

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the  
**Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
Held in the Council Chamber at 6.30 pm on **Thursday, 8 September 2022**

PRESENT

Councillors: Andrew Beaney (Chair), Rizvana Poole (Vice-Chair), Jill Bull, Nathalie Chapple, Natalie King, Charlie Maynard, Lysette Nicholls, Rosie Pearson, Ruth Smith (Substituted for Owen Collins), Harry St John and Alex Wilson

Also present Councillor Aitman (Cabinet member for Stronger, Healthy Communities) and Councillor Cahill.

Officers: Giles Hughes (Chief Executive), John Dearing (Group Manager - Residents Services) Andy Barge (Group Manager – Communities, Leadership and Management Team), Heather McCulloch (Community Well Being Manager), Emmylou Brossard (Safer Communities), Anne Learmonth (Strategic Support Officer) and Janet Eustace (Democratic Services Manager).

**21 Election of Chair for the 2022/23 Council Year**

Proposed by Councillor Poole, seconded by Councillor Bull that Councillor Beaney be elected as Chair of the meeting for the 2022/23 Council Year.

**22 Election of Vice-Chair for the 2022/23 Council Year**

Proposed by Councillor Beaney, seconded by Councillor Ruth Smith that Councillor Poole be elected as Vice-Chair of the meeting for the 2022/23 Council Year.

**23 Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

At this point in the meeting, the Chair was notified that the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had been announced.

The Chair read the following statement:

‘It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that the Council has been notified of the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

As a mark of respect, the Council will be flying the Union Flag at half-mast at our offices. A statement from the Chair (on behalf of the Council) will be published on the Council website and across our social media.

The County Council are leading on guidance for how we respond as local councils in line with national procedure which is a set by the Royal Household and we will pass on information as we receive it.

We will be publishing on our website all the details for leaving condolences and tributes as we get detailed information from the Royal Household on their preferences. We will also be using our social media channels to share any key information over the coming days.

If you have any questions can you please contact the Chief Executive Giles Hughes’

The Chair then closed the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6.35 pm

CHAIR