

Councillor Phillip A Leason MBE JP (Mayor)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

K M Aspin	R Kenney
J A Barron	A M Loughran
F E Beatty	B McKeown
E L Carter	A R McNaughton
R P Cooke	D M McNaughton
A G Cooper	A Nixon
B M Cross	L Nixon
M G Dodson	G P K Pardesi
A P Edgeller	A N Pearce
P C Edgeller	J M Pert
I D Fordham	J S Powell
A T A Godfrey	J P Read
A D Hobbs	A F Reid
J Hood	J T Rose
F D J James	D P Rouxel
R A James	S N Spencer
E G R Jones	J Thorley
P W Jones	M J Winnington

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr I Curran	-	Head of Law and Governance
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

C1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J A Nixon and M Phillips.

C2 Election of Mayor

RESOLVED:- that under the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor A G Cooper be hereby elected Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until his successor becomes entitled to act in that Office.

(Councillor A G Cooper was then invited to enter the Theatre and took the Chair. He was informed of and was congratulated upon his election as

Mayor of the Borough and, having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and taken the Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, expressed his appreciation to the Council for the confidence it was now placing on him).

Councillor Andy Cooper, Mayor (in the Chair)

C3 Mayor's Chaplin

The Mayor appointed Reverend Prebendary Geoffrey Staton as his Chaplain.

C4 Retiring Mayor

RESOLVED:- that the Council's appreciation of the services rendered by Councillor P A Leason be recorded.

C5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

RESOLVED:- that Councillor A Nixon be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the period up to the next Annual Council meeting.

C6 Election of Leader of the Council

RESOLVED:- that Councillor A T A Godfrey be appointed Leader of the Council.

C7 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023 as previously circulated, were submitted and signed.

MAYOR