

## **BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

At the Annual Meeting of Boston Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Boston on Monday, 16th May, 2022 at 6.30 pm

Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Frank Pickett), in the Chair  
Councillors Tom Ashton, Tracey Abbott, Alison Austin, Richard Austin BEM, Peter Bedford, Katie Chalmers, Michael Cooper, George Cornah, Anton Dani, Anne Dorrian, Paul Goodale, Neill Hastie, Martin Howard, Jonathan Noble, Brian Rush, Judith Skinner, Paul Skinner, Yvonne Stevens, Chelcei Trafford, Peter Watson, Judy Welbourn, Nigel Welton and Stephen Woodliffe

Officers – Chief Executive, Assistant Director – Governance Monitoring Officer, Deputy Chief Executive – Communities, Democratic Services Officers and Civic and Member Services Officer.

### **1 TO ELECT THE MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor Peter Bedford, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and

**RESLOVED that Councillor Anne Dorrian be elected Mayor of the Borough of Boston to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.**

The Mayor Elect thereupon made the declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972, took the Chair, and acknowledged the honour that had been conferred on her.

(The Mayor in the Chair.)

### **2 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by Peter Watson and

**RESOLVED that Councillor Brian Rush be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Boston to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.**

### **3 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Alan Bell, Deborah Evans, Martin Griggs, Aaron Spencer and David Brown

### **4 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor George Cornah and

**RESOLVED that the best of thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Frank Pickett for the professional way in which he carried out his duties during his period of Office, and to Mrs. Sandra Pickett for supporting the Mayor in her role as Mayoress.**

The Mayor presented a Borough Plaque and a Past Mayor's Badge to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Frank Pickett, who then addressed the meeting.

## **5 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

It was moved by the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Frank Pickett, seconded by Councillor Anton Dani and

**RESOLVED that the best of thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Tom Ashton for the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties as Deputy Mayor during the period of Office and to Miss Zoe Lane for supporting the Deputy Mayor in her role as Deputy Mayoress.**

The Retiring Mayor presented a Borough Plaque to Councillor Ashton, who then addressed the meeting.

## **6 MAYOR'S SCOUT AND GUIDE**

- (1) The Mayor expressed her appreciation to Miss Emily Clayton, the retiring Mayor's Scout, for the manner in which she had carried out her duties during the past year, and handed the Sash of Office to the new Mayor's Scout, Miss Beth Burt.
- (2) The Mayor expressed her appreciation to Miss Freya O'Shea, the retiring Mayor's Guide, for the manner in which she had carried out her duties during the past year, and handed the Sash of Office to the new Mayor's Guide, Eve Jackson.

## **7 COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

## **8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **9 DEMOCRATIC ARRANGEMENTS – APPOINTMENTS 2022/23**

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report recommending that, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure, Council consider the programme of meetings and appointments for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year as now indicated.

### **(A) PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2022/23**

The Monitoring Officer drew attention to the draft programme of ordinary meetings for 2022/23. It was noted that in terms of the Council's Constitution, the Council was required to formally approve the programme of ordinary meetings at its AGM.

**It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, Seconded by Councillor Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the programme of ordinary meetings for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix A be approved.**

**(B) APPOINTMENT OF CABINET**

The Monitoring Officer referred to Appendix B, which related to the appointment of Cabinet Members and allocation of portfolios for 2022/23, submitted for information purposes only.

**It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the appointment of the Cabinet and allocation of Portfolios for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix B, be noted.**

**(C) MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2022/23**

The Monitoring Officer referred to the proposed membership of the committees for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix C of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and

**RESOLVED that the membership of Committees for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix C, be approved.**

**(D) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES 2022/23**

The Monitoring Officer referred to the list of proposed appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees, as set out in Appendix D of the report.

**It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for 2022/23 be approved as set out in Appendix D of the report; such appointees to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the appointment of their successors.**

## **(E) APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

The Monitoring Officer referred to the schedule of appointments to external organisations as set out in Appendix E of the report.

**It was proposed by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the Council's appointments to external organisations be approved as set out in Appendix E, such appointees to hold office whilst they remain Members of the Council, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the appointment of their successors.**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Period of Appointment</b>	<b>Nominees</b>
Bicker Trust	Civic Year	Cooper
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board (7 members)	Civic Year	Ashton R Austin Bedford Cooper Pickett P. Skinner Mr M. Brookes (Lay Member)
Boston Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee (2 seats)	Civic Year	Griggs Abbott
Boston Municipal Non-Educational Charities (4 seats)	Civic Year	Ashton Woodliffe Colin Brotherton (Lay member)
Centrepoint Outreach	Civic Year	Welbourn
Council for the Protection of Rural England (Lincs Branch)	Civic Year	P. Skinner
Heritage Lincolnshire	Civic Year	R. Austin
Lincolnshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee (1 seat and 1 substitute – non Cabinet members)	Civic Year	Chalmers Woodliffe (sub)
Lincolnshire County Council Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee (non Cabinet members)	Civic Year	A Austin Pickett (sub)
Nacro Services in Lincolnshire	Civic Year	Welbourn

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Rural Services Network (SPARSE Rural, Rural Services Partnership, RSN Community Group)	Civic Year	Ashton Brown
Sir Thomas Meddlecott and Others Charity Trust (Skirbeck Quarter Charities) (3 Trustees)	Civic Year	A Austin Woodliffe Mr. R. Lenton (Lay member)
Swineshead Poor Charity	Civic Year	Cornah
Wash and North Norfolk Partnership Members Group (1 seat and 1 substitute)	Civic Year	P Skinner Ashton (sub)
Witham Fourth District Internal Drainage Board (7 members)	Civic Year	R. Austin Bedford Hastie Pickett P. Skinner Welbourn Mrs. P. Cooper (Lay member)

#### **(F) DISPENSATION**

The Monitoring Officer referred to a request for the Council to grant Councillor Alan Bell a dispensation for non-attendance due to ill health, for the remainder of the Council term to 8 May 2023.

**It was proposed by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that a dispensation for non-attendance be granted to Councillor Alan Bell for the remainder of the Council term to 8 May 2023.**

#### **(G) APPOINTMENTS TO THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

The Monitoring Officer referred to the need to make appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel due to the expiration of the current periods of appointment.

**It was proposed by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that the Council re-appoints the members of the Independent Remuneration Panel for the following periods: Mr Tim Booth for 2 years until the AGM in May 2024; Mr John Price for 3 years until the AGM in 2025 and Mr Simon**

**Sperring for 4 years until the AGM in May 2026.**

## **10 INTERIM APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER**

The Chief Executive introduced a report to appoint an Interim Joint Monitoring Officer for the period from 17 May 2022 to 24 May 2023.

**It was proposed by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Nigel Welton and**

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. Subject to similar decisions to be taken by the other two Councils, John Medler becomes the Interim Joint Monitoring Officer of Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and South Holland District Council from 17 May 2022 until 24 May 2023 as a shared officer in accordance with s113 of the Local Government Act 1972 and subject to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the three Councils.**
- 2. The s151 Officer be authorised to vary the budget for legal fees, in order to reflect the likely need for additional legal support to the Interim Monitoring Officer**
- 3. For the present time, Lincolnshire County Council Legal Services be identified as Solicitor to the Council.**

(The meeting ended at 7.42 pm)