

**CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN**  
**VICTORIA ROOM, LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN HALL**  
**ON 15TH JANUARY 2024**

**PRESENT**

The Mayor (Councillor Smidowicz)  
The Deputy Mayor (Bradshaw )

Councillor Ashcroft	Councillor Jadeja
Councillor Baines	Councillor Jones
Councillor Blackshaw	Councillor Knight
Councillor Bokor	Councillor Lawrence
Councillor Bottomley	Councillor Lennie
Councillor Bradshaw	Councillor Lowe
Councillor Braker	Councillor Matthews
Councillor Brookes	Councillor Maynard
Councillor Campsall	Councillor Miah
Councillor Charles	Councillor Monk
Councillor Cory-Lowsley	Councillor Needham
Councillor Dent	Councillor Northage
Councillor Forde	Councillor O'Neill
Councillor C. Forrest	Councillor Palmer
Councillor S. Forrest	Councillor Popley
Councillor Fryer	Councillor Rattray
Councillor Goode	Councillor Roberts
Councillor A. Gray	Councillor Seaton
Councillor B. Gray	Councillor Snartt
Councillor Hadji-Nikolaou	Councillor D. Taylor
Councillor Hamilton	Councillor N. Taylor
Councillor Harper-Davies	Councillor Tillotson
Councillor Infield	Councillor Westley
Councillor Jackson	Councillor Woodward

84. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Fox, Haynes and Worrall.

Apologies for absence had also been received from Honorary Aldermen Bush, Day, Sheilds, Stott and Tormey.

85. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

No disclosures of interest were made.

86. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 6th November 2023 were confirmed and signed.

87. ANNOUNCEMENTS

88. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements.

“Firstly, in November, I learned of the sad passing of former Councillor Ron Jukes. I have fond memories of working with Ron, as I am sure some of my fellow Councillors have. Ron was a Charnwood Borough Councillor for 12 years from May 2009 until May 2019.

Unfortunately, I also have to report another sad passing. John Tillotson, Mayor’s consort for the 2022/23 civic year passed shortly before Christmas. My thoughts and prayers are with John’s family at this time and I am sure many of my fellow Councillors also hold John’s family in their thoughts and prayers. John’s funeral will be tomorrow at Loughborough crematorium at 1.15 p.m. All are welcome to attend to pay their respects.

Finally, I wish to let you know that the Holocaust Memorial Day Event will take place on Saturday, 27th January at 12 noon in Queens’ Park, Loughborough.”

89. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader made the following announcements.

“It is fair to say that 2024 has not got off to the start we all hoped for in Charnwood as scores of homes and businesses have been devastated by some of the worst flooding we have seen for many years.

Many areas were badly hit including Loughborough, Syston, Quorn, Cossington, Sibley, Rothley, Newtown Linford, and Barrow.

The latest figures show around 180 homes and businesses were flooded internally.

I would like to extend my sympathies to all those who have been affected. Many people are still clearing up the damage and that work will continue for weeks or even months.

As a Council we responded immediately to help our communities and I am proud of the work we have been doing. We must remember that many different agencies are involved when responding to flooding and they each have different roles.

For us as a Council, we have helped around 25 households into temporary accommodation and given advice to many more.

We have cleaned the streets and taken away flood-related waste – around 90 tonnes of bulky waste collections in extra special collections.

We have also visited hundreds of properties to check on residents and gather information. We made telephone calls to residents in affected areas and supported tenants.

We have worked alongside the County Council, Environment Agency, Canal and River Trust, emergency services and many others to respond to these floods. We continue to work with them on the recovery of the area.

We called for Government funding for our communities and that has now been promised. We are working hard with other councils to finalise how this funding can be channelled to people and businesses as quickly as possible.

Like our communities, we want to understand why Charnwood has been hit so hard. The Environment Agency and County Council will be leading the investigation into this, and we will support those investigations.

We need to understand what has happened to establish what needs to be done to prevent it from happening again. Any measures are likely to need funding that this Council cannot fully provide and therefore a case may need to be made to Government.

Finally, I would like to thank the Council officers, emergency services and other agencies for their response to support our communities during this significant flood.

I would also like to praise our communities who have once again rallied to help each other in these difficult circumstances. It was heart warming and inspiring to see the voluntary work, parcel collections and fundraising taking place to help those who have been hit the hardest by these floods.

90. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive made no announcements.

91. PETITIONS

Councillor xxxx presented a petition submitted on behalf of residents in his/her ward  
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OR

No petitions were submitted.

92. BUSINESS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

92.1 APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER AND DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

*The Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Legal Services Manager left the meeting before the consideration of this item.*

A report of the Chief Executive to request approval to designate a Monitoring Officer, Deputy Monitoring Officer and a Deputy Electoral Registration Officer, was submitted (item 6.1 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Bokor and

**RESOLVED**

1. That Karen Widdowson, AMInstLM, DMS (Head of Democracy) be designated as the Council's Monitoring Officer with immediate effect.
2. That Nicola Ford, LLB (Head of Legal and Elections) be designated as the Council's Deputy Monitoring Officer with immediate effect, and also be appointed as a Deputy Electoral Registration Officer with the full powers of the Electoral Registration Officer in his absence, or for the purposes of the administration of Voter Identification Certificates.

Reasons

1&2. Under section 5 of the Local Government & Housing 1989 the Council is required to designate a Monitoring Officer, and it is also necessary for resilience and practical purposes that Deputy Electoral Registration Officers be appointed.

*The newly appointed Monitoring Officer (former Deputy Monitoring Officer) and the newly appointed Deputy Monitoring Officer and Deputy Electoral Registration Officer joined the meeting following the consideration of this item.*

92.2 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND MRP POLICY - MID YEAR REVIEW

A report of the Cabinet to review the Treasury Management Strategy and the Annual Investment Strategy, plus the various Prudential Borrowing and Treasury Indicators for the first six months of 2023/24, was submitted (item 6.2 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and

**RESOLVED** that the mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Prudential Borrowing and Treasury Indicators plus the Annual Investment Strategy, as set out in Part B of the report (attached as an Annex), be noted.

Reason

To ensure that the Council's governance and management procedures for Treasury Management reflect best practice and comply with the Revised CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice, Guidance Notes and Treasury Management Policy Statement, that funding of capital expenditure is taken within the totality of the Council's financial position, and that borrowing and Investment is only carried out with proper regard to the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

92.3 CAPITAL PLAN AMENDMENT REPORT

A report of the Cabinet to consider recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of an amendments to the Capital Plan, was submitted (item 6.3 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Miah and

**RESOLVED**

1. That the budget for Bedford Square Gateway be increased by £700k in 2024/25, due to increasing costs of completion, funded by capital receipts.
2. That there be a re-profile of £1.6m from 2023/24 to 2024/25 for the Redevelopment Sheltered Accommodation – St Michael’s Court, Thurmaston scheme, due to works expected to start early 2024.

Reasons

1. To confirm that the Bedford Square Gateway be increased by £700k so that the scheme may be completed.
2. To enable the Redevelopment Sheltered Accommodation – St Michael’s Court, Thurmaston budget to be available in 2024/25.

92.4 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2024/25

A report of the Personnel Committee to consider a recommendation from the Personnel Committee that the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25 be approved and adopted, was submitted (item 6.4 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Miah and

**RESOLVED** that the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix A, considered by the Personnel Committee approved and adopted.

Reason

To ensure that the Council meets its obligations under Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011.

92.5 POLLING PLACES REVIEW

A report of the Chief Executive to present the outcomes of the review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations within the Borough, was submitted (item 6.5 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Blackshaw and

**RESOLVED**

1. That the proposals of the Chief Executive as set out in the Annex to this report, which are put forward in his capacity as the (Acting) Returning Officer for elections, for future arrangements for polling districts, polling places and polling stations be approved.
2. That authority to re-designate polling places be delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with Section 18 and 18B of the Representation of the People Act 1983. Such authority should be exercised only where a decision is required at short notice, and it is not possible to await a decision of Council.

### Reasons

1. To comply with requirements of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, and to ensure that any amended arrangements for polling districts, polling places and polling stations are in place in time for the UK Parliamentary General Election following the review undertaken by the Boundary Commission for England.
2. The designation of polling districts and places is a function of the Council, whereas decisions about polling stations are for the Returning Officer. In certain situations, it might not be practicable to await formal Council approval to designate a polling place – for example, where a building becomes unavailable at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. Due to the potential need to identify alternative locations as polling stations as a matter of urgency, it is prudent to update the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

### 92.6 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (IRP) IN RESPECT OF ALLOWANCES PAID TO MEMBERS OF CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR 2023/24

A report of the Chief Executive to consider the findings and the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) in respect of allowances paid to members of Charnwood Borough Council and the Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2024/25, was submitted (item 6.6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Miah that;

1. Council considers the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, submitted in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 as set out in Appendix A, and agrees to adopt the proposed Scheme of Members' Allowances for the financial year 2024/25 as set out at Appendix C.
2. The IRP Member allowance be increased from £200 per annum to £300 per annum for the financial year 2024/25.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Charles and seconded by Councillor Harper-Davies:

‘That a 6.9% increase across all the special responsibility allowances be applied and that the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to consider the amendment and reconsider their recommendations and how they fit into the current financial health of the Council.’

It was proposed by Councillor Baines and seconded by Councillor Bokor that an amendment be made to the original amendment, removing reference to the Independent Remuneration Panel, so that the amendment would read;

‘That a 6.9% increase across all the special responsibility allowances be applied.’

This amendment was agreed by the original amendment proposer (Councillor Charles) and seconder (Councillor Harper-Davies).

A named vote was requested by Councillor D. Taylor and seconded by Councillor Baines.

Councillors for the amendment: Councillors Baines, Bokor, Braker, Brookes, Campsall, Charles, Dent, Fryer, Hadji-Nikolaou, Harper-Davies, Jackson, Knight, Lowe, Matthews, Monk, Northage, Popley, Rattray, Seaton, Smidowicz, Snartt, D, Taylor, Westley.

Councillors against the amendment: None.

Abstentions: Councillors Ashcroft, Blackshaw, Bottomley, Bradshaw, Cory-Lowsley, Forde, C. Forrest, S. Forrest, Goode, A. Gray, B. Gray, Hamilton, Infield, Jadeja, Jones, Lawrence, Lennie, Maynard, Miah, Needham, O’Neill, Palmer, Roberts, N. Taylor, Tillotson, Woodward.

The amendment was carried and became the substantive motion.

Council was required to vote on the amended motion.

A named vote was requested by Councillor Bokor and seconded by Councillor D. Taylor.

Councillors for the amended motion: Councillors Baines, Bokor, Braker, Brookes, Campsall, Charles, Dent, Fryer, Hadji-Nikolaou, Harper-Davies, Jackson, Knight, Lowe, Matthews, Monk, Northage, Popley, Rattray, Seaton, Smidowicz, Snartt, D, Taylor, Westley.

Councillors against the amended motion: None.

Abstentions: Councillors Ashcroft, Blackshaw, Bottomley, Bradshaw, Cory-Lowsley, Forde, C. Forrest, S. Forrest, Goode, A. Gray, B. Gray, Hamilton, Infield, Jadeja, Jones, Lawrence, Lennie, Maynard, Miah, Needham, O’Neill, Palmer, Roberts, N. Taylor, Tillotson, Woodward.

The amended motion was carried and

## RESOLVED

1. That recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, submitted in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 as set out in Appendix A be noted and the proposed Scheme of Member's Allowances for the financial year 2024/25, as set out in Appendix C to the report be adopted with a 6.9% increase applied across all special responsibility allowances payments.
2. That the IRP Member allowance be increased from £200 per annum to £300 per annum for the financial year 2024/25.

### Reasons

1. To ensure compliance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.
2. To recompensate the Members of the IRP for their time and commitment.

### 93. CALL-IN REFERENCES

There were no call-in references from Scrutiny.

### 94. POSITION STATEMENTS

No position statements had been requested.

### 95. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

#### 95.1 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

A Motion on Notice regarding Changes to the Constitution was submitted by the Conservative Group (item 9.1 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

In proposing the motion, Councillor Snartt said that he felt the proposal by the Conservative Group would help the democratic process when dealing with the most finely-balanced and controversial planning applications.

Councillor Charles stated that as a Plans Committee member, he had felt that the recent changes to the Constitution had resulted in speakers struggling to get their views across to the Plans Committee in the three minutes allocated to them. He went on to say that he felt the reduction in speaker time had not made a noticeable difference to the length of the Plans Committee meetings. He finished by saying that the proposal put forward would enable residents to better communicate their concerns.

Councillor Lennie highlighted that the Constitution was amended at the last meeting of the Council, in line with the recommendations of an independent body engaged by the Council to support the Council in improving planning processes. Councillor Lennie went on to say that the changes made to the Constitution at the last meeting of the



Council would be reviewed in one year. Councillor Lennie further stated that she felt that members should trust the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Plans Committee, as advised by Council officers.

Councillor Lowe said he had been a member of the Plans Committee for many years and that he felt speakers had been cut short at the recent meeting of the Plans Committee. He encouraged members to think about the implications of the changes to the Constitution which had been applied. He said that speakers at Plans Committee meetings spoke emotively about the applications put forward and that three minutes was not long enough for them to do so.

Councillor Cory-Lowsley highlighted that he had spoken at the last meeting of the Plans Committee and that he felt that three minutes was sufficient for him to get his point and views across.

Councillor Campsall stated that he had previously been a member of the Plans Committee for 16 years and that many speakers found that five minutes had not been enough. He therefore felt that the five minutes of speaking time should be reinstated.

Councillor Roberts highlighted that the Council had already considered and approved the changes to the Constitution and that the changes would be reviewed in a year. She said there had been two meetings of the Plans Committee following the implementation of the changes and that time frame was not long enough for members to decide if the changes had been appropriate.

Councillor Seaton said she had attended the last meeting of the Plans Committee and she had felt that while some speakers had completed their speeches in three minutes, they were rushed and the speeches had not been clear. She said that some members of the public speaking at Plans Committee were not confident public speakers and needed more time to get their points across. Councillor Seaton acknowledged the review in one year, but said there were approximately nine meetings before that review should take place, and that the three minute speaking rule would be applied at all of those meetings.

Councillor Popley said that speakers at Plans Committee meetings were often required to refer to complex Planning law and it was difficult to do this within a three minute time-frame. He went on to say that planning applications had a profound effect on peoples' lives and that to residents, applications can be the most important thing in their lives. He said that the reduction in speaking time did not advocate democracy and that it was removing peoples' rights to participate in the democratic process.

Councillor Harper-Davies said that Councillors were used to speaking publicly but that some members of the public may not possess the same skills. She said that some members of the public may be nervous and allowing more time for them to get their points across would be beneficial.

Councillor Bokor said that members were asked about their opinions on the Plans Committee processes and that she did not recall any members stating that the previous five minute limit should be reduced to three minutes. Councillor Bokor went on to say that the Planning Advisory Service had recommended that the time

allocation for speakers be reduced to three minutes, but that this was a recommendation and that the Council did not have to apply the recommendations.

Councillor A. Gray said that the application of the changes to the Constitution were very recent and that the changes would be reviewed. She went on to say that the members of the Plans Committee do carefully consider all of the information available to them. She highlighted that there were other avenues available for highlighting concerns and opinions, which may be easier and more suitable to some members of the public, including submitting concerns in writing.

The Leader stated that the review had taken place in order to improve the planning process. The recommendations provided following the review were approved by the Council, and it would not be appropriate to reject the independent advice of the Planning Advisory Service and officers, following approval by the Council.

Councillor Fryer said she was experienced, having Chaired Plans Committee for a number of years and having served as Lead Member for Planning. She highlighted that not all members of the community were confident when speaking at Plans Committee meetings, as it could be a difficult experience. She acknowledged that there would be a review of the changes to the Constitution in a year, but stated that current planning applications would be affected by the recent changes which she felt were not suitable. Councillor Fryer also stated that whilst interested parties could submit their views in writing, it was not guaranteed that all members of the Plans Committee had read each submission to the Planning Explorer portal. She said that members of the public had a democratic right to speak to the Plans Committee and that the Council should support this.

In seconding the motion, Councillor D. Taylor said she felt there were other issues with the Plans Committee, including problems with the call-in process. She said she felt the changes made were undemocratic and that the issue needed to be revisited with urgency.

Councillor Snartt summed up by stating that the Council's Constitution should reflect high standards of governance. He reminded members that the Conservative Group had suggested amendments to the proposals put forward to Council at the last meeting. Councillor Snartt went on to say that the Motion proposed offered members a chance to reflect on their decision. Councillors Snartt stated that the most recent meeting of the Plans Committee had lasted almost four hours, even with the reduction in time allocated to speakers. Councillor Snartt said that the Conservative Group felt that enabling the Chair or Vice-Chair to decide on the applications to be included on agendas created a political dynamic and that they felt that this should be for experienced and qualified planners to decide. Councillor Snartt finished by stating that he felt the changes made to the Constitution were detrimental to good governance.

A named vote was requested by Councillor Snartt and seconded by Councillor D. Taylor.

Councillors for the Motion: Councillors Baines, Bokor, Braker, Brookes, Campsall, Charles, Dent, Fryer, Hadji-Nikolaou, Harper-Davies, Jackson, Knight, Lowe,

Matthews, Monk, Northage, Popley, Rattray, Seaton, Smidowicz, Snartt, D, Taylor, Westley.

Councillors against the Motion: Councillors Ashcroft, Blackshaw, Bottomley, Bradshaw, Cory-Lowsley, Forde, C. Forrest, S. Forrest, Goode, A. Gray, B. Gray, Hamilton, Infield, Jadeja, Jones, Lawrence, Lennie, Maynard, Miah, Needham, O'Neill, Palmer, Roberts, N. Taylor, Tillotson, Woodward.

Abstentions: None.

The motion was defeated.

96. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The questions on notice and the responses of the Leader or his nominee were submitted (item 10 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

97. CABINET MEETINGS

Councillor Harper-Davies thanked the Leader for the response and asked if the short Cabinet meetings being held were sufficient to enable necessary checks and challenges.

The Leader responded by reassuring Councillor Harper-Davies that the necessary checks and challenges were in place. He went on to say that he was proud of the work of the Cabinet. He said the focus should be on what was being delivered, not the length of meetings. He confirmed that members of the Cabinet did receive officer briefings before each meeting. He said Cabinet was running as it should be.

98. HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT

Councillor D Taylor thanked the Lead Member for the response and asked if the funding was given to the Falcon Centre directly?

Councillor Hamilton said that he could provide a response in writing, and stated that it was part of work of the previous administration.

99. MEETING HOUSING NEEDS

Councillor Snartt said that he felt there was a lack of monitoring in this area and asked if the Lead Member agreed that the data was too important to wait until after the draft Local Plan was adopted? He asked if the Lead Member would commit to recording this information for this Council year?

Councillor Hamilton said that he had liaised with officers and he understood that the current Core Strategy was not set up to monitor the data. Councillor Hamilton believed that the monitoring system would be changed as soon as the draft Local Plan was adopted, and so the data would be picked up.

100. REPORTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Councillor Snartt asked what measures would be put in place to overcome the circumstances impacting on resident's lives in areas such as the Kingfisher Estate? He also asked that, with some urgency, media attention be brought to the situation, through media releases and social media outlets, so that residents could have confidence in all processes and recording data, especially through the planning process?

Councillor Blackshaw responded by thanking Councillor Snartt for his supplementary question and confirmed that she would reply in writing.

101. COUNCIL RESERVES

Councillor Baines thanked the Lead Member for the response provided and asked why the Council was using reserves, given that the Council had received strong income in business rates and investment returns?

Councillor Ashcroft responded by stating that he the Council was still operating on last year's budget and that the new budget was forthcoming. He said in the new budget, there were no reserves being used.

102. GENERAL FUND BUDGETED EXPENDITURE

Councillor Baines thanked the Lead Member for the response and asked if he agreed that the Council should further increase cost savings to around 3%, given that the Council was in a relatively positive financial position this financial year?

Councillor Ashcroft responded by stating that some savings took time to grow, and that there were a number of projects being considered for further income.

103. BAD DEBT PROVISION, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET

Councillor Charles thanked the Lead Member for the response and asked why there were three times the amount of provision allocated into the bad debt provision, given that rent arrears and bad debt were low and many tenants were protected from rent increases? He asked if the funds would be better used elsewhere?

Councillor Hamilton stated that he felt the question had already been answered in the response provided and that it was due to other factors affecting bad debt.

104. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET

Councillor Charles did not wish to ask a supplementary question.

105. PENSION INVESTMENTS IN FOSSIL FUELS

Councillor Bokor said she was grateful for the response received. She asked for some information about where the S106 money could be spent and where there were benefits and flood mitigation?

Councillor Jones stated that the details of how the money would be spent would be circulated when available.

106. BEDFORD SQUARE GATEWAY PROJECT

Councillor D Taylor thanked the Lead Member for the response and asked if the Leader still felt that the Bedford Square Gateway project was a vanity project?

Councillor Tillotson responded by stating that the project had been inherited by the previous administration and that the Council was committed to seeing it through.

107. FALCON CENTRE

Councillor Bottomley thanked the Lead Member for the response and asked what preparations were being made in the event of the Falcon Centre closing? She highlighted potential increases in anti-social behaviour and increased pressure on other services. She also asked where residents could be signposted instead of the Falcon Centre, should it close?

Councillor Blackshaw thanked Councillor Bottomley for the question and stated that she would respond in writing, following the meeting.

108. FLOODING

Councillor Lawrence thanked the Lead Member for the question and said he welcomed the speedy establishment of a Flooding Scrutiny Panel. He asked that given the recent unrepresented levels of flooding in the Borough, would the Lead Member agree that it was important that no further developments were built onto land likely to be flooded? He asked if the administration would liaise with planning officers to ensure that relevant agencies urgently update their flood risk assessments for the Borough?

Councillor Jones thanked the Leader for the exemplary Leadership he had shown during the flooding episodes. She went on to say that she agreed with Councillor Lawrence that there would likely be an increase in flooding episodes and that it was important that the Council's Planning department take this into consideration.

109. MINUTE REFERENCES

There were no minute references.

110. URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS EXEMPTED FROM CALL-IN

A report of the Chief Executive to note decisions which were exempted from call-in in accordance with Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.9, was submitted (item 12 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

111. NOMINATION OF MAYOR ELECT

It was proposed by Councillor Bokor, seconded by Councillor S. Forrest, and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Dr Julie Bradshaw MBE be nominated as Mayor Elect for the 2024/25 Council year.

Reason

To ensure that a nomination was made for the Mayor of the Borough for 2024/25.

112. NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT

It was proposed by Councillor S. Forrest, seconded by Councillor Bokor, and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor David Northage be nominated as Deputy Mayor Elect for the 2024/25 Council year.

Reason

To ensure that a nomination was made for the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2024/25.

113. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

There were no proposals to consider.

Note:

These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Monday 26th February 2024.