

Minutes

Ordinary Council Wednesday, 28th July, 2021

Attendance

Cllr Ms Sanders (Mayor)	Cllr Jakobsson
Cllr Reed (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr Kendall
Cllr Aspinell	Cllr Laplain
Cllr Barber	Cllr Lewis
Cllr Barrett	Cllr Mynott
Cllr Dr Barrett	Cllr Naylor
Cllr Bridge	Cllr Nolan
Cllr J Cloke	Cllr Parker
Cllr Cuthbert	Cllr Poppy
Cllr Mrs Davies	Cllr Mrs Pound
Cllr Mrs Fulcher	Cllr Russell
Cllr Gelderbloem	Cllr Tanner
Cllr Haigh	Cllr Tierney
Cllr Heard	Cllr Wagland
Cllr Mrs Hones	Cllr White
Cllr Hossack	Cllr Wiles

Apologies

Cllr S Cloke	Cllr McLaren
Cllr Fryd	Cllr Mrs Pearson
Cllr Hirst	

Substitute Present

Also Present

Officers Present

Amanda Julian	- Corporate Director (Law and Governance) and Monitoring Officer
Claire Mayhew	- Corporate Manager (Democratic Services)
Jonathan Stephenson	- Chief Executive
Steve Summers	- Strategic Director (Deputy Chief Executive)

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83. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hirst, McLaren, Fryd, S Cloke and Mrs Pearson.

84. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at this stage.

85. Mayors Announcements

The Mayor said:-

"I am 10 weeks into my official Mayoral year and have already undertaken 16 engagements.

I have been lucky enough to visit 2 of my chosen charities, St Francis Hospice and Hopefield Animal Sanctuary and to hear about the great work they do and hope that I can raise as much money for my charities this year as possible.

I have also been fortunate enough to raise the flag for Armed Forces Day and also NHS & Key Worker Day where I was proud to be standing side by side to my NHS frontline work colleagues Janine Bermudez and Linette Mukandatsama as well as members of Brentwood Fire Station. It was great to honour to recognise all the work from so many NHS and key workers over the past 18 months.

My upcoming Civic Service at Brentwood Cathedral takes place on 2nd August and I will be welcoming fellow Mayors and Chairman across Essex, representatives of local organisations and residents of Brentwood.

I have confirmed a Charity Quiz Night, 2 Golf Days – Autumn of this year and Spring of next year and lots more exciting events. I am thankful for your support of these events and hope to see many of you there.

I have lots more exciting engagements coming and cannot wait to meet lots of people across the Borough in the coming months.

Lastly, I look forward to presenting an Honorary Title and Civic Awards for 2019 and 2020 to those deserving winners here in the Chamber in September”.

86. Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24th February 2021

The minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 24th February 2021 were **APPROVED** as true record.

87. Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting held on 10th March 2021

The minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 10th March 2021 were **APPROVED** as true record.

88. Minutes of Annual Council held on 19th May 2021

The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 19th May 2021 were **APPROVED** as true record, subject to an amended to the minutes to reflect an all member attendance in light of the Covid restrictions. This was agreed by Group Leader prior to the Annual Council meeting.

89. Public Questions

Four questions have been received.

Kathryn Coffin has submitted two questions.

1. Many Brentwood residents who have spent more time at home than normal during the last year will have realised how much waste they generate and made an effort to recycle more. What is the council doing to increase the types of items that can be included in the kerbside recycling collections, e.g. Tetrapaks, tissuepaper and carrier bags?

While Tetrapaks can currently be taken to a recycling centre, this is not an option for residents without cars. Has the council given any thought to providing recycling bins for other lightweight items in a town centre location, or at supermarkets, if a kerbside collection is not possible?

Cllr Hossack responded as follows:

The recycling we collect is somewhat determined by the volatility of the end markets. Whilst it is important to reuse and recycle products, this is not always possible. The items listed are not sought after by many of the material recycling facilities and processors and not by the one we currently use. ‘Food and drink cartons’ are a composite of paper, aluminium and plastic, as such, they are problematic to recycle and there is only one processor, in Halifax, that we are aware of. Also, for plastic carrier bags there are limited end markets and contamination levels are high.

We now provide two containers for 'food and drink cartons' at our depot's recycling site and the material recycling facility will advise on the acceptance of plastic carrier bags when end markets improve. It should be noted that sales of single use carrier bags have dropped by 95%, in the main supermarkets, since the introduction of the charge in October 2015. Making the collection of such items easier is against present direction and thinking, and will not challenge society to think and act differently for the better of the environment.

Regards the suggestion of introducing recycling bins elsewhere; this would be a retrograde step as in previous years we had up to nine recycling sites, but unfortunately, they were abused and misused for many years by householders depositing unwanted waste.

2. Please could the council explain why it is not maintaining the green at the junction of Wharf Road and Rollason Way, given that the council adopted this land a couple of years ago? The grass has not been cut this year and is now waist height.

The green is an important resource for flat residents on Rollason Way, who are currently unable to make use of it due to its poorly-maintained state. In addition, the overgrown state of the green presents a fire risk and is preventing residents from being able to properly clean up their dog mess. I understand that councillors have been requesting action from the council on this for two years now. I have tried contacting the council online and been told it is 'already reported/in progress', but the grass has still not been cut.

Cllr Hossack responded as follows:

The green at the junction of Wharf Road and Rollason Way was cut week beginning 7 June 2021 and is on a schedule with all other grass areas under the Council's maintenance programme. The schedule seeks to cut grass on a 3 to 5 week cycle, however due to weather conditions this sometimes may appear longer, as the grass can grow quicker at certain points of the year.

Susan Kortlandt has submitted two questions

1. It is now one year since the mobile phone masts were removed from Ewing House and there is still no sign of the promised (temporary) replacements. As the re-development of Ewing House is now complete, will the mast(s) now be replaced there?

When can mobile phone users expect to be re-connected to a functioning service?

Cllr Hossack responded as follows:

Firstly, this is an ongoing situation that the Council agrees is wholly unsatisfactory for those residents and businesses in parts of Brentwood who cannot receive mobile phone signal. Questions about mobile phone coverage and customer service should be directed to the mobile network operator. It is their responsibility to provide this service, and I would suggest that customers could choose to move to an alternate provider if that service was not being adequately provided.

The owner of Ewing House decided to remove the masts as part of redevelopment. The owner is not proposing that masts be reinstalled now that the building has been converted to residential use. Landowners are within their rights to make such decisions as masts on buildings form part of an agreement between them and the relevant mobile network operator.

The Council has made efforts to resolve the unsatisfactory situation regarding lack of coverage by engaging with the mobile network operators on temporary and long-term options to use four Council-owned sites.

At Masefield Court, a residential building, a planning application was refused in July 2020 on grounds that the masts were detrimental to those living in the building, like those in the top floor penthouse flats looking directly at the equipment. We have been working with the operators to install temporary masts, but following investigations of the roof by their contractors it has been concluded that the structure may not be suitable for installation. We have provided further information following our own survey, which the operator may choose to use to determine whether the masts can be installed. Overall, regardless of the planning application decision the issue rests with the operator to identify suitable sites from a technical point of view.

Near to Pastoral Way and Coptfold Road, two separate pieces of Council-owned land have been discussed with the operators to accommodate temporary masts. Ground investigations and agreements regarding equipment location and access have been discussed. For Coptfold Road we are nearing agreement, with use of part the land soon to be advertised in the Brentwood Gazette and ratification by the Lands Tribunal. In both cases we have asked for a proposed installation date but are still awaiting news on when this will be. In both cases for the long-term, alternative permanent sites will be discussed. Permanent planning applications for these locations were refused on grounds of determinantal impact, decisions that have recently been upheld by a Planning Inspector at appeal because the harm would not be outweighed by public benefit.

At Coptfold Road multi-storey car park, an application was refused in June 2020 on grounds that it would be 'detrimental to the character of the area and for nearby residents. This has recently been allowed by a Planning Inspector at appeal when weighing the other decisions to refuse permission and the overall need for coverage, concluding that the multi-storey car park was the most appropriate site. Work to progress relevant agreements is already underway to confirm landownership for equipment needed at ground level. Hopefully this will mean that permanent masts can be installed soon.

Throughout all of this, the health and safety of our residents has been paramount. We have prioritised preserving the young tree orchard at Pastoral Way and keeping the use of the Coptfold Road Green to a minimum. However, I understand that it is vital for social and economic wellbeing that people have mobile phone coverage. I am frustrated that the operators have not yet found solutions. The Council has committed significant resource help solve the problems. We will continue to work as fast as we can to get long-term answers.

2. I welcome the Council's proposals for measures to make Brentwood greener, but should like to see far more action on climate change.

How will the Council ensure that residents' views and ideas feed into the process? Will you consult with a Brentwood Climate Change Action Group?

Cllr Hossack responded as follows:

We are presently waiting for our Carbon Reduction Officer to start who we hope will be in position before the start of September. This officer will be working on our Carbon Neutral Plan and as part of this work it will include how we engage with all stakeholders including residents.

The method on how to engage has not been determined yet but the Council will be engaging on the development of the plan and then moving forward we will need to consider how we consistently engage with residents on the work undertaken, being undertaken and progress towards the performance measures that will be set.

90. Memorials or Petitions

No notices of Memorials or Petitions have been received.

91. Committee Chairs Reports and Members Questions

In accordance with the Council's Constitution a brief written report by each committee Chair covering their area of responsibility was provided for Members' information at each Ordinary Council meeting.

Cllr Laplain asked that the question put by Members and the response to that questions are included in the minutes. This was agreed by the Mayor, Cllr Sanders.

Cllr Laplain, first question was to the Chair of Community and Health Committee.

With regards to King Georges Playing Fields development. What discussions are the Council having with SEPP regards to on street parking in the area in the anticipation of the parking impact?

Cllr Poppy, Chair of Community & Health Committee responded:

At the moment, there have been no conversation with SEPP on this matter, However, a parking strategy will be brought to a future Community & Health Committee. Parking at King Georges Playing Fields will be included in the discussions.

Cllr Laplain, second question was to the Chair of Planning and Licensing Committee.

For the benefit of Members and Residents, could I request in further reports the details of the referrals made by Members be included within that report and the judgement that the Chair of Planning and Licensing has made to them just so in effort of openness and transparency.

Cllr Cloke, Chair of Planning & Licensing committee responded.

Cllr Cloke informed Cllr Laplain that he wished to speak to Officers on this matter and response to Cllr Laplain off-line.

Cllr Mrs Davies, put a question to the Chair of Community and Health Committee.

On page 50 under the Brentwood Centre, there is a very full report, and it mentions the monies that have been received by way of grant to assist the Brentwood centre, it would be very helpful setting it against the challenges that Brentwood Centres continuing to face under the COVID situation if we actually had a balance of the finances as it is going forward.

Cllr Poppy, Chair of Community & Health Committee responded:

Cllr Poppy informed Cllr Mrs Davies that he wished to speak to Officers on this matter and response to Cllr Mrs Davies off-line. However he believes the figures that Cllr Mrs Davies is referring to in respect of expenditure and income. Figures are being collated at the present and will made available.

Cllr Mynott: First question to the Chair of Policy, Resources & Economic Development Committee.

Page 75 of the agenda details the work of Parking Perspectives as part of the parking consultation, also included in the last PRED committee agenda. It all looks very good, I would ask why this is actually being presented in the form that it is and with the phrasing that it is, given that this Council as part of the Local Plan process, made clear undertakings to the planning inspectors as a way of explaining issues with some of the Local Plan sites back in February and therefore if the Council is going to standby what it has already said to the inspectors of the Local Plan.

Cllr Hossack, Chair of Policy, Resources & Economic Development Committee responded:

Thank you for repeating the question you raised in PRED, and I'll repeat the answer. I think you're conflating two issues I will write to you to explain why you conflate the two issues. I have the confidence of the two directorates both of planning and environment that there is no conflict. You were informed of that, and I'll do it again in writing and hopefully it won't come up again.

Cllr Mynott: Second question, is to the Chair of Planning and Licensing Committee.

Cllr Mynott question was in two-parts. He asked the Chair of Planning & Licensing Committee, if he believes the Planning & Licensing Committee should abide by Brentwood's constitution?

And secondly, does the Chair of Planning & Licensing Committee believe that an officer should be present that has knowledge of the constitution?

Cllr Cloke, Chair of Planning and Licensing Committee responded:

Yes, of course I believe that the Planning & Licensing Committee follows the constitution and we do have a legal officer present at every meeting.

Cllr Mynott, pointed out, that a legal officer is present, but not an officer of the authority with Constitutional knowledge.

Cllr Hossack, referred to the Planning Chapter of the Constitution, in which the Legal representative should be familiar with.

Cllr Cloke, asked for the Monitoring Officer advised on this matter. Ms Julian confirmed that the question being put was not directly from Chair's report and suggested this be taken off-line.

Cllr Aspinell: First question is to the Chair of the Constitution Working Group.

At the beginning of all Council meetings a statement is read out by the Chair informing Members that the constitution requires them to declare any interest and the nature of that interest and take no further part in that item or if it is pecuniary to leave the chamber.

Do you think that is something that should be upheld in this chamber by all Chairs?

Cllr Hossack, Chair of Constitution Working Group responded:

It is the responsibility of the Chair. If they don't, the chairs need to be reminded to do so, but also the obligation is on the Members to fully disclose they interests.

Ms Julian reminded Cllr Aspinell that question should relate to the report in front of them.

Cllr Aspinell: Seconded question is the Chair of Planning and Licensing Committee

Cllr Aspinell: I have a question to the Leader of the council.

Madam Mayor: Is this on question on the reports Cllr Aspinell?

Cllr Aspinell: Yes, well there's several relevant in the report to Licensing committees. I asked the Leader of the Council at the last full Council, if he could ensure that his members made up the majority of the Licensing Committee. He said that people knew their responsibilities and just get on with it. The very first meeting following that, Cllr Laplain and Cllr Fryd had to make up for a lack of your members not attending. This is not good enough, you are the Administration, you should be running this Council and its Committees, you're not doing so you're falling by your own responsibilities.

Cllr Hossack: I have no idea what Licensing committee Cllr Aspinell is referring to. I will not ring round all my members, they have a responsibility to, and I'll repeat it, if you can't make it under the terms of reference under the Committee. You get a substitute, and you turn up.

Cllr Kendall: First question to the Chair of Environment, Enforcement & Housing Committee.

Brentwood Council Woodland, we keep hearing all the time about the number of trees that the council was going to be planting, please can we have a regular update as to how many trees have actually been planted?

The second question is in relation to Essex Youth Service provided outreach work during and after lockdown. I did ask if we could have details in specific wards where outreach work had taken place? This information had not yet been received.

In the absence of Cllr Pearson, Chair of Environment, Enforcement & Housing Committee, her Vice Chair, Cllr Russell responded:

Cllr Russell informed Cllr Kendall due to his not being in the role for long, he was unable to answer the questions put by Cllr Kendall. Therefore, he wishes to speak to Officers on these matters and response to Cllr Kendall off-line.

Cllr Naylor: First question was to the Chair of Audit & Scrutiny Committee.

Cllr Naylor question was in related to the scrutiny work programme, specifically the Brentwood Centre Leisure Trust. Cllr Naylor asked if the working group will be calling the council representatives of the former Brentwood Centre Leisure Trust and also whether they will be calling the wider directorship?

Cllr Nolan, Chair of Audit & Scrutiny Committee responded:

The next meeting of that particular working group will be happening on the 10th August as Cllr Naylor is aware I am not a member of that working group but what the subject of that working group will be decided by members that are involved on it and the agreement of officers. The next round of discussion will take place on the 10th of August.

Cllr Naylor: Second question was to the Chair of Environment, Enforcement and Housing Committee

Cllr Naylor made reference to piece of member's casework that has been raised relating to rubbish, but no response had been received.

The Mayor, Cllr Sanders asked believed this to be a ward matter and this question can't be put during Chair's report. This matter should be dealt with off-line.

Cllr Lewis: First question to the Chair of Policy, Resources & Economic Development Committee.

Cllr Lewis made reference to a report that went the Policy, Resources & Economic Development Committee.

The Mayor, Cllr Sanders informed Cllr Lewis that questions must come directly for the Chair's report within the Ordinary Council Agenda, not previous meetings.

The Monitoring Officer, Ms Julian Amanda Julian confirmed that the questions that you were asking aren't actually relevant to the report in front of you whereas if they were part of the last PRED agenda

Cllr Hossack informed the Members that he has regular conversations with the MP about the state of local government funding from central government.

Mr Stephenson, asked for members to supply written question to assist with the debate going forward.

Cllr Naylor thanked Officers for the work carried out recently on the new Council's web-site.

92. Brentwood & Rochford Strategic Partnership

To consider the sharing of the Chief Executive between Brentwood Borough Council and Rochford District Council for an initial 6-month period. To consider the proposed terms of reference; terms and conditions, governance arrangements and timeline for that role in determining a business case for the ongoing sharing of a Chief Executive and further shared services.

Cllr Hossack **MOVED** and Cllr Parker **SECONDED** the recommendations in the report.

After a full discussion, a recorded vote was requested by Cllrs Aspinell, Naylor, Mrs Davies, Haigh, Kendall, Laplain and Mynott.

A recorded vote was taken in accordance with Procedure Rule 9.5 and members voted as follows:

FOR: Cllrs Barber, Bridge, J Cloke, Mrs Gelderbloem, Heard, Mrs Hones, Hossack, Jakobsson, Nolan, Parker, Poppy, Mrs Pound, Reed, Russell, Miss Sanders, Tanner, Mrs Tierney, White and Wiles (19)

AGAINST: Cllrs Aspinell, Barrett, Dr Barrett, Cuthbert, Mrs Davies, Ms Fulcher, Haigh, Kendall, Laplain Lewis, Mynott and Naylor (12)

ABSTAIN: (0)

(Cllr Mrs Wagland was present for part of this item, therefore she did not take part in the vote).

The Motion was **CARRIED** and it was **RESOLVED** to:

- R1 Delegate to the Corporate Director of Law and Governance and Corporate Director of Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the council, to engage with Rochford Council and enter into an agreement to establish a Joint Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service for Brentwood Borough Council and Rochford District Council for an initial 6 months period starting from the 1st August 2021.**
- R2 Delegate to the Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service and the Strategic Directors of each Council to undertake the creation of a feasibility study to explore further shared and partnership opportunities with Rochford District Council, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy (nominee) of each Council. A further report to be bought to both Council's by the end of 2021.**
- R3 Allocate a maximum of £20,000, from reserves, to assist in providing 50% of the additional resources required to undertake the feasibility study and provide additional programme resources. (Rochford District Council intends, subject to their Council**

agreement, to commit £20,000 of resources to undertake this work).

R4 That the Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to make any required changes to the Constitution resulting from the decision in R1.

R5 That any designated Head of Paid Service is the proper officer under s270(3) Local Government Act 1972.

93. South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) Update and proposed Governance Structure

The report provided an update on developments in relation to the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) and to formally agree to become a member of a joint committee of constituent members to oversee ASELA and provide enhanced transparency and accountability in the new delivery stage of its work programme.

Cllr Hossack **MOVED** and Cllr Parker **SECONDED** the recommendations in the report.

After a full discussion, a recorded vote was requested by Cllrs Aspinell, Naylor, Mrs Davies, Haigh, Kendall, Laplain and Mynott.

A recorded vote was taken in accordance with Procedure Rule 9.5 and members voted as follows:

FOR: Cllrs Barber, Bridge, Barrett, Dr Barrett, J Cloke, Mrs Gelderbloem, Heard, Mrs Hones, Hossack, Jakobsson, Nolan, Parker, Poppy, Mrs Pound, Reed, Russell, Miss Sanders, Tanner, Mrs Tierney, Mrs Wagland, White and Wiles (22)

AGAINST: Cllrs Aspinell, Cuthbert, Mrs Davies, Ms Fulcher, Haigh, Kendall, Laplain, Lewis, Mynott and Naylor (10)

ABSTAIN: (0)

The Motion was **CARRIED** and it was **RESOLVED** to:-

R1. Note the updates provided in this report.

R2. Agree that Brentwood Borough Council becomes a member of the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) Joint Committee in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, to oversee ASELA and provide enhanced transparency and accountability in the new delivery stage of its work programmes.

- R3. Approve the governance arrangements of the Joint Committee as set out in Appendix A, and the related Joint Committee Agreement and Terms of Reference.**
- R4. Appoint the Leader of the Council to represent the Council on the Joint Committee.**
- R5. Appoint a deputy representative to substitute for the Leader of the Council, in line with the Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.**
- R6. Give delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to make changes to the Constitution that result from the decisions made in R2 and R3 above.**

Reasons for Recommendation

To provide ASELA with the governance arrangements required to enable delivery of the Growth and Recovery Prospectus and ten delivery programmes and for Brentwood and its residents to be a direct and indirect beneficiary of the work.

(The meeting was adjourned at 21:14 and recommenced at 21.28)

94. Outside organisations - Appointment of Council Representatives

Following a change to the Council's Constitution on 25 January 2017. Councillors are now appointed to a number of outside organisations by Ordinary Council. Many of the outside organisations support and advance the broad objectives of the Authority. Representations come about either through the Authority initiating the appointment, or an organisation requesting a representative being nominated or a Charity Commission rule that a Council representative is appointed.

Following consideration of the list of nominations and to ensure effective use of Councillors resource and support for outside organisations it is considered appropriate to categorise the list in the following:

- Statutory Representatives
- Trustee
- Council has interest whether financially or otherwise
- Others – point of contact

Where a Councillor is required to be a point of contact it is considered appropriate for the outside organisation and the Councillor to make contact and discuss the best approach.

The list of nominations for representatives/point of contact on outside organisations is presented at the Ordinary Council meeting each year for Members' approval (Appendix A of the report).

In January 2021, Council's approved an amendment to Chapter 4, Paragraph 27 of the constitution to state:

27. Outside Bodies

27.1 Any person appointed by the Council to serve as our representative to an outside body shall be appointed until they resign, are dismissed or their successor is appointed. Members shall cease to hold appointments on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election unless they are re-elected as a Borough Member at the Election.

(a) The Council should not appoint where there is a conflict of office or interest

(b) The Council should not appoint where the appointment holds a risk that insolvency of the body would render the appointee debarred from office i.e. where the appointment is an effective directorship listed at Companies House.

27.2 The Chief Executive will:

(a) in consultation with the appropriate Group Leaders, revise as necessary appointments to outside bodies arising as a result of a vacancy or otherwise;

(b) in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Group Leaders, agree the allocation of appointments to any new outside bodies or organisations.

(c) ensure that the body meets the criteria for an appointee

27.3 The Appointee will:

(a) ensure a good flow of communication between the outside body and the council. This will include non-confidential matters that the appointee may consider to be of interest or significance to either party.

(b) upon request of the Chief Executive, provide an update on any disclosable matters pertaining to the outside body.

(c) be prepared to provide a brief report to the Audit & Scrutiny committee when requested to do so under the work programme.

Cllr Hossack **MOVED** and Cllr Parker **SECONDED** recommendation R1 subject to two amendments Cllr Russell to replace Cllr Cloke on Roth Town Twinning and Cllr Russell replacing McLaren on Tenant's Talkback and R3 within the report.

After a full discussion, Cllr Aspinell **MOVED** and Cllr Lewis **SECONDED** recommendations R1 and R2 within the report. This was not accepted by Cllr Hossack.

A vote was that by a show of hand and was **LOST**.

Returning to the **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION**. A vote was taken by a show of hands and was **RESOLVED**.

R1 That the list of outside bodies and nominated representatives/point of contact for 2021/2022 shown in Appendix A be approved.

R3 A review of the Outside Organisations to undertaken yearly and reported back to Ordinary Council as the start of the municipal year.

(The revised Appendix A is attached to these minutes).

95. Notice of Motion

Five Notices of Motion have been submitted in accordance with Rule 3 in Part 4.1 of the Constitution - Council Procedure Rules and are listed in order of the date received.

Motion 1 Received 02/062021 @ 14:08

Proposer Cllr Dr T Barrett

Seconder Cllr G Barrett

That the Council notes that:

- (1) humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2 levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This far exceeds the 350-ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity;
- (2) in order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO2eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible;
- (3) individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc., to make low carbon living easier and the new norm;
- (4) carbon emissions result from both production and consumption;
- (5) unfortunately, the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050;

- (6) the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, published in the autumn of 2018, describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, and local communities;
- (7) Councils and Parliaments around the world are responding by declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and committing resources to address this emergency;

That the Council believes that:

- (8) all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of Climate Breakdown, and local governments should be proactive to change their policies. It is important for the **residents of Brentwood Borough Council and the UK that local authorities commit to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible**;
- (9) the consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C are so severe that preventing this from happening must be humanity's priority;
- (10) bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities (as well as improved well-being for people worldwide);

and That the Council resolves to:

- (11) declare a 'Climate Emergency';
- (12) pledge to do everything within the Council's power to make Brentwood Borough Council area carbon neutral by 2030;
- (13) seek the provision to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;
- (14) work with other authorities (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;
- (15) continue to work with partners across the borough and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans;

Cllr Dr T Barrett presented his motion and ask the Council to approve recommendations 11-15 within his motion.

Cllr Hossack **MOVED** and Cllr Cloke **SECONDED** an amendment recommendations 12 and 13 to state 2050, not 2030. This was not accepted by Cllr Dr T Barrett.

After a full discussion, Cllr Hossack withdraw his motion and move an amendment to 12 and 13 to state 2040, not 2030 was **MOVED** by Cllr Hossack and **SECONDED** by Cllr Cloke. This was not accepted by Cllr Dr T Barrett.

A vote was taken by a show of hands on recommendation 12.

- (12) pledge to do everything within the Council's power to make Brentwood Borough Council area carbon neutral by 2030 2040;

A vote was taken by a show of hands on recommendation 13.

- (13) seek the provision to provide the powers and resources to make the ~~2030~~2040 target possible;

The motion was **CARRIED**.

These approved amendments, become part of the **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION**.

It was agreed to vote on each items 11-15 separately.

A vote was taken by a show of hands on recommendation 11.

- (11) declare a 'Climate Emergency';

The motion was **LOST**.

A vote was taken by a show of hands on recommendation 12.

- (12) pledge to do everything within the Council's power to make Brentwood Borough Council area carbon neutral by 2040;

The motion was **CARRIED**.

A vote was taken by a show of hands on recommendation 13.

- (13) seek the provision to provide the powers and resources to make the 2040 target possible;

The motion was **CARRIED**.

A vote was taken by a show of hands on recommendation 14.

- (14) work with other authorities (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;

The motion was **CARRIED**

A vote was taken by a show of hands on recommendation 15.

- (15) continue to work with partners across the borough and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans;

The motion was **CARRIED**.

In accordance with the Constitution Paragraph 10.1 and 10.2 the Mayor proposed to enact the guillotine on all remaining motions which would be taken as proposed and seconded and voted on with no debate.

Motions 2, 3 and 5 were deferred to Ordinary Council on 13th October 2021. Motion 4 was withdrawn by Cllr Aspinell.

96. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business and the meeting concluded at 22.16.
