

At a meeting of the Council held in Leisure Centre, Workington on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 6.30 pm

Members

Councillor Hilary Harrington (Chair)	Councillor Malcolm Grainger (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Tony Annison	Councillor Carole Armstrong
Councillor Mary Bainbridge	Councillor Herbert Briggs
Councillor Markus Campbell-Savours	Councillor Nicky Cockburn
Councillor John Cook	Councillor John Crouch
Councillor Allan Daniels	Councillor Janet Farebrother
Councillor Marion Fitzgerald	Councillor Peter Gaston
Councillor Patrick Gorrill	Councillor Iain Greaney
Councillor Michael Heaslip	Councillor Alan Hedworth
Councillor Vaughan Hodgson	Councillor Mike Johnson
Councillor George Kemp	Councillor Peter Kendall
Councillor Alan Kennon	Councillor Janet King
Councillor Adrian Kirkbride	Councillor Sally Lansbury
Councillor Jim Lister	Councillor Peter Little
Councillor Elaine Lynch	Councillor Anthony Markley
Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes	Councillor Antony McGuckin
Councillor Ron Munby MBE	Councillor Alan Pitcher
Councillor Joe Sandwith	Councillor Blain Sansom
Councillor Paul Scott	Councillor Andrew Semple
Councillor Colin Sharpe	Councillor Alan Smith
Councillor Stephen Stoddart	Councillor Kevin Thurlow
Councillor Alan Tyson	Councillor Will Wilkinson
Councillor Lynda Williams	

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carmel Bell, Councillor Daniel Horsley, Councillor Louise Maguire and Councillor Owen Martin

Staff Present

B Carlin, A Gilbert, N Hardy, J Irving, L Jardine, K Magnay, C Nicholson, J Owen, G Roach, A Seekings, S Sewell and L Tomlinson

1. Mayor's Welcome

The Mayor welcomed those present and the five newly elected councillors to their first Council meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

3. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items on the agenda for which the press and public should be excluded.

4. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reviewed her term of office, due to the Covid-19 pandemic being two consecutive years, and said;

'The past 12 months have tested us all. We have sadly lost some fellow councillors, and many of you will have family and friends who are no longer with us. Whilst Covid has meant I've not been able to carry out the normal civic duties of the Mayor, I was overwhelmed by the response to my Christmas card competition. And more recently, I led the official tributes to the Duke of Edinburgh.

One thing I've been really heartened over the last year is the way our communities have come together to help one another and support the most vulnerable. We, as a council, have obviously taken the lead in many of these activities. But up and down the borough local groups and volunteers have also provided vital services and assistance to people'.

During the year a total of £4,941.73 had been raised for the chosen charities distributed as £2,470.87 for the Allerdale Disability Association and £2,470.87 for 'We Will'.

The Mayor thanked those who had helped her over the past two years, in particular the Deputy Mayor of Allerdale for his support, the Mayor's Secretary and Democratic Services and many other Allerdale Officers.

5. Election of Mayor for the Forthcoming Year

Councillor H Harrington invited nominations for the election of Mayor of Allerdale for the forthcoming year.

Councillor T Markley nominated Councillor Malcolm Grainger to be elected Mayor of the Borough for 2021/22. This was seconded by Councillor A Tyson.

A vote was taken, 27 in favour, 11 against and 6 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Resolved – That Councillor Malcolm Grainger be elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year 2021/22.

Councillor Malcolm Grainger took the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed the Chair role.

6. Election of Deputy Mayor for the Forthcoming Year

Councillor M Grainger invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor of Allerdale for the forthcoming year.

Councillor J Cook nominated Councillor Allan Daniels to be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year 2021/22. This was seconded by Councillor M Grainger.

Councillor P Scott nominated Councillor Carole Armstrong to be elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year 2021/22. This was seconded by Councillor G Kemp.

A vote was taken, 24 in favour of Councillor A Daniels, 17 in favour of Councillor C Armstrong and 3 abstentions.

The motion in favour of Councillor Daniels was carried.

Resolved – That Councillor Allan Daniels be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the forthcoming year 2021/22.

Councillor Allan Daniels took the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his position next to the Mayor.

7. Speech of the Incoming Mayor

Councillor Grainger, newly elected Mayor of the Borough, thanked Councillors for his election and the opportunity to represent the Council, fellow councillors, officers and the public.

Councillor Grainger paid tribute to the hard work Councillor Harrington had carried out over her term of office and said she would be a hard act to follow.

Councillor Grainger announced that his chosen charities for the forthcoming year were to be Great North Air Ambulance and 'Jigsaw' Cumbria's Children's Hospice.

8. The Leaders Report

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Councillors received the report of the Leader of the Council giving details of his chosen Executive and their Authority to Act. Members also received the Scheme of Delegation.

Councillor M Johnson moved the recommendations within the report; this was seconded by Councillor M Fitzgerald. The Leaders report was noted.

Councillor J Farebrother moved an amendment to the Scheme of Delegation and said in the interest of openness and transparency she considered it important to re-insert the requirement for any application directly involving a member or officer of the Council to be reserved to the Development Panel. Councillor Farebrother therefore moved that under the Chief Officer Place and Governance, that paragraph 3.3.10 be removed and the following wording be added to paragraph 3.3.8;

d) Any applications submitted on any matter directly affecting or involving a Member or Officer of the Council where the Chief Officer has been informed of their involvement.

This was seconded by Councillor E Lynch.

A vote was taken on the amendment becoming the substantive motion, 42 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions. The motion was carried.

A vote was taken on the motion, 42 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions.
The motion was carried.

Resolved

That –

1. The Executive membership and responsibilities be noted
2. The Scheme of Delegation be agreed as amended.

Councillor Alan Pitcher joined the meeting

9. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 March 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

10. Committee Memberships 2021-22

Councillors considered nominations to Committees, Panels and Tribunals for 2021/22. Their Terms of Reference were also considered.

Resolved

That -

- a) The Terms of Reference, as detailed in Appendix B of the report, be agreed
- b) The Committees, Panels and Tribunals memberships for 2021/22 be agreed as below;

Audit Committee (7)

Allerdale Conservatives (3)	Allerdale Independents (2)	Labour (2)
P Gorrill	G Kemp	M Bainbridge
V Hodgson	J King	M Campbell-Savours
A Tyson		

Chief Officer's Employment Panel (5)

Allerdale Conservatives (2)	Allerdale Independents (2)	Labour (1)
M Fitzgerald	G Kemp	A Smith
M Johnson	P Scott	

Development Panel (12)

Allerdale Conservatives (4)	Allerdale Independents (4)	Labour (4)
A Annison	C Armstrong	J Farebrother
A Daniels	N Cockburn	E Lynch
R Munby	D Horsley	A McGuckin
A Tyson	G Kemp	A Semple
Substitute(4)	Substitute (4)	Substitute (4)
A Hedworth	H Briggs	J Crouch
A Kennon	H Harrington	M Heaslip
J Lister	A Kirkbride	P Kendall
A Markley	P Scott	A Smith

Discretionary Housing Payments (3)

Allerdale Conservatives (1)	Allerdale Independents (1)	Labour (1)
A Markley	C Armstrong	C McCarron-Holmes

Licensing Committee (15)

Allerdale Conservatives (6)	Allerdale Independents (5)	Labour (4)
A Daniels	H Briggs	M Bainbridge
M Grainger	N Cockburn	P Kendall
T Markley	P Gaston	E Lynch
R Munby	H Harrington	A Smith
C Sharpe	A Kirkbride	
A Tyson		

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (12)

Allerdale Conservatives (4)	Allerdale Independents (4)	Labour (3)	Moorclose Independent (1)
A Annison	I Greaney	M Campbell-Savours	S Stoddart
A Daniels	H Harrington	M Heaslip	
P Gorrill	D Horsley	C McCarron-Holmes	
M Grainger	P Scott		

Personnel Tribunal (5)

Allerdale Conservatives (2)	Allerdale Independents (2)	Labour (1)
M Grainger	N Cockburn	S Lansbury
A Markley	P Scott	

Standards Committee (7)

Allerdale Conservatives (2)	Allerdale Independents (3)	Labour (2)	Non-Council Members (2)
M Grainger	H Briggs	M Bainbridge	P Burns
A Kennon	N Cockburn	E Lynch	T Cook
	P Gaston		

Councillor M Grainger then invited nominations to appoint each Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

Audit Committee

Councillor M Johnson nominated Councillor A Tyson as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor M Fitzgerald.

A vote was taken, 28 in favour, 1 against and 16 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Councillor A Smith nominated Councillor M Bainbridge as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Councillor C McCarron-Holmes.

A vote was taken, 28 in favour, 1 against and 16 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Chief Officers Employment Panel

Councillor M Fitzgerald nominated Councillor M Johnson as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor A Pitcher.

A vote was taken, 28 in favour, 0 against and 17 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Councillor M Heaslip nominated Councillor A Smith as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Councillor C McCarron-Holmes.

Councillor M Johnson nominated Councillor M Fitzgerald as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Councillor J Cook.

A vote was taken, 12 in favour of Councillor A Smith, 16 in favour of Councillor M Fitzgerald and 17 abstentions. The motion in favour of Councillor M Fitzgerald was carried.

Development Panel

Councillor A Pitcher nominated Councillor T Annison as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor M Johnson.

Councillor P Scott nominated Councillor N Cockburn as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor W Wilkinson.

A vote was taken, 27 in favour of Councillor T Annison, 17 in favour of Councillor N Cockburn and 0 abstentions. The motion in favour of Councillor T Annison was carried.

Councillor A Smith nominated Councillor J Farebrother as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Councillor C McCarron-Holmes.

A vote was taken, 40 in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Discretionary Housing Payments

Councillor M Johnson nominated Councillor T Markley as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor T Annison.

A vote was taken, 28 in favour, 0 against and 17 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Councillor A Smith nominated Councillor C McCarron-Holmes as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Councillor M Heaslip.

A vote was taken, 28 in favour, 1 against and 16 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Licensing Committee

Councillor M Johnson nominated Councillor R Munby as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor M Fitzgerald.

A vote was taken, 26 in favour, 0 against and 19 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Councillor A Smith nominated Councillor P Kendall as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Councillor C McCarron-Holmes.

A vote was taken, 27 in favour, 3 against and 15 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Co-Chair 1

Councillor A Smith nominated Councillor M Heaslip as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor C McCarron-Holmes.

Councillor P Scott nominated Councillor I Greaney as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor W Wilkinson.

A vote was taken, 27 in favour of Councillor M Heaslip, 16 in favour of Councillor I Greaney and 2 abstentions. The motion in favour of Councillor M Heaslip was carried.

Co-Chair 2

Councillor A Smith nominated Councillor C McCarron-Holmes as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor M Heaslip.

Councillor P Scott nominated Councillor I Greaney as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor P Gaston.

A vote was taken, 28 in favour of Councillor C McCarron-Holmes, 16 in favour of Councillor I Greaney and 1 abstention. The motion in favour of Councillor C McCarron-Holmes was carried.

Personnel Tribunal

Councillor M Johnson nominated Councillor T Markley as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor A Hedworth.

A vote was taken, 27 in favour, 4 against and 14 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Councillor A Smith nominated Councillor S Lansbury as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Councillor M Campbell-Savours.

A vote was taken, 39 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Standards Committee

Councillor M Johnson nominated Councillor M Grainger as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor T Markley.

A vote was taken, 18 in favour, 16 against and 11 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Councillor A Smith nominated Councillor E Lynch as Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Councillor M Campbell-Savours.

A vote was taken; 41 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

Resolved – That -

- c) The Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs for 2021/22 be agreed as follows;

Audit Committee

Chair: A Tyson

Vice-Chair: M Bainbridge

Chief Officer's Employment Panel

Chair: M Johnson

Vice-Chair: M Fitzgerald

Development Panel

Chair: T Annison

Vice-Chair: J Farebrother

Discretionary Housing Payments

Chair: T Markley

Vice-Chair: C McCarron-Holmes

Licensing Committee

Chair: R Munby

Vice-Chair: P Kendall

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Co-Chair: M Heaslip

Co-Chair: C McCarron-Holmes

Personnel Tribunal

Chair: T Markley

Vice-Chair: S Lansbury

Standards Committee

Chair: M Grainger

Vice-Chair: E Lynch

11. Appointment of Representatives to Serve on Outside Bodies and Joint Committees 2021-22

Members considered the appointment of representatives on outside bodies and Joint Committees for the ensuing year(s) which were a function of Council.

Resolved

The appointment of representatives on outside bodies and Joint Committees for the ensuing year(s) be as follows:

Name of Outside Body	Number of representatives	Length of appointment	Representative(s)
Cumbria County Council Pensions Forum	1	1 year	Cllr S Lansbury
Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee	1 + 2 subs	1 year	Cllr A Semple Cllr A Pitcher Sub Cllr P Kendall Sub
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Scrutiny Board	1	1 year	Cllr J Lister

Name of Joint Committee	Number of representatives	Length of appointment	Representative(s)
Cumbria Police & Crime Panel Joint Committee	1	1 year	Cllr A Smith
Solway Coast AONB Joint Advisory Committee	2	1 year	Cllr J Cook Cllr P Kendall
West Cumbria Cyclepath Network Steering Group	1	1 year	Cllr J Farebrother

12. Calendar of Meetings 2021-22

The Chief Officer Place and Governance submitted a report which sought members to consider and approve the calendar of meetings for the period June 2021 to May 2022.

Councillor M Fitzgerald moved the recommendation; this was seconded by Councillor M Johnson.

A vote was taken, 44 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

Resolved

That the calendar of meetings for the period June 2021 to May 2022 as set out in Appendix A of the report be approved.

13. Governance Updates

The Chief Officer Place and Governance submitted a report which sought to update members on all delegated decisions taken during the Covid-19 pandemic since the last report to Council on 3 March 2021.

Councillor M Fitzgerald moved the report; this was seconded by Councillor A Pitcher.

Resolved

That the summary of all CEO Urgent Action decisions and Special Urgency Executive decisions detailed in section 4.0 of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm