



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MELTON

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

21 MAY 2015

PRESENT :-

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

Deputy Young Mayor – Rebecca Smedley

Chief Executive  
Head of Communications & Monitoring Officer  
Democracy & Involvement Officer

The Reverend Catriona Cumming offered prayers

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CO1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hurrell and Manderson who were both unwell.

Councillor Holmes requested that, on behalf of the Council, the Leader send Members' best wishes to both Councillors.

CO2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

The Mayor addressed the Council with an account of his Mayoral year during which he

(a) stated that he and the Mayoress had found the year to be a hugely rewarding experience and they had been very grateful for the opportunity to meet so many interesting people and visit such a variety of places;

(b) expressed how much he had enjoyed and benefited from meeting other Civic

Heads in Leicestershire and neighbouring districts and the visit to Sochaczew earlier in the year with Councillors Pam Posnett and Pat Cumbers was a memorable experience – our Polish hosts are very warm, hospitable people and, as with all these occasions, it is the people you meet that make the event so special;

(c) referred to the many highlights during his year in office; the Christmas carol Service, the reinterment of King Richard III, his Civic Dinner at Scalford Hall, and most recently the Royal Visit by HRH Princess Anne. These events stood out but in reality all invitations to the Mayor were important as someone has thought it worthwhile to invite you;

(d) thanked all the people, organisations, and businesses of Melton Borough who continue to welcome and support the role of Mayor in our community. Councillor Wyatt also thanked Councillors, past and present, for their support, and extended his appreciation to Officers and Staff of this Council for their help and advice during the year and in managing the Mayoral diary and events. He thanked Reverend Kevin Ashby and his team (represented by Rev'd Catriona Cumming at the meeting) who had guided and assisted him on numerous occasions but especially the Civic Service, Christmas Carol Service and in saying prayers at Full Council;

(e) concluded by wishing the incoming Mayor and her Consort an enjoyable and rewarding Mayoral Year, and thanked her for her support during this past 12 months. On behalf of Nina and himself, he thanked Members for giving them the privilege of being the Mayor and Mayoress of Melton Borough.

The Deputy Young Mayor gave a brief report on her recent activities which included her joining Rutland Health Watch, a small group that campaigned for better mental health facilities for young people in the area and working with Nicky Morgan MP in Loughborough. Rebecca stated she was pleased to be part of a brilliant council and was also pursuing improved sporting facilities for young people her age as well.

### CO3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Graham proposed that Councillor Douglas be elected Mayor for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2016. In support of his nomination, Councillor Graham stated that it was important for being Mayor to be an elected Councillor and to be lucky. He said Councillor Douglas was both; she had avoided a pitfall of being Deputy Mayor but then not being re-elected. However, it was not only luck that saw her re-elected but because she has worked hard for her residents in Craven ward. Councillor Douglas was a local person having been brought up in Stonesby but has lived in Scalford for 10 years and then Melton for the last 20 years; she was a qualified teacher teaching at Leicester College and since 1994 a tutor for the County Council vocational educational services in business advice, IT and customer services – all skills useful for being a Councillor and for a Mayor who would be totally up to date with modern technology and could also teach it. Councillor Graham said that the new Councillors could learn a lesson from Councillor Douglas and referred to the enthusiasm and commitment she had shown in being the Vice-Chairman of the Governance Committee and on the Performance Management Task Group, Planning Committee and acting as

substitute on the CSA Committee. Most importantly, she knew the importance of prioritising her family, health and work and had stepped down as Vice-Chairman of Governance Committee but had come back last year as the Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Graham commended Councillor Douglas to Members stating that she would continue to push the boundaries and go beyond her comfort level and fulfil the role of Mayor in her own way. He therefore had no hesitation in nominating her for the role of Mayor.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Beaken who represented the Craven ward with Councillor Douglas. Councillor Beaken paid tribute to Councillor Douglas saying she was a warm and endearing person with an approachable manner who would serve the community well as Mayor.

Councillor Holmes also spoke in favour of Councillor Douglas' nomination and said she would give Councillor Douglas every support in her role.

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

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Douglas be elected Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2016.

#### CO4. INVESTITURE OF MAYOR AND MAYORESS

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

Councillor Wyatt invested Councillor Douglas with the Chain of Office.

The Mayoress then invested Mr Robert Abel-Smith with the Consort's Chain of Office.

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

(b) The Mayor gave thanks for her election, stating she was enthusiastic and inspired to fulfill expectations and to make this a Mayoral year to remember. The Mayor briefly mentioned that her two chosen charities she would be supporting were the Belvoir Castle Cricket & Countryside Trust which encouraged children to participate in the sport and Emmaus, a charity which supported the homeless in getting back onto their feet. The Mayor said she was looking forward to working with everyone and that she was well aware of all the hard work by Councillors and Officers alike that had gone into making this a strong, successful Council. The Mayor hoped that everyone could continue this work and build on these strong foundations offering the people of Melton Borough the service they expect and deserve.

#### CO6. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor Cumbers congratulated Councillor Douglas on her election and wished her a happy and successful year. She then proposed a vote of thanks for the retiring Mayor and Mayoress. In so doing, she commented on the huge enthusiasm and energy Councillor Wyatt had brought to his busy year of office.

Amongst his many engagements, he had met with children all over the Borough; those children would remember meeting the Mayor and they would remember the chain. Councillor Cumbers said that some of those children may well take a place in this chamber in the future. Councillor Wyatt had also represented the Council much further afield, including in Poland and had always done so with much dignity. Councillor Cumbers concluded her thanks to Councillor Wyatt and Mrs Wyatt by commending their hard work and for a job well done.

Councillor Orson seconded the vote of thanks stating that Councillor Wyatt had enjoyed a memorable year and that he and Mrs Wyatt had been first class ambassadors for the Borough. Councillor Wyatt had enjoyed the unique position of being the only Mayor of the Borough to witness the final resting place of a King of England – King Richard III when he was reinterred at Leicester Cathedral in March 2015.

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

#### CO7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Posnett proposed that Councillor Lumley be elected Deputy Mayor for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2016. Councillor Posnett spoke on Councillor Lumley's eligibility for this role; although he been born in Johannesburg, his grandparents were from Melton and she knew them very well. Councillor Lumley's parents had emmigrated to South Africa but returned with him to England in 1988 and he had been educated in Derbyshire going on to gain a BA in Business Management & Geography. He had worked as an aviation planner in Luton but on buying a house in Melton moved jobs to now work as a manager for William Hill bookmakers. Councillor Posnett talked about Councillor Lumley's various interests and that he held a private pilot's licence. She spoke about his personal qualities and their friendship that had arisen from his interest in politics and her knowing his grandparents. She stated that his grandfather would have been very proud of his grandson who had inherited his finer qualities which would stand Councillor Lumley in good stead for his role as Deputy Mayor. Councillor Lumley would continue to be a good team player in his support of the Mayor.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Baguley who commended Councillor Lumley as being a hard working ward Councillor. Upon being put to the vote, the proposal was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Lumley be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2016.

#### CO8. INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

The Mayor, Councillor Douglas, then invested Councillor Lumley with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office.

- (b) Councillor Lumley gave thanks for his election, thanking his proposer and seconder. He stated he was proud to have been chosen as Deputy Mayor and would do his utmost to support the Mayor.

#### CO9. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Pearson proposed that Councillor Rhodes be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2016.

Councillor Chandler seconded the proposal. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Rhodes be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2016.

#### CO10. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader thanked everyone for re-electing him as Leader and extended congratulations to Councillor Douglas on her election as Mayor and wished her and her Consort an enjoyable and successful year.

The Leader

(a) began his report by referring to the General Election on 7 May and stated it was a momentous day for the country. Prior to the election, comment and analysis had suggested there would be a coalition government or that Labour would be in power; few had anticipated the final result and now two weeks on parties who expected to form coalitions of one sort or another were falling apart and Leaders had resigned. The Conservative Party now in power was going from strength to strength;

(b) referred to the local election results in the Borough where the Conservatives had expected to do well. 8 uncontested wards which returned 10 Councillor unopposed was an unprecedented position for the Borough Council. Before 1974, uncontested seats were not uncommon. Now the Council was made up of 26 Conservative Councillors and 2 Independents. No Labour or UKIP candidates were elected and the Liberal Democrats did not even put up any candidates;

(c) acknowledged the concern some had expressed about the lack of effective opposition but said he expected that the 2 Independent Members would be pretty vocal. The political make-up of the council meant that it must go about its decision making in an open way as it could. Only by doing that would the Council maintain the confidence of the people who elected them. He urged Members to ensure that they consult and listen to electors and residents in the wards of whatever political persuasion so that all shades of opinion were taken into account before the crucial decisions which lay ahead were taken;

(d) referred to the Conservative Group's manifesto, a précis of which had been published in the Melton Times before the election, and reminded Members of its key themes behind their agenda:

- Traffic congestion in the town – Conservative Councillors would work with Sir Alan Duncan, MP and the County Council to obtain the investment to

- build a new road infrastructure to cure the congestion problems;
- Lack of high speed broadband – Conservative Councillors would work to ensure that Melton gets its fair share of the public funding to get high speed broadband to everyone;
- The refurbishment and redevelopment of the Cattle Market;
- Getting value for money from every pound spent in order to maintain services and keep Council Tax increases below the rate of inflation and not accruing debt;
- Supporting the vulnerable through the Children’s Centres and help those left behind to develop skills through the “Me and My Learning Centre”;
- Completing the Local Plan to ensure new housing goes where it is acceptable and ensuring that sufficient affordable housing is built including new Council houses;
- Develop the new Leisure and Sports facilities and support initiatives in villages to bring about wider participation in sport;

(e) advised that the Council now had to review its waste collection policy and embark on a process to let a new waste contract in 2017. The Council also had to complete its Transformation Programme so it could move to a fully digital council where almost all its services could be ordered up on line and information on everything the Council does is readily and easily accessible;

(f) concluded by reminding all Councillors and those that take on the responsibilities of public life of the quote from US President Theodore Roosevelt: ‘The best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing’. Councillor Rhodes acknowledged Council work was hard work but that it was work worth doing, no matter what pressures and irritations it might bring from time to time. He encouraged Members to look forward with confidence to the first year as a new Council, and do the best to deserve the trust of those who had elected them and whom they were here to serve.

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

Councillor Wyatt proposed that Councillor Posnett be appointed as Deputy Leader. He stated that he had known Councillor Posnett for many years through the Melton Conservative Association and she was the person you went to when you wanted to know anything because her knowledge of Melton was astounding and she was well known and liked in the town.

Councillor Higgins seconded the proposal, commending Councillor Posnett for her warmth and enthusiasm for the people of Melton.

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

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Posnett be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2016.

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

Councillor Culley proposed that Councillor Holmes be appointed Leader of the Opposition Group (Independent). The motion was seconded by Councillor

Graham and following a vote the motion was carried by 11 votes in favour, none against and 13 abstentions.

Councillor Holmes thanked those Members who had voted for her and stated that she was always available on the end of a phone. Councillor Holmes commended her proposer, Councillor Culley, a previous recipient of a Mayor's Award and a Melton Times Award for all her hard work in the community. Councillor Holmes expressed the hope that this would not be a political Council and everyone would work hard for the good of the community.

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

### CO13. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) The Mayor stated that she considered herself fortunate to become Mayor at a time when Melton Borough Council was enjoying a period of success and was financially stable and was something she would endeavour to continue with the help of her fellow Councillors, Officers, and the people of Melton Borough. She was aware that the Council was facing some exciting changes over the coming year such as decisions relating to the Melton Local Plan and future developments; The Mayor expressed the hope she would facilitate a positive and rewarding process;
- (b) The Mayor again referred to her chosen charities which she said were quite different in nature and outlined why she had chosen them;
- (c) Asked Members to note the following dates for key civic events which she would be hosting:
- Armed Forces Fly the Flag event at Parkside on Monday 22 June 2015
  - The Civic Service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday 19 July 2015
  - The Mayor's Carols by Candlelight Service on Thursday 10 December 2015
  - The Civic Dinner at Scalford Hall on Friday 11 March 2016

### 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 AND CONSTITUTION OF SPORTS, LEISURE AND CULTURE WORKING GROUP

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 2016.

The Leader introduced the revised version of the report by stating that in putting together this balance, a complicated and unusual situation had been encountered

because of the balance of 26 Conservative Members and 2 Independents. The legislation required that an Opposition Member should have a seat on each politically balanced committee, sub-committee, and working group. The Licensing Committee was not required to be politically balanced but he had been advised by Officers that it should be so and therefore one seat had been allocated to the Independents. This meant that the 2 Independent Members would have to take on more work than their numbers would normally justify.

With the exception of the appointments to Outside Bodies (Appendix D) which would be taken separately, the Leader moved that all the recommendations contained in the order paper before Members, noting that it was proposed that the new Leisure Vision Working Group be re-named the Sports, Leisure and Culture Working Group, be agreed. The motion was seconded by Councillor Posnett.

A vote was taken on the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councillor Rhodes then referred to Appendix D concerning the appointments to Outside Organisations. This paper listed the nominations from the Conservative Group and some nominations from the Independent Group. Councillor Rhodes expressed the view that it was right and proper where there was an overwhelming majority of votes for the Conservative Group that they had the electorate's mandate to lead this Council. It was therefore important on outside organisations, that the Members who attended them represented the interests of this Council and the ruling group. Accordingly he considered it appropriate that these Members be from the Conservative Group. There was already a heavy load placed upon the 2 Independent Members who were covering a greater number of seats than other Councillors were having to do. He therefore moved the list of nominations in the third column of Appendix D. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Posnett.

Councillor Holmes responded by commending Councillor Culley's nomination for the Fairtrade Steering Group, the Homestart Management Committee, and MYST given her experience in working in these areas over the last 13 years. Councillor Holmes was not suggesting that the Conservative Councillors would not do a good job but Councillor Culley's previous experience went far beyond most Councillors' and she therefore considered her to be a worthy, excellent candidate. Accordingly, Councillor Holmes moved an amendment that Councillor Culley be put forward for the 3 outside bodies mentioned. Councillor Culley seconded the amendment. Following a vote, the amendment was lost. A further vote was then taken on the substantive motion as moved by Councillor Rhodes and seconded by Councillor Posnett which was carried.

**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>2015-16</b>	<b>APP</b>	<b>CSA</b>	<b>GOV</b>	<b>PFA</b>	<b>PLNG</b>	<b>REEA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Conservative	4 (4.64%)	9 (9.28%)	9 (9.28%)	9 (9.28%)	10 (10.21%)	10 (10.21%)	<b>51</b>
Independent	1 (0.36%)	1 (0.71%)	1 (0.71%)	1 (0.71%)	1 (0.79%)	1 (0.79%)	<b>6</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 2016 be as follows :-

**Political balance required:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>	<b>Substitutes 2015/16</b>
<p><b><u>Appeals</u></b></p> <p><b>5 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 2 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> M.C.R. Graham MBE (C) P. Cumbers P. Faulkner S. Lumley</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> P. Baguley G.E. Botterill</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>
<p><b><u>Community &amp; Social Affairs</u></b></p> <p><b>10 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 9 Conservative 1 Independent</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> D.R. Wright (C) T.S. Bains (VC) T. Beaken P.M. Chandler M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow A. Pearson P.M. Posnett J.B. Rhodes</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> M. Glancy L. Higgins E. Hutchison S. Lumley</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>
<p><b><u>Governance</u></b></p> <p><b>10 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 9 Conservative 1 Independent</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler (C) M.R. Sheldon (VC) T.S. Bains P. Faulkner M. Glancy J. Illingworth V.J. Manderson J.T. Orson J. Simpson</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> T. Beaken M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow J.B. Rhodes</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>	<b>Substitutes 2015/16</b>
<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p><b>11 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 10 Conservative 1 Independent</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> J. Illingworth (C) J. Simpson (VC) P. Baguley G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler P. Cumbers P. Faulkner M. Glancy J. Hurrell J. Wyatt</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> T.S. Bains L. Higgins P.M. Posnett M.R. Sheldon</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>
<p><b><u>Policy, Finance &amp; Administration</u></b></p> <p><b>10 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 9 Conservative 1 Independent</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> J.B. Rhodes (C) P.M. Posnett (VC) R. de Burle M. Glancy T. Greenow L. Higgins E. Hutchison D.R. Wright J. Wyatt</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler M.C.R. Graham MBE J.T. Orson A. Pearson</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>
<p><b><u>Rural, Economic and Environmental Affairs</u></b></p> <p><b>11 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 10 Conservative 1 Independent</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> J.T. Orson (C) E. Hutchison (VC) P. Baguley T. Beaken G.E. Botterill R. de Burle L. Higgins J.B. Rhodes M.R. Sheldon J. Simpson</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> P. Faulkner T. Greenow J. Illingworth J. Wyatt</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>	<b>Substitutes 2015/16</b>
<p><b><u>Licensing &amp; Regulatory</u></b></p> <p><b>10 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance applied</b></p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> J. Wyatt (C) P. Cumbers (VC) P. Baguley T. Greenow J. Hurrell J. Illingworth A. Pearson P.M. Posnett D.R. Wright</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> T. Beaken P. Faulkner S. Lumley V. Manderson</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>

<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>	<b>Substitutes 2015/16</b>
<p><b>Governance Sub-Committee 1</b></p> <p><b>5 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 2 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler (C) T.S. Bains P. Faulkner J. Simpson</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b></p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>
<p><b>Governance Sub-Committee 2</b></p> <p><b>5 Members</b></p> <p><b>Political Balance Required</b> 4 Conservative 1 Independent</p> <p><b>Substitutes</b> 2 Conservative 1 Independent</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> M.R. Sheldon (C) M. Glancy J. Illingworth J.T. Orson</p> <p><b>Independent</b> E. Holmes</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b></p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>

(3) the following be appointed as the Committee Spokespersons/Consultees 2015/16:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Administration 2015/16</b>	<b>Independent 2015/16</b>
<b>Community &amp; Social Affairs</b>	D.R. Wright	T.R. Culley
<b>Governance</b>	P.M. Chandler	E. Holmes
<b>Licensing &amp; Regulatory</b>	J. Wyatt	E. Holmes
<b>Planning</b>	J. Illingworth	E. Holmes
<b>Policy, Finance &amp; Administration</b>	J.B. Rhodes	E. Holmes
<b>Rural, Economic &amp; Environmental Affairs</b>	J.T. Orson	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 2016 :-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman 2015/16</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman 2015/16</b>
<b>Appeals</b>	M.C.R.Graham MBE	
<b>Community &amp; Social Affairs</b>	D.R. Wright	T.S. Bains

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman 2015/16</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman 2015/16</b>
<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>	J.B. Rhodes	P.M. Posnett
<b>Rural, Economic &amp; Environmental Affairs</b>	J.T. Orson	E. Hutchison
<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Chairman 2015/16</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman 2015/16</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 2016 :-

<b>Forums</b>	<b>No. of Cllrs.</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>
Leicestershire County Council Highway Forum	4	E. Holmes P.M. Chandler S. Lumley J. Wyatt
Seniors' Forum	4	P. Cumbers P.M. Posnett

<b>Partnerships</b>	<b>No. of Cllrs.</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>
Members' Advisory Group	1	P.M. Posnett
Melton Safer Communities Partnership	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
Melton Community Partnership	1	J.B. Rhodes
Welland Partnership Board	2 + 1	P.M. Posnett J.B. Rhodes J. Wyatt
Welland Joint Committee	2 + 2 subs	P.M. Posnett J.B. Rhodes J. Wyatt

<b>Working Groups</b>	<b>No. of Cllrs.</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>
<p><b><u>Budget &amp; Strategic Planning Working Group</u></b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i>  5 Conservative  1 Independent</p>	6	<p><b>Conservative</b>  R. de Burle  J.T. Orson  P.M. Posnett  J.B. Rhodes  D.R. Wright</p> <p><b>Independent</b>  E. Holmes</p>
<p><b><u>Cattle Market Working Group</u></b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i>  7 Conservative  1 Independent</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><u>Joint Staff Working Group</u></b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required:</i>  6 Conservative  1 Independent</p>	7	<p><b>Conservative</b>  P. Cumbers  M.C.R. Graham MBE  J. Illingworth  S. Lumley  P.M. Posnett  D.R. Wright</p> <p><b>Independent</b>  E. Holmes</p>

<p><b><u>Melton Local Plan Working Group</u></b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required: 8 Conservative 1 Independent</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler (C) P. Faulkner M. Glancy J. Illingworth P.M. Posnett J.B. Rhodes M.R. Sheldon J. Simpson</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>
<p><b><u>Tenant Consultative Working Group</u></b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required: 5 Conservative 1 Independent</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> P.M. Chandler P. Faulkner J. Hurrell P.M. Posnett D.R. Wright</p> <p><b>Independent</b> T.R. Culley</p>

**Working Group – Not politically balanced**

<p><b>Planning Enforcement Working Group</b></p> <p><i>Political Balance not required</i></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>
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<b>Working Group</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>
<p><b><u>Sports, Leisure &amp; Culture Working Group</u></b></p> <p><i>Political Balance required: 8 Conservative 1 Independent</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p><b>Conservative</b> L. Higgins (C) T. Beaken P.M. Chandler R. de Burle M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow A. Pearson P.M. Posnett</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 2016 :-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>No. Cllrs</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>
De Montfort University Court	2	Mayor Deputy Mayor
East Midlands Councils Representative	1	J.B. Rhodes P.M. Posnett (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	T.S. Bains
LGA – General Assembly	1	J.B. Rhodes
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)
Rural Services Network & SPARSE	1	P.M. Posnett
Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
Voluntary Action Melton	1	T. Beaken

(7) the following be appointed as the Council's Lead Members until the Annual Meeting in 2016:-

<b>Subject area</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Appointments 2015/16</b>
<b>Housing and Communities</b>	Affordable Housing Neighbourhoods	D.R. Wright
<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	J.B. Rhodes
<b>Planning</b>		J. Illingworth
<b>Regulation</b>		J. Wyatt
<b>Town Centre</b>		P.M. Posnett
<b>Access</b>		P. Cumbers
<b>Performance Management</b>		M.C.R. Graham MBE

<b>Armed Forces</b>		S. Lumley
<b>Young People</b>		T.S. Bains
<b>Customer Services</b>		P.M. Posnett
<b>Twinning</b>		Mayor
<b>Arts/Heritage</b>		J. Wyatt
<b>Equalities</b>		P.M. Posnett

- (8) that although political balance was not required for the Licensing and Regulatory Committee the membership of this Committee includes a seat for the Independent Group;
- (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.

Before closing the meeting, the Mayor invited all present to join her for light refreshments in the Ferneley Room.

The meeting which commenced at 7 p.m., closed at 8.03 p.m.

Mayor