

Present: Councillor Anne Dorrian, Councillors Alison Austin, Richard Austin BEM, Peter Bedford, David Brown, Anton Dani, Stephen Woodliffe, Jyothi Arayambath, John Baxter, Dale Broughton, Callum Butler, James Cantwell, Neil Drayton, Stuart Evans, Sandeep Ghosh, Mike Gilbert, Paul Gleeson, Emma Cresswell, Andy Izzard, David Middleton, Ralph Pryke, Claire Rylott, Lina Savickiene, David Scoot, Sarah Sharpe, Helen Staples and Suzanne Welberry

Officers –

Chief Executive, Assistant Director - Governance and Monitoring Officer, Deputy Chief Executive - Communities, Deputy Chief Executive - Corporate Development, Democratic Services Manager, Democratic Services Officer

86 TO ELECT THE MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Stephen Woodliffe and seconded by Councillor Alison Austin that Councillor Mike Gilbert, be elected Mayor of the Borough until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Members debated the proposal following which it was proposed by Councillor Peter Bedford and seconded by Councillor Stephen Woodliffe that the vote be taken by paper ballot.

It was proposed by Councillor Dale Broughton and seconded by Councillor Emma Cresswell that the vote be taken by Recorded Vote.

The Monitoring Officer advised that the Constitution stated a demand for a recorded vote would override the demand for a ballot.

RECORDED VOTE FOR COUNCILLOR MIKE GILBERT TO BE ELECTED MAYOR AS FOLLOWS:

For	Against	Abstain
	Jyothi Arayambath	
Alison Austin		
Richard Austin		
	John Baxter	
Peter Bedford		
David Brown		
	Dale Broughton	
	Callum Butler	
James Cantwell		
Anton Dani		
	Anne Dorrian	
	Neil Drayton	
Stuart Evans		
	Sandeep Ghosh	
Mike Gilbert		
	Paul Gleeson	

	Emma Cresswell	
	Andy Izard	
	David Middleton	
Ralph Pryke		
Claire Rylott		
	Lina Savickiene	
	David Scoot	
	Sarah Sharpe	
	Helen Staples	
	Suzanne Welberry	
Stephen Woodliffe		

RESULT: 11 FOR, 16 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAIN – Motion Fell

It was proposed by Councillor Dale Broughton and seconded by Councillor Sarah Sharpe that Councillor David Brown be elected Mayor of the Borough until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

RECORDED VOTE FOR COUNCILLOR DAVID BROWN TO BE ELECTED MAYOR AS FOLLOWS:

For	Against	Abstain
Arayambath		
		Alison Austin
Richard Austin		
John Baxter		
		Peter Bedford
David Brown		
Dale Broughton		
Callum Butler		
James Cantwell		
		Anton Dani
Anne Dorrian		
Neil Drayton		
Stuart Evans		
Sandeep Ghosh		
		Mike Gilbert
Paul Gleeson		
Emma Cresswell		
Andy Izard		
David Middleton		
		Ralph Pryke
Claire Rylott		
Lina Savickiene		
David Scoot		
Sarah Sharpe		
Helen Staples		
Suzanne Welberry		
		Stephen Woodliffe

RESULT: 21 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 6 ABSTAIN – Motion Carried

RESOLVED: That Councillor David Brown 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 of office required by the Local Government Act 1972, took the Chair, and acknowledged the honour that had been conferred on him.

(The Mayor in the Chair.)

87 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Due to the Short notice of the Election of Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor David Brown and seconded by Councillor Anne Dorrian and;

RESOLVED: That the Ceremonial Event be deferred to the next Scheduled meeting of Full Council on 10th July 2023.

88 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors: Patricia Marson, Chris Mountain and Barrie Pierpoint.

89 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

Due to the Short notice of the Election of Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor David Brown and seconded by Councillor Anne Dorrian and;

RESOLVED: That the vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of Full Council on 10th July 2023.

90 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING DEPUTY MAYOR

Due to the Short notice of the Election of Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor David Brown and seconded by Councillor Anne Dorrian and;

RESOLVED: That the vote of thanks to the retiring Deputy Mayor be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of Full Council on 10th July 2023.

91 MAYOR'S SCOUT AND MAYORESS' GUIDE

Due to the Short notice of the Election of Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor David Brown and seconded by Councillor Anne Dorrian and;

RESOLVED: That the Mayor's Scout and Mayoress' Guide be deferred to the next Scheduled meeting of Full Council on 10th July 2023.

92 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Mayor.

93 TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were no communications.

94 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

No declarations of interest were made.

95 TO APPOINT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR A FOUR YEAR PERIOD ENDING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN 2027, FOLLOWING BOROUGH ELECTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Broughton and Seconded by Councillor Stephen Woodliffe and;

RESOLVED: That Councillor Anne Dorrian be appointed the Leader of the Council until the next Borough Council Election in May 2027.

96 TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF THE DEPUTY LEADER, MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET AND ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The Leader of the Council confirmed that Councillor Dale Broughton would be Deputy Leader until the Local Election in 2027 and that the Cabinet would be appointed as follows:

Cabinet Members and Portfolios

<u>ROLE/PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>COUNCILLOR</u>
LEADER Performance and Improvement, County and Regional, Transformation, Community Safety & CCTV, Town Deal, Infrastructure, Emergency Planning, Human Resources, Project Management, Corporate Governance, Democratic Services, Economic Growth, Devolution, Communications	Cllr Anne Dorrian, Leader
DEPUTY LEADER Town Centre Development, Markets, Public Toilets, May Fair, Events, Health & Safety, Licensing & Land, Customer Services & Complaints	Cllr Dale Broughton, Deputy Leader
FINANCE Finance (including Revenues & Benefits), Procurement, Data Protection, Freedom of Information, I.T., Commercialism, Carparks, PSPS	Cllr Sandeep Ghosh
CULTURE Heritage & Conservation, Tourism & Culture, Guildhall, Tourist	Cllr Sarah Sharpe

Information Centre, Arts	
ENVIRONMENTAL Street Cleaning, Green Waste, Refuse & Recycling, Environmental Health, Climate Change, Flood & Risk	Cllr Callum Butler
HOUSING Housing & Homeless, Building Control, Property, Strategic Planning	Cllr John Baxter
COMMUNITIES – PEOPLE Child & Adult Safeguarding, Skills Agenda, Older People, Parish Councils, Health & Wellbeing, Community Development, Voluntary Sector Support	Cllr Emma Cresswell
COMMUNITIES – PLACE Transport, Crematoria & Cemeteries, Allotments, Leisure Services, Parks & Open Spaces	Cllr Andy Izard

97 DEMOCRATIC ARRANGEMENTS - APPOINTMENTS 2023/24

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 2023/24 Municipal Year as now indicated.

(A) PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2023/24

The Monitoring Officer drew attention to the draft programme of ordinary meetings for 2023/24. 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 Annual Meeting. The Monitoring Officer drew Members attention to the start times listed on page 32 of the agenda and clarified that the start time for the Planning Committee was 10am

It was moved by Councillor Dorrian, Seconded by Councillor Broughton and

RESOLVED that the programme of ordinary meetings for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix A be approved and that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Chairman to amend meeting dates or cancel meetings as necessary subject to compliance with any constitutional requirements where an agenda has already been published.

(B) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES 2023/24

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

The Monitoring Officer made the Council aware OF the following;;

- Councillor Pryke had withdrawn his nomination for Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Environment & Performance Committee, leaving only Councillor Rylott.
- There were two nominations for the Planning Committee Vice-Chairman, Councillor David Scoot and Councillor Alison Austin.

A vote was taken and Councillor Scoot was appointed as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.

It was subsequently moved by Councillor Anne Dorrian, seconded by Councillor David Scoot and

RESOLVED that the remaining appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for 2023/24 be approved as set out in Appendix B of the report, with the amendments that Councillor Rylott was appointed Chairman of the Environment & Performance Committee and Councillor David Scoot was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee; such appointees to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the appointment of their successors.

(C) MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2023/24

The Monitoring Officer referred to the proposed membership of the committees for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix C of the report.

The Monitoring Officer advised of the following amendments to Appendix C:

- Overview and Scrutiny Corporate and Community Committee – The Independent 20/20 Group and the Independent Group had been allocated one seat each on the Committee and Councillors Gleeson and R. Austin were nominated to these seats.
- Audit and Governance Committee – The Boston Independent Group had nominated Councillor Staples as a substitute member.
- South East Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee – The Independent 20/20 Group had nominated Councillor Peter Bedford to the Group's allocated seat on the Committee.

A member questioned that Cllr Gilbert was shown as a member of the Independent 20/20 Group and as a Non Aligned Member in Appendix C. It was confirmed that Councillor Gilbert had joined the Independent 20/20 Group and that the committee seat allocations to groups reflected the political balance of the authority.

It was moved by Councillor Anne Dorrian, seconded by Councillor Dale Broughton and

RESOLVED that the membership of Committees for 2023/24, and arrangements for substitutes as set out in Appendix C incorporating the revised amendments, be approved. Such appointees to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the appointment of their successors.

(D) APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The Monitoring Officer referred to the schedule of appointments to external organisations as set out in Appendix D of the report. Due to the number of nominations received individual votes were taken on the appointments to all external organisations. Following which it was

RESOLVED that the Council's appointments to external organisations be approved as set out below.

Organisation	Period of Appointment	Previous Appointees	Appointed ees
Bicker Trust	Civic Year	Cooper	Cantwell
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board (8 seats) 7 Councillors 1 Lay Member	Civic Year	Ashton R. Austin Bedford Cooper Pickett P. Skinner Mr. M. Brookes (Lay member)	Bedford Middleton Mountain Rylott Scoot Staples Welberry Mr M Brookes (Lay Member)
Boston Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee (2 seats)	Civic Year	Griggs Abbott	Savickiene Drayton
Boston Municipal Non-Educational Charities (4 seats) 3 Councillors 1 Lay Member	Civic Year	Woodliffe T Ashton Colin Brotherton (Lay member)	Arayambath Sharpe Woodliffe C. Brotherton (Lay Member)
Centrepoint Outreach (1 seat)	Civic Year	Welbourn	Arayambath
Council for the Protection of Rural England (Lincs Branch) (1 seat)	Civic Year	P. Skinner	Butler
Heritage Lincolnshire (1 seat)	Civic Year	R. Austin	Sharpe
Lincolnshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee (1 seat and 1 substitute – non Cabinet members)	Civic Year	Woodliffe (substitute member vacant)	Arayambath Woodliffe (Sub)

Lincolnshire County Council Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee (non-Cabinet members) 1 Councillor 1 Substitute Council Member	Civic Year	R. Austin Pickett (substitute member)	Middleton Bedford (sub)
Nacro Services in Lincolnshire (1 seat)	Civic Year	Welbourn	Arayambath
Rural Services Network (SPARSE Rural, Rural Services Partnership, RSN Community Group) 2 seats	Civic Year	Ashton Brown	Brown Izard
Sir Thomas Meddlecott and Others Charity Trust (Skirbeck Quarter Charities) 3 Trustees 2 Councillors – 1 Lay Member	Civic Year	A. Austin Woodliffe Mr R Lenton (Lay member)	A Austin Mountain R. Lenton (Lay Member)
Swineshead Poor Charity (1 seat)	Civic Year	Cornah	Welberry
Wash and North Norfolk Partnership Members Group 2 Councillors. (1 seat and 1 substitute)	Civic Year	P Skinner T Ashton (substitute member)	Dorrian Broughton (sub)
Organisation	Period of Appointment	Previous Appointees	Appointed Members
Witham Fourth District Internal Drainage Board (7 Seats) 6 Councillors 1 Lay Member (Vacant Seat)	Civic Year	R. Austin Bedford Hastie Pickett P. Skinner Welbourn Mrs. P. Cooper (Lay member)	Bedford Butler Evans Middleton Scoot Staples Welberry

PART 2 – LONG TERM APPOINTMENTS

Organisation	Period of Appointment	Current / Previous Appointees	Appointed Members
Boston Grammar School Foundation Governors (4 seats) 3 Councillors 1 Lay Member (Vacant Seat)	4 years from 2023	A. Austin Griggs Woodliffe Mrs S. Cooper (Lay member)	Cresswell Ghosh Sharpe
John Butler Charity (1 seat)	3 years from 2023	Cornah	Welberry

Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel (1 seat)	4 years from 2023	Skinner	Woodliffe
Public Sector Partnership Services Ltd (2 Director Posts) Portfolio Holder Opposition Member	May 2023 to May 2024	Noble (Portfolio Holder) Bell (Opposition Group Member)	Ghosh (Portfolio Holder) Gleeson
St. Leonard's Hospital Trust (2 Trustees)	4 years from 2023 appointment	Griggs Noble	Staples Drayton
Thomas Sanderson Trust (2 seats) (2 Seats) 1 Councillors 1 Lay Member	4 years from 2023	Brotherton Ernest Napier (lay member)	Middleton Ernest Napier (Lay Member)
Welland and Deepings IDB (1 Seat)	3 years from 2023	Cooper	Pryke
W H and E Harlock Swineshead Almshouses Charity (1 Seat)	3 years from 2023	Trafford	Evans
Swineshead Enhancement Society (1 seat)	4 years from 2023	Trafford	Evans

The Council was adjourned at this point in the meeting until 6.30pm on 25th May 2023. Members were requested to retain all papers for use at that time.