



Chichester City Council

## MEETING OF COUNCIL

### Minutes

**Date** 11 February 2026

**Time** 6:00 PM – 6:38 PM

**Location** Chichester City Council Chamber

**PRESENT:** Councillors C Gershater, Quail, Vivian, Miall, Apel, J Gershater, Corfield, Chant, McHale, Kondabeka, Moore, Russell

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Council Services and Support Manager, six candidates for co-option in person and 1 candidate via Teams (as listed in minute COUNCIL2026/24)

#### **COUNCIL2026/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Butler, Knight, Loxton and Scicluna.

Councillor Pramas was absent

#### **COUNCIL2026/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **COUNCIL2026/22 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that a change was proposed to the co-option policy to amend paragraph 2.4 to change the text stating that copies of application forms would be circulated to Councillors **7 working days** prior to the meeting to **7 calendar days**; to allow for a swifter response to applications.

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the proposed change to the policy.

The Chairman advised that an update on Community Asset Transfers would be given to full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February as we are still awaiting responses from some groups.

#### **COUNCIL2026/23 OUTLINE OF THE PROCEDURE FOR THE CO-OPTION PROCESS**

The Chairman outlined the process for the meeting and how applicants would be appointed.

#### **COUNCIL2026/24 PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**

Councillors heard presentations from the following applicants

- Mark Dominick
- Margaret Evans

- Sarah Lishman
- Simon Oakley
- Helen Rothwell
- Geoffrey Thompson
- Alison Tuke (via Teams)

## **COUNCIL2026/25 VOTING**

Councillors Russell and Apel requested that the voting take place on a signed ballot paper basis. **RESOLVED** that, under the Co-option Policy, votes would be made on a signed ballot basis further to two Councillors requesting it.

Following presentations, nominations for co-option were sought and the following applicants were proposed and seconded and proceeded into the voting rounds:

Mark Dominick  
Helen Rothwell  
Geoffrey Thompson

Following the first round of voting, votes were cast as follows:

Mark Dominick - 7  
Helen Rothwell - 2  
Geoffrey Thompson -3

## **COUNCIL2026/26 DECLARATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE**

Mark Dominick was declared the winner and duly co-opted on to the council.

Mark Dominick signed the declaration of office and was welcomed on to the Council.

## **COUNCIL2026/27 COMMON SEAL**

**RESOLVED** that the Common Seal be affixed to any documents necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.38PM