

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough was held at the Town Hall, Barrow-in-Furness at 5.30pm. on Wednesday the 18th day of May, 2022.

PRESENT:- Councillor Wall (Mayor in the Chair) and Councillors Assouad, Barlow, Biggins, Brook, Burley, Burns, Callister, Cassidy, D. Edwards, H. Edwards, Gawne, Hall, Hamilton, Husband, Johnston, McClure, McEwan, McLeavy, Maddox, Morgan, Nott, Pemberton, Preston, Roberts, Robson, Ronson, Seward, Shirley, C. Thomson, M. A. Thomson and Worthington.

Officers Present:- Sam Plum (Chief Executive), Susan Roberts (Director of Resources), Steph Cordon (Director of People and Place), Debbie Storr (Head of Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer), Jon Huck (Democratic Services Manager), Sandra Kemsley (Democratic Services Officer) and Katie Pepper (Democratic and Electoral Services Officer).

1 – Election of Chair and Mayor for 2022/2023

The Chair invited nominations for the Office of Chair and Mayor for the ensuing year.

The nomination of Councillor Miss Hayley Preston was moved by Councillor M. A. Thomson and seconded by Councillor Seward.

There being no further nominations, a vote was taken, and Councillor Miss Hayley Preston was declared elected.

RESOLVED:- It was unanimously agreed that Miss Hayley Preston being a Councillor of this Borough, be and hereby is elected Chair and Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing year.

Councillor Miss Hayley Preston having made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, as required by law, took upon herself the Office of Chair and Mayor.

Councillor Preston placed on record her thanks to fellow Members for her opportunity to have the honour and privilege to serve as the Final Mayor of Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council. She thanked Officers and applauded them for their hard work and also thanked her colleagues at Women's Community Matters and all her family and friends; and hoped to make them all proud.

COUNCILLOR MISS HAYLEY PRESTON (MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

2 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been submitted from Councillors Mooney, Tyson and Zaccarini.

3 – Appointment of Vice-Chair and Deputy Mayor for 2022/2023

The Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Vice-Chair and Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

The nomination of Councillor Therese Assouad was moved by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Maddox.

There being no further nominations, a vote was taken, and Councillor Therese Assouad was declared appointed.

RESOLVED:- It was unanimously agreed that Therese Assouad being a Councillor of this Borough, be and hereby is appointed Vice-Chair and Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing year.

Councillor Therese Assouad having made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, as required by law, took upon herself the Office of Vice-Chair and Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Assouad placed on record her thanks to fellow Members for her opportunity to have the honour and privilege to serve alongside Hayley.

4 – Vote of Thanks and Presentation of Former Mayor's Medal

It was moved by Councillor A. Thomson, and

RESOLVED:- That the appreciation of this Council be tendered to Councillor Helen Wall for the able and efficient manner in which she had carried out her duties as Chair and Mayor during the past year.

Councillor Helen Wall, ex-Chair and Mayor placed on record her thanks and appreciation to her colleagues and Council Officers and made a short speech.

5 – Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

No declarations of interest had been received.

6 – Announcements

The Head of Paid Service stated that Elections had taken place on 5th May and the first meeting of the Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority had taken place on 17th May, 2022.

This was the last Annual meeting of the Borough Council and herself and Officers were here to serve and support in this last year. On behalf of all staff she wished the Mayor and Deputy Mayor a good year.

7 – Election of Leader of the Council for 2022/2023

The Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

The nomination of Councillor Ann Thomson was moved by Councillor Burns and seconded by Councillor C. Thomson.

There being no further nominations, a vote was taken, and Councillor Ann Thomson was declared elected.

RESOLVED:- It was agreed that Councillor Ann Thomson is appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

8 – Allocation of Committee Places and Appointment of Chairs, Vice- Chairs, Lead Members, Scheme of Delegation and Calendar of Meetings

The Head of Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer submitted a report to consider the allocation of committee places, appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to these committees, appointment of Lead Members and the confirmation of the Scheme of Delegation, as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution with the additions as detailed in this report and to consider appointments to outside bodies.

Allocation of Committee places and appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

The provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act (LGHA) 1989 had included the requirement that, where Members of the Council were divided into political grounds, then the membership of its committees and sub-committees must reflect the political balance of the council as a whole. Details of the political membership of the Council had been attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Under the LGHA 1989, the number of committee places to be allocated on committees of the Council was proportionate to that of the Council membership. However, the overall allocation must be proportional to the council membership. The Council was required to approve those allocations. The resulting allocation of committee places had been set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Council was bound to have regard to the wishes of the political groups in allocating committee places to individual councillors. A list of those councillors had been put forward by political groups for each committee, in addition to nominations received for the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the appropriate committee, as follows:-

ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE PLACES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Barlow, Biggins, Brook, Hamilton, McClure, Maddox, Morgan, Pemberton, Roberts, Ronson, Shirley and Wall.

Substitute Members

Labour – Councillors Assouad, Burns, McEwan, Nott, Robson, Seward, C. Thomson and M. A. Thomson.

Conservative – Councillors Hall and Zaccarini.

Furness Independent – Councillor H. Edwards.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillors Assouad, D. Edwards, H. Edwards, Gawne, Hall, Husband, McEwan, Mooney, Nott, C. Thomson, M. A. Thomson and Tyson.

Substitute Members

Labour – Councillors Burns, Cassidy, Hamilton, Johnston, Morgan, Preston, Seward and Wall.

Conservative – Councillors Burley, Ronson and Zaccarini.

Furness Independent – Councillor McLeavy.

LICENSING/LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEES

Councillors Assouad, Barlow, Biggins, Callister, Gawne, Hall, McEwan, McLeavy, Maddox, Seward, Wall and Zaccarini.

Substitute Members

Labour – Councillors Husband, Johnston, Mooney, Nott, Preston, Roberts, Robson and C. Thomson.

Conservative – Councillors D. Edwards and Ronson.

Furness Independent – McClure.

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Councillors Assouad, Burns, Callister, D. Edwards, Nott and Worthington.

Substitute Members

Labour – Councillors Morgan, Robson and Seward.

Conservative – Councillor Burley.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillors Cassidy, Gawne, Hall, Johnston, McClure, McEwan, McLeavy, Morgan, Preston, Robson, Ronson and C. Thomson.

Substitute Members

Labour – Councillors Assouad, Biggins, Brook, Burns, Roberts and Wall.

Conservative – Councillors Pemberton and Zaccarini.

Furness Independent – Councillor H. Edwards,

LICENSING/LICENSING REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillors Callister, Hall and McEwan.

Substitute Members

Labour – Councillors Assouad, Barlow, Biggins, Maddox, Seward and Wall.

Conservative – Councillors Gawne and Zaccarini.

Furness Independent – Councillor McLeavy.

Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees

That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the under-mentioned Committees be as follows:-

Executive Committee – Chair, Councillor Brook and Vice-Chair, Councillor Roberts.

Planning Committee – Chair, Councillor M. A. Thomson and Vice-Chair, Councillor C. Thomson.

Licensing/Licensing Regulatory Committees – Chair, Councillor Callister and Vice-Chair, Councillor McEwan

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Chair, Councillor Ronson and Vice-Chair, Councillor Cassidy.

Audit Committee – Chair, Councillor Burns and Vice-Chair, Councillor Assouad.

Housing Management Forum

The Housing Management Forum was made up of nine members with up to four tenant representatives invited to attend. It makes recommendations to Executive Committee on all matters pertaining to the Council's housing stock. It operated under the protocol within the Executive Committee's terms of reference.

Appointment of Chair and Members of the Housing Management Forum

Councillor Hamilton (Chair) and Councillors Barlow, Brook, Burley, Gawne, McClure, McEwan, Morgan and Robson (Labour 6: Conservative 2: Furness Independent 1).

Outside Bodies

The recommended seat allocations in respect of those Outside Bodies to which the proportionality rules had been applied and in respect of Forums, Working Groups and Panels were shown at Appendix 4 to the report. Members were asked to agree the allocation of seats as shown. It was recommended that the Council delegated to Committees the power to make appointments to outside bodies, etc. appropriate to their terms of reference.

Lead Members

Lead Members had been agreed by Council in September 2020. The Lead Members were as follows:-

People

Community – Councillor Derek Brook;

Health and Wellbeing – Councillor Iain Mooney;

Children, Young People and Families and Safeguarding Champion – Councillor Beverly Morgan;

Place

Climate Emergency – Councillor Therese Assouad;

Cleaner and Greener Neighbourhoods – Councillor Ann Thomson;

Heritage and Wildlife – Councillor Helen Wall;

Housing Strategy and Homelessness (Excluding Housing Stock) – Councillor Lee Roberts;

Arts, Culture and Leisure – Councillor Callister;

Prosperity

Economic Development and Strategic Partnerships – Councillor Lee Roberts;

Cross Cutting

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - Councillor Hayley Preston.

Calendar of Meetings

The Calendar of Meetings for 2022/23 had been agreed by Council at its meeting on 24th February, 2022 as follows:-

That the Council meet on the following Tuesdays in 2022/2023 at 5.30 pm. namely:-

19th July, 18th October and 6th December, 2022 and 24th January and 28th March, 2023.

That the Executive Committee meet on the following Wednesdays at 2.00 pm. namely:-

25th May, 22nd June, 27th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December, 2022 and 11th January, 8th February and 8th March 2023.

That the Planning Committee meet on the following Tuesdays at 2.30 pm. namely:-

24th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 4th October, 25th October, 15th November and 13th December, 2022 and 17th January, 14th February and 14th March, 2023.

That the Licensing Regulatory Committee meet on the following Thursdays at 2.00 pm. with the Licensing Committee meeting on rising of the Licensing Regulatory Committee as follows:-

19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 8th September, 6th October, 3rd November and 8th December, 2022 and 19th January and 2nd March, 2023.

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meet on the following Thursdays (except where indicated) at 2.00 pm. namely:-

26th May, 7th July, 15th September, 2nd November (Wednesday), and 7th December (Wednesday) and 2nd February and 23rd March, 2023.

That the Audit Committee meet on the following Thursdays at 2.00 pm. namely:-

28th July, 29th September and 15th December, 2022 and 16th March, 2023.

That the Housing Management Forum meet on the following Wednesdays at 2.00 pm. namely:-

8th June, 7th September and 30th November, 2022 and 25th January and 1st March, 2023.

It was moved by Councillor Thomson and seconded by Councillor Roberts, and it was,

RESOLVED:-

1. The Committees and Terms of Reference for those committees, as detailed in Table 2, Part 3 and Part 4 of the Council's Constitution be approved for the forthcoming municipal year;
2. The delegation of Council functions and Proper Officer appointments be confirmed as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution;
3. The size of Committees, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;
4. Seats (and substitute seats) of each committee be allocated to political groups in accordance with Appendix 2 to the report;

5. Seats on those committees which were not subject to political balance rules be allocated in accordance with Appendix 1 to the report;
6. Nominations of Councillors to serve on each committee be received;
7. To agree the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs as detailed in Appendix 6 to the report;
8. To agree the appointment of Lead members as detailed in Appendix 6 to the report;
9. The calendar of meetings be confirmed as attached at Appendix 3 to the report; and
10. Agree the allocation of seats on Outside Bodies, the number of seats and allocations in respect of Forums, Panels, Working Groups, etc. in accordance with the details at Appendix 4 or the report, and (with the exception of the Housing Management Forum) delegate to the appropriate committees the power to make the necessary appointments.

9 – Regrading Application Scheme

The Director of Resources' report requested that the moratorium placed on the Regrading Application Scheme be lifted; the Scheme had enabled employees to apply for a change in the grading of a role where the level and scope of responsibilities had changed significantly. It was proposed that the Regrading Application Scheme be updated, incorporated HR support to both Panels, and was opened for a fixed period to ensure that all applications were finalised before the end of the financial year.

It was moved by Councillor Brook and seconded by Councillor Roberts, and it was,

RESOLVED:-

1. To agree to the lifting of the moratorium on the Regrading Application Scheme;
2. To agree that the Regrading Application Scheme be updated and opened for a fixed period; and
3. To note that the updated Regrading Application Scheme would be presented to the Executive Committee.

10 – Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2021/2022

The report presented the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/2022.

It was moved by Councillor McLeavy and seconded by Councillor Cassidy, and it was,

RESOLVED:- That the Annual Report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/2022 be received.

11 – Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2021/2022

The report was presented to summarise the activities of the Audit and Governance Committee during the 2021/2022 Council year. It detailed how the Audit and Governance Committee had fulfilled its Terms of Reference during this period by delivering the work programme and showed the effectiveness of the Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Burns and seconded by Councillor Nott, and it was,

RESOLVED:- That the Annual Report from the Audit and Governance Committee for 2021/2022 be received.

12 – Annual Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies 2021/2022

Annual Reports from representatives on Outside Bodies 2021/2022 had been submitted for information. The feedback from Members in key roles and positions to summarise and feedback annually on their activities. The information was representative, accountable, informative and transparent to the Council as a whole.

It was moved by Councillor Preston and seconded by Councillor Thomson, and it was,

RESOLVED:- To receive the annual reports from Members on Outside Bodies, Chairs and Lead Members.

The meeting closed at 6.08 pm.

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough was held at the Town Hall, Barrow-in-Furness at 5.30 pm. on Tuesday the 22nd day of March, 2022.

PRESENT:- Councillor Preston (Deputy Mayor in the Chair) and Councillors Assouad, Biggins, Burns, Cassidy, D. Edwards, H. Edwards, Gawne (Minute No's 97 - 109 only), Hall, Hamilton, Johnston, W McClure, McEwan, McLeavy, Morgan, Pemberton, Robson, Ronson, Seward, Shirley, C. Thomson, M. A. Thomson and Tyson.

Officers Present:- Sam Plum (Chief Executive), Susan Roberts (Director of Resources), Steph Cordon (Director of People and Place), Debbie Storr (Head of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer, Jon Huck (Democratic Services Manager), Paula Westwood (Scrutiny and Democratic Services Team Leader) and Sandra Kemsley (Democratic Services Officer).

90 – Minute's Silence

The Mayor requested Members to stand and observe a one minute's silence as a mark of respect for former Councillor and Mayor, Rosemarie Hamezeian who had sadly passed away; and in recognition of the ongoing suffering in Ukraine.

91 – The Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and Access to Information (Variation) Order 2006

Discussion arising hereon it was:-

RESOLVED:- That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 (Minute No. 109) of Part One of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

92 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been submitted from Councillors Wall (Mayor), Brook, Burley, Callister, Husband, Nott, Roberts, Worthington and Zaccarini.

Councillors Callister and Wall had approved absences in accordance with Minute No. 68 of the Council meeting held on 25th January, 2022.

93 – Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Burns declared an Other Registrable Interest in Agenda Item No. 15 – Service Delivery (Minute No. 109) as he was a member of Cumbria County Council.

Councillor Hamilton declared an Other Registrable Interest in Agenda Item No. 15 – Service Delivery (Minute No. 109) as he was a member of Cumbria County Council and GMB Union.

Councillor McEwan declared an Other Registrable Interest in Agenda Item No. 15 – Service Delivery (Minute No. 109) as he was a member of Cumbria County Council.

Councillor Shirley declared an Other Registrable Interest in Agenda Item No. 15 – Service Delivery (Minute No. 109) as he was a member of Cumbria County Council.

94 – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February, 2022 were taken as read and confirmed.

95 – Announcements

The Leader made the following announcements:-

Death of former Councillor and Mayor Rosemarie Hamezeian

Rose Hamezeian was a good Labour Councillor for Hindpool and Central wards. The Mayor would pass on condolences to the family at her Funeral tomorrow.

Conflict in Ukraine

Barrow would welcome and support Ukrainian Refugees.

£25M Towns Deal Funding

Final Business Cases had been submitted to Government for the Towns Deal projects and £25M of funding had been awarded. The Leader wished to place on record her thanks to all staff involved for their efforts in compiling the bids and requested the Chief Executive to e-mail all Barrow Borough Council and Cumbria County Council staff involved, thanking them for their hard work.

Appreciation to Staff

The Leader wished to place on record her thanks to all staff for their hard work during Covid and requested the Chief Executive to e-mail all staff advising how much Councillors appreciate their hard work. She made reference to the Pride Awards which were an important element of recognising and continuing to appreciate the hard work of staff.

96 – Public Participation

No questions, representations, deputations or petitions had been received in respect of the meeting.

97 – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2024

The Deputy Director of People and Place had submitted a report providing an updated Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for 2022-2024, along with an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Framework and the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Pledge for the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness. Copies of each of these documents had been included as appendices to the report.

The Strategy had been developed with reference to the Local Government Association Equalities Framework which sets out best practice. The Strategy and Action Framework set out how the Council would meet the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED), including setting out specific objectives. The Strategy was a public declaration of the Council's commitment to the continued development and improvement of Council services for communities, which are fully accessible and inclusive, combined with recruiting and retaining staff from all sectors of society.

As an employer, the Council embed equality, diversity and inclusion into all aspects of the Council, developing a sustainable culture, promoting personal responsibility for equality, diversity and inclusion rooted in respect and dignity.

The Equality and Diversity Strategy forms part of the Council's Policy Framework. Council last updated the Equality and Diversity Strategy and published its objectives in 2017. The Equality Act 2010 requires public bodies to publish equality objectives every four years. The current Strategy was due for review and brought in line the new Strategy with links to the Council Plan for 2020-2024 and contributes to the Council's Vision and Values: *For the Borough to be a great place to live, work and visit. We will achieve this by being a compassionate Council, putting the residents at the heart of all we do.* The revised Strategy and Action Framework would serve the needs of the Council Plan, the Council's Values and Behaviours and the Growing Forward Report.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor M. A. Thomson and it was unanimously,

RESOLVED:-

1. To agree the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2024 as part of the Council's Policy Framework;
2. To agree the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Framework; and
3. To agree the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Pledge.

98 – Review of Corporate Health and Safety Policy, Framework and Risk Assessment Procedure

The Director of People and Place had submitted a report informing Council that, through its health and safety governance structures, the Council had reviewed the existing Health and Safety Policies and Procedures to ensure that they remained compliant.

In October 2021, Bob Pedley Safety Services (BPSS) had been appointed to provide interim health and safety support to ensure continuity of health and safety management within the Council.

As part of the health and safety review process, BPSS had identified a number of areas of good practice as well as some areas for improvement.

As a result of this review, BPSS had prepared a number of key policies and procedure for consideration and implementation which had been appended the report, including:-

- Health and Safety Policy;
- Managerial Arrangement for Health and Safety; and
- Risk Assessment Procedure.

The revised Health and Safety Policy formed an overarching strategic document which was underpinned by a Health and Safety Management Framework document based on BS ISO 45001:2018. Both documents reflected the Council's recent restructure and looked to ensure Heads of Service would take the lead responsibility for health and safety management within their respective teams.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor M. A. Thomson and it was unanimously,

RESOLVED:-

1. To approve the Health and Safety Policy;
2. To approve the Health and Safety Framework; and
3. To approve the Risk Assessment Procedure.

99 – Financial Policy and Strategy Updates

The Director of Resources had submitted a report containing the financial plans and strategies for 2022-2023 based upon the approved revenue budgets. The plans and strategies contained included the Medium Term Financial Plan, the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the Capital Strategy, the Reserves and Balances Policy and the Pay Policy.

The key messages had been; it was likely that 2021-2022 budget pressures would be met from in-year underspends and additional grant funding; the 2022-2023 budget balanced from additional grant funding and once that was removed there would be a core deficit which increased each subsequent year due to inflationary pressures outpacing the increases in the funding that could be generated; the Capital Programme was reliant on expected usable capital receipts and was thereafter fully funded; reserves may be sufficient to fund the Medium Term Financial Plan.

The materialisation of financial plans came from effective monitoring, management and reacting to address/mitigate budgetary pressures. There was more pressure on the budget to perform as there was a core deficit stemming from 2021-2022. The Council's financial plans and strategies would be used in building the budgets for the Westmorland and Furness Authority.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor M. A. Thomson and it was unanimously,

RESOLVED:-

1. To approve the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2022-2025;
2. To approve the Reserves and Balances Policy;
3. To approve the Capital Strategy and the Capital Programme for 2022-2025;
4. To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2022-2023;
5. To set the Authorised Limit for borrowing at £54.9m for 2022-2023; and
6. To approve the Pay Policy for 2022-2023.

100 – Annual Review of the Constitution

The Monitoring Officer had submitted a report requesting Council to consider suggested changes to the Constitution as part of the annual review process.

One of the duties of the Monitoring Officer was to monitor and review on an annual basis, the operation of the Constitution to ensure that its aims and principles were given full effect.

In undertaking the review, the Monitoring Officer had sought the views of Members, Officers, Parish Councils and also the public through the Council's website, on any issues which they wished to raise with regard to the Constitution.

A Member response to the consultation had asked for consideration of membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and queried whether the Leader of the Council should sit on the Committee.

As part of the ongoing procurement review, the Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders had also been revised following consultation with Managers and Procurement Officers. The revision had also incorporated the requirements covering the impact on accounting of Barrow Forward Limited. Suggested changes to the Financial Regulations and new Contract Standing Orders had been included at Appendix 1 of the report. It had been noted that training would be provided for appropriate Officers during March, 2022 with a view to the changes being implemented from 1st April, 2022.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor M. A. Thomson and that the recommendations be agreed. It was further moved by Councillor McLeavy and seconded by Councillor Hall that a named vote be taken.

A named vote was taken and recorded as follows:-

Those in favour; 23 namely: Councillors Assouad, Biggins, Burns, Cassidy, D. Edwards, H. Edwards, Gawne, Hall, Hamilton, Johnston, W McClure, McEwan, McLeavy, Morgan, Pemberton, Preston, Robson, Ronson, Seward, Shirley, C. Thomson, M. A. Thomson and Tyson.

RESOLVED:- It was unanimously agreed:-

1. To note the annual review of the Constitution;
2. To agree that it be clarified in the Constitution that the Leader of the Council should not sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
3. To approve the revisions to the Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders to take effect from 1st April, 2022; and
4. To agree the additional revisions to the Constitution and Officer Delegation Scheme and update to the Planning Panel references, as detailed in paragraphs 3.6 – 3.8 of the report and Appendix 2.

101 – Extension of Public Spaces Protection Order

The Deputy Director of People and Place had submitted a report advising that the Council's current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was due to expire on 1st April, 2022.

Public Spaces Protection Orders had been introduced in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and had been designed to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in an area. The behaviour must be having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the community; the behaviour must be persistent or continuing and it must be unreasonable.

At any point before the expiry of the Order, the Council can extend it by up to three years if they consider it is necessary to prevent the original behaviour from occurring or recurring. The Council should consult with the local Police and any other community representatives they think appropriate before doing so.

A copy of the current PSPO had been included as an appendix to the report. The report revisited the terms of the Order, reviewed its potential impact, considered the results of the consultation carried out with the Police, and interested community groups and considered the case for extending the Order for a further three years.

The PSPO supports the Council Plan and Growing Forward report and contributes to the Council's Vision and Values: *For our Borough to be a great*

place to live, work and visit. We will achieve this by being a compassionate Council, putting residents at the heart of all we do.

Following a representation through The Kennel Club's feedback from the consultation, it had been recommended to adopt the definition of assistance dogs as follows into the final extension order:-

- The term 'Assistance Dog' shall mean a dog which has been trained to assist a person with a disability; and
- The expression 'disability' shall have the meaning prescribed in Section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 or as may be defined in any subsequent amendment or re-enactment of the legislation.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor M. A. Thomson and it was unanimously,

RESOLVED:-

1. To note the consultation exercise undertaken on the proposed three year extension of the Public Spaces Protection Order; and
2. To approve the extension of the Order for a further three years as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, with the minor additional wording regarding assistance dogs as outlined above.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

102 – Planning

It was moved by Councillor M A Thomson, and

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 15th February and 15th March, 2022 be received.

103 – Licensing Regulatory

It was moved by Councillor McEwan, and

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Regulatory Committee held on 3rd March, 2022 be received.

104 – Executive

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED:-

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 9th February and 9th March, 2022 be received and that the recommendations

contained therein had been dealt with under Agenda Item No's. 7 and 11 as outlined in Minute Nos. 97 – 101 above; and

2. That item from the Extraordinary Executive Committee held on 22nd March, 2022 had been dealt with under Agenda Item No. 15, as outlined in Minute No. 109 below.

105 – Overview and Scrutiny

It was moved by Councillor McLeavy, and

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 3rd February, 2022 be received.

106 – Questions to the Leader of the Council

No questions had been submitted to the Leader of the Council under notice as required by Standing Order 10.2 and 10.4.

At the meeting Councillor Shirley asked a question in relation to Minute No. 87 of the Council meeting held on 24th February (Budget Proposals). He asked if the Leader would be happy to meet with Dalton Leisure Centre. The Leader confirmed that she would be happy to meet with them.

107 – Notice of Motion Under Rule 11

The following motion had been moved by Councillor Shirley and seconded by Councillor Ronson, signed and submitted to the Council with Notice under Rule 11:-

That Barrow Borough Council:-

- (i) Acknowledges the efforts that this Council has made to safeguard the wellbeing of future generations;
- (ii) Welcome the opportunities presented by the Government's Towns Deal Funding and Levelling Up Fund and request that Local Authorities are empowered to make long-term decisions that will lead to better outcomes for young people and future generations in the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness;
- (iii) Further recognises support for a Wellbeing for Generations Act and associated impact locally, would ensure that decisions made now take into account future need, and tackle problems such as health, education and opportunity inequalities for the long-term;
- (iv) Notes that this motion recognises that long-term, joined up thinking, which prioritises prevention, amounts to an investment in our future generations to the benefit of our combined prosperity. Such an approach will build up resilience of Barrow-in-Furness and tackle the laws of 'unintended consequence';

- (v) Accordingly resolves to support the Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of MPs and Peers which, if made law, ensure that decisions made now take into account future need, and tackle problems such as health, education and opportunity inequalities for the long-term; and
- (vi) Further resolves to:
- inform the local media of this decision;
 - write to Simon Fell MP, notifying him of this resolution and to commit to work together with him in support of a Wellbeing of Future Generations bill;
 - write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, the Big Issue and the APPG for Future Generations, to pledge our support to the aims of the Bill; and
 - to address the wellbeing of future generations in our town, we call on Councillors to agree to review, yearly, the long-term economic, social, environmental and cultural trends, and to use these trends to publish additional 'future generations' impact assessments' in Council reports for decision.

The motion had been duly seconded by Councillor Ronson, a vote was taken on the motion and it was,

RESOLVED:- To agree to support the motion.

108 – Notice of Motion Under Rule 11

The following motion had been moved by Councillor Shirley and seconded by Councillor Zaccarini, signed and submitted to the Council with Notice under Rule 11:-

This motion calls on Council to acknowledge that if we are to successfully deliver change in football, we need Tracy Crouch MP's excellent fan-led review of Football Governance (Published 25th November, 2021) to be implemented in full, so that the recommended changes become a reality.

This motion also resolves that Barrow Borough Council:-

- (i) Acknowledges the efforts that this Council has made to promote an active lifestyle, and to support Barrow Borough based clubs at all levels, from all sporting codes as a force for good in Barrow's communities;
- (ii) Recognises the value of football in Barrow's communities, and the important role it plays in many people's lives;
- (iii) Supports the principles and objectives of 'Fair Game' which are a band of football clubs and supporters who are striving to change our national game for good. To support the principles of 'Fair Game'

which are Sustainability, Fairness, and Success in the wider interests of football;

- (iv) In order for this motion and Fair Game to be a success we call upon support from all levels. This includes government intervention therefore we will write Cumbria's MP's who have not yet supported Fair Game, calling on them to support these principles too; and
- (v) Write to Simon Fell MP of this motion, and joining him in supporting the principles and objectives of Fair Game; Barrow AFC calling on them to sign up to 'Fair Game'; and to notify the local media of this resolution.

Members had been provided with the following links to further information:-

Fair Game UK

<https://www.fairgameuk.org/about>

Fair Game Manifesto

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/6047aabc7130e94a70ed3515/t/60dc6ae983aebd19a477a130/1625058036839/Fair+Game+-+Solutions+for+our+National+Game.pdf>

Crouch Report – Government fan led review of football

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/fan-led-review-of-football-governance-final-report-and-recommendations>

The motion had been duly seconded by Councillor Hall, a vote was taken on the motion and it was,

RESOLVED:- To unanimously agree to support the motion.

Local Government Act 1972 - Excluded Items

It was moved by Councillor M. A. Thomson and seconded by Councillor Hamilton that the meeting moved into Part Two, and

RESOLVED:- That the items to be taken in Part Two of the Agenda be dealt with following the exclusion of the press and the public.

109 – Service Delivery

The Director of People and Place's report had provided a Service Delivery update.

RESOLVED:- That the resolutions as set out in the exempt minute be agreed.

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm.

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough was held at the Town Hall, Barrow-in-Furness at 6.10 pm. on Wednesday 18th day of May, 2022.

PRESENT:- Councillor Preston (Mayor in the Chair) and Councillors Assouad, Barlow, Biggins, Brook, Burley, Burns, Callister, Cassidy, D. Edwards, Hall, Hamilton, Husband, McEwan, Maddox, Morgan, Nott, Pemberton, Roberts, Robson, Ronson, Seward, Shirley, C. Thomson, M. A. Thomson, Wall and Worthington.

Officers Present:- Sam Plum (Chief Executive), Susan Roberts (Director of Resources), Steph Cordon (Director of People and Place), Debbie Storr (Head of Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer), Jon Huck (Democratic Services Manager), Sandra Kemsley (Democratic Services Officer) and Katie Pepper (Democratic and Electoral Services Officer).

13 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been submitted from Councillors Mooney, Tyson and Zaccarini.

14 – Freedom of the Borough

The conferment of the Freedom of the Borough was the highest honour that the Council can bestow.

Margaret Burrow had devoted many years to Barrow and its residents. She had raised vast amounts of money for the betterment of the town and its people. In 2002 she had been awarded an MBE for outstanding services to the Barrow and District Disability Association.

Margaret had made many outstanding contributions to disabled people, their carers and families and services and had been conferred the badge of the order of mercy in July 2006, as well as being the recipient of numerous other achievements and awards including a special recognition award winner of the 2019 South Cumbria Community unsung heroes awards.

She had evidence of exceptional voluntary service to the Borough and carried the respect of and inspired her peers. Her work was dedicated to significantly improving the lives of those less able to help themselves or suffering disadvantage.

It was moved by Councillor M. A. Thomson and seconded by Councillor Hall, and it was,

RESOLVED:- It was unanimously agreed:-

1. That this Borough Council in pursuance of the provisions of section 249(1) of the Local Government Act, 1972 and in recognition of her eminent services to the Borough, Margaret Ann Burrow MBE be admitted as an Honorary Freewoman of the Borough; and
2. That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to a certificate to be presented at a date to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.