

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

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| Cllr Lauren Atkins | * Cllr Andy MacLeod |
| * Cllr Jane Austin | * Cllr Peter Martin |
| * Cllr Zoe Barker-Lomax | * Cllr Mark Merryweather |
| Cllr David Beaman | * Cllr Kika Mirylees |
| * Cllr Dave Busby | * Cllr Alan Morrison |
| Cllr Laura Cavaliere | * 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 Alan Earwaker | * Cllr Paul Rivers |
| * Cllr Tony Fairclough | * Cllr John Robini |
| Cllr Paul Follows | * Cllr Julian Spence |
| * Cllr Maxine Gale | * Cllr James Staunton |
| * Cllr Michael Goodridge | * Cllr Richard Steijger |
| * Cllr George Hesse | * Cllr Phoebe Sullivan |
| * Cllr Michael Higgins | Cllr Liz Townsend |
| * Cllr Jerry Hyman | * Cllr Philip Townsend |
| * Cllr Jacquie Keen | * Cllr Terry Weldon |
| * Cllr Victoria Kiehl | * Cllr Graham White |
| * Cllr Andrew Laughton | * Cllr Michaela Wicks |
| * Cllr Gemma Long | Cllr Steve Williams |

*Present

Apologies

Cllr David Beaman, Cllr Laura Cavaliere, Cllr Jerome Davidson, Cllr Alan Earwaker, Cllr Paul Follows, Cllr Peter Nicholson, Cllr Nick Palmer, Cllr Connor Relleen, Cllr Liz Townsend and Cllr Steve Williams

CNL13/24 RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 3.)

There were none.

CNL14/24 IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11, RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC IN RESPECT OF THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED (Agenda item 4.)

There were none.

CNL15/24 IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12, RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED (Agenda item 5.)

There were none.

CNL16/24 APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER (Agenda item 6.)

At the invitation of the Mayor, the Monitoring Officer clarified that the proposed appointment of the Joint Chief Executive as Returning Officer for local elections, the Acting Returning Officer for UK Parliamentary Elections, and Electoral Registration Officer would consequentially conclude the Assistant Director – Organisational Development's appointment to the roles.

Members heard that local authorities would typically appoint their Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service as their Returning Officer, who would then appoint such deputies as necessary. Consultation had been undertaken with all Group Leaders and no objections had been received. The proposal had no impact on salaries, as Acting Returning Officer fees for UK Parliamentary Elections were set out in a statutory instrument.

Councillor Kiehl moved the recommendation, duly seconded by Cllr Fairclough. Councillor Kiehl commended Robin Taylor for performing his duties with diligence and skill and conveyed the thanks of the Council to Robin for his excellent tenure as Returning Officer.

In response to Councillor Hyman, the Mayor confirmed that the timing of the proposal was a consequence of the calling of the General Election, that Mr Wrobel was not the Returning Officer for Guildford Borough Council; and that the maximum fee recoverable by the Acting Returning Officer for UK Parliamentary Elections was set out online.

Having been proposed and seconded, the Mayor put the recommendations to the vote whereupon the Council

RESOLVED (unanimously):

1. To appoint, with effect from 4 June 2024, Pedro Wrobel, Joint Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, as the Returning Officer for local elections, the Acting Returning Officer for UK Parliamentary Elections, and the Electoral Registration Officer; and
2. To appoint, with effect from 4 June 2024, Chailey Gibb, Electoral Services Manager, as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer.

The meeting concluded at 6.43 pm

Mayor

Clerk's note: The Joint Chief Executive was not in attendance at this meeting.