

At a meeting of **ANNUAL COUNCIL** held at Watersmeet, High Street, Rickmansworth, on **Tuesday 21 MAY 2019** from 7.30pm to 8.55pm.

Present: Councillors Phil Williams (Chair), Matthew Bedford, Sara Bedford, Marilyn Butler, Joanna Clemens, Stephen Cox, Steve Drury, Donna Duncan, Peter Getkahn, Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Alex Hayward, Paula Hiscocks, Margaret Hofman, Joan King, Stephen King, Chris Lloyd, David Major, Joy Mann, Shanti Maru, Alex Michaels, Sarah Nelmes, Reena Ranger, Michael Revan, David Sansom, Alison Scarth, Andrew Scarth, Roger Seabourne, Stephanie Singer, Dominic Sokalski, Jon Tankard, Martin Trevett, Alex Turner, Kate Turner, Alison Wall.

**CL01/19 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Alex Hayward proposed, seconded by Councillor Keith Martin and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Paula Hiscocks be elected to the office of Chair of the Council for the Local Government Year 2019/20.

**CL02/19 CHAIR ELECT**

The Chair made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and acknowledged the honour conferred and received the Chain of Office from the Retiring Chair.

**COUNCILLOR PAULA HISCOCKS IN THE CHAIR**

**CL03/19 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING CHAIR**

Councillor Sarah Nelmes thanked Councillor Phil Williams for his year of office as Chair of the Council.

The Chair presented Councillor Phil Williams with a scroll as thank you of the Council's appreciation for his services during his term office as Chair of Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Council place on record its appreciation to Councillor Phil Williams for services rendered during his term of office as Chair of the Council.

**CL04/19 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Sara Bedford proposed, seconded by Councillor Andrew Scarth, and it was unanimously agreed:

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Keith Martin be elected to the Office of Vice-Chair of the Council for the Local Government Year 2019/20.

**CL05/19 VICE-CHAIR ELECT**

The Vice-Chair made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, to acknowledge the honour conferred and received the Chain of Office from the Chair.

**CL06/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Humphreys and Raj Khiroya.

**CL07/19 ELECTION RETURN**

All the Declarations of Office had been signed by all the Councillors elected.

The Leader of the Council wished to thank Michael, Matthew and Adam in the Elections team for their work on the election which was exceptional.

RESOLVED:

That the Election Return be noted.

**CL08/19 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
11 MARCH 2019**

Council considered the recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 11 March 2019.

Councillor Sara Bedford moved, duly seconded, the recommendation:

PR68/18 Strategic Plan 2019-22 and Service Plans 2019-22 (Committee, Legal, Corporate Services, Customer Service Centre, Finance, Revenue and Benefits, Elections, Major Projects and Property)

On being put to the Council the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair of the Council the voting being unanimous.

Councillor Sara Bedford moved, duly seconded, the recommendation:

PR69/18 Budget Monitoring – Month 10 (January)

On being put to the Council the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair of the Council the voting being 25 For, 0 Against and 12 Abstentions.

RESOLVED: -

That the recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee be agreed.

**CL09/19 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEES**

Councillor Sara Bedford moved, duly seconded, the recommendation of the Infrastructure Housing and Economic Development Committee to agree the Service Plans for: Economic Development and Sustainability, Housing and Regulatory Services.

On being put to Council the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair of the Council the voting being unanimous.

Councillor Sara Bedford moved, duly seconded, the recommendation of the Leisure, Community and Environmental Services Committee to agree the Service Plans for: Leisure and Landscape, Environmental Protection and Community Partnerships.

On being put to Council the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair of the Council the voting being unanimous.

RESOLVED:-

That the Service Plans from the Service Committees be approved.

**CL10/19 ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT**

Councillor Alex Michaels moved, duly seconded, the recommendation.

On being put to Council the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair of the Council the voting being unanimous.

RESOLVED:

That Council agrees to increase the FPN for graffiti and fly posting from £75 to £150 reduced to £100 if paid with seven days.

**CL11/19 MEMBER ALLOWANCES 2019/20**

Councillor Sara Bedford moved, duly seconded, to correct Minute CL58/18 to show the correct Local Government Year of 2019/20 (as agreed) and to read as follows:

The Members' basic allowance has therefore increased from 1 April 2019 to £4,862 per annum plus £100 IT consumables allowance making a total of allowance of £4,962

The Special Responsibility Allowances to be as follows:

Leader of the Council	£8,967
Lead Members (x7)	£4,862 (1 x basic rate)
Chair of Planning Committee	£4,862 (1 x basic rate)
Chair of Licensing Committee & Regulatory Services Committee	£2,431 (half of basic rate)
Chair of Audit Committee	£2,431 (half of basic rate)

Other Group Leaders:

Main Opposition Leader	£3,766
Other Opposition Leader	£1,390
Travel Allowance	52.2p per mile
Dependent and Carer Allowance	£12.50 per hour

And an amendment that the Chair of Licensing and Regulatory Services Committee be split into two roles and that an additional Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) of £2,431 be included to enable both the Chair of Licensing Committee and the Chair of the Regulatory Services Committee to receive the same SRA for 2019/20 and for the budget to be increased accordingly.

The Chair clarified that an extra SRA allowance was being created and the role of Chair of Licensing and Chair of Regulatory Services would now be separated.

Councillor Alex Hayward said she found it unacceptable the amendment had not been circulated with Council now being asked to agree an extra £2,500.

Councillor Sara Bedford said the Council had been paying £2,500 less for the last four years in the SRA's and now it would be £2,500 more. There had been only one Chair but now it had been decided to split the post with there now being two Chairs.

Councillor Alex Hayward asked for an explanation on why information on the amendment had not been circulated.

The Chief Executive advised that it was a decision made very late which and was the prerogative of the Leader of the Authority. The Independent Remuneration Panel which had recommended the allowance was based on the idea that there would be one special allowance for the joint Chair with one person occupying the role. As soon as a decision was taken to split the roles there had to be a budget adjustment. The Panel just recommend the levels and because we have had years with one person occupying the Chair for Regulatory and Licensing they just assumed that would follow on. They had therefore recommended that the Chair of the two Committees receive one special responsibility allowance. If you divided that responsibility amongst two people then the logic was that they would have had to recommend the same for both Chairs.

Councillor Alex Hayward asked why the current SRA could not be split between the two separate Chairs.

Councillor Roger Seabourne raised a point of order that it was not a very late decision as a decision had not been made about who was going to Chair the Committees. The Chair said it was not a decision about who was going to Chair the Committees it was a decision about the allowance payment.

Councillor Roger Seabourne appreciated that but what the Chief Executive was saying was based on a very late decision but the decision had not been made yet.

Councillor Reena Ranger said if it was a late decision and a decision had not been made why could it not be deferred to allow proper scrutiny and allow people to digest what was being requested before bringing it to Full Council.

Councillor Sara Bedford said the Constitution allowed for a Chair to be appointed to each of the Committees. She was following the Constitution and had checked this with the Chief Executive who had agreed.

Councillor Stephen Cox said it would have been helpful to have had a little bit of prior notice from the Majority Group which would have saved a lot of confusion.

Councillor Alison Wall said having been a Member of the Licensing Committee and Regulatory Services Committee last year most of the Licensing meetings had been cancelled and this was public money and she did not think the public would be very impressed.

On being put to Council the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair of the Council the voting being 22 For, 12 Against and 3 Abstentions.

RESOLVED:

the correct Local Government Year 2019/20 (as agreed) and to read as follows:

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**CL12/19 THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT**

With the consent of the Council, the Health and Safety Policy statement was signed by the Chair of the Council and the Chief Executive.

**CL13/19 AMENDMENTS TO THE LEADER AND LEAD MEMBER ROLES**

This item had not been available five clear days before the meeting but had been agreed to be taken by the Chair of Council and was of sufficient urgency to be considered by Council to enable amendments to be made to the roles.

Councillor Sara Bedford moved, duly seconded, the amendments to the Leader and Lead Member roles. She advised the changes which included moving Climate Change from the Transport and Economic Development Portfolio into the Environmental Services Portfolio.

Councillor David Sansom said he understood that there was a need to publish all our agendas in advance to comply with the regulations but this was not published a week in advance. The Chair advised that she had agreed to take this item as an urgent item but asked if anyone objected to that.

Councillor Alex Hayward did not object but was sure a lot of thought had gone into changing of the roles however again the documents were late and sent to Members at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. It would have been so easy to just itemise what the changes were. She had advised this on a previous report which had come to Council and had requested to cross reference with the original. Advising at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour was unacceptable and it could be made easier and asked that the Council do that in future as it was becoming a regular occurrence of late papers.

Councillor Sara Bedford wished to say that one of the reasons why this had not been on time was that several of her Members had taken time off for holiday after they worked so hard and successfully on the election campaigns and she apologised that they had taken some time off.

On being put to the Council the amendments were declared CARRIED by the Chair of the Council the voting being 25 For, 11 Against and 1 Abstention.

RESOLVED:

That the amendments be approved.

POST MEETING NOTE: the Lead Member for Environmental Services should now read Lead Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability

**CL14/19 MINUTES**

Minutes of the Council held on 26 February 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair of the Council.

**CL15/19 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Paula Hiscocks made comments regarding the conduct in the Council chamber. Having sat through numerous Council meetings over the past 11 years she had noticed a breakdown in courtesy and respect showed towards one another in the chamber. She welcomed all proper debate but

would not tolerate any aggressive comments or those which humiliated or put down fellow Councillors. She would move that such Members would no longer be heard under Rule 20(1) of the Council Rules.

On agenda items which were received late, with less than 5 clear days' notice, she advised that unless there was an extremely valid reason she would not be allowing late items to be heard at the meeting without a full vote.

She advised her two charities were concerned with helping disadvantaged adults and children in our area to help them enjoy the richness of the experiences which we all take for granted.

The first charity was the Colne Valley Special Sailors (CVSS) a sailing charity for people with disabilities which was run entirely by volunteers. Its aim was to make sailing accessible to all people with disabilities of all ages and to make sailing fun. They were based at the Aquadrome and had been a charity since 2001. She had chosen this charity as it was one of the charitable arms of the facilities provided in the Aquadrome. She advised that her maiden speech at her first Council meeting in 2008 was to save the NOMADs kayaking club from losing their base in the Aquadrome. She was also pleased to see the opening of the new BLYM centre which would provide facilities for all these groups.

The second charity was DEMAND based in Abbots Langley. This charity helped people with disabilities of all ages by improving their life experience by adapting and making equipment which enabled them to access more of life's enriching opportunities. This could be in sport or just enabling more independence. Having taught in a local secondary school with an integrated special unit she had seen how important this equipment was to allow children to participate in activities and to make specialist equipment more comfortable for them. They did not charge for the designing, making or fixing the equipment they only took donations.

There would be a Quiz, Civic Service and Golf Day. She hoped to provide dates as soon as possible. All of these events would raise money for these very important local charities and she hoped Members would be able to attend.

**CL16/19 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Chris Lloyd proposed, seconded by Councillor Alex Michaels that Councillor Sara Bedford be appointed Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED:

Councillor Sara Bedford, Leader of the Council.

**CL17/19 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Sara Bedford proposed, seconded by Councillor Matthew Bedford that Councillor Chris Lloyd be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED:

Councillor Chris Lloyd, Deputy Leader of the Council.

**CL18/19 APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS**

That Lead Members be appointed as follows:

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility</b>
Councillor Matthew Bedford	Resources and Shared Services
Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Transport and Economic Development
Councillor Phil Williams	Infrastructure and Planning Policy
Councillor Andrew Scarth	Housing
Councillor Chris Lloyd	Leisure
Councillor Alex Michaels	Environmental Services and Sustainability
Councillor Roger Seabourne	Community Safety and Partnerships

**CL19/19 APPOINTMENT OF POLICY AND RESOURCES, PLANNING, REGULATORY SERVICES, LICENSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY, AUDIT, COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEES**

**CL19a/19 TO APPOINT TO THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Policy and Resources Committee - 13 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 8 Members

Councillor Sara Bedford	Leader of the Council
Councillor Matthew Bedford	Resources and shared Services
Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Transport and Economic Development
Councillor Phil Williams	Infrastructure and Planning Policy
Councillor Andrew Scarth	Housing
Councillor Chris Lloyd	Leisure
Councillor Alex Michaels	Environmental Services and Sustainability
Councillor Roger Seabourne	Community Safety and Partnerships

Conservative Group – 4 Members

Councillor Alex Hayward  
Councillor Reena Ranger  
Councillor David Sansom  
Councillor Alison Wall

Labour Group – 1 Member

Councillor Stephen Cox

**CL19b/19 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING, REGULATORY SERVICES, LICENSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY, AUDIT AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEES**

Councillor Sara Bedford moved, duly seconded, the appointment of Members to the Committees and to agree the appointment of all Members to act as substitutes on the Council Committees excluding the Licensing Committee.



On being put to Council the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair of the Council the voting being unanimous.

RESOLVED:

**Planning Committee - 11 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 7 Members

Councillors Sarah Nelmes, Keith Martin, Sara Bedford, Steve Drury, Peter Getkahn, Raj Khuroya, Chris Lloyd

Conservative Group – 3 Members

Councillors Debbie Morris, Marilyn Butler, Michael Revan

Labour Group – 1 Member

Councillor Stephen King

**Regulatory Services Committee – 10 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 6 Members

Councillors Steve Drury, Martin Trevett, Joy Mann, Roger Seabourne, Dominic Sokalski, Alex Turner

Conservative Group – 3 Members

Councillors Donna Duncan, Paula Hiscocks, Shanti Maru

Labour Group – 1 Member

Councillor Stephen King

**Licensing Committee – 10 - Members**

Liberal Democrats – 6 Members

Councillors Steve Drury, Martin Trevett, Joy Mann, Dominic Sokalski, Roger Seabourne, Alex Turner

Conservative Group – 3 Members

Councillors Donna Duncan, Paula Hiscocks, Shanti Maru

Labour Group – 1 Member

Councillor Stephen King

**Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development Committee – 11 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 7 Members

Councillors Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Phil Williams, Andrew Scarth, Peter Getkahn, Margaret Hofman, Tony Humphreys, Stephanie Singer

Conservative Group – 3 Members

Councillors Alex Hayward, Reena Ranger, David Raw

Labour Group – 1 Member

Councillor Joan King

## **Leisure, Environment and Community Committee – 11 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 7 Members

Councillors Chris Lloyd, Alex Michaels, Roger Seabourne, David Major, Alison Scarth, Jon Tankard, Kate Turner

Conservative Group – 4 Members

Councillors David Sansom, Alison Wall, Donna Duncan

Labour Group – 1 Member

Councillor Stephen King

## **Audit – 7 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 4 Members

Councillors Keith Martin, Dominic Sokalski, Tony Humphreys, Sarah Nelmes,

Conservative Group – 3 Members

Councillors Joanna Clemens, David Raw, Michael Revan

## **Council Tax Setting – 5 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 3 Members

Matthew Bedford, Sara Bedford, Chris Lloyd

Conservative Group – 2 Members

Councillors Alex Hayward, David Sansom

Agreed to appoint all Members to act as substitutes on the Council Committees excluding the Licensing Committee.

Agreed to appoint all Members to act as substitutes on the Regulatory Services Committee providing the substitute member had received training.

On the proportionality rules Council unanimously agreed to dis-apply proportionality rules to allow the Labour Group to have a seat on the Audit Committee.

## **CL19c/19 TO APPOINT SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – UP TO THREE PER POLITICAL GROUP**

RESOLVED:

Liberal Democrats – 3 Members

Councillor David Major

Councillor Alison Scarth

Councillor Phil Williams

Conservative Group – 3 Members

Councillor Alex Hayward

Councillor Reena Ranger

Councillor David Raw

Labour Group – 2 Members

Councillor Stephen Cox  
Councillor Joan King

**CL20/19 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
Planning	Councillor Sarah Nemes	Councillor Keith Martin
Licensing	Martin Trevett	Steve Drury
Regulatory Services	Steve Drury	Martin Trevett
Audit	Keith Martin	Dominic Sokalski
Council Tax Setting Committee	Sara Bedford	Chris Lloyd

**CL21/19 STANDARDS REGIME**

**Members' Panel to deal with Code of Conduct Complaints**

This Panel would deal with Code of Conduct Complaints against District and Parish Councillors under the stages agreed at the Executive Committee on 2 April 2012 (Minute EX104/11). The Panel would consist of the Group Leaders (or their nominees).

RESOLVED:-

That the membership of the Panel be noted.

**CL22/19 APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

That the Appointments Committee be established with terms of reference as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution and appointed 7 Members to serve thereon. The Committee would be subject to the Rules governing proportionality.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Appointments Committee be reconstituted for the Local Government Year 2019/20 with Member appointments to be governed by the proportionality rules.

**CL23/19 APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COUNCIL BODIES**

RESOLVED:

(Note: Divisions took place where the number of nominations exceeded the number of vacancies, these cases being indicated by an asterisk as set out below)

**Three Rivers Community Safety Board and Co-ordinating Group**

Board – Councillor Roger Seabourne  
Co-ordinating Group – Councillor Sara Bedford

**Local Strategic Partnership Board (\*)**

Councillors Sara Bedford and Roger Seabourne

### **Community Safety Board (Police and Crime Commissioner) (\*)**

Councillor Andrew Scarth

### **Environmental Forum**

Liberal Democrats – 4 Members

Councillors **Chris Lloyd (Chair)**, David Major, Jon Tankard, Alex Turner

Conservative Group – 3 Members

Councillors Joanna Clemens, Alex Hayward, Alison Wall

Labour Group – 1 Member

Councillor Stephen King

### **Pensioners' Forum**

Open to all Members to attend.

### **Youth Council**

Liberal Democrat: Councillor Alex Michaels

Conservative Group: Councillor Joanna Clemens

Labour Group: Councillor Stephen Cox

### **Internal Complaints Panel**

Liberal Democrat            2 Members, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive before each meeting.

Conservative Group        2 Members, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive before each meeting.

Labour Group                2 Members, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive before each meeting.

### **Editorial Working Party**

Liberal Democrat – 3 Members

Councillors Matthew Bedford, Sarah Nelmes, Stephanie Singer

Conservative Group – 1 Member

Councillor David Raw

Labour Group – 1 Member

No appointment to be made

### **Staff Employer Forum**

Liberal Democrat            Councillors Matthew Bedford and Sara Bedford

Conservative Group      Councillors Debbie Morris, Donna Duncan

Labour Group              2 Members, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive before each meeting.

**South Oxhey Community Board**

Liberal Democrat:        Councillor Alison Scarth

Conservative Group:      Councillor Donna Duncan

Labour Group:              Councillor Stephen King

**West Herts Crematorium Committee**

Councillor David Major

**CL24/19      APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR EACH OF THE LOCAL AREA FORUMS**

It was proposed, duly seconded, that Members be appointed as Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Local Area Forums for 2019/20 as detailed:-

<b>Area Forum</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
Chorleywood and Sarratt	Phil Williams Alex Hayward	Raj Khiroya Marilyn Butler
Rickmansworth	Sarah Nelmes David Sansom	Tony Humphreys David Raw
Croxley Green Abbots Langley Watford Rural	Peter Getkahn Alex Michaels Andrew Scarth Donna Duncan	Steve Drury Sara Bedford Keith Martin Michael Revan

Upon a division of votes for the appointments votes were cast as follows:

<b>Area Forum</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
Chorleywood and Sarratt	Alex Hayward 12 For, 22 Against and 3 Abstentions.	
	Phil Williams 22 For, 12 Against and 3 Abstentions	
		Marilyn Butler 12 For, 22 Against and 3 Abstentions.
		Raj Khiroya 22 For, 12 Against and 3 Abstentions
Rickmansworth	David Sansom 12 For, 22 Against and 3 Abstentions	
	Sarah Nelmes 22 For, 12 Against and 3 Abstentions	
		David Raw 12 For, 22 Against and 3 Abstentions

Tony Humphreys  
22 For, 12 Against and 3 Abstentions

Abbots Langley

Alex Michaels

Sara Bedford

Watford Rural

Donna Duncan  
12 For, 22 Against and 3 Abstentions  
Andrew Scarth  
22 For, 12 Against and 3 Abstentions

Michael Revan  
12 For, 22 Against and 3 Abstentions  
Keith Martin  
22 For, 12 Against and 3 Abstentions

RESOLVED:

**Area Forum**

**Chair**

**Vice-Chair**

Chorleywood and Sarratt  
Rickmansworth  
Croxley Green  
Abbots Langley  
Watford Rural

Phil Williams  
Sarah Nelmes  
Peter Getkahn  
Alex Michaels  
Andrew Scarth

Raj Khuroya  
Tony Humphreys  
Steve Drury  
Sara Bedford  
Keith Martin

**CL25/19 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Council was requested to determine the appointments to the Outside Bodies listed in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Council representatives to the Outside Bodies be as set out below.

(Note: Divisions took place where the number of nominations exceeded the number of vacancies, these cases being indicated by an asterisk as set out below)

East of England Local Government Association – Councillor Sara Bedford

Chilterns Conservation Board – Councillor Raj Khuroya (\*)

Denham Aerodrome Consultative Committee – Councillor Raj Khuroya (\*)

Herts Waste Partnership – Councillor Alex Michaels (substitute: Councillor Sarah Nelmes)

LGA General Assembly – Councillor Sara Bedford (\*) substitute Member Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst

Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust Ltd – Councillor Jon Tankard (\*)

Herts County Council Health Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Alison Scarth (\*)

Three Rivers Museum Trust – Councillor Sarah Nelmes (\*)

Rickmansworth Golf Club – Councillor Steve Drury (\*)

Moor Park Mansion Heritage Foundation Trust:

Councillors Debbie Morris, Stephen King and Stephanie Singer

New Agreement Traffic Management Act 2004 Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLAJC) – Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst (\*) and substitute Councillor Phil Williams

Abbots Langley Community Centre – Management Committee – Councillor David Major

Herts Sustainability Forum – Councillor Jon Tankard

Hertfordshire Police and Crime Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Andrew Scarth (\*) and substitute Councillor Sarah Nelmes

Leavesden and the Langley's Children's Centre Group – Councillor Sara Bedford

Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant – Councillor Phil Williams (\*)

Community Governor Shepherds JMI School (Rickmansworth) – Councillor Sarah Nelmes

#### **CL26/19 INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

The Council was requested to reconstitute the Independent Panel to review Members' allowances. By statute, all appointments must be external to the Council. It was recommended that the Chief Executive make the appointments.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel be set up and that the appointments to the Panel be made by the Chief Executive.

#### **CL27/19 PENSIONERS CHAMPION**

	Votes Cast	Against	Abstentions
Councillor Donna Duncan	12	22	3
Councillor Joy Mann	22	12	3

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Joy Mann be appointed the Pensioners' Champion for 2019/20.

#### **CL28/19 YOUNG PERSONS' CHAMPION**

	Votes Cast	Against	Abstentions
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Councillor Joanna Clemens	12	22	3
Councillor Alex Michaels	22	12	3

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Alex Michaels be appointed the Youth Champion for 2019/20.

**CL29/19 MEMBER TRAINING CHAMPION**

	Votes Cast	Against	Abstentions
Councillor Alex Hayward	12	22	3
Councillor Sara Bedford	22	12	3

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Sara Bedford be appointed the Member Champion for 2019/20.

**CL30/19 MOTIONS**

Councillor Sara Bedford, seconded by Councillor Alex Michaels, moved under Notice duly given as follows:

Council notes:

1. The overwhelming weight of scientific evidence pointing to man-made climate change.
  2. The harmful effect that such climate change is having on our lives, natural habitats and eco-systems.
  3. The proud record of Three Rivers District Council on environmental issues.
- Council therefore agrees to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency.
2. Produce a strategy and action plan to make Three Rivers carbon neutral by 2030.
3. Use all practical means to reduce the impact of Council services on the environment.
4. Use all planning regulations and the Local Plan to cut carbon emissions and reduce the impact on the environment.
5. Work with partners in the public and private sector and implement best practice.
6. Engage with local residents and businesses to gain their support.
7. Request Central Government to provide the support and resources needed to progress the action plan.

Council therefore requests that details of the strategy and action plan be brought to Policy & Resources committee by the end of 2019.

On being put to the Council the motion was declared CARRIED by the Chair of the Council the voting being unanimous.

RESOLVED:



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**CHAIR**