

**Council**  
**Wednesday, 25 January**

**Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 25 January 2023. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

**2 Minutes of the last meeting**

Approved.

**5 Cabinet**

Noted.

**6 Urgent Decisions**

Noted.

**7 Scrutiny Committee**

Noted.

**8 Governance Committee**

Noted.

**9 Committee appointments**

1. Standards Committee - Cllr David Howarth in place of Cllr Renee Blow
2. Licensing and Public Safety Committee (Vice-Chair) and Taxi Trade Forum - Cllr Harry Hancock in place of Cllr Renee Blow
3. Appeals Committee - Cllr David Howarth as substitute in place of Cllr Renee Blow

**10 Calendar of Meetings 2023/24**

That the 2023-2024 calendar of meetings, as shown at Appendix 1, be approved.

**11 Nomination of Mayor-elect and Deputy Mayor-elect 2023/2024**

1. That Councillor Chris Lomax be appointed as Mayor-elect for 2023/2024;
2. That Councillor Carol Chisholm be appointed as Deputy Mayor-elect for 2023/2024.

## **12 Policy Review: Discretionary Housing Payments Policy**

1. To approve the revised DHP Policy.
2. To note the reduction in Government funding.
3. The Executive Member to write to Secretary of State for Work and Pensions highlighting the council's concerns regarding the reduction in Government funding.
4. No additional funds be committed for DHP expenditure until the council's financial position is appraised.

## **13 Notice of Motion**

To write to our local Members of Parliament to voice our concerns and opposition to this barrier to universal suffrage urging its repeal; and to the Minister for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to urge that the measures be delayed to enable the changes to be adequately communicated, the necessary training of staff to take place and for the required financial support to be in place, ensuring that voting remains accessible to all.