

# MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL

21 MAY 2026

## PRESENT:

[The retiring Mayor Councillor Brown in the Chair], Councillors Barnett, Davis, Downes, Dumbleton, C Edwards, S Edwards, Freeman, Garcia, Gillias, Glowacki, Harrington, Hassell, Henderson, Karadiar, Kedward, McKenzie, I Mistry, U Mistry, New, O'Rourke, Pimm, Poole, Pullin, Robinson, Roodhouse, Sandison, Sayani, Simpson-Vince, Stewart, Thomas, Thompson, Timms, Ward and Willis.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Bainbridge, Daly, Howling, D Keeling, J Keeling, Russell and Trimble.

### 2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor McKenzie and

**RESOLVED THAT** – Councillor Nooria Sayani be and is hereby elected Mayor of Rugby Borough Council for the ensuing year.

[The Mayor (Councillor Sayani) made and subscribed a declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair].

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor O'Rourke and seconded by Councillor Thomas that Councillor Neil Sandison be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of Rugby Borough Council for the ensuing year.

In accordance with Council Standing Order 15.4, three Members present at the meeting requested a recorded vote.

**For the motion** - Councillors Barnett, Brown, Davis, Downes, Dumbleton, C Edwards, S Edwards, Freeman, Garcia, Gillias, Harrington, Hassell, Henderson, Karadiar, Kedward, McKenzie, I Mistry, U Mistry, New, O'Rourke, Pimm, Poole, Robinson, Roodhouse, Sandison, Sayani, Simpson-Vince, Thomas, Thompson, Timms, Ward and Willis – **32 votes**

**Against the motion** – Councillors Glowacki, Pullin and Stewart – **3 votes**

**Abstention from the motion** – **0 votes.**

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**RESOLVED THAT** – Councillor Neil Sandison be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of Rugby Borough Council for the ensuing year.

[The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Sandison) made and subscribed a declaration of acceptance of office].

#### **4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor I Mistry, seconded by Councillor Roodhouse and

**RESOLVED THAT** – the Council places on record its appreciation of the manner in which the retiring Mayor (Councillor Barbara Brown) has presided over the Council during the past year and she be thanked for her services to the Borough.

#### **5. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS**

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Roodhouse and

**RESOLVED THAT** – the Council places on record its appreciation of the contribution which former Councillors Bennett, Lawrence, Lewis, Livesey, Maoudis, Moran, Parker, Picker and Srivastava made during their service as members of the Borough Council.

#### **6. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements from the Mayor.

#### **7. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER – RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL BY-ELECTION 7 MAY 2026**

The Council considered the report of the Returning Officer (agenda item 7) concerning the results of the Borough Council elections, Parish Council elections and Clifton-upon-Dunsmore Neighbourhood Plan referendum held on 7 May 2026.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Councillors Bainbridge, Davis, Downes, Glowacki, Kedward, Umesh Mistry, Pullin, Pimm and Stewart as new Members and wished them well in their future service of the Council.

**RESOLVED THAT** – the report be noted.

**8. CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO PARTY GROUPS 2026/27**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (agenda item 8) concerning constitutional arrangements and the allocation of seats to party groups for the 2026/27 municipal year.

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that there was a small typographical error on the agenda management sheet of the report whereby the name of the Vice Chair should read 'Chris Green' as in the main body of the report.

**RESOLVED THAT** –

- (1) Councillor Robinson be elected Leader of the Council;
- (2) the composition of Cabinet for the 2026/27 municipal year, as detailed in the report, be noted;
- (3) the following appointments be made to the Audit and Ethics Committee:  
  
Paul Dudfield (Chairman);  
Chris Green (Vice Chairman); and  
four borough councillors and named substitutes as set out in Appendix 2 to this report; and
- (4) appointments to all other committees be made as set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

**9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2026/27 – BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (agenda item 9) concerning appointments to outside bodies by virtue of office together with miscellaneous appointments.

**RESOLVED THAT** –

- (1) the reappointments listed in the tables attached at Appendices 1 and 2 be approved, making any amendments as appropriate;
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Group Leaders, to appoint to Bilton Poor's Land and Other Charities, Coventry Airport Consultative Committee and Trustees to Hillmorton Charities; and

- (3) the appointments to Rugby First Limited and Warwickshire Local Councils Climate Emergency Partnership Planning be removed from the schedule.

**MAYOR**