

**COUNCIL MEETING
Friday, 22nd May, 2015**

Present:- The Mayor (Councillor John Foden) (in the Chair); Councillors Ahmed, Alam, Ali, Atkin, Beaumont, Beck, Buckley, Burton, Clark, Cowles, Currie, Cutts, Elliot, Ellis, Godfrey, Gosling, Hague, J. Hamilton, Hoddinott, Jepson, Johnston, Jones, Khan, Lelliott, Mallinder, McNeely, Middleton, Pickering, Pitchley, Read, Reeder, Reynolds, Robinson, Roche, Rose, Rosling, G. A. Russell, Sansome, Sims, Smith, Steele, Turner, Tweed, C. Vines, M. Vines, Wallis, Watson, Whelbourn, Whysall, Wyatt and Yasseen.

A1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved:- That Councillor Maggi Clark be elected Chairman of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing Municipal Year and that she be entitled to the style of Mayor by virtue of Section 245(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Mover:- Councillor Sims

Seconder:- Councillor Read

Councillor Clark thereupon made and subscribed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

(Councillor Clark assumed the Chair)

A2 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

Resolved:- That the Council tender its sincere thanks to Mr. John Foden for the excellent manner in which he has carried out all his duties as Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham and that the best thanks of this Council be recorded for the kind and admirable way in which Mrs. Kath Foden performed the duties of Mayoress.

Mover:- Councillor Sims

Seconder:- Councillor Johnston

A3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Resolved:- That Councillor Christopher Middleton be elected Vice-Chairman of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing Municipal Year and that he be entitled to the style of Deputy Mayor by virtue of section 245(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor C. Vines

Councillor Middleton thereupon made and subscribed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

A4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

A5 COUNCIL MINUTES

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 4th March, 2015, be approved for signature by the Mayor, subject to a clerical correction at Minute No. A115 (Delegated Powers) relating to Minute D34 (Waiving of Standing Orders) and amending the word “acceptable”, which should read “unacceptable”.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Watson

A6 COMMUNICATIONS

(1) The Managing Director submitted the following petitions which had been referred to the appropriate Directorates for consideration:-

- Containing 270 signatures from local residents requesting immediate full corrective maintenance to the road surface on the complete length of Greystones Road, Whiston.
- Containing 14 signatures from local residents requesting residents' only parking on Bateman Road leading to Ridgeway Close, Hellaby.
- Containing 32 signatures from local residents requesting the Council do not remove the security gates at the three points, but put a key lock on entrances to Victoria Street, College Road and Prince's Road.
- Containing 841 signatures from Sarah Champion MP in support of the Tenants Hall St John's Green, Kimberworth Park who are opposed to the closure of the Community Hall.
- Containing 28 signatures from local residents for the erection of a speed camera on Mansfield Road.

(2) The Managing Director submitted apologies for absence from Councillors Astbury, Evans, Finnie, Fleming, Hughes, Hunter, Parker, Roddison, Rushforth and Taylor.

A7 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Returning Officer reported that the persons indicated below had been elected Members of the Council at the election held on 7th May, 2015:-

Forename (s)	Surname	Ward	No of votes polled
Robert Paul	Taylor	Anston and Woodsetts	1873
Mohammed Saghir	Alam	Boston Castle	2703
Taiba Khatoon	Yasseen	Boston Castle	2273
Andrew Scott	Roddison	Brinsworth and Catcliffe	2744

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Janet Martin	Mallinder	Dinnington	2037
Richard	Fleming	Hellaby	2317
Lyndsay	Pitchley	Holderness	2570
Jane	Hamilton	Hoober	2751
Paul	Hague	Keppel	2487
Christine	Beaumont	Maltby	2298
Simon	Evans	Rawmarsh	2702
Darren Jason Louis	Hughes	Rother Vale	2529
Tajamal	Khan	Rotherham East	2527
Ian Paul	Jones	Rotherham West	2873
Jon Bryan	Rosling	Silverwood	2527
Julie	Turner	Sitwell	2716
Eve	Rose	Swinton	3005
Dave	Pickering	Valley	2566
Dominic Edward	Beck	Wales	2351
Jayne Christine	Elliot	Wath	2834
Christopher	Read	Wickersley	2786
Richard	Price	Wingfield	2291

Resolved:- That the report indicated below be received.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Watson

A8 ROTHERHAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Consideration was given to the draft Improvement Plan for Rotherham MBC, produced by the Commissioners in line with the requirements of their appointment, as set out in the Secretary of State Directions published on 26th February, 2015.

In addition to addressing the performance issues identified, the Plan had been shaped by the Commissioners' developing views, since their appointment, on the most urgent improvement actions required to deliver a "fresh start" for Rotherham. It had taken into consideration a range of discussions with leading Councillors, input from a staff corporate working group and soundings from members of the LGA Improvement Board.

Resolved:- (1) That the content of the Plan for submission to Secretaries of State be approved.

(2) That the individual and collective commitments of fulfilling the Elected Member roles in delivering the improvements, set out within the Plan, be confirmed.

(3) That the proposal for a Joint Board of Commissioners and leading Elected Members (supported by a corporate officer group) to oversee delivery of the Plan within the Council be approved.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Watson

A9 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Consideration was given to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the level of Members' Allowances Scheme and expenses it considered should be paid to Members and Co-opted Members of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

Resolved:- (1) That the contents of the report be noted and the recommendations be approved and the Members' Allowances Scheme be amended accordingly.

(2) That the Independent Remuneration Panel be thanked for their hard work and the very thorough way they have reviewed the Members' Allowance Scheme.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Watson

A10 SCRUTINY TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PRIORITIES 2015/16

Consideration was given to the proposed revisions to the Scrutiny Terms of Reference and Priorities for 2015/16 within the Constitution following a review in light of the changes to the executive decision making arrangements of the Council, following the appointment of Commissioners to take all decisions relating to executive functions and licensing.

Resolved:- (1) That the changes to the constitution – Appendix 2 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Appendix A of this report) be approved.

(2) That the proposed work priorities and ways of working for Scrutiny for 2015/16 (Appendix B of this report) be approved.

Mover:- Councillor Steele

Seconder:- Councillor Hamilton

A11 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARD AND PANELS OF THE COUNCIL AND AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPOSITION OF THOSE BODIES

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted details of the new membership arrangements in respect of Overview and Scrutiny Select Commissions and the membership allocations to committees, boards and appointments to outside bodies for the forthcoming year.

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Resolved:- (1) That the minor amendments to the composition of the bodies described at Appendix A be approved.

(2) That the appointment of Members to the Council's bodies below be approved and the appointments of representatives to joint authorities made by Commissioner Sir Derek Myers, as described at Appendix B, also below, be noted:-

Executive:-

Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader
Advisory Cabinet Member
Advisory Cabinet Member
Advisory Cabinet Member

Councillor Read
Councillor Watson
Councillor Lelliott
Councillor Roche
Councillor Sims

Area Assemblies:-

	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>ViceChairman</u>
Wentworth North (Hooper, Wath, Swinton)	Sansome	Hamilton
Rotherham North (Keppel, Wingfield, Rotherham West)	Johnston	Jones
Rotherham South (Rotherham East, Boston Castle, Sitwell)	McNeely	Yasseen
Wentworth South (Rawmarsh, Valley, Silverwood)	Evans	Rosling
Rother Valley West (Brinsworth/Catcliffe, Rother Vale, Holderness)	Buckley	Pitchley
Rother Valley South (Dinnington, Anston/Woodsetts, Wales)	Whysall	Taylor
Wentworth Valley (Maltby, Hellaby, Wickersley)	Godfrey	Beaumont

REGULATORY BOARDS

Standards Committee:-

Councillor Alam
Councillor Beaumont
Councillor Beck (Chairman)
Councillor Finnie
Councillor Fleming
Councillor Hughes (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Pitchley
Councillor Taylor

(8)

Independent Members:-

Mr. I. Daines
Ms. A. Dowdall
Mr. P. Edler
Ms. J. Porter
Mrs. C. Saltis

Parish Council Representatives:-

Councillors D. Bates, D. Rowley and R. Swann.

Advisory Licensing Board:-

Councillor Beaumont
Councillor Beck
Councillor Buckley
Councillor Clark
Councillor Currie
Councillor Elliot
Councillor Ellis (Chairman)
Councillor Evans
Councillor Hague
Councillor Hamilton
Councillor Jones
Councillor McNeely
Councillor Parker
Councillor Reeder
Councillor Reynolds
Councillor Robinson
Councillor Rushforth
Councillor Steele
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Wallis (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Wyatt
(21)

Advisory Licensing Committee:-

Councillor Beaumont
Councillor Beck
Councillor Buckley
Councillor Elliot
Councillor Ellis (Chairman)
Councillor Evans
Councillor Hamilton
Councillor McNeely
Councillor Parker
Councillor Reeder

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Councillor Reynolds
Councillor Rushforth
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Wallis (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Wyatt
(15)

Planning Board:-

Councillor Astbury
Councillor Atkin (Chairman)
Councillor Godfrey
Councillor Lelliott (Advisory Cabinet Member)
Councillor Middleton
Councillor Pickering
Councillor Roche
Councillor Rosling
Councillor Sims
Councillor Smith
Councillor Tweed (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor John Turner
Councillor M. Vines
Councillor Whysall
Councillor Yasseen
(15)

Substitutes:-

Councillor Beaumont (Wentworth Valley)
Councillor Burton (Rother Valley South)
Councillors Cutts/Johnston (Rotherham North)
Councillor Khan (Rotherham South)
Councillor Roddison (Rother Valley West)
Councillor Sansome (Wentworth North)
Councillor Evans (Wentworth South)

Audit Committee:-

Councillor Alam
Councillor Cowles
Councillor Evans
Councillor Hughes (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Wyatt (Chairman)
(5)

SELECT COMMISSIONS

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:-

Councillor Beck
Councillor Cowles
Councillor Hamilton (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Mallinder
Councillor Pitchley
Councillor Reynolds
Councillor Sansome
Councillor Steele (Chairman)
Councillor Julie Turner
Councillor Whelbourn
Councillor Wyatt
(12)

Health:-

Councillor Ahmed
Councillor Alam
Councillor Burton
Councillor Elliot
Councillor Ellis
Councillor Evans
Councillor Fleming
Councillor Godfrey
Councillor Hunter
Councillor Khan
Councillor Mallinder (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Price
Councillor Sansome (Chairman)
Councillor Reeder
Councillor Rose
Councillor Rushforth
Councillor Smith
Councillor M. Vines
(18)

Improving Lives:-

Councillor Ahmed
Councillor Astbury
Councillor Beaumont
Councillor Burton
Councillor Clark
Councillor Currie

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Councillor Cutts
Councillor Hamilton (Chairman)
Councillor Hoddinott
Councillor Hague
Councillor Jones
Councillor Pitchley (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Rose
Councillor Rosling
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Tweed
Councillor John Turner
Councillor M. Vines
(18)

Improving Places:-

Councillor Atkin
Councillor Beck (Chairman)
Councillor Buckley
Councillor Cutts
Councillor Godfrey
Councillor Gosling
Councillor Jepson
Councillor McNeely
Councillor Pickering
Councillor Smith
Councillor Reeder
Councillor Robinson
Councillor Rosling
Councillor C. Vines
Councillor Wallis
Councillor Whelbourn (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Whysall
Councillor Wyatt
(18)

REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT AUTHORITIES

SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Councillors Atkin and Buckley

BARNESLEY, DONCASTER, ROTHERHAM AND SHEFFIELD COMBINED AUTHORITY

Councillor Read, Councillor Watson (Substitute) and Councillor TBC
(Rotational Member)

Transport Committee - Councillors Godfrey and Lelliott
Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Steele

SOUTH YORKSHIRE PENSIONS AUTHORITY

Councillors Ellis and Wyatt

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Councillors Wallis and Councillor C. Vines