

**WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Challenge and Improve Committee held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA on 8 May 2017 commencing at 8.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence (Chairman of Council) (In the Chair)

Councillor David Bond  
Councillor Ian Fleetwood  
Councillor Mrs Jessie Milne  
Councillor Malcolm Parish  
Councillor Roger Patterson  
Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers  
Councillor Thomas Smith  
Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn  
Councillor Mrs Angela White  
Councillor Trevor Young  
Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence

**In Attendance:**

Alan Robinson  
Manjeet Gill

SL - Democratic and Business Support  
Chief Executive

**1 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE CIVIC YEAR**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the 2017/18 civic year.

Councillor Howitt-Cowan took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**2 TO AGREE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO VICE CHAIRMEN**

**RESOLVED** that two Vice Chairmen be appointed to the Committee

**3 POINT OF ORDER**

A point of order was raised in that Councillor Trevor Young had been appointed as the Leader of the Opposition, and the Constitution set out that this position was one which could not also be appointed to membership of the Challenge and Improvement Committee. Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules Part V, page 23 paragraph 2.1.

It was not possible to change the membership of the committee as that had been confirmed during the meeting of full Council, which had closed. Only a meeting of the full Council could change Committee membership, therefore this matter would have to be presented at the next meeting on 3 July 2017.

The Challenge and Improvement Committee therefore adjourned at 8.11pm for the opposition group to consider the next steps.

The meeting reconvened at 8.35pm and it was agreed that Councillor Lesley Rollings would substitute for Councillor Young at the Committee meetings on 23 May and 27 June 2017.

As substitute, Councillor Rollings would not be able to be appointed to the Vice Chairman position, as had been the intention. Appointment to the Vice Chair would have to be confirmed once the committee membership was established. The Monitoring Officer indicated that he would work with affected Group Leaders regarding the way forward.

**4 TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE CIVIC YEAR**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Lewis Strange be appointed Vice-Chairman (Progress and Delivery) for the 2017/18 civic year.

**5 TO ELECT A FURTHER VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE CIVIC YEAR**

Appointment of a second Vice Chairman was deferred.

**6 TO DETERMINE THE NORMAL COMMENCEMENT TIME OF MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** that the meetings of the Committee will normally commence at 6.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.46 pm.

Chairman