

Minute

Special General Meeting of the Council

Tuesday, 14 May 2024, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, David Dawson, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Janette A Park, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson, Ivan A Taylor, Mellissa-Louise Thomson, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.

In Attendance

- Oliver D Reid, Chief Executive.
- Stephen Brown, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Karen Greaves, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.
- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.
- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).

Observing

- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.
- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.
- Katy Russell-Duff, Committees Officer.
- Maya Tams-Gray, Committees Officer.

Apology

- Councillor Raymond S Peace.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Gavin Mitchell, Clerk to the Council – for preliminaries and Items 1 and 2.
- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener – for Items 3 to 11.

1. Appointment of Convener

The Clerk to the Council called for nominations for the post of Convener and the Council:

Resolved that Councillor Graham A Bevan be reappointed Convener.

The Convener then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. Procedure for Appointments

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Resolved:

2.1. That Members be appointed to standing and other committees in accordance with the Scheme of Appointment of Members to Committees.

2.2. That the appointment of office bearers and appointments to standing committees made at this meeting should be for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely for three years to May 2027.

3. Appointment of Chairs

3.1. Development and Infrastructure Committee

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Chair of the Development and Infrastructure Committee, and, after a secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor David Dawson – 8 votes.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask – 12 votes.

The Council resolved that Councillor Kristopher D Leask be appointed Chair of the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

3.2. Monitoring and Audit Committee

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Chair of the Monitoring and Audit Committee, and the Council:

Resolved that Councillor P Lindsay Hall be appointed Chair of the Monitoring and Audit Committee.

3.3. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Chair of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, and the Council:

Resolved that Councillor Gwenda M Shearer be reappointed Chair of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

3.4. Planning Committee

The Convener called for nominations for the post of Chair of the Planning Committee, and the Council:

Resolved that Councillor Owen Tierney be reappointed Chair of the Planning Committee.

4. Planning Committee – Appointment of Other Members

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Resolved that the undernoted members be appointed to the Planning Committee:

- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Janette A Park.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

5. Integration Joint Board

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Resolved:

5.1. That the following members be appointed as the Council's three voting members to the Integration Joint Board for the period to May 2026:

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

5.2. That Councillor Rachael A King be appointed as Chair of the Integration Joint Board, reverting to the position of Vice Chair in May 2025 for the period to May 2026.

5.3. That the following members be appointed to act as proxies for the Council's voting members on the Integration Joint Board for the period to May 2026:

- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

6. Appointments and/or Nominations to Other Bodies

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Resolved to make appointments and/or nominations to the undernoted bodies:

6.1. Economic Recovery Steering Group

The Council noted that, as the Economic Recovery Steering Group had fulfilled its brief as a short life working group and had subsequently been disbanded, no appointment was required.

6.2. Fostering, Adoption and Permanence Panel

The Council resolved that, as there was no requirement for elected members to serve on the Fostering, Adoption and Permanence Panel, the Council would cease making nominations to the Panel.

6.3. Orkney Alcohol and Drugs Partnership

The Council resolved that Councillor Jean E Stevenson be reappointed to the Orkney Alcohol and Drugs Partnership for the period until May 2027.

6.4. Orkney Community Justice Partnership

The Council resolved:

6.4.1. That Councillor P Lindsay Hall be reappointed to the Orkney Community Justice Partnership for the period to May 2027.

6.4.2. That Councillor Alexander G Cowie be reappointed as the substitute member to the Orkney Community Justice Partnership for the period to May 2027.

6.5. Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances

The Council resolved:

6.5.1. To continue with an elected member appointment to the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances.

6.5.2. That Councillor Stephen G Clackson be reappointed to the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances for the period to May 2027.

6.6. Scotland Excel

The Council resolved that Councillor Janette A Park be appointed to the Scotland Excel Joint Committee for the period to May 2027.

6.7. Dounreay Stakeholder Group

The Council resolved:

6.7.1. To continue with an elected member appointment to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group.

6.7.2. That Councillor Stephen G Clackson be reappointed to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group for the period to May 2027.

6.7.3. That Councillor Kristopher D Leask be reappointed as the substitute member to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group for the period to May 2027.

7. Appointments to Committees

With reference to paragraph 2 above, the Council noted that membership of the Committees for the period May 2024 to May 2027 would be as follows:

7.1. Policy and Resources Committee

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Janette A Park.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

7.2. Development and Infrastructure Committee

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.

- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

7.3. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Janette A Park.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

7.4. Planning Committee

- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Janette A Park.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

7.5. Monitoring and Audit Committee

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

7.6. Licensing Committee and Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board

- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

8. Conclusion of Meeting

At 12:04 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.