

\* Cllr Penny Rivers (Mayor)  
Cllr John Ward (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Lauren Atkins	Cllr Heather McClean
* Cllr Jane Austin	* Cllr Mark Merryweather
Cllr Zoe Barker-Lomax	* Cllr Kika Mirylees
* Cllr David Beaman	* Cllr Alan Morrison
* Cllr Dave Busby	Cllr David Munro
* Cllr Peter Clark	* Cllr George Murray
* Cllr Carole Cockburn	* Cllr Peter Nicholson
* Cllr Janet Crowe	* Cllr Nick Palmer
Cllr Jerome Davidson	* Cllr Ken Reed
* Cllr Kevin Deanus	* Cllr Ruth Reed
* Cllr Adam Duce	* Cllr Connor Relleen
* Cllr Tony Fairclough	* Cllr Paul Rivers
* Cllr Paul Follows	* Cllr John Robini
Cllr Maxine Gale	* Cllr Julian Spence
* Cllr Michael Goodridge	* Cllr James Staunton
Cllr George Hesse	* Cllr Richard Steijger
* Cllr Michael Higgins	Cllr Phoebe Sullivan
* Cllr Jerry Hyman	* Cllr Liz Townsend
Cllr Jacquie Keen	Cllr Philip Townsend
* Cllr Victoria Kiehl	* Cllr Terry Weldon
* Cllr Andrew Laughton	* Cllr Graham White
* Cllr Gemma Long	Cllr Michaela Wicks
* Cllr Andy MacLeod	* Cllr Steve Williams
* Cllr Peter Martin	

\*Present

### **Apologies**

Cllr Zoe Barker-Lomax, Cllr Maxine Gale, Cllr George Hesse, Cllr Heather McClean, Cllr Phoebe Sullivan, Cllr Philip Townsend and Cllr Michaela Wicks

### **REMEMBRANCE OF COUNCILLOR ANDY LAW**

Before commencement of the business of the meeting, the Mayor spoke in tribute to Councillor Andy Law, who had sadly passed away. Members observed a Minutes' silence in remembrance.

CNL80/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1.)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barker-Lomax, Gale, Hesse, McClean, P.Townsend, Sullivan and Wicks.

CNL81/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 2.)

There were no interests declared.

CNL82/23 REVISED COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE - EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL (RULE 3.2) (Agenda item 3.)

At the invitation of the Mayor Councillor Macleod moved the recommendations of the Standards and General Purposes Committee, duly seconded by Cllr Robini.

Councillor Goodridge expressed his view that none of the business, save for the appointment of the Interim Joint Chief Executive, was extraordinary and could instead have been taken to an Ordinary meeting. Clarification was then sought from the Monitoring Officer as to whether the second extraordinary meeting had been correctly convened and whether the entirety of Appendix 1 received by the Standards and General Purposes Committee should have been included for debate.

The Monitoring Officer clarified that the second extraordinary meeting had been correctly convened and the items of business on the agenda were subject to the resolution of Council on the recommendation before Members, should that recommendation be carried it would take immediate effect, enabling all of the business of the second extraordinary meeting to be considered. Secondly, at the Standards and General Purposes Committee only Council Procedure Rule 3.2 had been recommended to Council for approval, whilst the residual matters would be encompassed within the entire proposed revised Council Procedure Rules to be received by the Standards and General Purposes Committee in April.

- Councillors Follows spoke in endorsement of the proposal which provided a pragmatic approach to discharging business in the current year. Consideration would subsequently be given to increasing the number of Ordinary Council meetings in the calendar of meetings for 2024/25.
- Councillor Kiehl stated that a revised calendar of Ordinary meetings for future years would help Councillors with caring responsibilities to plan their attendance in advance.
- Councillor Martin was concerned about the increased number of Extraordinary meetings in recent years, but would reluctantly support the recommendation.
- Councillor Hyman acknowledged the concerns expressed by Councillor Goodridge but would support the recommendation as a necessity to discharge business.
- Councillors Clark and Townsend both spoke in support of the recommendation and commented that the constitution should enable business to be considered, rather than delayed to the next Ordinary meeting.

Councillor Macleod exercised his right of reply to thank Members for their debate and observed that should the recommendation not be carried then the next Ordinary meeting of the Council would be in April.

Upon being put to the vote, Council **RESOLVED** unanimously:

**That existing Council Procedure Rule 3.2 be replaced by new Council Procedure Rule 3.2 – *‘The only items of business which will be considered at extraordinary meetings of the Council will be the items for which the meeting has been called’* for adoption into the constitution with immediate effect.**

The meeting concluded at 6.24 pm

Mayor

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