MINUTES of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Burys, Godalming on 10 January 2023 at 6.00 pm

Cllr John Ward (Mayor) * Cllr Penny Rivers (Vice Chair, in the Chair)

- Cllr Penny Rivers (Vice Chair, in the Chair)
- Cllr Christine Baker
- Cllr David Beaman
- Cllr Dave Busby
- Cllr Peter Clark
- Cllr Carole Cockburn
- **Cllr Steve Cosser**
- Cllr Martin D'Arcy
- Cllr Jerome Davidson
- Cllr Kevin Deanus
 - Cllr Simon Dear
 - Cllr Sally Dickson
 - Cllr Brian Edmonds
 - Cllr Patricia Ellis
 - Cllr David Else
 - Cllr Jenny Else
 - Cllr Jan Floyd-Douglass
- * Cllr Paul Follows
 - Cllr Mary Foryszewski
- **CIIr Maxine Gale**
- Cllr Michael Goodridge
 - Cllr Joan Heagin
 - Cllr Val Henry
- Cllr George Hesse
 - Cllr Chris Howard
 - Cllr Daniel Hunt
- Cllr Jerry Hyman
- Cllr Anna James

- Cllr Jacquie Keen
- **Cllr Robert Knowles**
- Cllr Andy MacLeod
- * Cllr Penny Marriott
- * Cllr Peter Marriott
- Cllr Michaela Martin
- **Cllr Peter Martin**
- * Cllr Mark Merryweather
- * Cllr Kika Mirylees
 - Cllr Stephen Mulliner
- * Cllr David Munro
- * Cllr John Neale
- * Cllr Peter Nicholson
 - Cllr Nick Palmer
 - **Cllr Julia Potts**
- * Cllr Ruth Reed
- * Cllr Paul Rivers
- * Cllr John Robini
- Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman
 - Cllr Trevor Sadler
- * Cllr Richard Seaborne
- * Cllr Julian Spence
- * Cllr Liz Townsend
- * Cllr Philip Townsend Cllr Michaela Wicks
- * Cllr Steve Williams
- Cllr George Wilson

*Present

Apologies

Cllr Sally Dickson, Cllr Brian Edmonds, Cllr Patricia Ellis, Cllr David Else, Cllr Jenny Else, Cllr Jan Floyd-Douglass, Cllr Mary Foryszewski, Cllr Joan Heagin, Cllr Val Henry, Cllr Chris Howard, Cllr Daniel Hunt, Cllr Anna James, Cllr Michaela Martin, Cllr Stephen Mulliner, Cllr Nick Palmer, Cllr Julia Potts, Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman, Cllr Trevor Sadler, Cllr Michaela Wicks and Cllr George Wilson

CNL73/22 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (Agenda item)

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Penny Rivers, welcomed Members to the Extraordinary meeting of Council and advised that she would be chairing the meeting in the absence of the Mayor, who had given his apologies.

The Deputy Mayor congratulated Waverley residents who had been awarded honours in the King's 2023 New Year's Honours List:

- Carolyn Stidston, Founder of CS Nursery Schools Ltd, awarded an OBE for services to Education; and
- Mike Smyth, Chair of Energy4All, awarded an MBE for services to the environment.

CNL74/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1.)

Apologies for absence had been received from the Mayor, Cllr John Ward, and Cllrs Sally Dickson, Brian Edmonds, Patricia Ellis, David Else, Jenny Else, Jan Floyd-Douglass, Mary Foryszewski, Joan Heagin, Val Henry, Chris Howard, Dan Hunt, Anna James, Michaela Martin, Stephen Mulliner, Nick Palmer, Julia Potts, Anne-Marie Rosoman, Trevor Sadler, Michaela Wicks, and George Wilson.

CNL75/22 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> (Agenda item 2.)

There were no interests declared under this heading.

CNL76/22 APPOINTMENT OF JOINT MONITORING OFFICER (Agenda item 3.)

The Council received a report on the proposed appointment of a Joint Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services, noting that the role included the statutory post of Monitoring Officer.

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 provided that matters relating to the appointment of a Monitoring Officer were reserved to the Full Council. Therefore, following the candidate selection process in respect of this appointment, the Joint Appointments Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2022 had recommended the appointment of Susan Sale, currently Head of Law and Governance and Oxford City Council, and Monitoring Officer at West Oxfordshire District Council for confirmation at the Full Council meetings of Guildford and Waverley Borough Councils.

Members noted that the Full Council may only make or approve the appointment where no well-founded objection had been made by the Leader on behalf of the Executive in accordance with the provisions of Part II of Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001. The report had indicated that the Leaders of both councils had confirmed that no such objections had been received. Members noted also that Guildford's Full Council had met on Tuesday 3 January 2023 and resolved that Susan Sale be appointed to the role of Joint Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer).

Cllr Jerry Hyman referred to the agenda report and queried what would be the legal and contractual risks referred to in paragraph 10.2, in the event that the appointment was not confirmed by Council. The Leader advised that the councils

would have to begin the recruitment process again, with consequential costs and risk.

The Leader took the opportunity to thank Stephen Rix, for his work and support whilst in post as Interim Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer.

On the recommendation of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by the Leader, the Council:

RESOLVED that Susan Sale, currently Head of Law and Governance at Oxford City Council, and Monitoring Officer at West Oxfordshire District Council, be appointed to the role of Joint Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer).

Reason:

To appoint a permanent Joint Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services, including the duties of the Monitoring Officer for Guildford and Waverley Borough Councils.

The meeting concluded at 6.05 pm

Mayor

