. Thompson, Tock,
 Wareing, Wilkinson and Wood.

APOLOGIES:-

Councillor Matthews.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
PROCEDURAL ITEMS		
1	<p>THE ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR AND ADMIRAL OF THE HUMBER</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor Robinson:</p> <p>That Cheryl Payne of 62 Bristol Road, Kingston upon Hull, be and is hereby elected Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull for the ensuing year and until her successor shall take office and that she also be appointed Admiral of the Humber.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Kennett and seconded by Councillor Petrini as an amendment:</p> <p>That Rosie Nicola of 19 Laburnum Avenue, Kingston upon Hull, be and is hereby elected Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull for the ensuing year and until her successor shall take office and that she also be appointed Admiral of the Humber.</p> <p>Amendment lost. Motion carried.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor Elect, Councillor Payne, then took the Chair.</p>	

2	<p>THE ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Haines and seconded by Councillor A. Collinson:</p> <p>That Maria Coward of 105 Rokeby Park, Kingston upon Hull, be and is hereby elected Deputy Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull, for the ensuing year and until her successor shall take office.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councillor Hale as an amendment:</p> <p>That Abhimanyu Singh of 96-98 Westbourne Avenue, Kingston upon Hull, be and is hereby appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull, for the ensuing year and until his successor shall take office.</p> <p>Amendment lost. Motion carried.</p>	
3	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made in respect of the items that follow below.</p>	
4	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council, held on 20th March, 2025, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Lord Mayor.</p>	
5	<p>RECEIPT OF ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR</p> <p>The Lord Mayor thanked Councillors Quinn and Robinson for nominating her for the position of Lord Mayor and Admiral of the Humber. Her year as Deputy Lord Mayor had passed very quickly, but had been most enjoyable. It was her father's birthday today, which was a very poignant moment for her. Good behaviour in the Chamber was important, and she would ensure that it would be a constant in the coming year.</p> <p>Agreed – That the announcements be noted.</p>	

	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>The meeting stood adjourned at 10.20 a.m. and reconvened at 10.40 a.m.</p>	
6	<p>COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that there had been no changes to the composition of the political groups within the City Council.</p> <p>Agreed – That the report be noted.</p>	
7	<p>CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>Councillor Dolman confirmed that Councillor Ross would continue as Leader of the City Council for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.</p>	
8	<p>ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND REPORT ON THE EXECUTIVE DELEGATION SCHEME</p> <p>The Leader submitted his Executive Scheme of Delegation for the 2025/26 Municipal Year. He then congratulated the Lord Mayor Elect, Councillor Payne, on her appointment, and Councillor Coward on her appointment as Deputy Lord Mayor. He also thanked the outgoing Lord Mayor, Councillor M. Collinson, on a successful year in Office, which he had undertaken in his own unique style. Finally, he congratulated Councillor Hofman on her election to Deputy Leader of the Labour Group.</p> <p>He commented on the recent result of the Mayoral election for the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority. He had heard concerns from both residents and the business community. He felt that the result was not a true reflection of the City. He hoped that the result wouldn't have any impact of the drive towards net zero, or investment in the renewables sector. He hoped the Combined Authority Mayor would be transparent in his work, but he would hold him to account.</p> <p>He added that he felt letdown with the Prime Minister's recent announcements on immigration. The City must get the funding it deserved as it was a</p>	

	<p>great place to live and had potential. It was time to stand up for the residents of the City and, if you believed in the future, join the Liberal Democrat Group.</p> <p>Agreed - That the Leader's address, and his Executive Scheme of Delegation, be noted.</p>	
9	<p>ADDRESS BY THE LEADER(S) OF THE OTHER GROUP(S) IN RESPONSE TO THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE LEADER AND REPORT ON THE EXECUTIVE DELEGATION SCHEME</p> <p>Councillor Hale, as Leader of the Labour Group, began his reply by thanking Councillor Bridges, the retiring Deputy Leader of the Labour Group, for the work she had undertaken on its behalf.</p> <p>He then commented on the size of the Hull and East Riding Combined Authority which he felt was too small an area to be successful. You could not scapegoat the green industries and net zero as it seemed the Reform Party intended to do. Reform could also not be allowed to scapegoat certain communities, as that was shown to lead to riots, as happened in the City last year.</p> <p>There was a need to end conflicts such as the one in Gaza, which could be aided by the newly elected Pope. The causal effects of migration needed addressing which would in turn aid the reduction of the number of conflicts. The Right/Reform Party had suggested simple solutions to complex problems. Everyone else needed to do more. When the basics were not working, people would vote elsewhere, such as Reform.</p> <p>He also commented on the need to aid the mental health of Elected Members; the contribution of Tommy Coyle to the City, and he congratulated Hull Kingston Rovers on reaching the Challenge Cup Final.</p> <p>Councillor Wareing, as Leader of the Independent Group, began his reply by congratulating Councillors Payne, Coward, and Hofman on their recent successful appointments. He commented on the Leader's earlier comments on immigration; increased negative racial stereotypes, and attacks</p>	

	<p>on immigrant communities.</p> <p>He also commented on how the Leader of the City Council would need to work collaboratively with the new Combined Authority Mayor; the Hull and East Yorkshire Leaders' Board; the Funeral Directors' issues that still needed resolving; the last General Election; the Government's decisions around the WASPI women; the recent Supreme Court ruling on Trans Rights; the riots in Hull during August, 2024, and the reduction in Personal Independence Payments.</p> <p>Agreed - That the replies of the Leaders of the Opposition Groups to the Leader's annual address to the Council, be noted.</p>	
10	<p>REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which explained that the Council's Constitution provided that it would be reviewed at the Annual Meeting of Council. The report, following consultation with the political groups in the Council, suggested possible changes/updates to the Constitution</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor Herrera-Richmond:</p> <p>That Council approves the amendments to the Constitution listed at Appendix 1 of the report, and summarised below, with immediate effect, which will continue in force unless and until amended or superseded by any new arrangements adopted by the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the number of co-optees on the Audit Committee be increased to 2 and the Independent Remuneration Panel to 5; b) to reflect changes arising from the establishment of the Mayoral Combined Authority for East Riding and Hull, including replacement of the Hull and East Riding Executive Joint Committee and consequent amendments to Terms of Reference of Scrutiny; 	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

	<p>c) amend the Scheme of Delegation to update the responsibilities of Chief Officers;</p> <p>d) update the financial threshold for the definition of a Key Decision to £500,000;</p> <p>e) update the financial threshold at which tenders are required to £75,000, and</p> <p>f) update the Council's Contract Procedure Rules to reflect changes required arising from the implementation of the Procurement Act, 2023, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
11	<p>APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which explained that the Council needed to determine the Committee structure it required to manage its business in the 2025/26 Municipal Year.</p> <p>Under the Local Government Act, 1972, the Council was required to review the allocation of seats to political groups at, or as soon as practicable after, each Annual Meeting of the Council. Having determined the Committee structure it required the Council to appoint and/or re-appoint Members to the Committees, Sub-Committees, Commissions and Panels, referred to as Committees from this point forward, of the Council for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.</p> <p>In doing so, the Council was required, under the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, to ensure that its Committees were politically balanced so they were representative of the overall political balance of the authority and complied with the principles established within the Act.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor McCobb:</p> <p>a) That the political balance on the Committees of the Council for the 2025/26 Municipal Year, as set out in the report, be agreed and the</p>	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

	<p>Committees be appointed as detailed below:</p> <p>b) Planning Committee (Councillors Belcher, Byrne, Gardiner, Hatcher, Healand, Henry, Keal, Kennett, Randall, Singh and D. Thompson, plus one Independent Group vacancy);</p> <p>c) Licensing Committee (Councillors Belcher, Cahill, Dearing, Dolman, Henry, K. Neal, T. Neal, Petrini, Randall, Raspin and Wood, plus one Independent Group vacancy);</p> <p>d) Audit Committee (Councillors M. Collinson, Henry, Herrera-Richmond, Kemp, McCobb, K. Neal and D. Thompson, plus two Labour and one Independent Group vacancies);</p> <p>e) Appeals Committee (Councillors Beeson, A. Collinson, Nicola, Payne and Wilkinson);</p> <p>f) Civic Committee (Councillors Cahill, M. Collinson, Dad, Fudge, Grozav, K. Neal, Payne, Petrini, Singh and Wilkinson);</p> <p>g) Independent Members Appointments Panel (Councillors Drake-Davis, Herrera-Richmond, McCobb, K. Neal, Nicola, Pritchard, D. Thompson);</p> <p>h) Appointments Committee (Councillors Chambers, Dad, Drake-Davis, Hale, Herrera-Richmond, Hofman and Ross);</p> <p>i) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (Councillors Burton, Gardiner, Hale, Hofman, Kemp, Pantelakis, Payne, Randall and Robinson);</p> <p>j) Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission (Councillors Burton, M. Collinson, Healand, Herrera-Richmond, Kemp, North, Preston, Wilkinson and Wood);</p> <p>k) Health and Social Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Commission (Councillors Burton, Henry, Kemp, Matthews, Payne, Randall, A. Thompson, Wareing and Wood);</p> <p>l) Children, Young People, Families and</p>	
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Learning Overview and Scrutiny Commission (Councillors M. Collinson, Dolman, Grozav, Henry, Kassim, Kemp, Kennett, Payne and A. Thompson), and

- m) Communities Overview and Scrutiny Commission (Councillors A. Collinson, Conner, Coward, Healand, Kemp, Nicola, Pantelakis, Randall and Wood).

Moved by Councillor Hale and seconded by Councillor Herrera-Richmond as an amendment:

That with immediate effect from Annual Council on 15th May, 2025, that in addition to the five existing scrutiny commissions:

- a) A Housing Scrutiny Commission is re-established in recognition of the importance of housing in terms of the additional regulation covering social housing and the likely additional responsibilities coming from national housing strategy and private housing areas.
- b) A Finance Scrutiny Commission is re-established given the significance financial pressures that are currently faced by this, and all Local Authority areas in the Country.

It is further proposed that Chairing of the Scrutiny Commissions should involve some Opposition Members, and it is therefore proposed that:

Two of the proposed five Commissions, excluding the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC), should be chaired by Opposition Members provided that combined Opposition Group Councillors number more than a fifth of the Council's membership.

One of the proposed five Commissions, excluding the OSMC, should be chaired by Opposition Members provided that Opposition Group Councillors number between 1-10 members of the Council's membership.

The Opposition should get first pick of the Commissions after the appointment of the Chair of the OSMC, and then selections should rotate

	<p>between the Administration and Opposition Councillors. Where there is more than one Opposition Group they would arrange their nominees between opposition groups.</p> <p>Councillors Ross, Nicola, Hofman, Herrera-Richmond, Bridges, Wareing, McMurray, Conner, Wilkinson, M. Collinson, Jepmond, Hatcher and North also spoke on this matter.</p> <p>Councillor Hale then exercised his right of reply on the amendment.</p> <p>Amendment lost. Motion carried.</p>	
	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>The meeting stood adjourned at 12.10 p.m. to enable the Area Committees to meet to appoint their Chairs and Deputy Chairs for the 2025/26 Municipal Year. The meeting reconvened at 12.25 p.m.</p>	
12	<p>APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which explained that Council needed to elect the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Committees of the Council. That was with the exception of the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Area Committees which had been appointed during the previous adjournment of the Council meeting.</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships then reported that, following the meetings of the Area Committees held earlier, the Chairs and Deputy Chairs had been agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Area Committee (Chair – Councillor McCobb, Deputy Chair – Councillor Dolman). <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships also reported that with the voting for the Chair and Deputy Chair of the East and West Area Committees being equal, no appointments had been made by those Area Committee. Therefore, as agreement had not been reached, Council would now vote on those positions.</p>	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor McCobb:

That Councillor Coward be appointed as Chair of the West Area Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

Moved by Councillor Herrera-Richmond and seconded by Councillor Hale as an amendment:

That Councillor Fudge be appointed as Chair of the West Area Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

**Amendment lost.
Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor McCobb:

That Councillor Henry be appointed as Deputy Chair of the West Area Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

Moved by Councillor Herrera-Richmond and seconded by Councillor Hale as an amendment:

That Councillor Grozav be appointed as Deputy Chair of the West Area Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

**Amendment lost.
Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor Dad:

That Councillor Cahill be appointed as Chair of the East Area Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

Moved by Councillor Herrera-Richmond and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson as an amendment:

That Councillor D. Thompson be appointed as Chair of the East Area Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

**Amendment lost.
Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by
Councillor Dad:**

That Councillor Kemp be appointed as Deputy Chair of the East Area Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

**Moved by Councillor Herrera-Richmond and
seconded by Councillor North as an amendment:**

That Councillor D. Thompson be appointed as Deputy Chair of the East Area Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

**Amendment lost.
Motion carried.**

On the conclusion of the above votes, the voting on the substantive item took place.

**Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by
Councillor Dad:**

That the following appointments to the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees be made:

- Planning Committee (Chair – Councillor Hatcher, Deputy Chair – Councillor Randall);
- Licensing Committee (Chair – Councillor Dolman, Deputy Chair – Councillor Randall);
- Audit Committee (Chair – K. Neal, Deputy Chair – Councillor McCobb);
- Appeals Committee (Chair – Councillor Payne, Deputy Chair – Councillor Beeson);
- Civic Committee (Chair – Councillor Payne, Deputy Chair – Councillor Dad);
- Independent Members Appointments Panel (Chair – Councillor K. Neal, Deputy Chair – Councillor McCobb);
- Appointments Committee (Chair – Councillor

	<p>Ross, Deputy Chair – Councillor Dad);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (Chair – Councillor Robinson, Deputy Chair – vacancy); • Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission (Chair – Councillor Burton, Deputy Chair – Councillor M. Collinson); • Health and Social Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Commission (Chair – Councillor Kemp, Deputy Chair – Councillor Payne); • Children, Young People, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Commission (Chair – Councillor Payne, Deputy Chair – Councillor Henry); • Communities Overview and Scrutiny Commission (Chair – Councillor Randall, Deputy Chair – Councillor Coward); • Health and Wellbeing Board (Chair – Councillor Chambers, Deputy Chair – Councillor Tock); • Corporate Parenting Board (Chair – Councillor Tock, Deputy Chair – Councillor Robinson), and • that the appointment of the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Area Committees, detailed above, be noted. <p>Motion carried.</p>	
	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>The meeting stood adjourned at 12.35 p.m. and reconvened at 1.10 p.m.</p>	
13	<p>COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE 2025/26</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which proposed the schedule of meetings for the 2025/26 Municipal Year as required by Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act, 1972.</p>	<p>Director of Legal Services and Partnerships</p>

	<p>Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor McCobb:</p> <p>That the Schedule of Meetings for the 2025/26 Municipal Year, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, subject to any necessary amendments by individual Committees, be agreed.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
14	<p>APPOINTMENTS TO JOINT COMMITTEES AND JOINT AUTHORITIES</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which included a schedule of Outside Bodies to which appointments were made on an annual basis.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor McCobb:</p> <p>a) That the political balance for outside bodies for the 2025/26 Municipal Year as set out in the report and reflected the nominations to outside bodies, be agreed and the Joint Committees and Joint Authorities appointed as follows:</p> <p>b) Humberside Combined Fire Authority (Councillors A. Collinson, Henry, Hofman, McMurray, T. Neal and North);</p> <p>c) Hull and Goole Port Health Authority (Councillors A. Collinson, Fudge, Henry, T. Neal, Pantelakis and Singh);</p> <p>d) Humberside Police and Crime Panel (Councillors Cahill, Kemp and Singh);</p> <p>e) Joint Committee for the Civil Enforcement of Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London (Councillor Ieronimo);</p> <p>f) Humber Bridge Board (Councillor Ieronimo);</p> <p>g) Hull History Centre Board (Councillors A. Collinson, M. Collinson, Herrera-Richmond and Singh);</p>	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

	<p>h) Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and Humber) (Councillor Kemp), and</p> <p>i) Hull Integrated Health and Care Partnership Joint Committee (Councillor Chambers).</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
15	<p>APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which presented the Joint Committees and Authorities to which appointments were made by Council on an annual basis. Council was asked to consider approving the Schedule of Joint Committee and Authority Appointments, to ensure that roles were filled in accordance with the guidance within the report.</p> <p>That, as the Leader agreed to hold discussions regarding the allocation of seats on Kingstown Works Limited and Hull Culture and Leisure, Councillor Hale withdrew his amendment.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor McCobb:</p> <p>That, the Schedule of Appointments to Outside Organisations, for the 2025/26 Municipal Year, be agreed.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships
16	<p>ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT</p> <p>The Statutory Scrutiny Officer submitted a report which explained that Hull City Council's five Overview and Scrutiny Commissions fulfilled the Council's statutory responsibility to review and scrutinise decisions and actions taken by the Council's Executive; monitor performance of Council Services, and contribute to policy development. Scrutiny also had various statutory functions in relation to crime and disorder; health, and the environment, and worked with partners to review and scrutinise those services. The report brought together the reports presented to the individual</p>	Statutory Scrutiny Officer

	<p>Scrutiny Commissions which reviewed the work; activity, and performance of the Commissions during the past year. The report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee prior to submission to Annual Council.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Payne:</p> <p>That the Annual Scrutiny Report be noted.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
17	<p>PAY POLICY STATEMENT FOR SENIOR OFFICERS 2025/26</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which sought approval to implement and publicise the City Council's Pay Policy Statement for Senior Officers 2025/26 in accordance with Section 38 of the Localism Act, 2011. The Pay Policy Statement was attached as Appendix 1 of the report</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Dolman and seconded by Councillor Dad:</p> <p>That the Pay Policy Statement for Senior Officers 2025/26 be approved for implementation and publication.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	<p>Director of Legal Services and Partnerships</p>
18	<p>NOTICE OF MOTION</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Hale and seconded by Councillor McCobb as an amended motion:</p> <p>An earlier proposed review of Area Committees mooted in 2024 has not happened leading to a geographical and numerical imbalance between the Area Committee sizes (West 14; East 20, and North 23), and a perceived by some loss of localism.</p> <p>Council therefore proposes to have a full and comprehensive review of the Area Committees including cross party Elected Members to report to Council no later than September, 2025, as part of which it will consider the suitable size of Area</p>	

	<p>Committees.</p> <p>New proposals should seek to be implemented no later than January, 2026.</p> <p>With the agreement of the Chamber, and as per paragraph 19.10.3 of the Council Procedure Rules, the voting on the motion was taken in parts.</p> <p>Paragraphs one and two carried. Paragraph three lost.</p>	
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Start: 10.00 a.m.
Finish: 1.30 p.m.