

CITY OF DONCASTER COUNCIL

COUNCIL

FRIDAY, 19TH MAY, 2023

A MEETING of the COUNCIL was held at the BALLROOM - MANSION HOUSE, on FRIDAY, 19TH MAY, 2023, at 11.30 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Ian Pearson
Vice-Chair - Councillor Duncan Anderson
Mayor - Ros Jones
Deputy Mayor - Councillor Glyn Jones

Present for Part 1 of the Meeting

Councillors Nick Allen, Bob Anderson, Nigel Ball, Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Laura Bluff, Nigel Cannings, Gemma Cobby, Phil Cole, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Linda Curran, Aimee Dickson, Susan Durant, Yetunde Elebuibon, Sue Farmer, Julie Grace, Martin Greenhalgh, John Healy, Leanne Hempshall, Charlie Hogarth, Mark Houlbrook, Richard A Jones, Jane Kidd, Sue Knowles, Sophie Liu, Tracey Moran, Emma Muddiman-Rawlins, Tim Needham, David Nevett, Jane Nightingale, Andrea Robinson, Dave Shaw, Glynis Smith, Sarah Smith and Austen White.

Apologies for Part 1

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lani-Mae Ball, Rachael Blake, Glenn Bluff, Bev Chapman, James Church, Sean Gibbons, Debbie Hutchinson, Barry Johnson, Jake Kearsley, Majid Khan, John Mounsey, Thomas Noon, Andy Pickering, Cynthia Ransome, Rob Reid and Gary Stapleton.

Present for Part 2 of the Meeting

Councillors Nick Allen, Bob Anderson, Nigel Ball, Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Laura Bluff, Nigel Cannings, Gemma Cobby, Phil Cole, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Linda Curran, Aimee Dickson, Susan Durant, Yetunde Elebuibon, Sue Farmer, Sean Gibbons, Julie Grace, Martin Greenhalgh, John Healy, Leanne Hempshall, Charlie Hogarth, Mark Houlbrook, Barry Johnson, Richard Allan Jones, Jane Kidd, Sue Knowles, Sophie Liu, Tracey Moran, Emma Muddiman-Rawlins, Tim Needham, David Nevett, Jane Nightingale, Thomas Noon, Cynthia Ransome, Dave Shaw, Glynis Smith, Sarah Smith Gary Stapleton and Austen White.

Apologies for Part 2

Councillors Lani Mae Ball, Rachael Blake, Glen Bluff, Bev Chapman, James Church, Debbie Hutchinson, Jake Kearsley, Majid Khan, John Mounsey, Andy Pickering and Rob Reid.

1 Prayers

The Chair, Councillor Ian Pearson, welcomed Elected Members, Officers and members of the public. The meeting was led in prayer by the Civic Chaplain, Canon Reverend David Stevens.

2 Election of Chair of Council.

It was MOVED by Councillor Glynis Smith and SECONDED by Councillor Linda Curran that Councillor Duncan Anderson be elected as Chair of Council of City of Doncaster Council for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Duncan Anderson be hereby elected as Chair of Council of City of Doncaster Council for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

3 Election of Vice-Chair of Council.

It was MOVED by Councillor Leanne Hempshall and SECONDED by Councillor Sarah Smith that Councillor Julie Grace be elected as Vice-Chair of Council of City of Doncaster Council for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Julie Grace be hereby elected as Vice-Chair of Council of City of Doncaster Council for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

4 Presentation of badges to the retiring Chair of Council and Consort.

On behalf of the Council, Damian Allen, the Chief Executive, presented a Commemorative Badge to the retiring Chair of Council. Flowers were presented to the outgoing Mayoress and the new Mayoress.

5 Chair of Council's Inaugural Speech

The Chair of Council, Councillor Duncan Anderson, delivered his inaugural speech

“Deputy Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Mayor Jones, Canon, Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I don't think there is any other way I could begin but in thanking Glynis and Linda, for their kind words today in nominating me and the support and comradery I have been fortunate enough to enjoy in their company over the past six years.

Both of them alluded to my quite, diplomatic approach to politics, let me tell you the luxury of adopting such an approach is afforded to me only because I have these two formidable women backing me up.

I also want to thank my mother, Fiona, both for agreeing to support me through the coming year as my mayoress, but also for raising me in the face of no little adversity, to be the kind of person who can stand here today worthy of the honour of being made mayor.

Thanks to go to everyone who has encouraged and supported me since I first entered politics, from my first election to today, I could not have got here without you.

But what all of you want to know is what am I going to do with my time in office, so let's us start from where we are.

Doncaster's Mansion house, one of few such still surviving, has been at the heart of civic life in this city for hundreds of years, and though the day to day business of politics and government may have moved out, this building still has a part to play, as a historic, cultural and social centre.

Supporting and championing the Mansion House is an integral part of the role of Civic Mayor and I will be picking up that baton and working with the Friends of the Mansion House and Council Officers to make sure this building is preserved and used to its best.

This Mansion House is a treasure and the opportunity to experience and enjoy it is the birth right of everyone in Doncaster.

To that end I will be organizing a series of events here.

When I have talked to my predecessors about their time in the chains, the most common theme has been that it has given them a new appreciation of the work volunteers of every kind do to hold society together.

So throughout my year in office, I will be inviting volunteers from across Doncaster to take tea with me at the Mansion House, as a show of our appreciation for the work they do.

I hope to work with all of you Councillors to identify the groups in your wards who deserve to be celebrated, and invite you to attend when I am hosting them.

I hope that this will not be a one off this year but a mayoral tradition that will be taken up by those that follow me.

Traditions are a big part of this job, but they don't just maintain themselves, I intend using my time to revive some of the old ones that in the disruption of the last few years have fallen out of use, we are already making plans for the return of the mayor's dinner, and just this morning I have cornered Canon Stevens to talk about organising a civic service.

Of course, one of the most important civic traditions is the selection of the Mayor's charitable causes.

I am proud to be the first Mayor in Doncaster to be openly a member of the LGBT Community. Though let's not kid ourselves, 530 years' worth of Mayors, not all of them were straight, they just didn't have the good fortune that I have had to live in a time where I can be both open about myself, and still raise to the position I now have.

It is with that in mind that I have chosen Doncaster Pride and the People Focused Group, as my causes for this year.

It is with pleasing synchronicity that my year as Mayor will coincide with much of Doncaster's year hosting the UK's national pride event, and I am excited to support them both on the main event and all things they do in-between, the outreach and community building, which is while somewhat less flamboyant and attention grabbing, certainly no less important.

The People Focused Group are a peer support network working with many different communities across Doncaster, including the LGBT community. They promote wellbeing in a myriad of ways all of which empower and centre the people who they benefit.

I will of course be availing myself of all the old fundraising standbys, I expect to have torn my share of raffle tickets by the time this is over, but I also have something a bit more interesting planned.

I will be seeking sponsorship for a challenge I have set myself. I will be walking from the steps of the Mansion House to the top of the tallest mountain in Yorkshire, a distance of some 70 miles as the crow flies and more like 120 miles as the Mayor walks even before you account for elevation.

I hope in this, both to raise money and draw attention to the good work being done by Doncaster Pride and The People Focused Group.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Mayor for the work he has done in the last year, many of the threads I will be picking up were started by Ian.

And thanks to all of you for being here today to make this such a special occasion”.

6 Vote of thanks to the retiring Chair of Council and Consort.

It was MOVED by Councillor Nigel Ball and SECONDED by Councillor Glyn Jones that the Council place on record its thanks and appreciation to Councillor Ian Pearson for the manner in which he had fulfilled his role as Chair of Council for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

Councillor Ian Pearson responded as follows:-

“Deputy Lord-Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Ladies and Gentlemen

It has been a tremendous honour for me to serve Doncaster as Civic Mayor. It’s been an exciting, interesting, varied and extremely busy year and one that I have enjoyed immensely and will remember for the rest of my life.

It has been a year dominated by Royal events. In June last year we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and a host of events, locally and nationally brought people and communities together to show their love, respect and admiration for this country’s longest-serving monarch. As part of those Jubilee Celebrations, Doncaster was granted City Status, and I would like to talk about that a little later.

Then, just 3 months later, on the 8th of September 2022, the country received the very sad news that Her Majesty had died and we entered a period of national mourning. But it was also a time to welcome the new King, His Majesty King Charles III, and the proclamation was read, on the steps of the Mansion House on Sunday 11th September.

Then on the 9th November 2022, it was my very great honour and privilege to welcome His Majesty the King and the Queen Consort to the Mansion House in

Doncaster where he officially presented the letters patent granting Doncaster City Status and, a few days ago we celebrated another Royal event as we witnessed the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

Returning to the Royal Visit, the awarding of city status represented a very special moment for the people of Doncaster. As I mentioned the honour was bestowed on us by the late Queen Elizabeth II as part of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations, so it was particularly poignant, and a true privilege, that their Majesties King Charles III and the Queen Consort presented the Letter Patent in person.

The Royal ceremony signalled the start of an exciting new chapter in Doncaster's history and although there are many challenges ahead, we move forward, together, with a renewed sense of community pride and hope for a prosperous future.

But of course, the year has been so much more, and it has been my great privilege to meet many interesting and inspiring people of all ages and from all walks of life. Just this week it was my great pleasure to host an afternoon tea at the Mansion House for a lady who has fostered children for over 45 years. To meet her and one of the children she fostered and listen to their experiences was truly inspirational and humbling. There are too many others to mention so I would just like to say a huge thank you to those who extended an invitation to me.

I also want to say thank you to my wife, Sue, who has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically by my side for the last twelve months.

I would also like to say thank you to Mandy Bingham, who retired a few weeks ago having worked for the Authority for 24 years, serving 25 Civic Mayors. Thank you, Mandy and best wishes for a long and happy retirement. I would also like to thank Dave Milnes who has given me the benefit of his experience as Mayor's officer and macebearer, his advice on protocol has been invaluable. To the team of officers in the Civic Office, who have provided support throughout the year making sure I am at the right place at the right time, organising events and generally guiding me through the role of Civic Mayor.

I would also like to thank Councillor Duncan Anderson for his support as my Deputy this year, and to Evia Shaw-Lewis who is the Junior Civic Mayor of Doncaster. Thank you to you both.

I will look back over my year very fondly and with great pride. I would like to wish my successor, Councillor Duncan Anderson, the very best for the year ahead. I hope that you enjoy the experience as much as I have.

Finally thank you for giving me this opportunity, it is one that I will remember for the rest of my life."

The Chair then announced a short recess and determined that the meeting would reconvene at 2.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Office

7 Declarations of Interest, if any.

There were no declarations reported at the meeting.

8 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th February, 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February, 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9 To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council, the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.

The Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, made the following announcements:-

Mayoral Plan

“We are now 2 years into this council term and it is an appropriate time to review progress and identify some short-to-medium term activity that will act as key stepping stones towards overall goals in making a Safer, Stronger, Cleaner and Green Doncaster for all.

Long-term ambitions for 2030 have been published both in the Doncaster Delivering Together borough strategy and in a suite of supporting strategies that sit beneath it. It's important that we celebrate the significant progress that has been made and recognise the added scale of these achievements in the light of such difficult circumstances from the Covid pandemic to the current cost of living crisis.

These achievements do not belong to just one organisation, but to the range of partners that have navigated through sometimes conflicting individual priorities to find common ground and come together to use collective insight and resources to make a real difference to the lives of residents.

I would like to highlight some of the key developments to date, but to note there are many more achievements

- Locality-specific plans and budgets have been developed, based on resident insights and priorities; and have refreshed the Council's Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion framework to ensure it is an integrated consideration in all decision-making processes.
- Residents have been supported through the cost-of-living crisis through information and advice and provided practical support in the form of a Household Support Fund. The Council have welcomed over 225 Ukrainian refugees to settle in Doncaster following the invasion of their home country by Russia.
- Going forward, a Fairness and Wellbeing commission will report later this year their recommendations as to how the Council can go further to ensure equality and equity across the borough.
- More resources will be put into targeted activity in certain neighbourhoods - to tackle antisocial behaviour, as well as to support access to parks, and leisure and cultural opportunities for the more vulnerable members of the communities.
- Launching a kindness platform – celebrating the positive and inspiring stories of kindness across the borough and developing and enhancing early intervention support services through the creation of a new Community Prevention Service.
- Significant investments in homecare and supported living to increase capacity to support people in their own homes and facilitate quicker hospital discharges.

- The Council have invested over £9million in leisure facility improvements at Hatfield Outdoor centre and campsite, the Dome cycle circuit, and Armthorpe, Askern, and Rossington leisure centres - and a further £5million investment is ongoing at Thorne leisure centre.
- The Council have brought together over 60 primary schools to form a Physical Education and Active schools network leading to increased physical activity for Doncaster children throughout the day,
- Over £3million of investment planned as part of our Parks improvement programmes - which includes work in Denaby, Campsall, Town, Hexthorpe, Edlington, Mexborough and many others.
- Over the last decade, we've seen 15,000 new jobs created and almost 10,000 houses built (this included over 1900 affordable homes, of which over 500 were new council homes). Employment rates have increased from around 65% to almost 75% and Unemployment rates have fallen from 11% to less than 3%.
- In addition to continued housing delivery by private developers, a key priority I have for the next two years is to add over 250 new homes to the council housing stock - these will come from both new build programme and acquisitions programme.
- Focussing efforts to ensure supported housing for vulnerable people is up to standard and seek to work with landlords to ensure standards in the private rented sector improve.
- There has been over £200million of new investment in Doncaster and over 1200 jobs created or safeguarded in the last year alone - this is particularly impressive given the struggles many businesses have experienced during and following the Covid pandemic and whilst operating in different circumstances following the UK's exit from the EU.
- The Council want to continue economic growth across the coming decades and so two key priorities for the next 2 years are to support the re-opening of the international airport, and to deliver on city and town centre regeneration programmes which will include work at the Waterfront site, St James' baths, the city gateway and in Stainforth at the Head stocks, rail station and the high street.

Mayor Jones went on to mention work on Sustainability and tackling climate change

- Doncaster has seen around 100,000 trees planted since 2021, and over 1.6 million square metres of land has been allowed to naturalise to help with our biodiversity improvement ambitions. Dozens of council fleet vehicles have been replaced with electric vehicles since 2021 and over 150 new electric vehicle charging points have been installed since 2022 - all of which will continue to be priorities going forward.
- Over 850 council and privately owned homes have been fitted with external wall insulation, loft insulation and new roofs since 2021; and 118 SMEs and micro businesses have been assisted with low carbon grants during 2022-23.
- Property-level flood resilience measures have been fitted to over 400 residential homes following the 2019 floods; and Environmental implications will now be included and considered as part of all Council decisions.
- I will continue to push the Council to recycle more, and to support residents and businesses to do so too.

Further details on the priorities can be found in the partnership strategies, and the specific detail and timing of any planned activity is set out in the various partner corporate plans and service plans.

As always, residents, businesses, and the communities they make up will be at the forefront of the plans. They also help shape the way the Council deliver the services and projects developed; ensuring that the benefits are enjoyed by all.

I will be bringing forward a Team Doncaster document later in the year that will fully present my Mayoral Plan alongside the achievements in the first couple of years of the Borough Strategy and looking ahead to the next two years.

I'd like to close this statement by taking the opportunity to thank all elected members for their continued support and challenge so far and would encourage and welcome it to continue both from the point of presenting your own valuable insights, but of course, in your role as representatives of the residents, businesses and organisations across Doncaster. Together we have made huge progress towards our ambitions, and it's by working together that we will continue to do so".

Corporate Peer Review

"I reported to Council on our Local Government Association Peer Review progress in July 2022.

A lot has happened since then:

- We have brought the children's trust back into the Council
- We have become a city
- We have worked tirelessly on securing a future for our airport; and
- We have helped residents right across our borough with the cost-of-living crisis.

All whilst delivering essential services day in day out, it certainly has been a busy time

Built into the peer review process is a further review 6-9 months afterwards. I am pleased to inform Council that this review took place in April this year, and we have now received that report from the Local Government Association. It further describes the progress we have made as an organisation...In particular, I would like to share these observations:

- The Peer Team was pleased to see the positive way in which the council addressed the recommendations of the Corporate Peer Challenge of 2022.
- The peer team was impressed with the progress made so far...
- The peer team was pleased to see the positive profile Doncaster is beginning to get locally, regionally and nationally and look forward to learning about and celebrating its achievements and successes in the future

This report is now live on our website for all to access.

This positive recognition belongs to all of us. When I became Mayor in 2013, I took over a dysfunctional council that was seen as a basket case by national government.

It has been the hard work of this council that has turned the ship around and we are now seen as a strong and credible council in the eyes of government with a number of services that are used as exemplars across the country. As a labour council we are

delivering for the people and businesses of Doncaster despite the many challenges being faced.

However, whilst we should rightly take stock and celebrate the feedback we have received, we must remember we are on a journey and there are still many areas in which we can improve.

We will do that, as we always do, together”.

Councillor Nigel Ball, Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Communities, Leisure & Culture made the following announcement:-

Article 4 – Doncaster Sheffield Airport

“This morning I have approved a new planning measure which will help protect and preserve Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

Subject to the call-in period for the decision, the demolition of any building at the airport will require planning permission to be granted permitting it. The measure, known as an immediate Article 4 direction, allows the Council to remove certain rights which would otherwise be permitted without needing to apply for planning permission.

Prior to this, the Council’s powers to act, should the airport operator wish to demolish a building, were limited.

With an Article 4 Direction in place, any proposal to demolish a building at the airport – including the terminal, control tower and runway – will need to be assessed via the full planning process. This therefore allows the Council to scrutinise the principle of development against the development plan and other material considerations and opens up the possibility that demolition of buildings at the airport, if proposed, could be refused.

I have deemed it necessary to take this step immediately to preserve the proper planning of the area. There are grounds to be concerned about the intentions of the landowner to remove buildings and infrastructure at the airport and promote an alternate use for the site.

As we all know, the airport is a key infrastructure asset for this City, South Yorkshire and the North of England, and something we as a Council are fully behind seeing re-open.

The airport brings numerous benefits to Doncaster, its residents and its businesses, including access to international travel, and of course, various quantifiable economic benefits. It allows for access to and from international markets for trade, business and tourism and can act as a driver to stimulate growth in higher value sectors

The Article 4 Direction I have approved can help maintain the airport site and its operational ability, with a view to re-opening as a fully functioning airport.

As part of this process, an informal consultation was undertaken, which received over 96% support from the public for the measures I have approved today.

The decision will now be subject to a call-in period. Following and subject to this, the Direction would be made and we will need to follow the relevant legislative requirements to progress this, which would include further consultation and a six month period to allow us to decide whether to confirm the Direction.

With the Article 4 Direction in place, the airport will have an additional protection in place which will help with wider efforts to re-open the airport and recapture these benefits in future. This is part of wider work the Council are undertaking with regards to the airport, including wider negotiations about acquiring the leasehold, and progressing with the preparatory stages of a compulsory purchase order.

This is part of wider work being undertaken by this Council with regards to our airport, including wider negotiations about acquiring the leasehold, and progressing with a Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Article 4 Direction supports these measures by helping to preserve the airport site and its functionality”.

10 Notification by the Elected Mayor of the Composition of the Executive and the Elected Mayor's Scheme of Delegations.

Mayor Ros Jones firstly formally acknowledged the work of Councillor Andrea Robinson who for the past 2 years had been the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

Councillor Robinson had led considerable transformation of Adult Social Care services in Doncaster, including:

- an established means by which user experience is used to shape services to deliver personalised care and support;
- reduced waiting times for, and duration of assessments for services; and
- the delivery of an All Age Carer's strategy, called 'We hear, we listen, we care, if you care' - this will ensure that such individuals will be supported to access whatever help is available to deliver this critical and much appreciated role.

Mayor Jones thanked Councillor Robinson for all she had done over the last two years and looked forward to continue working with her in her role as councillor.

Mayor Jones informed Council on the composition and constitution of the Executive for the 2023/24 Municipal Year, and announced that the Cabinet would be comprised as follows:-

Councillor Glyn Jones
Deputy Mayor and lead on Housing and Business

Councillor Lani-Mae Ball
Cabinet Member for Early Help, Education, Skills & Young People

Councillor Nigel Ball
Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities, Leisure and Culture

Councillor Joe Blackham
Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Enforcement

Councillor Rachel Blake
Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care and Equalities

Councillor Phil Cole
Cabinet Member for Finance, Traded Services and Planning

Councillor Mark Houlbrook
Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Waste

Councillor Jane Nightingale
Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources

Councillor Sarah Smith
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Mayor Jones informed Council that she and Cabinet would work to deliver a safer, stronger, cleaner, greener and healthier Doncaster for all. Now that Doncaster had been granted City status, they would work to recover from the cost of living crisis by working at local level within the rural and urban communities of the city to make necessary changes.

RESOLVED that the report on the composition of the Executive, be noted.

11 Council appointed Committees and Sub-Committees Terms of Reference for 2023/24.

The Council considered a report which sought approval for proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee.

The Terms of Reference were approved at Council each year and ensured that the highest standards of governance were met and allowed for the proper discharge of functions.

The Council noted that changes had been proposed to the Terms of Reference to the Audit Committee, these were highlighted at paragraphs 8-12 of the report and appended at Appendix A, with proposed deletions shown as crossed through, and additions in bold italics.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference set out at paragraphs 8 to 12 and in Appendix A, be approved
- (2) the existing Terms of Reference for all other Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council, as set out within Part 3 of the Constitution, remain unchanged; and
- (3) the Constitution be updated to reflect the revisions to the Terms of Reference as agreed.

12 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 - Review of the allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees.

The Council considered a report which proposed the allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council, having regard to political balance in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

The Council was also advised of adjustments necessary to reflect a best proportionate fit in accordance with the principles of proportionality, as set out within paragraph 28 of the report.

It was reported that following the dispatch of the agenda papers, a list of Political Group nominations for the appointment of Members to serve on Committees, Sub-Committees and Scrutiny Panels, had been circulated to Members and tabled at the meeting, which outlined nominations received from Group Leaders.

The Council was also requested to make appointments and co-options to other Committees of the Council, not subject to the requirement for proportional balance.

Members noted that the proposed allocation of seats set out in the report, was based on:-

- (i) Proportionality being applied to the Committees/Sub-Committees shown in the table below based on the membership indicated:-

Committee/Sub-Committee	Size
Planning Committee	11
Elections & Democratic Structures Committee	11
Chief Officers Appointments Committee	11
Awards, Grants and Transport (Appeals) Committee	7
Audit Committee	5
Chief Officer Appeals Committee	5
Employee Relations Disputes Resolution Committee	5
Chief Officers Investigatory Sub-Committee	5
Total	60

- (ii) Proportionality would not apply to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, or the four Overview & Scrutiny Standing Panels, in order to maximise cross-party representation;
- (iii) The Licensing Committee, set up under the Licensing Act 2003, need not be politically proportionate. However, in seeking nominations from Group Leaders onto these 14 seats, these had been sought in proportion to the overall composition on the Council. The appointment of Licensing Sub-Committees to conduct hearings under Section 10 of the Licensing Act 2003, was a statutory function reserved by the Act to the statutory Licensing Committee. Accordingly, it was a matter for the Licensing Committee to appoint these Sub-Committees and to schedule any required meetings; and

- (iv) Proportionality would not apply to the Health and Wellbeing Board in accordance with legislative requirements.

Councillor Steve Cox notified Council of a change to the Conservative Group nomination on the Parish Council Joint Consultative Committee at page 12 of Appendix A as follows:

Councillor Richard Allan Jones to replace Councillor Steve Cox.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) seats on Committees and Sub-Committees be allocated as set out in the table at paragraph 25 of the report, subject to the Labour Group losing 1 seat on the Chief Officers Appeals Committee and the Mexborough First Group losing 1 on the Awards, Grants and Transport (Appeals) Committee;
- (2) as a consequence of the loss of the 2 seats detailed at (1) above, the two seats, 1 seat to be allocated to the Conservative Group and 1 seat be allocated to the Independent Member, Councillor Rob Reid, as follows:-
 - (a) Conservative Group
 - Awards, Grants and Transport (Appeals) Committee (Councillor Martin Greenhalgh)
 - (b) Councillor Rob Reid
 - Chief Officers Appeals Committees
- (3) the membership of Committees and Sub-Committees for 2023/24 including substitute provision in respect of the Chief Officers Appointments Committee, the Chief Officers Appeals Committee and the Employee Relations Disputes Resolution Committee, be as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix A in accordance with the wishes of Political Groups;
- (4) it be noted that in appointing Members to the Audit Committee, in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy guidance, any Member appointed to Cabinet should not be a member of the Audit Committee;
- (5) the requirement to include an Executive Member on the Chief Officers Appointments Committee, be noted;
- (6) for the reasons referred to in paragraph 8(iii) of the report, the rules of proportionality do not apply to the Licensing Committee;
- (7) the membership of the Licensing Committee be as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix A;

- (8) the membership of the Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee and the Member Development Working Group, be as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix A;
- (9) the appointments of Antoinette Drinkhill, as the Church of England representative, and Bernadette Nesbit, as the Roman Catholic representative, on the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel and on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee where this is considering issues relating to education matters, be endorsed;
- (10) any appointments to the 2 outstanding Overview and Scrutiny Parent Governor Representative vacancies be determined by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee during the course of the year;
- (11) future appointments made during the course of the year to any of the Overview and Scrutiny Co-opted Member vacancies be determined by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;
- (12) the appointment of workforce representatives as non-voting invitees onto the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Standing Panels, as detailed at paragraph 51 of the report and as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix A, be approved;
- (13) the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee appoint, as necessary, any further non-voting invitees to its membership or the membership of the Standing Panels during the course of the year, should it deem necessary;
- (14) the revision to the membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board, as detailed at paragraph 60 of the report, be approved and the membership of the Board be as set out within paragraphs 58 and 59 of the report and the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix A;
- (15) the Council reaffirms that future reviews on the proportional allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees, be limited to the Annual Meeting, and if appropriate, a mid-point in the year.

13 Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and Sub-Committees.

The Council considered a list of political nominations for the appointment of Members to serve as Chairs and Vice-Chairs on Committees, Sub-Committees and Scrutiny Panels, for the 2023/24 Municipal Year. The list of nominations had been circulated to Members and tabled at the meeting, following the dispatch of agenda papers.

It was noted that in accordance with Rule 3 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Council looked to ensure that not all Chairs and Vice-Chairs were drawn from the same Political Party.

RESOLVED that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and Sub-Committees for the 2023/24 Municipal Year, be as follows:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	Councillor Jane Kidd	Councillor Jake Kearsley
Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Leanne Hempshall	Councillor Tim Needham
Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Gemma Cobby	Councillor Nigel Cannings
Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Glynis Smith	Councillor Martin Greenhalgh
Regeneration and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Majid Khan	Councillor Sue Farmer
Planning Committee	Councillor Susan Durant	Councillor Sue Farmer
Elections and Democratic Structures Committee	Councillor Julie Grace	Councillor Nick Allen
Chief Officers' Appointments Committee	Councillor Glyn Jones	Mayor Ros Jones
Awards, Grants and Transport (Appeals) Committee	Councillor Sue Knowles	Councillor James Church
Audit Committee	Councillor Austen White	Councillor Glenn Bluff
Chief Officers' Appeals Committee	Councillor Jane Kidd	Councillor Austen White
Employee Relations Disputes Resolution Committee	Councillor Linda Curran	Councillor Charlie Hogarth
Chief Officers' Investigatory Sub-	Councillor Gemma Cobby	Councillor Austen White

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>
Committee		
Licensing Committee	Councillor Dave Shaw	Councillor Linda Curran
Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor Rachael Blake	To be appointed at the first Meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board

14 Council Appointments to Outside Bodies 2023/24.

The Council considered a report which sought the appointment of representatives to the schedule of Council Appointments to Outside Bodies for the 2023/24 Municipal Year. The list of nominations had been circulated to Members and tabled at the meeting, following the dispatch of agenda papers.

The Council were advised that there had been 2 nominations for the one vacancy on the Lady Ellerker Land Trust. The Labour Group have nominated Mr Chris Watson and the Conservative Group have nominated Councillor Richard Allan Jones. The Chair reminded Council of the procedure and how the vote will be undertaken. Candidates were voted upon in alphabetical order of surname.

A vote was taken to appoint Councillor Richard Allan Jones as the Conservative Group nomination and the vote was declared as follows:-

For: 11 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

A vote was undertaken to appoint Mr Chris Watson as the Labour Group nomination and the vote was declared as follows:-

For: 34 Against 0 Abstain: 0

On being put to the vote, it was declared that Mr Chris Watson be appointed to the vacancy on Lady Ellerker Land Trust.

RESOLVED

- 1) that the Council appointments to Outside Bodies, as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix B, be approved; and
- 2) Further to the motion approved by Council, Mr Chris Watson be appointed to the Lady Ellerker Trust.

15 Diary of Meetings 2023/25.

Members considered the Diary of Meetings for 2023/25, which detailed the dates of all meetings and scheduled events for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Municipal Years.

The draft diary had previously been considered at the Council Meeting on 19th January, 2023, and had allowed Members the opportunity to make any changes, if necessary.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the proposed Diary of Meetings for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Municipal Years, as attached at Appendix A to the report, be approved; and
- (2) the schedule of Cabinet Meetings as determined by the Mayor of Doncaster, be noted.

16 Member Development Programme: Review of 2022/23 & Proposals for 2023/24.

The Council considered a report presented by Councillor Jane Nightingale, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, which outlined 2023/24 Member Training and Development Programme, and training undertaken during 2022/23. The provisional Training and Development Programme for 2023/24, was attached at Appendix A and that Officers were currently working to confirm dates and times of some of the sessions, and Members would be advised of these in due course.

It was noted that the cross-party Member Development Working Group would continue to review Member development and training, and which would also identify further training and development needs, and opportunities during the course of the year. Additional Training and Development Activities were outlined within paragraph 19 of the report.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Member training and development undertaken during 2022/23, be noted;
- (2) the programme of Member Development activities and Seminars scheduled for 2023/24, as detailed within Appendix A to the report, including the list of training deemed to be mandatory for all Members and for specific groups of Members, be approved; and
- (3) the Member Development Programme be further updated over the course of the year, in consultation with the Member Development Working Group.

17 Adoption 'Making' of the Auckley Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Council considered a report, presented by the Councillor Nigel Ball, which proposed the adoption of the Auckley Neighbourhood Development Plan, as part of the Statutory Development Plan for the Borough following a successful Referendum result.

It was reported that Auckley Parish Council had produced a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish boundary which was known as the Designated Boundary. The Parish Council and the Planning Policy and Environment Team at the

Council, had worked collaboratively to ensure that the Local Plan and the Auckley Neighbourhood Plan, did not conflict with each other.

Members were informed that the total electorate in Auckley was 3,624 and that the turnout for the Referendum was 12.44%. 451 papers had been issued with 405 voted in favour, 46 voted against, with 0 papers being rejected. Subsequently, in accordance with Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended, Full Council was required to adopt the Auckley Neighbourhood Plan.

Following the presentation of the report, Members of the Council were afforded the opportunity to comment on the report.

RESOLVED that the Auckley Neighbourhood Development Plan be adopted as part of the Statutory Development Plan for the Borough.

CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____