SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2023

Present:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Laurent The Sheriff, Councillor Shields Councillors Allen, J Baillie, P Baillie, Barbour, Barnes-Andrews, Beaurian Blackman, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, M Bunday, T Bunday, Chapman, Cox, Denness, Evemy, Fielker, Finn, Fitzhenry, A Frampton, Y Frampton, S Galton, Houghton, Kataria, Kaur, Kenny, Keogh, Lambert, Leggett, Letts, McEwing, Mrs Mintoff, Moulton, Noon, Dr Paffey, W Payne, Rayment, Savage, Goodfellow, Powell-Vaughan, Quadir, Ugwoeme, Webb, Whitbread, Windle, Winning and Wood

1. <u>ELECTION OF THE CHILDREN'S MAYOR</u>

THE LORD MAYOR (COUNCILLOR RAYMENT) IN THE CHAIR

<u>RESOLVED</u>: that Riya Bharathram be elected as the second Children's Mayor of Southampton.

2. <u>CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON AWARD</u>

<u>RESOLVED</u>: upon the motion of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Rayment) and seconded by the Sherriff (Councillor Laurent), that the City of Southampton Award be presented to: -

Mr Archie Parsons Mr Paul Woodman

3. ELECTION OF A LORD MAYOR FOR ENSUING YEAR

<u>RESOLVED</u>: upon the motion of Councillor Fitzhenry and seconded by Councillor Fielker, that Councillor Laurent be elected to the Office of 801st Mayor of Southampton and the 2nd Lord Mayor of Southampton and Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Laurent) then made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. LORD MAYOR'S CHARITIES

THE LORD MAYOR (COUNCILLOR LAURENT) IN THE CHAIR

The Lord Mayor announced that she would be supporting as her charities, City Farm, Sea Cadets and Saints Foundation.

5. <u>ELECTION OF A SHERIFF FOR THE ENSUING YEAR</u>

<u>RESOLVED</u>: upon the motion of Councillor Windle and seconded by Councillor Beaurain that Councillor Shields be appointed the 586th Sheriff of the City of Southampton and Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Sheriff (Councillor Shields) then made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6. <u>VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING LORD MAYOR</u>

<u>RESOLVED</u>: upon the Motion of Councillor Mrs Blatchford and seconded by Councillor Houghton that the Council places on record that Councillor Mrs Rayment carried out the role of our historic 800th Mayor and 1st Lord Mayor with distinction and with an unparalleled devotion to duty during the period of her office.

7. SOUTHAMPTON BUSINESS SUCCESS AWARDS 2023

<u>RESOLVED:</u> that the Southampton Business Success Award be presented to Ocean Infinity and Labl.it Solutions Ltd.

8. FORMER COUNCILLORS

<u>RESOLVED</u>: that former Councillors Les Harris, Marley Guthrie, Joshua Payne, John Hannides, Spiros Vassiliou, David Fuller, Ivan White, Gordon Cooper, Amanda Guest, Matthew Magee, Rob Stead, Lisa Mitchell, Hannah Coombs, David Furnell, Elliot Prior and Barrie Margetts be thanked for their service to the City during their period in office.

AT THE RECONVENED MEETING OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE ON 17th MAY, 2022

9. <u>MINUTES</u>

<u>RESOLVED</u>: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th March 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR AND LEADER

(i) Late Councillor Graham Galton – Minute Silence

The Lord Mayor announced the sad loss of our former Councillor and Colleague Graham Galton on Polling Day. Our sincere condolences and thoughts go to his wife Diana, son, Stephen and his wider family at this time. Please stand and join me for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

(ii) Appointments – New Councillors

The Lord Mayor thanked all Members for their support in electing her as the City's 801st Mayor and 2nd Lord Mayor and welcomed everyone back to the Council Chamber following the recent all-out elections as a result of the Boundary Commission Review. The Lord Mayor also welcomed to the meeting all those Councillors who were attending their first meeting together with those who had successfully defended their seats.

(iii) Filming

The Lord Mayor announced that the meeting is open to being film and reminded those filming that the right to film is limited to the duration of the meeting and recording must cease when I close the meeting. Filming or recording was not permitted if the effect would be to interrupt or disturb the proceedings or if it was intrusive of a specific individual or individuals. If in the Lord Mayor opinion this was occurring, it would not be permitted, and she would ask you to stop. Similarly, some members of the public attending the meeting may object to being filmed, photographed or recorded. The Lord Mayor would be making those attending the meeting today aware and would ask those filming, to respect their wishes, and would expect that these were complied with. As was the case when Council met in the Guildhall the meeting is being live streamed.

(v) Meeting Protocol

The Lord Mayor referred to the need for these meetings to run efficiently and effectively and asked Members to keep in mind through the year the basic courtesies we need to adhere to for this to happen: – timeliness both in arriving at the meeting and listening carefully to the speeches and arguments. The Lord Mayor further requested that Members remembered the courtesies they would like from members when speaking and for the benefit of the public Members remain in the seat allocated or if you wish to move, you give notice of your intention prior to the next meeting so that copies displayed in public areas could be amended.

(vi) Mobile phones and electronic devices

The Lord Mayor reminded Members, wi-fi is available in the Council Chamber. The use of mobile electronic devices can therefore be used in the Chamber and in Committee Meetings. The Lord Mayor urged Members to use their good sense and behave with courtesy, particularly in not tweeting messages which would otherwise be in breach of our rules or the law. For example, tweeting material discussed in confidential session would be a very serious breach. As in previous years, there was a £25 fine for mobile phones ringing and this would go to the Lord Mayor's charity.

(vii) Development and Refresher Sessions for Members

The Lord Mayor reminded Members of the comprehensive development and refresher programme that had been arranged and encouraged both new and existing Members to attend.

11. ELECTION OF THE LEADER

The nomination of Councillor Kaur was moved and seconded.

<u>RESOLVED</u>: that in the absence of any other nominations Councillor Kaur be duly elected as Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

Following her election as Leader, Councillor Kaur informed the Council of her Cabinet and their Portfolio responsibilities.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adults, Housing and Health - Councillor Fielker Cabinet Member for Finance and Change - Councillor Leggett Cabinet Member for Economic Development - Councillor Bogle Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport - Councillor Keogh Cabinet Member for Children and Learning - Councillor Winning Cabinet Member for Communities and Leisure - Councillor Kataria

The Leader informed Members that the content of each of the Portfolios would be shared following the meeting.

12. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Councillor Kaur moved the report of the Director Legal, Governance and HR and Monitoring Officer detailing the Annual Review of the Council's Constitution and Councillor Fielker seconded.

Amendment moved by Councillor Moulton and seconded by Councillor P Baillie.

The following wording to be "deleted" from the proposals:-

Council Procedure Rules – Executive Business Report

Paragraph 5. It has been proposed by the Leader of the Council that the written Executive Business Report (EBR) for noting currently tabled at every ordinary meeting of Council is converted to a verbal update comprising the 15 minute period for Cabinet Members to do so and the 15 minute period for members to ask questions on matters raised.

Paragraph 6. There is no obligation to present a written, or any, EBR update. Historically it was placed on the agenda some years ago prior to the current live streaming of council meetings and comprehensive use of all forms of "instant" social media, Council communications including the Council's Twitter account, online mailings etc. By the time the EBR is tabled and considered by Council most matters have already been in the public domain for some weeks or implemented having been previously decided at Cabinet and/or been

publicised widely. It is therefore considered that whilst originally there was merit in tabling the report that has now passed to a great extent. Additionally, there is also, of course, an officer resource needed to complete what is often a very comprehensive noting report and it is considered better use could be made of this resource.

Paragraph 7. One important aspect which holds the Administration to account is the ability for opposition members to ask questions, without notice, on matters contained in the EBR. This will be retained but it is noted that if there is no written report on the agenda if a certain matter is not mentioned verbally by the Cabinet Member the opportunity to ask a question is lost. However, numerous other avenues to hold the Executive/Administration to account are available including tabled Council Questions as below, the well-honed scrutiny function and, of course, the ordinary use of emails etc outside of formal meetings. The exact wording in the Constitution will be revised following the Council resolution.

Council Procedure Rules - Questions from Members

Paragraph 8. As members will be aware this is a formal opportunity for members to ask written Questions to the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Members, the Lord Mayor and Committee Chairs. The system is comprehensively used but despite revisions to the process and criteria over the years members and officers have never found a system that suits everyone given the divergence of views.

Paragraph 9. It is a core tenet of good governance in a democratic organisation that there are adequate opportunities to hold the Administration to account on matters of major policy and significant budget matters and/or projects. Council Questions are one of those opportunities, others include the scrutiny function and ability for Executive decisions to be "called in".

Paragraph 10. The current Council Questions "escalation" criteria and process was adopted by members in 2019 but from experience since that time it has proven rather tortuous and causes tension when Questions are adjudicated upon by the Lord Mayor and Director of Governance, Legal and HR and subsequently ruled out. Judgements are made, most of which are subjective, and members and officers have on numerous occasions interpreted matters differently. The general consensus is that despite revisions to the process it still does not meet everyone's needs and requires further revision.

Paragraph 11. For officers there is a significant resource allocated to this aspect of Council business in the week leading up to Council. Whatever revisions are made or criteria applied going forward there is a place for Questions at Council. To assist, officers are developing a SharePoint site which will mean simpler, easier and quicker access to the process by everyone involved. This will lead to a smoother process and involve less officer time. This should be in place for next ordinary Council meeting in July.

Paragraph 12. With regard to the scope and criteria of Council Questions every authority has their own way of doing things. Most of our peer authorities do not have as many formal Questions tabled regularly and therefore have no need for complicated processes. There is no right or wrong way, it is for each Council to decide what suits their business needs best.

Paragraph 13. Accordingly, Group Leaders have discussed refinements and proposed a revised and simpler process. Firstly, Questions will be limited in number and the time limited for answering removed; 10 is proposed together with supplementaries as now. The Questions will not be "first come, first served" they will be divided pro rata depending on the political proportionality of the 51 member seats. Questions will be limited to major project or policy items on the following basis and to simplify matters there will be no obligation to ask the Question to the Cabinet Member first before escalating to Council.

The Lord Mayor after taking advice from the Director of Legal, Governance & HR will remain the final arbiter:

- a) A Member of the Council may ask: i. the Lord Mayor; ii. Cabinet Members; or iii. the Chair of any committee or sub-committee a question on any
 - major policy, project or strategic matter related to their role,

responsibilities and/or office,

- which is not similar to any question asked in the preceding Council meeting
- b) Questions on matters relating to the day-to-day provision, management and administration of services will not be permitted. This includes any requests for data or any other operational information where Members should seek this information from officers.

The Lord Mayor will be the final arbiter on whether any Question is to be tabled after consultation with the Director of Governance, Legal & HR. No Question will be struck out without consultation with the tabler and/or Group Leader.

Paragraph 14. In addition, there will be up to 2 supplementary Questions permitted per Question and as now they must strictly relate to the primary tabled Question. In total 30 Questions and supplementaries could therefore be asked at any Council meeting; that is a significant number compared to peer authorities and considered adequate to deal with major matters arising. Importantly, to ensure comprehensive time for responses there will be no time limit on Member Questions as the focus will be on the number tabled. On occasions the current 60 minutes allocated for answers has been insufficient, with some tabled Questions remaining unanswered; under these proposals this will no longer be an issue. The exact wording in the Constitution will be revised following the Council resolution.

Paragraph 15. For completeness, although not referred to in the CPRs operationally the Question response process is proposed to be as follows:-

- To ensure a more robust audit trail, the use of email to send and approve member questions between officers and members will no longer be in operation. All approvals and amendments to member questions will be conducted via a central member questions Sharepoint site to ensure the most up to date information is captured and approved. All cabinet members and relevant officers will have access to this area.
- When member questions are first submitted, they will automatically populate Sharepoint and capture information ready for review by the Lord Mayor and Director of Legal, Governance and HR.
- Cabinet members will then be notified of the questions submitted and will need to indicate (via Sharepoint) whether they require a formal written draft response from officers. This will then create an automated prompt to officers to draft a response.
- Where a draft response is requested this will be uploaded to the member questions Sharepoint site by 5pm on the Friday preceding the meeting. Cabinet members will have access to this area and will be prompted to go into the document and approve any responses.
- Cabinet Members are to submit any amendments or final responses via Sharepoint no later than 12 noon on the Tuesday preceding the Council Meeting.
- Written responses from officers should be no longer than 200 words and uploaded to the member questions Sharepoint site ready for review by members.

If the Cabinet Member requires a further briefing to prepare for supplementary or verbal responses they will liaise directly with the Executive Director/other as appropriate.

Civic and Ceremonial Protocol

Paragraph 19. On occasions the Mayor has held informal gatherings in the Parlour and awarded a "Mayor's Award" for citizens who have made valuable contributions to the life of the city but who do not meet the criteria for becoming an Alderman, given Freedom of the City or a City of Southampton award. It is recognised that a Lord Mayor may wish to hold an informal awards celebration within their Lord Mayoral year as part of their programme of events. If such an event is required, it will be funded from the current Lord Mayoralty budget following consultation with the Lord Mayor's Office.

To "add" a proposal for Overview and Scrutiny Committee that:-

The Chair & Vice Chair of OSMC should be agreed between the opposition parties and alternate each year between them.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MOUTLON WAS DECLARED LOST.

Amendment moved by Councillor Kaur and seconded by Councillor Fielker.

Paragraph 13 of the report, line 5 after political proportionality "**delete**" of the 51 member seats and "**add**" of the opposition parties.

AMENDED PARAGRAPH 13 TO READ:

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UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE REPORT IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR KAUR WAS DECLARED CARRIED:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the changes to the Constitution and associated arrangements as set out in this report be agreed;
- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Director of Legal, Governance & HR to finalise the arrangements and wording to any revisions approved by Council and make any further consequential or minor changes arising from the decision; and
- (iii) That the City Council's Constitution, as amended, including the Officer Scheme of Delegation, for the Municipal Year 2023-24 be approved.

13. <u>APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES</u>

<u>RESOLVED</u>: that subject to certain decisions that may from time to time be made by the Council, the following Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies be appointed with the allocation of seats to political groups shown therein and they be delegated authority to act within their Terms of Reference:

Political Group	Seats on Council	%
Labour	35	72.91%
Conservative	9	18.75%
Liberal Democrats	3	6.25%

Committees	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrats	Number of Seats to Groups
Overview and	Cllr	Cllr Moulton	Cllr	
Scrutiny Management	Rayment Cllr Evemy Cllr Frampton Cllr Quadir Cllr Letts Cllr Paffey	Cllr S Galton	Blackman Chair	
(9)	6	2	1	9
Planning and Rights of Way	Cllr Savage - Chair Cllr Windle Cllr Cox Cllr	Cllr Vaughan Cllr Beaurain		

(7)	5	1	1	7
Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Payne - Chair Cllr Finn Cllr Allen Cllr Noon Cllr Kenny	Cllr Houghton	Cllr Wood	
Sub- Committees	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrats	Number of Seats to Groups
(5)	3	1	1	5
Governance Committee	Cllr Letts - Chair Cllr McEwing Cllr Rayment	Cllr P Baillie	Cllr Chapman	
(10) (Min 10 – max 13)	7	3		10
Licensing Committee	Cllr M Bunday - Chair Cllr Windle Cllr Blatchford Cllr Frampton Cllr Kenny Cllr Noon Cllr Noon Cllr Whitbread	Cllr J Baillie Cllr Vaughan Cllr Beaurain		
Chief Officer Employment Panel (3)	TBC 2	Cllr Fitzhenry		3
(7)	5	2		7
	Blatchford Cllr A Frampton			

Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Payne Cllr Webb Cllr Allen	Cllr Beaurain	Cllr Wood	
(5)	3	1	1	5
Children's and Families Scrutiny Panel	Cllr A Bunday - Chair Cllr Barnes- Andrews Cllr Lambert Cllr Mintoff Cllr Quadir	Cllr J Baillie	Cllr Chapman	
(7)	5	1	1	7
Licensing General Sub- Committee	TBC	TBC		
(5)	3	2		5
(Membership must come from membership of Licensing Committee)				
Standards Sub-	TBC	TBC		
Committee (3)	2	1		3
Standards Appeal Sub- Committee (3)	TBC	TBC		
	2	1		3
TOTAL	43	16	5	64
Committee/Sub	Labour	Conservative	Liberal	
- Committee			Democrats	Number of Seats to Groups
Licensing and Gambling Sub- Committee (3) (Any 3 Members drawn from the				3
Licensing Committee membership on rotation basis)				

Other bodies	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrats	Number of Seats to Groups
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (1)	Cllr S Goodfellow 1			1
Local Democracy and Accountability Network for Councillors (2)	Cllr Fielker 2	0		2
Partnership for South Hampshire – Overview and Scrutiny		Cllr Fitzhenry		
Committee (1)	0	1		
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel (1) (Overall proportionality is calculated across the County. This may require a change in appointment)	Cabinet Member 1	0		
Health and Well- Being Board	 The Southampton Health and Wellbeing Board voting membership is: Elected Member lead for Health & Social Care (Chair); Clinical Director for Southampton (representative of Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group), or nominated deputy; Cllr Houghton, Opposition Member lead for Health & Social Care; Three additional councillors appointed by Council under the rule of proportionality – Councillor Kenny, Councillor Finn and Councillor P Baillie; Executive Director Wellbeing (Children & Learning); Executive Director Wellbeing (Adults & Health); Director of Public Health; Healthwatch representative, or nominated deputy; Local mental health clinician; Local Paediatrician with knowledge of the Community; Chief Medical Officer at University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation 			

	 Trust; SCC Clinical Director for Quality and Integration. The quorum will comprise at least one Councillor, one member of Healthwatch and one representative from health (to include HSIOW CCG, a mental health clinician, local paediatrician with knowledge of the community, and University Hospital Southampton).
Chipperfield Trust	All 51 Members to be appointed to Chipperfield Trust

14. <u>CALENDAR OF MEETINGS</u>

The Council approved the following dates for meetings of the Council in the 2022/23 Municipal Year:

19th July 2023 20th September 2023 15th November 2023 21st February 2024 (Budget) 20th March 2024 15th May 2024 (AGM)

15. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

It was noted that no requests for deputations, petitions or public questions had been received.

16. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Leader and the Cabinet provided verbal statements and responded to questions.

The following questions were submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.1:-

1. Bus Lanes on the Millbrook Western Approach

Question from Councillor Moulton to Cabinet Member for Transport.

QUESTION: What is the Administration policy with respect to planned bus lanes on the Millbrook Western Approach and can you set out the timescales and next steps?

ANSWER: Improving bus journey times and reliability is identified as an important part of Southampton's integrated transport system as set out in its Local Transport Plan (2019) and the Bus Service Improvement Plan (2022).

Working alongside HCC, improved journey times and reliability along the A33 western corridor will be needed to support more people using public transport to access the city especially from areas like Millbrook, Redbridge, Totton and the Waterside and also to support the development of Park and Ride. The administration will be reviewing the plans for the western corridor and the extent of any new bus priority in the coming months, and following this, consultation will take place on proposals.

2. Pennine Road Resurfacing Programme

Question from Councillor Moulton to Cabinet Member for Transport.

QUESTION: Will the Cabinet Member be leaving Pennine Road in the roads resurfacing programme and if so what are the timescales for the work and the planned scope?

ANSWER: Pennine Road was not previously in the roads resurface programme for 2023/24. Moving forward however, the lower end of Pennine Road (Wimpson Lane to Quantock Road) will now be included in the 2023/24 roads delivery programme, for full re-surfacing and re-kerbing. The remainder of Pennine Road will be reviewed and considered for future years.

3. Auditor's Report

Councillor P Baillie to the Leader

QUESTION: The Auditors' report into this year's budget was probably the most important financial report this council has received. Please would you explain to Full Council your reasons for not reading it nor being briefed before the scrutiny meeting.

ANSWER: Verbal response provided at the meeting.

The Auditor's Report of the financial year 2021/22, covering the Conservative Administration's time in office, has been read and understood along with the ongoing budget concerns and challenges.

4. Tower Block Lifts

Councillor P Baillie to the Leader

QUESTION: After Labour being in control for 10 of the last years, why is it that (according to a senior current Labour Councillor) 18 lifts in our tower blocks are out of action? And why is it that having both lifts out of action (for potentially 4 months) seemed to be of no consequence to yourself?

ANSWER: There are 8 lifts out of service across council Tower blocks. Lifts at Albion Towers, Redbridge Towers and Shirley Towers are being replaced on a planned programme of works. Redbridge Towers and Shirley Towers have just one working lift in each block with the other being replaced. The works are due to be completed by the end of 2023.

There was an unprecedented situation during April when we had a period where there were no working lifts in Rotterdam Towers for a period of three weeks, as a result of temporary repairs, both lifts are now in use. This is a matter of significant importance to the council and as a result the Council implemented Silver Emergency Planning protocols to ensure all issues were addressed as quickly as possible including communications and support to residents. The permanent repairs are scheduled to

commence soon. The repairs to the remaining lifts are being dealt with as a matter of urgency.

5. Unicef

Councillor P Baillie to Cabinet Member for Children and Learning

QUESTION: What level of importance does the UNICEF have to you & thus to the officers within Children's Services?

ANSWER: The Labour administration has continued to support Southampton's Child Friendly application to UNICEF. Child Friendly programme provides framework to ensure that children's rights are embedded in everything we do in Southampton. The programme is now in the, 'development' stage, with task and finish groups contributing to our Child Friendly delivery plan. Work is centred on three 'badges' or priorities chosen by around 2000 children across the city: Family, Safety and Healthy. There is extensive engagement from young people and stakeholders.

Child Friendly Southampton has wide ranging support, coordinated by a steering group which is chaired by the Executive Director of Children's Services. The Chief Executive of the Council is the lead for organisational change as part of the programme.

Southampton's Child Friendly plans will be going to Cabinet in August 2023.

6. Mini Budget

Councillor Fitzhenry to the Leader

QUESTION: Now the election results are known, can the leader of the council confirm if her administration will be bringing forward a mini budget before February 2024?

ANSWER: Verbal response provided at meeting.

There was no intention to bring forward a new budget, cost control measures, income generation and saving targets are in place. The MTFS would be reviewed throughout the year.

17. MOTIONS

It was noted that no motions had been received.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES OR THE MAYOR

It was noted that there were no questions from Members to the Chairs of Committees or the Lord Mayor

19. SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023

The report of the Returning Officer detailing the results of the Southampton City Council Elections on 4 May 2023 was noted.

20. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT - 2022/23

The report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee detailing the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee Annual Report 2022/23 in accordance with the Council's Constitution was noted.

21. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY

It was noted that there had been no use of the Call-in Procedure since the previous update to Council.