

EDUCATION, YOUTH & CULTURE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
14 JUNE 2021

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held on Monday 14 June 2021.

PRESENT: Councillor David Healey (Chair)

Councillors: Sian Braun, Bob Connah, Paul Cunningham, Gladys Healey, Tudor Jones, Dave Mackie, Ian Smith and Martin White

CO-OPTED MEMBER: Mr David Hytch

APOLOGIES: Councillor Joe Johnson. Rebecca Stark, Lynn Bartlett and Wendy White. Chief Officer (Education & Youth)

SUBSTITUTION: Councillor Patrick Heesom (for Councillor David Williams)

CONTRIBUTORS:

Councillor Ian Roberts, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education

IN ATTENDANCE:

Head of Democratic Services and Democratic Services Officer

01. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Head of Democratic Services reported that at the Annual Meeting, the Council had determined that the Labour Group would chair this Committee. The Committee was advised that Councillor David Healey was the Chair of the Committee for the municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of Councillor David Healey as Chair of the Committee be noted.

Councillor Healey chaired the meeting from this point forward.

02. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Gladys Healey nominated Councillor Tudor Jones as Vice-Chair of the Committee and this was seconded by Councillor Paul Cunningham. There were no further nominations. On being put to the vote, this was carried.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Tudor Jones be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee.

03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

There were no declarations of interest.

04. RECOGNITION OF DAVID HYTCH AND REBECCA STARK

The Chair advised that the terms of office for David Hytch and Rebecca Stark, who were Co-opted members of the Committee, would end in June 2021. He paid tribute to David and Rebecca in recognition of their longstanding service and robust contribution to the work of the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee. He also expressed thanks to David for his effective support as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Paul Cunningham spoke in praise of the commitment and work undertaken by David and Rebecca and said their contribution would be greatly missed.

Councillor Ian Roberts also expressed his thanks to David and Rebecca for their longstanding service as co-opted Members of the Committee and for their contribution to Education Services and Welsh language provision in Flintshire.

Councillors David Mackie and Tudor Jones commented on the professional skills and personal qualities of both David and Rebecca which would be missed. Members stated that David and Rebecca had been a great asset to the Committee and their input and perspective had been invaluable.

Mr Hytch thanked Members for their kind acknowledgments and said he had had been pleased to be part of a constructive process to achieve the best outcomes in education for children and young people in Flintshire. He paid tribute to Councillor Ian Roberts, Leader of the Council, and the Chief Officer (Education & Youth) for the progress achieved in Welsh medium education and wished Members success in the work and challenges to be addressed by the Committee in the future.

In her absence the Head of Democratic Services read out a letter from Rebecca Stark which was addressed to Members of the Committee. Rebecca said it had been a privilege in her role as a co-opted Member to represent parents on the Committee and thanked Members, officers, and David Hytch for their hard work and support.

The Head of Democratic Services explained that each of the retiring co-optees would be sent a pair of Flintshire County Council glasses in a presentation box, as gesture of thanks from the committee.

05. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 10.22 am)

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Chairman