

**COUNCIL BUSINESS
COMMITTEE**

6.00 P.M.

16TH SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT:- Councillors Joyce Pritchard (Chair), Darren Clifford, Adrian De La Mare,
Paul Stubbins and David Whitaker
Geoff Knight (Substitute)

Apologies for Absence:

Victoria Boyd-Power
Katie Whearty

Officers in attendance:

Debbie Chambers	Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Alec Reid	Democratic Support Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Victoria Boyd-Power and Katie Whearty

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council Business Committee for the municipal year 2021-22.

It was proposed and seconded:

“That Councillor David Whitaker be appointed Vice-Chair of the Council Business Committee for the municipal year 2021-22”.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared the proposal to be carried.

Resolved:

That Councillor David Whitaker be appointed Vice-Chair of the Council Business Committee for the municipal year 2021-22.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of 25th March 2021 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor De La Mare declared an interest in Item 6 as he is Chair of Budget and Performance Panel, and therefore would not participate in the vote.

6 PLATINUM JUBILEE CIVIC HONOURS COMPETITION FOR LORD MAYORALTY

The Head of Democratic Services presented a report which requested the Committee to consider whether the Council should respond to an invitation from Lord True CBE, Minister of State at the Cabinet Office, writing on behalf of Chloe Smith, Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution, to submit an application for a Lord Mayoralty.

It was reported that the invitation was part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations taking place in 2022 and the Queen would confer Lord Mayor status under royal prerogative on a city council.

Members were informed that, if the bid were successful, the Council would need to invest financially in the enhanced profile of the mayoralty if the application was successful. They were also reminded that the Council's previous applications for a Lord Mayoralty had been unsuccessful.

The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of submitting an application as well as financial implications, current resources and staffing. Councillor De La Mare queried the physical resources for the bid and suggested an amendment regarding limiting costs and spending, however, this was not seconded.

It was proposed by Councillor Darren Clifford and seconded by Councillor David Whitaker.

"That the Council should submit an application for Lord Mayoralty. It should recognise that such support must embrace a commitment for the Council to invest financially in the enhanced profile of the mayoralty."

It was agreed by all, and the Chair declared the proposal to be carried.

Resolved:

That the Council should submit an application for Lord Mayoralty. It should recognise that such support must embrace a commitment for the Council to invest financially in the enhanced profile of the mayoralty.

7 CHANGE TO DATES OF BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL MEETINGS

The Head of Democratic Services presented a report requesting Members to approve that the dates for Budget and Performance Panel meetings be changed from those approved by Council Business Committee on the 10th of December 2020.

It was proposed by Councillor Knight and seconded by Councillor Stubbins.

It was agreed by all, and the Chair declared the proposal to be carried.

Resolved:

That the dates for Budget and Performance Panel meetings be changed for the remainder of the 2021/22 municipal year to:

Wednesday, 6th October 2021
Thursday, 18th November 2021
Wednesday, 2nd February 2022
Thursday, 17th March 2022

8 URGENT BUSINESS DECISION TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS

The Head of Democratic Services presented a report of the Chief Executive, which informed Members of an urgent decision taken in consultation with the Chair of Council Business Committee to approve variations to dates, times and, in particular, venues for meetings due to the effects of the pandemic. The report was noted by Members.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 6.25 p.m.)

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