

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON
WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2026 AT 7:30 PM.**

PRESENT

Councillors Jo Day, Billy Drummond, David Harman (Town Mayor, Chair), Roger Hunneman, Ian Jee, David Marsh, Steve Masters, Andy Moore, Gary Norman, Elizabeth O’Keeffe, Sarah Slack, Graham Storey, Martha Vickers and Tony Vickers.

In Attendance

Toby Miles-Mallowan, Chief Executive Officer

01. APOLOGIES

Councillors Phil Barnett, Vera Barnett, Alistair Bounds, Sam Dibas, Nigel Foot, Chris Hood, Pam Lusby Taylor, Vaughan Miller, Meg Thomas.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive Officer declared that Councillors Billy Drummond, David Marsh, Martha Vickers and Tony Vickers who are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

03. NOMINATION OF MAYOR ELECT FOR THE 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Nominee: Cllr Jo Day

Proposed: Cllr Billy Drummond

Seconded: Cllr Gary Norman

Nominee: Cllr Steve Masters

Proposed: Cllr David Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Graham Story

04. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

Vote of Cllr Jo Day:

For: 10

Against: 2

Abstained: 3

Resolved that Cllr Jo Day Elected to the position of Mayor for the 2026/27 municipal year.

05. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEO declared that these would take place on Sunday 10th May at the Mayor Making Ceremony.

Cllr David Harman stepped down as Chair, Cllr Jo Day takes over as Chair

06. NOMINATION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT FOR THE 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Nominee: Cllr Sarah Slack

Proposed: Cllr Martha Vickers

Seconded: Cllr Andy Moore

Nominee: Cllr Graham Story

Proposed: Cllr David Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Steve Masters

07. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

Vote of Cllr Sarah Slack

For: 9

Against: 2

Abstained: 4

Resolved the Cllr Sarah Slack elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2026/27 municipal year.

08. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENT

CEO **declared** that these would take place on Sunday 10th May at the Mayor Making Ceremony.

19:50 Cllr Martha Vickers retired from the meeting.

09. MINUTES

Proposed: Cllr Graham Story

Seconded: Cllr Billy Drummond

Resolved: to approve the minutes from Monday 26 January 2026.

10. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None Received

11. MEMBERS'S QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

None received

12. OUTGOING MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor's report was **received**. The Chair gave thanks to the outgoing Mayor

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Chief Executive Report was **received**.

14. COMMITTEES

The minutes from the meetings of the Town Council's Committees were **received**.

15. THE MAYOR'S CHARITY

Proposed: Cllr Jo Day

Seconded: Cllr Gary Norman

Resolved that NTC supports Newbury Cancer Care as the Mayor's chosen charity for 2026/27.

16. ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Proposed: Cllr Andy Moore

Seconded: Cllr Billy Drummond

Resolved to elect Cllr Gary Norman as Leader of the Council for 2026/27.

Proposed: Cllr Jo Day

Seconded: Cllr Tony Vickers

Resolved to elect Cllr Vaughan Miller as Deputy Leader of the council for 2026/27.

17. COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES FOR 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

Proposed: Cllr Gry Norman

Seconded: Cllr Roger Hunneman

Resolved to **approve** the committee and sub-committee structure for the municipal year 2026/27.

Proposed: Cllr Gary Norman

Seconded: Cllr Steve Masters

Resolved to **appoint** the chairs and deputy chairs on each of the Council's committees and sub-committees for the municipal year 2026/27.

Proposed: Cllr Gary Norman

Seconded: Cllr Steve Masters

Resolved to **appoint** the members to serve on each of the Council's committees and sub-committees for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

18. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The CEO's H&S report was **received**.

19. SUBSTITUTIONS

Proposed: Cllr Gary Norman

Seconded: Cllr Sarah Slack

Resolved to task the Strategy Working Group to review and make recommendations on the CEO's report to the use of substitutions.

20. FORWARD WORKS PROGRAMME

The Forward Works Programme for 2026/27 was **noted**.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT
20.34 HRS**

Signature: _____ Date: _____