

**Council  
Wednesday, 17 May**

**Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 17 May 2023. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

**5 Returning Officer's Report**

That the persons elected as Councillors for the wards as stated at the Borough elections on 4 May 2023 be noted.

**6 Election of the Leader of the Council**

That Councillor Paul Foster be appointed Leader of the Council for a four year term until the Annual Council meeting of the Municipal Year 2027/28.

**7 Appointment of Deputy Leader and members of the Cabinet**

1. That the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Members of the Cabinet appointed by the Leader of the Council be noted;
2. That the amendments to the Cabinet portfolios and Lead Member roles be noted.

**8 Appointments to Committees, Panels and Working Groups for 2023/24**

1. That the composition and allocation of committee places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules as set out in the report be approved;
2. That the Members, Chairs and Vice Chairs for the committees, panels and working groups set out in the appendix to this report and agreed at the meeting be appointed for the period of twelve months until the First Business Meeting of the Council in May 2024; and
3. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution to take into account the consequential changes as a result of this report.

**9 Appointment of Community Hub Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2023/24**

That the appointment of Community Hub Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2023/24 be approved.

**10 Appointment to outside bodies for 2023/24**

That those nominated Members of Council be appointed to represent the Authority on outside bodies in 2023/24.

**11 Council Meetings in 2023/24**

That the programme of Council meetings for 2023/24 be noted.

**12 Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group**

That the report be noted and Cabinet be requested to consider the proposals for implementation.

**13 Protocol on creating Honorary Aldermen**

That the draft protocol on conferring the title of Honorary Alderman, as outlined at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

**14 Policy Review: Discretionary Council Tax Reductions Policy**

1. That the revised Council Tax Discretionary Reductions Policy be approved.
2. That in view of the economic climate and the likely increase in applications, the financial position in respect of discretionary reductions be reviewed after 6 months.

**15 The Council's Capital Programme and Withy Grove Play area**

That Council agrees to amending the Capital Programme by the sum of £110,000 to replace the tower slides at Withy Grove Park Playground.

**16 Changes to director structure**

That Council approves the proposed changes to the director structure for consultation in line with the council's Change Policy.