

Council

Minutes

Thursday, 09 November 2017 at 19:00

Present :

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor Robinson-Payne (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Annison, Bensly, Borg, B Coleman, M Coleman, Cutting, Davis, Fairhead, Flaxman-Taylor, Grant, A Grey, K Grey, Hacon, Hanton, Hammond, Jeal, Mavroudis, Myers, Plant, Pratt, Reynolds, Smith, Stenhouse, Thirtle, Wainwright, Walch, Walker, Weymouth, Williamson and Wright.

Also in attendance :

Mrs S Oxtoby (Chief Executive Officer), Mr D Johnson (Monitoring Officer) and Mr R Hodds (Corporate Governance Manager)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Connell, Jones, Rodwell and Waters-Bunn.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 FOUR YEARLY ELECTIONS LOCAL REFERENDUM RESULTS

Council considered the Head of Organisational Development's report which advised Council on the outcome of the Local Referendum on a possible change from election by thirds to election of the whole Council once every four years.

The Monitoring Officer reported that the Local Government Act 1972 established the current Electoral Scheme for Local Authorities in England. Under the Local Government and Public Involvement and Health Act 2007 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, the Monitoring Officer reported that if the Council wished to move from election by thirds to whole Council elections the Council must consult such persons as it thinks appropriate on the proposed change and convene a special meeting of Council to consider the proposed change. Council must at that special meeting pass a resolution to change by a two thirds majority of those voting. The Council will also be required to publish an explanatory document on the decision and make this available for public inspection and to also give notice on this decision to the Electoral Commission.

Councillor Plant made the point that the results of the non binding Referendum had been very clear and that Members should take notice of the public wishes on this matter. Councillor Wainwright endorsed the comments made by the Leader with regard to the Public Referendum on this matter.

Proposer : Councillor Plant

Seconder : Councillor Wainwright

That approval be given to change to whole Council elections once every four years, with effect from May 2019.

Proposer : Councillor K Grey

Seconder : Councillor A Grey

That a recorded vote be taken on the above resolution.

CARRIED

For the resolution :- Councillors Annison, Bensly, Borg, B Coleman, M Coleman, Davis, Fairhead, Flaxman-Taylor, Grant, A Grey, K Grey, Hacon, Hammond, Hanton, Jeal, Lawn, Mavroudis, Plant, Pratt, Reynolds, Robinson-Payne, Smith, Stenhouse, Thirtle, Wainwright, Walker, Weymouth, Williamson and Wright.

Against the resolution :- Councillors Andrews, Cutting, Myers and Walch

Abstentions :- None

For the resolution 29 votes, against the resolution 4 votes, abstentions nil

Resolution - CARRIED.

The meeting ended at: 19:15