



City of Douglas

City Hall,
Douglas,
9th August, 2023

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CITY OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of AUGUST, 2023, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the CITY HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS NATALIE BYRON-TEARE, JP

Councillors

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mr F. Schuengel

Mrs C.L. Wells

Ms J. Thommeny

Mr P. Washington

The Director of Finance (as acting Chief Executive), the Director of Environment and Regeneration and the Assistant Chief Officer (Housing and Property) were in attendance.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor F. Horning.

1. **One Minute Silence**

The Council stood to observe a one minute silence for Mr Michael Cowin, Borough Warden, who had sadly passed away since the last meeting.

2. **Minutes – 12th July, 2023**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12th July, 2023, were approved and signed.

3. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner**

Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner asked the Leader of the Council:

Do individuals who have been bestowed with the honour of Freeman of the Borough automatically receive Notice of Council Meetings, Council Agendas and invitations to official Council functions and ceremonies?

Response by the Leader of the Council:

Honorary Freeman of the Borough and City receive invitations to Civic and Ceremonial Council events. Notices of Council Meetings are not shared, however, they are available on the Council's website to view.

4. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts**

Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts asked the Leader of the Council:

1.1 *What was the amount paid to external advocates in each of the last five years?*

1.2 *How many individual advocates were used for legal advice in the past five years?*

Response by the Leader of the Council:

1.1 *The total amount paid to external advocates in each of the last five financial years, exclusive of VAT is;*

2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
175,601.02	214,403.36	228,907.58	129,153.17	201,335.01

1.2 *Three companies.*

5. **Executive Committee – 27th July, 2023**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th July, 2023, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

6. **Housing and Property Committee – 19th July, 2023 – Clauses A1 to A8 Inclusive**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A8 inclusive of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 19th July, 2023, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

7. **Housing and Property Committee – 19th July, 2023 – Clause C9**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in Clause C9 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 19th July, 2023, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

8. **Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 18th July, 2023**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 18th July, 2023, be received by the Council.

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

9. **Regeneration and Community Committee – 18th July, 2023**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 18th July, 2023, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

10. Environmental Services Committee – 17th July, 2023

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 17th July, 2023, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

11. Standing Order 30 – Notice of Motion – Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin moved the following Motion, notice of which had been given:

1. “That the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress be recognised for their service at the end of their term by issuing badges the same way the Mayor and Consort are recognised.
2. All previous Deputy Mayors and Mayoresses are recognised by issuing badges in the same way.
3. All Deputy Mayors & Mayoresses have their name entered into a scroll the same as previous Mayors and Consorts.”

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington seconded the Motion.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 30, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report to the Council by 13th December, 2023.

12. Adjournment and Resumption

The meeting adjourned at 3.13pm and resumed at 3.30pm with the same Members and officers present.

IN PRIVATE

13. Executive Committee – 27th July, 2023 - Clauses A1 and A2

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 and A2 of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th July, 2023, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

14. Executive Committee – 27th July, 2023 – Clause C3

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in Clause C3 of private report of meeting held on Thursday, 27th July, 2023, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

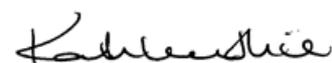
Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

15. Housing and Property Committee – 19th July, 2023

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Wednesday, 19th July, 2023, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

The Council rose at 3.37pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive