

Minutes of a meeting of the **SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Wednesday, 15 May 2024 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

A R Woolf (Chairman)
J Whitbourn (Vice-Chairman)

B Alcock	N Chapman	J L Reynolds
D Ashby	S Chauhan	G P Scalese
J R Astill	L J Eldridge	I Sheard
J Avery	M Geaney	S-A Slade
P Barnes	R A Gibson	E J Sneath
A C Beal	A Harrison	T Sneath
H J W Bingham	M Hasan	J Tyrrell
M D Booth	J L King	D J Wilkinson
C J T H Brewis	J Le Sage	C N Worth
T A Carter	M Le Sage	
A Casson	P A Redgate	

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Councillors S Hutchinson, A Spencer, G J Taylor and A C Tennant.

In Attendance: The Chief Executive, the Joint Deputy Chief Executive – Programme Delivery and Assistant Director – General Fund Assets, the Assistant Director – Governance (Monitoring Officer), the Assistant Director – Corporate, the Assistant Director – Wellbeing and Community Leadership, the Service Manager (Safer Communities), the Head of HR and Organisational Development, the Democratic Services Manager and the Democratic Services Team Leader.

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

The Assistant Director – Governance invited nominations for the election of Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. Councillor A Woolf was nominated and seconded.

DECISION:

That Councillor A Woolf be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

(Councillor A Woolf thereupon took the Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.)

2. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the appointment of a Vice

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Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. Councillor J Whitbourn was nominated and seconded.

DECISION:

That Councillor J Whitbourn be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

(Councillor Whitbourn thereupon signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.)

3. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the following meetings:

Council – 29 February 2024
Special Council – 28 March 2024

Councillor Barnes requested a correction to the minutes of Special Council on 28 March 2024. With regard to the question raised around no response being provided to a request that had been made earlier in the month with regard to further information around pay banding, Councillor Barnes stated that the response given advising that information was available on the website had not answered the question posed on the night. He also stated that on the evening, officers had been aware that a question had been asked earlier in the month but were not aware that it had not been answered

DECISION:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 29 February 2024 be signed as a correct record; and
- b) That subject to the clarification requested, that the minutes of the meeting of Special Council on 28 March 2024 be signed as a correct record.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillors C J T H Brewis and J Astill did not have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but in the interests of transparency declared that, in relation to agenda item 18, they represented the Council as Directors on the Board of PSPS Ltd. They would take no part in the discussion and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

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5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Councillor Woolf thanked members for voting for him again. He stated that being Chairman was a privilege and an honour, and that he had very much enjoyed his past year as Chairman.

His main aim in his first year as Chairman had been to raise as much money as possible for the two charities that he had supported – Blood Cancer UK and MENCAP. He announced that the most successful event in regard to fundraising had been his recent Chairman's Ball, which had raised £4,308, and that the total amount raised over the year had been £9,547.

The Chairman reminded members that details of events that he had attended as Chairman could be viewed under the Chairman's Log on the Council's website.

The Chairman advised that his next event was a Coffee Morning in Weston Hills on 15 June 2024. He also stated that he was hoping to repeat the Open Air Cinema event in Ayscoughfee Gardens on 12 and 13 July 2024.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

The Leader made the following announcements:

The Leader firstly congratulated the Chairman on the money raised at his recent Ball – it had been a very enjoyable night for all those that had attended. He wished him well for the year ahead.

The Leader commented that he was always conscious of the need to make financial savings wherever possible and to this end, he would be reducing the number of Deputy Leaders from two to one. The new Deputy Leader would be Councillor P Redgate. The Leader thanked Councillors T Carter and G Taylor for all their support as Deputy Leaders over the past year.

As a result, some changes would be made to portfolio responsibilities which would be circulated in due course – in brief:

- Councillor T Carter would be responsible for all functions relating to Housing, both Strategic and Operational;
- Councillor G Taylor, in addition to his other responsibilities would take on responsibility for community development, district events, community assets register and community cohesion and support (including play schemes, open spaces, community and voluntary sector support);

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- Councillor H Bingham would take on responsibility for all functions relating to the South Holland Centre and Ayscoughfee Hall and Museum (both operational and strategic), along with Facility Management;
- Councillor A Casson would be responsible for all enforcement functions (taking on responsibility for District Safety, Crime and Disorder, Police, CCTV, Anti-Social Behaviour);
- Councillor P Redgate would take on responsibility for Community Inward Investment and Grants for Growth;
- Councillor E Sneath would take on responsibility for Tourism;
- Councillor N Worth would take on responsibility for Markets

The Leader also commented that it had been a year since the local elections and with this in mind, he wished to reflect on some of the achievements made so far, and the work that still lay ahead:

- The distribution of millions of pounds through the UKSPF programme, to all areas of the District as promised, had supported almost 50 projects and organisations working in South Holland and enabled incredible work, such as the return of Matthew Flinders to Donington, the Long Sutton Youth Shed, and support for the Boxes of Hope scheme
- The purchase of a new depot to support the impending weekly food waste collections in 2026.
- A record 76 new homes delivered for local residents by the Council and Welland Homes, the most successful year of housing delivery the Council had recorded, along with a six-figure charitable donation to local causes from Welland Homes' profit
- Hundreds of residents' properties had been improved through the Home Upgrade Grants scheme, saving them money on their annual bills and reducing the district's CO2 production.
- The great progress and expansion of the Authority's dedicated homelessness, cost of living and domestic abuse teams, who provided compassion and support to those residents who needed it most, and for doing this whilst still coming in under budget.
- The creation of a new housing transformation team to deliver the Authority's ambitious new housing landlord strategy, with tenants at the forefront of decision-making and service provision
- An increased number of prosecutions and fines for anti-social behaviour, littering and fly-tipping through the Council's enviro-crime team, following resident calls for this to be an area of focus

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- The Council's ongoing work alongside stall holders to purchase new gazebos and covers for markets, as well as holding the first Teenage Markets in the district to support the traders of tomorrow
- Review and improvement of council assets, which included public toilets, car parking machines and spaces and the installation of 7 new life-saving defibrillators across Spalding
- A project with the LTA to refurbish the tennis courts at Ayscoughfee, transforming the look and condition of the courts and creating a fantastic place to learn and play
- An extensive programme of investment and improvement works to 14 community centres across the District to better support its Sheltered Housing tenants had been agreed.
- The continued work and expansion of shared opportunities as part of the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership, delivering efficient and the best services possible across the sub-region and delivering huge cost savings to residents
- Securing £20million for Spalding for the next ten years through the Long-Term Plan for Towns, and creating a new Town Board of local, experienced and passionate individuals to ensure it had the maximum possible benefit
- Work to establish a new nationwide Special Interest Group around fairer funding of internal drainage boards.
- Important steps forward on the plans to deliver the new, transformational £26 million South Holland Health and Wellbeing Hub.
- Successfully bidding for funding and preparing for the renovation of the Lutyens memorial at Ayscoughfee, helping to safeguard and reinvigorate a unique local landmark
- The agreement of a budget and monitoring of ongoing savings plans to ensure a minimum budget gap in future years, protecting the council's vital services.

The Leader thanked all those who had helped make achievements to date possible, which included staff, fellow councillors and the brilliant partner organisations, local businesses and community groups. He looked forward to continuing to strive to improve, develop and deliver moving forwards.

In the absence of the Portfolio Holder for Community Development, the Portfolio Holder for Finance provided an update on the Wellbeing Hub. Members of the public and Councillors were thanked for their engagement and feedback as part of the pre-application consultation that had recently taken place.

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Feedback on responses to the consultation would be made available to Councillors next week, along with a Member briefing providing a full update. The planning application was now being prepared for submission on Friday 17 May – all members were asked to look at this and provide positive feedback on the application as it was important to get this right. All comments from residents were also welcomed.

The Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Conservation and Heritage and Tourism announced that confirmation had been received of continued funding from the Government which allowed the Authority to extend the Household Support Fund. This fund had allowed the Authority to support many struggling residents, particularly those that may not have been eligible for other government support. The total grant for Lincolnshire was £5.5million, with around 34% being made available for the seven District Councils. SHDC should receive approximately £223,000. As before, the Authority would work with the Lincolnshire Community Foundation to open up a public application process, and retain about half to support food banks, charities and NHS neighbourhood teams. It was hoped to start local support in early June, with all money allocated by 30 September 2024.

7. QUESTIONS ASKED ON NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER 6

There were none.

8. QUESTIONS ASKED WITHOUT NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER 7

Question to: Councillor Bingham
Question from: Councillor King
Subject: Aviary at Ayscoughfee Gardens

Councillor King commented that she had spoken last year to the Portfolio Holder at the time regarding the aviary at Ayscoughfee and provided a number of suggestions to improve the welfare of the birds. She had not seen much improvement and requested an update on the situation. Councillor Bingham commented that animal welfare was important and that the aviary was a vital part of Ayscoughfee Gardens. He had only very recently taken responsibility for this issue within his portfolio and advised that he would ascertain the situation as soon as possible.

Question to: Councillor Bingham
Question from: Councillor J LeSage
Subject: Johnson Water Fountain - signage

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Councillor J LeSage commented on the lack of signage alongside the Johnson Water Fountain in Ayscoughfee Gardens. Information on its history and what it represented was required – when would this be installed? Councillor Bingham believed that some work had been undertaken regarding signage – he would find out what the position was and respond with a timeframe.

Question to: Councillor Tyrrell
Question from: Councillor Beal
Subject: Update on depot

Councillor Beal asked for an update on the Authority's new depot, and when it was anticipated to be up and running? Councillor Tyrrell advised that there had been some teething problems, but that an open day was planned and he would advise when this would be.

Question to: Councillor Worth
Question from: Councillor Scalese
Subject:

Councillor Scalese understood that there had been another meeting of the Spalding Town Board – could an update be provided? Councillor Worth responded that both he and Councillor Gibson had attended a workshop session on Friday. This had been a very productive exercise and feedback from it would now be fed into the process. The next phase would be a general consultation, and an online survey would be launched this week. As part of the workshop, Rose Regeneration had been appointed to draft a vision and an emerging investment plan by the end of May, and this would also be consulted on. The YMCA would be working with younger people – it was important to engage with them to see what their views were. With regard to funding, following the initial receipt of £50,000 to set up the Town Board, confirmation had just been received regarding receipt of a further £200,000 to develop the investment plan and vision. Further funding should be received next year.

Question to: Councillor Bingham
Question from: Councillor Sheard
Subject: Lime trees to rear of Ayscoughfee

Councillor Sheard commented that lime trees to the rear of Ayscoughfee Gardens had become overgrown and were causing damage to the wall bordering Love Lane. It was understood that the pollarding of these trees had been discussed in 2022, and that the work had been signed off and paid for in September/October

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2023 but the work had not yet been carried out. Why had this work not been carried out and when would it be done? Councillor Bingham stated that if work had been scheduled there would be a reason for possible delays, but that he would find out what the timeframe was for this work. He believed however that the work was in hand.

Question to: Councillor Astill

Question from: Councillor Harrison

Subject: Update on Customer Service performance

Councillor Harrison requested an update on the performance of Customer Services. Councillor Astill responded that 2023/24 had been a good year for the Customer Services Team. Three out of the four Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) had been green across the whole year and one of them was not. There would be a new set of KPIs effective from 1 April 2024 and a copy of these would be distributed to all members. He would also shortly be receiving an analysis report on the 2023/24 year and this would also be distributed. At a previous meeting he had been asked a question regarding the Out of Hours service and some work was now being undertaken to look at the performance of this alongside the internal Customer Services Team, and he had asked that this data also be included with the Performance Reporting for all Councillors to see.

Question to: Councillor Redgate

Question from: Councillor Brewis

Subject: IDB Special Interest Group progress

Councillor Brewis asked if there had been any further progress with Central Government in relation to the work of the IDB Special Interest Group (SIG). Councillor Redgate advised that final determination of the split of the £3 million that the authorities most affected were presented with at the settlement in January 2024 was still awaited. The SIG had written to the Government once again regarding a long-term funding solution. Councillor Redgate was clear that pace around this issue should be maintained. There were now 31 members of the SIG – membership was increasing as some authorities which had previously had small precepts were now seeing a significant increase in their precepts compared to previous years. The SIG, as part of the District Council Network would be meeting with other councils and MPs on 5 June to press forward on this. It was hoped that this issue would be dealt with before Parliament's summer recess and before a General Election.

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Question to: Councillor Tyrrell
Question from: Councillor Geaney
Subject: Appointment of Head of Environmental Services

Councillor Geaney stated that the Head of Environmental Services had left the Authority – what was the progress on appointing a new head of this service? Councillor Tyrrell responded that an individual had been appointed and that their name and start date would be circulated in due course.

Question to: Councillor Redgate
Question from: Councillor Wilkinson
Subject: UKSPF

Councillor Wilkinson stated that as part of the UKSPF fund distribution, the Council had engaged two partners (YMCA and LCF). Could details on the numbers of successful and unsuccessful applicants that had been assisted by these two partner organisations be provided? Was the Authority receiving value for money? Councillor Redgate advised that he could not provide the exact detail at the meeting but would provide a response to all members shortly. He did comment that the two bodies engaged with were specialists in their field.

Question to: Councillor Tyrrell and Councillor Casson
Question from: Councillor J LeSage
Subject: Early presentation of refuse

Councillor James LeSage stated that he had on a previous occasion raised the problem of early presentation of refuse in his ward (St John's). This problem persisted - could a letter be sent to residents in the area, or stickers applied to bags to highlight the problem. Councillor Tyrrell responded to advise that stickers were already applied, that individuals were notified and posts added to Facebook to advise the public not to present their rubbish before they should. Councillor Casson also advised that the Authority was advised of individuals who did this on a regular basis, and that the Enviro-Crime Officers could address these issues by notifying people, posting letters through door and posts on Facebook to advise regarding early presentation. Councillor Casson requested that Councillor J LeSage send him details of regular offenders so that the enviro-crime officers could address the issue.

Question to: Councillor Tyrrell
Question from: Councillor Sheard
Subject: Bank Holiday refuse collections

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Councillor Sheard commented that the refuse collection for the Early May Bank Holiday had not been altered in the same way as all other Bank Holiday collections were dealt with. This had confused members and residents. Had the information been missed from the information charts advising of collection changes, and why was there no consistency? Councillor Tyrrell responded that the decision had been made to keep refuse collections unchanged over the Early May Bank Holiday as it coincided with the Spalding Flower Parade. Any change would have meant that there would have been additional waste to collect. For this reason, the chart advising residents of changes to Bank Holiday collections had not included a change of date for this Bank Holiday weekend.

Question to: Councillor Casson

Question from: Councillor T Sneath

Subject: Environmental Crime Enforcement - number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued and amount of income received by the Council

Councillor T Sneath stated that the Environmental Crime Enforcement contract had been in operation for about a year. How many Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) had been issued by the contractor, and how much income had SHDC received via the contractual income sharing agreement. Councillor Casson did not have the figures to hand but advised that he would obtain and circulate them to members. He stated that a higher income was received from FPNs for littering than fly-tipping, as the latter was more difficult and time-consuming to process. He also commented that monies received through the income sharing agreement were reinvested in items such as new cameras, uniforms etc.

Question to: Councillor Worth

Question from: Councillor Alcock

Subject: Inequity of receipt of non-domestic rates relating to offshore renewable energy schemes

Councillor Alcock referred to the earlier question regarding Internal Drainage Boards and asked whether consideration had been given to setting up a special interest group to address the issue of offshore renewable energy schemes – as he understood it, the authority at the landfall sites benefited from the non-domestic rates, irrespective of where the buildings to service them were required to be sited. If this was the case, could work be undertaken jointly to either address the unfairness of the situation (this area was likely to be gaining a number of unattractive buildings for no benefit) or could the situation be changed

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nationally, or locally with partners to achieve a more equitable situation where all authorities gained some rates benefit from the schemes. Councillor Worth responded that he had written recently to the minister on this very issue. The scheme in question provided benefit to ELDC but none to BBC and SHDC. He was happy to keep taking up this issue. It had been raised with Greater Lincolnshire Leaders and the Leader of the County Council has suggested that all Leaders from Greater Lincolnshire authorities get together to lobby on this, in addition to the issue of solar farms and pylons. Councillor Worth was not confident of change but would pursue the lobbying option and would forward Councillor Alcock the email response that he had received from the Minister.

Question to: Councillor Worth

Question from: Councillor Sheard

Subject: Pharmacies offering additional health services to the public

Councillor Sheard commented that at a previous meeting, it had been stated that there was an intention to draw up a list of pharmacies across South Holland that offered additional health services to the public – had this been compiled and where could it be viewed. Councillor Worth explained that this issue had arisen following a presentation by Councillor Scalese who was SHDC's representative on the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire. The report was provided by her purely to feed information back from the Committee to give councillors an awareness of what was being discussed, and it was not within the Authority's remit to deal with issues that arose within the report. He suggested that Councillor Scalese could raise the issue at the next meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee and obtain the information directly from them.

9. REPORT FROM CABINET MEETING ON 26 MARCH 2024

Consideration was given to the report of the Cabinet which sought approval for the Cabinet's recommendations.

2023/24 Quarter Three Finance update

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented the report – he advised that the purpose of the report was for Full Council to amend the Capital Programme at Appendix A, and he also gave the following overview of the financial position:

- General Fund revenue forecast
The Quarter 3 report forecasted a deficit position of £340,000 at the

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year-end. However, the current year end position was in the process of being finalised, with a view to finalising the outturn at the end of May for 2023/24. The position was now looking more favourable. In addition, in Quarter 2 a release from reserves of £300,00 of the NHB received had been approved, and the Quarter 3 reserves position reflected this approval.

- **Housing Revenue Account revenue forecast**
With regards to the HRA, Table 3a there were budget variances taking place due to: inflationary pressures, demand for services, and new more demanding statutory responsibilities, in addition to some budget adjustments that were taking place. The overall revenue position at that time was a projected surplus of £1.598million.
- **Capital: General Fund (GF)/Housing Revenue Account (HRA)**
For Capital, Tables 4 and 7 provided details of all capital schemes. The revised capital budget as at Q3 for the General Fund was £8.865million, slippage for the capital scheme was approved as part of the 2024/25 budget setting process and for the HRA the revised capital programme was £23.897million. Changes to the capital programme were now also being clearly tracked to provide transparency of changes between one report to another.
- **Treasury**
With regards to Treasury Management, the Council's cash continued to perform well with £298,000 achieved in excess of budget, and performance in this area continued in a positive direction.

DECISION:

That the Capital Programme at Appendix A – Table 4 be amended, to take into account the changes set out in this report.

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the following Committees and Panels were noted:

- Licensing Committee – 28 February 2024
- Planning Committee – 6 March 2024
- Governance and Audit Committee – 14 March 2024
- Performance Monitoring Panel – 19 March 2024
- Policy Development Panel – 9 April 2024
- Planning Committee – 10 April 2024

11. KEY DECISION PLAN

Consideration was given to the Key Decision Plan.

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DECISION:

That the Key Decision Plan be noted.

**12. WORKFORCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ALIGNMENT
ACROSS THE SOUTH & EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS
PARTNERSHIP**

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director – Corporate which brought forward a process for aligning Terms and Conditions and sought agreement to commence delivery.

The Portfolio Holder – Corporate, Governance and Communications presented the report.

DECISION:

- a) That Council delegates authority to the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Corporate, Governance and Communications, to:
 - i. Review, determine phasing, and undertake consultation(s) on revised workforce Terms and Conditions of employment to seek greater alignment across the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership, subject to financial thresholds; and
 - ii. Implement revised Terms and Conditions after each phase
- b) That, following completion of the consultation(s), delegated authority be granted to the Head of Paid Service to revise HR policies as might be required to facilitate alignment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Corporate, Governance and Communications and Policy Development Panel.

13. REAPPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director – Governance (Monitoring Officer) which sought approval for the re-appointment of the Independent Person.

The Assistant Director – Governance (Monitoring Officer) presented the report.

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DECISION:

That the current Independent Person, Mike Sofianos be reappointed for the period 15 May 2024 until the annual Council meeting in May 2027.

14. POLITICAL GROUP REGULATIONS, COMMITTEE/OUTSIDE BODY MEMBERSHIP REVIEW AND 2024/25 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director – Governance (Monitoring Officer) which sought to confirm: a) in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, appointments to committees and outside bodies and to review membership; and b) To agree the 2024/25 Schedule of Meetings.

The Assistant Director – Governance (Monitoring Officer) presented the report.

The following Committee proposed nominations/changes were reported to Council:

- Councillor A Harrison be removed as a member of the Performance Monitoring Panel, leaving one vacancy on the Panel;
- Councillor A Harrison to replace Councillor S Slade as a member of the Policy Development Panel;
- Councillor P Redgate to replace Councillor T Carter as a member of the Chief Officer Employment Panel;
- Councillor T Carter to replace Councillor E Sneath as a Substitute member of the Chief Officer Employment Panel;
- Councillor E Sneath to replace Councillor P Redgate as a member of the Chief Officer Employment Appeals Panel

The following Outside Body proposed appointments/changes were reported to Council:

- Citizens Advice Bureau – Board of Trustees - Councillor A Beal to be removed from the Board of Trustees of this outside body;
- East Midlands Councils – Councillor P Redgate be nominated to replace Councillor G Taylor to represent as Substitute member of this outside body;
- Lincolnshire Waste Partnership – Councillor T Sneath to be nominated to represent as a member of this outside body;
- PATROL UK – Councillor P Barnes to be nominated to represent as a member of this outside body;

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- Southeast Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee – Councillors A Beal, A Woolf and S Hutchinson be nominated to represent as Substitute members of this outside body;
- South Holland in Bloom Advisory Committee – Councillor I Sheard to be nominated to represent as a member of this outside body;
- South Holland Parish Voluntary Car Scheme – Councillor C J T H Brewis be nominated to represent as a member of this outside body;
- Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board – Councillor R Gibson to be removed as member of this outside body

DECISION:

- 1) That the following Committees be appointed in accordance with political group regulations:
 - Planning Committee;
 - Governance and Audit Committee;
 - Performance Monitoring Panel;
 - Policy Development Panel;
 - Licensing Committee;
 - Committee of the Licensing Authority;
 - Chief Officer Employment Panel
 - Chief Officer Employment Appeals Panel
- 2) That the following Committees be appointed without being politically balanced:
 - Standards Panel;
 - Appeals Panel;
 - Settlements Agreements Sub-Committee;
 - Independent Panel
- 3) That the Councillor Development Working Group be re-appointed to, reflecting cross party membership
- 4) That following a review of current Committee and Panel membership as set out in Appendix A, and Outside Body membership as set out in Appendix B, the following changes be agreed:
 - Councillor A Harrison be removed as a member of the Performance Monitoring Panel;
 - Councillor A Harrison to replace Councillor S Slade as a member of the Policy Development Panel;

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- Councillor P Redgate to replace Councillor T Carter as a member of the Chief Officer Employment Panel;
 - Councillor T Carter to replace Councillor E Sneath as a Substitute member of the Chief Officer Employment Panel;
 - Councillor E Sneath to replace Councillor P Redgate as a member of the Chief Officer Employment Appeals Panel
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- Councillor A Beal to be removed from the Citizens Advice Bureau – Board of Trustees;
 - Councillor P Redgate to replace Councillor G Taylor as Substitute member of East Midlands Councils;
 - Councillor T Sneath to be appointed to represent on the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership;
 - Councillor P Barnes to be appointed to represent on PATROL UK;
 - Councillors A Beal, A Woolf and S Hutchinson be appointed as Substitute members on the Southeast Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee;
 - Councillor I Sheard be appointed to represent on the South Holland in Bloom Advisory Committee;
 - Councillor C J T H Brewis be appointed to represent on South Holland Parish Voluntary Car Scheme;
 - Councillor R Gibson to be removed from the Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board
- 5) That any reference to the Shared Memorandum of Agreement Committee be removed from the Constitution as the Committee is no longer required.
- 6) That Council approve Council meeting dates and its' Committee meeting dates, and notes the proposed dates for Cabinet meetings for the Council Municipal Year 2024/25 (Appendix C).
- 7) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Chairman to amend or cancel meeting dates as necessary, subject to compliance with any constitutional requirements where an agenda has already been published.

15. NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEES AND OTHER SEATS AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION.

There were none. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies had been dealt with during the previous item.

16. HEALTH SCRUTINY FOR LINCOLNSHIRE REPORT

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Consideration was given to the report of Councillor Scalese in respect of Health Scrutiny for Lincolnshire.

DECISION:

That the report be noted.

17. APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP SERVICES BOARD AND APPROVAL FOR PSPS TO PROVIDE NON-COUNCIL EMPLOYEE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMUNERATION

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director – Corporate which sought approval for the appointment of an Independent Non-Executive Director to the Public Sector Partnership Services Board to support the company's development; and to provide approval for PSPS to have discretion in regard to remuneration for non-Council employee Non-Executive Directors.

The Leader of the Council presented the report.

DECISION:

- 1) That the appointment of the candidate identified at Appendix A be approved as the Council's Independent Non-Executive Director on the Public Sector Partnership Services Board;
- 2) That Council, as a founding Shareholder to PSPS, and subject to the same decision by the other founding Shareholder, requests the Assistant Director – Corporate write to PSPS to grant the company discretion to remunerate non-Council employee Non-Executive Directors.

(Councillor C J T H Brewis and J Astill left the meeting at the start of consideration of this item and returned following discussion of it).

18. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

DECISION:

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Under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

20. SERVICE REALIGNMENT - HOUSING STANDARDS

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director – Wellbeing and Community Leadership which sought member approval to implement a Partnership-wide service structure in the ‘Wellbeing and Community Leadership’ Directorate for Housing Standards.

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Operational Housing presented the report.

DECISION:

That the recommendations detailed within the exempt report be approved.

21. TRUSTEE REPORT (THE SIR HALLEY STEWART PLAYING FIELD)

Consideration was given to the report of the Joint Deputy Chief Executive – Programme Delivery and Assistant Director – General Fund Assets which reported on Trustee matters.

The report was presented by the Joint Deputy Chief Executive – Programme Delivery and Assistant Director – General Fund Assets.

DECISION:

That the recommendations detailed within the exempt report be approved.

(The meeting ended at 8.15 pm)

(End of minutes)