



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MELTON

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

17 MAY 2016

PRESENT :-

Councillor J. Douglas (Outgoing Mayor),  
Councillor D. Wright (Incoming Mayor)  
P.M. Baguley, T.S. Bains, T. Beaken,  
M. Blase, P.M. Chandler, P. Cumbers,  
R. de Burle, M. Glancy, M.C.R. Graham MBE,  
T. Greenow, L. Higgins, E. Holmes, E. Hutchison,  
J. Hurrell, J. Illingworth, S. Lumley,  
J.T. Orson, A. Pearson, P.M. Posnett, J.B. Rhodes,  
J. Simpson, J. Wyatt

Chief Executive  
Strategic Director (CAM), Strategic Director (KA),  
Head of Communications & Monitoring Officer  
Democracy & Involvement Officer

The Reverend David Payne offered prayers

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CO1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Botterill, Culley, Manderson, and Sheldon.

CO2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

The Outgoing Mayor

(1) made a presentation of a Mayor's Award of Merit to Lorraine Simmonds who had been unable to attend the Award Presentation evening in April. The Mayor explained that the Award had been made, having regard to Lorraine:

- going beyond her job role as Club Organiser at Mencap and at least doubles her hours with voluntary contribution in time and commitment to the role to ensure that Mencap members are able to participate and have the best quality of life possible;

- spending her own time researching new activities (such as Zumba, fencing, disco at Tubes, Theatre trips) and working out how all levels of Mencap members can take part including all the logistical arrangements, eg. suitable venues, transport, timetabling, diversity arrangements;
- creating inclusivity for Mencap members and lifelong friendships between staff, families, members, local business and other sections of the community involved in Mencap;
- improving the lives of hundreds of Mencap members and their families.

Lorraine thanked the Council for the Award, commenting that she was part of a team and that she found the work very rewarding.

(2) referred to her year of office as being most wonderful and interesting and that it had been an honour to represent the local community who appreciated the role of the Mayor. Councillor Douglas thanked the Council for electing her and said the experience had also been a personal journey of learning and self discovery. Part of the role was to raise the profile of the Borough and she had found that Melton was certainly making its mark in other parts of the county and further afield citing some of the major projects that the Council was currently leading on;

(3) mentioned some of the highlights during her year of office including the trip to Sochaczew and the HMS Quorn Affiliates Day. She referred to her chosen charities and thanked Mr Michael Cooke for his help with fund raising activities;

(4) concluded by thanking the following:

- Councillor Posnett for her assistance with the twinning visits;
- Councillor Lumley for his support as her Deputy and Councillor Wyatt for his support at the HMS Quorn Affiliates Day in March;
- her Consort, Mr Robert Abel-Smith;
- Mrs Lena Shuttlewood for her help and support with the Mayoral diary and civic functions;
- the Chief Executive and members of the Management Team; and
- the Revd Kevin Ashby as Mayor's Chaplain.

Councillor Lumley then responded by thanking Councillor Douglas for being an excellent ambassador as Mayor and also thanked Mr Steve Carter and Mr Roger Cornish, from the facilities management team for their assistance at Council meetings. Councillor Lumley took the opportunity to congratulate the incoming new Mayor and Deputy Mayor and wished to place on record his appreciation to the outgoing Leader, Councillor Rhodes.

### CO3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Graham congratulated the Outgoing Mayor and Consort on their year office before proposing that Councillor Wright be elected Mayor for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2017. Councillor Graham spoke in support of his nomination, referring to Councillor Wright's many qualities and achievements as a Councillor that made him a very suitable candidate to be Mayor for a second time and to Mrs Maureen Wright as his Mayoress who, Councillor Graham stated, would be wonderful ambassador for the Borough.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Chandler. Councillor Chandler also commended the Outgoing Mayor on the wonderful job she had done in developing the role of the Mayor and raising the profile especially in the rural areas.

Councillor Holmes added her own personal thanks to the outgoing Mayor.

On the motion being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Wright be elected Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2017.

#### CO4. INVESTITURE OF MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor Wright read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Douglas invested Councillor Wright with the Chain of Office.

The Mayor's Consort then invested Mrs Maureen Wright with the Mayoress Chain of Office.

(The new Mayor, Councillor Wright, in the Chair.)

Councillor Wright thanked his proposer and seconder for nominating him and welcomed his guests attending that evening. Councillor Wright stated that he and his wife would be wearing the chains of office for a second time with great pride.

#### CO5. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT

Councillor Lumley proposed a vote of thanks for the retiring Mayor and Consort.

Councillor Bains seconded the vote of thanks commending Councillor Douglas' enthusiasm and passion for the role and her interesting reports on Mayoral activities at Council meetings.

**RESOLVED** that a vote of thanks be recorded for the retiring Mayor and Consort.

#### CO6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Greenow proposed that Councillor Bains be elected Deputy Mayor for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2017. In so doing, Councillor Greenow spoke about Councillor Bain's academic and professional background, commending him for being a real champion for young people who was very keen to inspire young people to become involved in the local community. Councillor Bains was first elected to represent the Sysonby ward in May 2015 and had received the highest number of votes in that ward. Councillor Bains took inspiration from and was supported by his parents and grandparents all of whom were present at the meeting; Councillor Bains would be the first Asian Deputy Mayor of the Borough and one of the youngest and stood firmly for what he believed was right.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Pearson who said Councillor Bains would bring tremendous vision to the role.

Upon being put to the vote, the proposal was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Bains be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2017.

#### CO7. INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

(a) Councillor Bains read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Lumley, then invested Councillor Bains with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office. Mrs Raj Bains was invested with the Deputy Mayoress Chain of Office.

(b) Councillor Bains gave thanks for his election and thanked his proposer and seconder for their nomination. He thanked his family adding that this was a special moment to share with them. He also thanked his employer for their support before outlining his aims and aspirations during his year of office. He thanked his mother, Mrs Raj Bains who would be supporting him as Deputy Mayoress.

#### CO8. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Graham proposed that Councillor Posnett be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2017. In so doing, Councillor Graham commended Councillor Posnett for all the aspects she managed to juggle successfully. He referred to the many challenges facing the Council but believed that the Council's assets outweighed the liabilities. Melton was envied by many for its caring ethos and no Councillor was more involved in the community and knew so much about it than Councillor Posnett. Councillor Graham expressed the hope that all Councillors both new and old would be allowed to express themselves and urged Councillor Posnett to put the Borough ahead of all other calls.

Councillor Glancy seconded the proposal stating she had known Councillor Posnett for a number of years and had great respect for her. There were difficult and uncertain times ahead and she was confident that Councillor Posnett was the right person to lead the Council through this.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Posnett be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2017.

## CO9. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING LEADER

Councillor Posnett thanked the Council for electing her and welcomed Councillor Blase to his first meeting. Councillor Posnett then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Leader, Councillor Rhodes,

- stating she had gained valuable experience as his Deputy
- commending his vision and hard work, especially on the campaign for a Melton bypass which he had helped to move forward to the first stage of delivery
- referred to Councillor Rhodes' total commitment, not just to politics but his outside interests as well.

Councillor Posnett then presented Councillor Rhodes with a gift to mark his service to the Council as Leader. Councillor Rhodes thanked Councillor Posnett for her kind words and said it had been an immense pleasure to lead the Council. A lot had been achieved and he expressed the hope that he would be around to see these aims come to fruition.

Councillor Holmes also added her tribute to Councillor Rhodes as Leader of the Opposition.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Orson who commented on Councillor Rhodes' many strengths, particularly what he referred to as Councillor Rhodes' "political ~~nousneut~~" – his instinctive ability to take political advantage to benefit the Council and the Borough. The progression of the Melton bypass plan was down to his drive, vision, and "~~nousneut~~".

**RESOLVED** that a vote of thanks be recorded for the retiring Leader.

## CO10. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader thanked everyone for electing her and the kind messages of support

In her report, Councillor Posnett

(a) stated she would continue the good work of the Council; this was recognised both locally and nationally and was well respected;

(b) referred to the need to adapt to changes and the reduced funding which would mean the Council would need to continue to find innovative ways it delivered and commissioned services. Priorities would need to be made to deal with the £900K funding gap by 2019/20;

(c) outlined her aspirations to keep council tax as low as possible and to encourage local businesses to grow and develop, and the priorities to deliver the Local Plan, moving forward on the delivery of the town's bypass, the regeneration of the Cattle Market, and the Leisure Vision for the Borough;

(d) emphasised the need to build on existing projects such as Me and My Learning and to support Melton being part of a successful combined authority;

(e) outlined her plans to set up a task group to drive forward transformation and efficiency which would report to the Policy, Finance & Administration Committee; a working group to consider economy and commercialism which would report directly to Full Council; and the establishment of a community lottery;

(f) concluded by stating that she would listen to residents and expressed the hope that collectively with the Council the right answers could be achieved. She firmly believed that Melton Borough was the best place to live, raise a family, and do business.

#### CO11. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Beaken proposed that Councillor Higgins be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council. She referred to Councillor Higgins as a very active member of the community who promoted the welfare of the armed forces. Councillor Higgins would bring a fresh approach and new ideas and would make an excellent Deputy Leader.

Councillor Wyatt seconded the proposal.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Higgins be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2017.

#### CO12. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Councillor Cumbers proposed that Councillor Holmes be appointed as Leader of the Opposition. Councillor Cumbers commended Councillor Holmes for the help she gave to others and spoke on the democratic importance of an opposition to hold the administration of the Council to account.

Councillor Chandler seconded the proposal referring to Councillor Holmes being very well known in the area and an excellent and long serving ward Councillor for Waltham; she was not afraid to express her views. At vote was then taken and the motion was carried.

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Holmes be appointed as Leader of the Opposition.

#### CO13. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor

(a) congratulated Councillor Bains and Mrs Bains on their appointments and stated he had every confidence in them;

(b) announced that his chosen charities were the Melton & District Branch of the Friends of Rainbows, East Midlands Children's Hospice and the Melton Community First Responders;

(c) asked Members to note the following dates for key civic events:

- the Civic Service to be held at St Mary the Virgin's parish church in Bottesford on 26 June 2016;
- the Freedom Parade by HMS Quorn in Melton town centre on 1 June 2016;
- his Afternoon Tea to celebrate HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 12 June for residents that were born in 1926.

CO14. ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE SPOKESPERSONS AND CONSULTEES, MEMBERSHIP OF FORUMS, PARTNERSHIPS, WORKING GROUPS, OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS

An updated version of the Chief Executive's report (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members) was tabled at the meeting which asked the Council to note the allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, S15-17 (as amended) and receive nominations of Councillors to serve on each Committee and the Sub-Committees as well as each Group's Committee Spokespersons and Consultees, appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs, Forums, Partnerships, Working Groups, Outside Organisations and Lead Members for the period to the Annual Meeting in 2017.

The Leader introduced the revised version of the report and proposed the recommendations set out therein. The motion was seconded by Councillor Higgins.

Councillor Holmes suggested that as there were now 3 Opposition Members – 2 Independent Members and 1 Labour Member – the substitutions on Committees be shared. In support of this suggestion, Councillor Holmes stated that there would be a more balanced view if the Opposition Members could act as substitutes.

Councillor Posnett indicated she was prepared to amend her motion accordingly and Councillor Higgins, as seconder, also gave his support to this proposal. The Chief Executive advised that the relevant appendix would be amended as indicated but that in order to effect this change, upon voting, the motion must be carried by a unanimous decision of the Council.

A typographical error in the paper was highlighted that Councillor Sheldon was shown as both a member of and a substitute on the Planning Committee. It was noted that Councillor Posnett would be a substitute on this committee.

A vote was then taken on the recommendations before the meeting, with the change to permit Councillor Culley to be the Independent substitute on The Appeals Committee and Councillor Holmes to be the Independent substitute on the Governance Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chief Executive referred Members to Appendix E which set out the nominations for Lead Members and advised that Councillor Holmes had requested that she be considered as Lead Member for Arts/Heritage alongside Councillor Wyatt. A separate vote was taken in which Members voted first for the nomination

of Councillor Wyatt and then for the nomination of Councillor Holmes. Councillor Wyatt received the higher number of votes.

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) the political balance percentages and number of seats allocated to each political group as set out in the table below be noted :-

<b>2016-17</b>	<b>APP</b>	<b>CSA</b>	<b>GOV</b>	<b>PFA</b>	<b>PLNG</b>	<b>REEA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Conservative	4 (4.46%)	9 (8.92%)	9 (8.92%)	9 (8.92%)	10 (9.82%)	10 (9.82%)	<b>51</b>
Independent	0 (0.36%)	1 (0.71%)	0 (0.71%)	1 (0.71%)	1 (0.79%)	1 (0.79%)	<b>4</b>
Single Cllr (Labour)	1 (0.18%)	0 (0.36%)	1 (0.36%)	0 (0.36%)	0 (0.39%)	0 (0.39%)	<b>2</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b> ✓	<b>10</b> ✓	<b>10</b> ✓	<b>10</b> ✓	<b>11</b> ✓	<b>11</b> ✓	<b>57</b>

- (2) the allocation of Councillors to each Committee and Sub-Committee as set out below and the nominations as submitted by the Political Group Leaders for the period to the Annual Meeting in 2017 be as follows :-

**Political balance required:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>	<b>Substitutes 2016 17</b>
<b>Appeals</b>  <b>5 Members</b>  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 4 Conservative 0 Independent 1 Single Cllr  <b>Substitutes</b> 2 Conservative	<b>Conservative</b> M.C.R. Graham MBE (C) P. Cumbers J. Hurrell S. Lumley  <b>Single Cllr (Labour)</b> <b>M. Blase</b>	<b>Conservative</b> P. Baguley G.E. Botterill  <b>Independent</b> T. Culley



<p><b>Community &amp; Social Affairs</b></p> <p><b>10 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 9 Conservative 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> T. Beaken P.M. Chandler J. Douglas M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow S. Lumley (VC) V. J. Manderson A. Pearson (C) P.M. Posnett</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> M. Glancy L. Higgins E. Hutchison</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>
<p><b>Governance</b></p> <p><b>10 Members inc Equalities Lead Member</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 9 Conservative 0 Independent 1 Single Cllr</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler (C) P. Cumbers J. Douglas J. Hurrell J. Illingworth V.J. Manderson J.B. Rhodes M.R. Sheldon (VC) J. Simpson</p> <p><b>Single Cllr (Labour)</b> <b>M. Blase</b></p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> T. Beaken M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>	<b>Substitutes 2016 17</b>
<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>11 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 10 Conservative 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> P. Baguley G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler P. Cumbers J. Douglas M. Glancy J. Illingworth (C) M.R. Sheldon J. Simpson (VC) J. Wyatt</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> L. Higgins P. Posnett J.B. Rhodes</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>	<b>Substitutes 2016 17</b>
<b>Policy, Finance &amp; Administration</b>  <b>10 Members</b>  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 9 Conservative 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr  <b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> R. de Burle M. Glancy T. Greenow L. Higgins (VC) E. Hutchison J.T. Orson P.M. Posnett (C) J.B. Rhodes J. Wyatt  <b>Independent</b> E. Holmes	<b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler M.C.R. Graham MBE S. Lumley A. Pearson          <b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley
<b>Rural, Economic and Environmental Affairs</b>  <b>11 Members</b>  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 10 Conservative 1 Independent 0 Single Cllr  <b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> P. Baguley T. Beaken G.E. Botterill R. de Burle L. Higgins E. Hutchison (VC) J.T. Orson (C) P.M. Posnett M.R. Sheldon J. Simpson  <b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley	<b>Conservative</b> M. Glancy M.C.R. Graham MBE J. Illingworth J. Wyatt          <b>Independent</b> E. Holmes

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>	<b>Substitutes 2016 17</b>
<b>Town Area</b>  <b>All Town Councillors</b>  <b>Political Balance</b> Not applicable  <b>Substitutes</b> Not applicable	Town Members  T. Greenow (C) M. Glancy (VC)	Not applicable

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>	<b>Substitutes 2016 17</b>
<b>Licensing &amp; Regulatory</b>  <b>10 Members</b>  <b>Political Balance Not required</b>  <b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent	<b>Conservative</b> P. Baguley P. Cumbers (VC) J. Douglas T. Greenow L. Higgins J. Hurrell J. Illingworth A. Pearson J. Wyatt (C)  <b>Independent</b> E. Holmes	<b>Conservative</b> V.J. Manderson         <b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley

**NB: The Licensing & Regulatory Committee is not required to be politically balanced**

<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2016/17</b>	<b>Substitutes 2016/17</b>
<b>Governance Sub- Committee 1</b>  <b>5 Members</b>  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 4 Conservative 0 Independent 1 Single Cllr  <b>Substitutes</b> 2 Conservative	<b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler (C) J. Douglas J. Hurrell J. Simpson  <b>Single Cllr (Labour)</b> M. Blase	<b>Conservative</b> T. Beaken M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow    <b>Independent</b> E. Holmes
<b>Governance Sub- Committee 2</b>  <b>5 Members</b>  <b>Political Balance Required</b> 4 Conservative 0 Independent 1 Single Cllr  <b>Substitutes</b> 2 Conservative	<b>Conservative</b> P. Cumbers J. Illingworth V.J. Manderson M.R. Sheldon (C)  <b>Single Cllr (Labour)</b> M. Blase	<b>Conservative</b> T. Beaken M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow    <b>Independent</b> E. Holmes

(3) the following be appointed as the Committee Spokespersons/Consultees 2016/17:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Administration 2016 17</b>	<b>Independent 2016 17</b>
<b>Community &amp; Social Affairs</b>	A. Pearson	T.R. Culley
<b>Governance</b>	P.M Chandler	-
<b>Licensing &amp; Regulatory</b>	J. Wyatt	E. Holmes
<b>Planning</b>	J. Illingworth	E. Holmes
<b>Policy, Finance &amp; Administration</b>	P.M. Posnett	E. Holmes
<b>Rural, Economic &amp; Environmental Affairs</b>	J.T. Orson	T.R. Culley
<b>Town Area</b>	T. Greenow	T.R. Culley

(4) the following be appointed as the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees and the Sub-Committees until the Annual Meeting in 2017 :-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman 2016 17</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman 2016 17</b>
Appeals	M.C.R.Graham MBE	-
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman 2016 17</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman 2016 17</b>
<b>Community &amp; Social Affairs</b>	A. Pearson	S. Lumley
<b>Governance</b>	P.M. Chandler	M.R. Sheldon
<b>Licensing &amp; Regulatory</b>	J. Wyatt	P. Cumbers
<b>Planning</b>	J. Illingworth	J. Simpson
<b>Policy, Finance &amp; Administration*</b>	P.M. Posnett	L. Higgins
<b>Rural, Economic &amp; Environmental Affairs</b>	J.T. Orson	E. Hutchison
<b>Town Area Committee</b>	T. Greenow	M. Glancy
<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Chairman 2016 17</b>	
<b>Governance Sub-Committee 1</b>	P.M. Chandler	-
<b>Governance Sub-Committee 2</b>	M.R. Sheldon	-

(5) the following be appointed as the Council's representatives on Forums, Partnerships and Working Groups until the Annual Meeting in 2017 :-

<b>Forums</b>	<b>No. of Cllrs.</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>
Leicestershire County Council Highway Forum	4	E. Holmes P.M. Chandler S. Lumley J. Wyatt
Seniors' Forum	4	P. Cumbers J. Wyatt

<b>Partnerships</b>	<b>No. of Cllrs.</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>
Members' Advisory Group	1	P.M. Posnett
Melton Safer Communities Partnership	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
<b>Melton Community Partnership</b>	1	P.M. Posnett
Welland Partnership Board	2 + 1	P.M. Posnett L. Higgins J. Wyatt
Welland Joint Committee	2 + 2 subs	P.M. Posnett L. Higgins J. Wyatt

Working Group	No. of Cllrs.	Nominations 2016 17
<p><b>Budget &amp; Strategic Planning Working Group</b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i>  5 Conservative  1 Independent  0 Single Cllr</p>	6	<p><b>Conservative</b>  R. de Burle  L. Higgins  J.T. Orson  P.M. Posnett  J.B. Rhodes</p> <p><b>Independent</b>  E. Holmes</p>
<p><b>Cattle Market Working Group</b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i>  7 Conservative  1 Independent  0 Single Cllr</p>	8	<p><b>Conservative</b>  P.M. Chandler  M.C.R. Graham MBE  E. Hutchison  J. Illingworth  J.T. Orson  P.M. Posnett  J. Wyatt</p> <p><b>Independent</b>  E. Holmes</p>
<p><b>Joint Staff Working Group</b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i>  6 Conservative  1 Independent  0 Single Cllr</p>	7	<p><b>Conservative</b>  P. Cumbers  M.C.R. Graham MBE  J. Illingworth  S. Lumley  V.J. Manderson  P.M. Posnett</p> <p><b>Independent</b>  E. Holmes</p>

<p><b>Melton Local Plan Working Group</b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i>  8 Conservative  1 Independent  0 Single Cllr</p>	<p>9</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b>  G.E. Botterill  P.M. Chandler (C)  P. Cumbers  M. Glancy  J. Illingworth  P.M. Posnett  J.B. Rhodes  J. Simpson</p> <p><b>Independent</b>  T.R. Culley</p>
<p><b>Sports, Leisure and Culture Working Group</b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i>  8 Conservative  1 Independent  0 Single Cllr</p>	<p>9</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b>  T. Beaken  P.M. Chandler  R. de Burle  J. Douglas  M.C.R. Graham MBE  L. Higgins (C)  A. Pearson  P.M. Posnett</p> <p><b>Independent</b>  E. Holmes</p>
<p><b>Tenant Consultative Working Group</b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i>  5 Conservative  1 Independent  0 Single Cllr</p> <p>6 Council Tenant representatives  Quorum: 2 Members and 2 Council Chair to alternate each meeting between Council and Tenant Representative</p>	<p>6</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b>  P.M. Chandler  J. Douglas  S. Lumley  P.M. Posnett  A. Pearson</p> <p><b>Independent</b>  T.R. Culley</p>
<p><b>Working Group Not Politically Balanced:</b>  <b>Planning Enforcement Group</b></p>	<p>6</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b>  G.E. Botterill  P.M. Chandler  P. Cumbers  J. Illingworth  J. Wyatt</p> <p><b>Independent</b>  E. Holmes</p>



(6) The following be appointed as the Council's representatives on Outside Organisations until the Annual Meeting in 2017 :-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>No. Cllrs</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>
De Montfort University Court	2	Mayor Deputy Mayor
East Midlands Councils Representative	1	P.M. Posnett L. Higgins (Sub)
Fairtrade Steering Group	1	P. Cumbers
Friends of Carnegie Museum	1	P. Baguley
Grantham Canal Partnership	1	P.M. Chandler
Homestart Management Committee	1	J. Hurrell
LGA – General Assembly	1	P.M. Posnett
Leicestershire & Rutland Heritage Forum	1	J. Wyatt
Leicestershire and Rutland Playing Fields Association	1	P.M. Chandler
Melton Business Improvement District (BID)	1	P.M. Posnett
Melton & Oakham Waterways Local Authority Working Group	1	P. Cumbers
Melton & District Furniture Project	1	P. Cumbers
Melton Young Singles Trust (MYST)	1	T. Greenow
Police and Crime Panel	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE A. Pearson (Sub)

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>No. Cllrs</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>
Rural Services Network & SPARSE	1	P.M. Posnett
Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE

(7) the following be appointed as the Council's Lead Members until the Annual Meeting in 2017:-

<b>Subject area</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Appointments 2016 17</b>
<b>Housing and Communities</b>	Affordable Housing Neighbourhoods	A. Pearson
<b>Economic Development, Waste, Environment, Transport</b>	Economic Development Transport Environment/Waste	J.T. Orson
<b>People</b>	Youth/Vulnerable People Health Seniors/Older People	P.M. Posnett
<b>Community Safety</b>		M.C.R. Graham MBE
<b>Resources</b>	Assets Efficiencies Procurement Training/Culture/ Workforce Strategic Finance Risk	P.M. Posnett
<b>Planning</b>		J. Illingworth
<b>Regulation</b>		J. Wyatt
<b>Town Centre</b>		T. Greenow
<b>Access</b>		P. Cumbers
<b>Performance Management</b>		M.C.R. Graham MBE

Subject area	Detail	Appointments 2016 17
Armed Forces		S. Lumley
Young People		T.S. Bains
Customer Services		P.M. Posnett
Twinning		Mayor
Arts/Heritage		J. Wyatt
Equalities		J. Douglas

(8) it be noted that political balance is not required for the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

(9) it be noted that in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, S15-17 (as amended) political balance is to be achieved in total across all the Committees and within all individual Committees requiring political balance and to note also that political balance applies to Sub-Committees as required.

(10) it be noted the principle that where a large group occupies all but one or two seats on the Council, the first rule prohibiting single party Committees takes precedence, and the Council must make one place available for the other Councillor(s) on each Committee/Sub Committee.

#### CO15. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2016/17

A calendar of meetings for the 2016/17 civic year had previously been circulated with the agenda.

The calendar of meetings was proposed by Councillor Chandler and seconded by Councillor Rhodes.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2016/17 as circulated with the agenda.

Before closing the meeting, the Mayor invited all present to join him for refreshments at the rear of the civic suite.

The meeting which commenced at 7 p.m., closed at 8.30 p.m.

Mayor