

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON**

17 October 2024

7.00 - 7.10 pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Andrew Johnson (Chair)
Sue Livings (Vice-Chair)

Danielle Brown	Mark Ingall
Joel Charles	James Leppard
Linda Clark	Kay Morrison
Jodi Dunne	Stefan Mullard-Toal
Tony Edwards	Russell Perrin
Hannah Ellis	Daniella Pritchard
Michael Garnett	Nicky Purse
Emma Ghaffari	Matthew Saggars
James Griggs	Stacy Seales
Alastair Gunn	Lanie Shears
Michael Hardware	Jake Shepherd
Michael Houlihan	Clive Souter
Luke Howard	Dan Swords
Maggie Hulcoop	Nancy Watson

OFFICERS

Hannah Marriott, Governance
Support Officer
Julie Galvin, Legal Services
Manager and Monitoring
Officer
Jacqui Van Mellaerts,
Assistant Director - Finance

49. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Carter, Tony Durcan and Aiden O'Dell.

The Chair of the Council also welcomed newly elected Councillor Linda Clark to her first council meeting.

50. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

51. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Under Standing Order 15.7, Councillor Dan Swords proposed an alteration that Full Council only consider recommendations D and E in the report.

RESOLVED that the following item be taken in private session on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as specified under Paragraph 3 of Part One of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the

public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

52. **NEXT STEPS IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF HARLOW COUNCIL**

Full Council received a report on the next steps in the transformation of Harlow Council.

Councillor Dan Swords proposed (seconded by Councillor Hannah Ellis) recommendations D and E in the report.

RESOLVED that:

- D** In accordance with Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, James Gardner be designated as Acting Head of Paid Service with immediate effect as detailed in paragraph 31 until a further report and recommendation comes to Full Council on the Head of Paid service role.

- E** In accordance with Section 5 and Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983, Rebecca Farrant be designated as Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer with immediate effect as detailed in paragraph 33 until a further report and recommendation comes to Full Council on these roles.

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL