

MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL

15 MAY 2025

PRESENT:

[The retiring Mayor Councillor Ward in the Chair], Councillors Barnett, Brown, C Edwards, Freeman, Garcia, Gillias, Harrington, Hassell, Henderson, Howling, Karadiar, Lawrence, Lewis, Livesey, Maoudis, Mistry, Moran, O'Rourke, Picker, Poole, Robinson, Roodhouse, Russell, Sandison, Sayani, Simpson-Vince, Srivastava, Thomas, Thompson, Timms, Trimble and Willis.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Bennett, Daly, Dumbleton, S Edwards, D Keeling, J Keeling, McKenzie, New and Parker.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Livesey and

RESOLVED THAT – Councillor Barbara Brown be and is hereby appointed Mayor of Rugby Borough Council for the ensuing year.

[The Mayor (Councillor Brown) made and subscribed a declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair].

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

This item was deferred for consideration the next meeting of Council.

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Garcia, seconded by Councillor Poole and

RESOLVED THAT – the Council places on record its appreciation of the manner in which the retiring Mayor (Councillor Simon Ward) has presided over the Council during the past year and he be thanked for his services to the Borough.

5. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS

It was proposed by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Poole and

RESOLVED THAT – the Council places on record its appreciation of the

contribution which former Councillor Slinger made during his service as a member of the Borough Council.

6. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members, Freemen of the Borough and Past Mayors had been informed that Past Mayor and former Councillor Bill Sewell sadly passed away recently.

Bill was a Councillor for Hillmorton Ward from 2002 - 2014 and he was Mayor of Rugby for the 2008/09 municipal year.

The Mayor, together with all those present at the meeting stood in a moment's silence in memory of Bill.

7. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER – RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL BY-ELECTION 1 MAY 2025

The Council considered the report of the Returning Officer (agenda item 7) concerning the results of the Borough Council by-election for New Bilton Ward held on 1 May 2025.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Councillor Thompson as a new Member and wished her well in her future service of the Council.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO PARTY GROUPS 2025/26

The Council considered the report of the Acting Chief Executive (agenda item 8) in respect of constitutional arrangements and the allocation of seats to party groups for the 2025/26 municipal year.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) the composition of Cabinet for 2025/26 be noted;

(2) the following appointments be made to the Audit and Ethics Committee:

Paul Dudfield (Chairman);
John Eves (Vice Chairman); and
four borough councillors (as per the composition arrangements set out in Appendix 1); and

(3) appointments to all other committees be made as set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2025/26 – BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

The Council considered the report of the Acting Chief Executive (agenda item 9) concerning appointments to outside bodies by virtue of office together with miscellaneous appointments.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the re-appointments listed in the tables attached at Appendices 1 and 2 be approved, making any amendments as appropriate;
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with Group Leaders to appoint to Bilton Poor's Land and Other Charities, Coventry Airport Consultative Committee and Percival Guildhouse (AGM), and
- (3) the appointments to RIPA/Politicians in Planning be removed from the schedule.

MAYOR