



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 25th 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