

## **THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the **Annual Council** held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Tuesday 17 June 2014 from 7.30pm to 8.51pm.

Present: Mr Les Mead (Chairman), Councillors Matthew Bedford, Sara Bedford, Eric Bishop, Phil Brading, Martin Brooks, Marilyn Butler, Kemal Butt, Stephen Cox, Terry Dos Ramos, Steve Drury, Peter Gatkahn, Ty Harris, Alex Hayward, Paula Hiscocks, Wendy Jordan, Raj Khiroya, Chris Lloyd, David Major, Joy Mann, Debbie Morris, Sarah Nelmes, Marie-Louise Nolan, Reena Ranger, Angela Roberts, Ralph Sangster, David Sansom, Alison Scarth, Andrew Scarth, Roger Seabourne, Ann Shaw OBE, Sue Stibbs, Len Tippen, Martin Trevett, Alison Wall, Chris Whately-Smith and Keith Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Heather Kenison and Kate Turner.

### **LES MEAD IN THE CHAIR**

#### **CL1/14 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Steve Drury proposed, seconded by Councillor Phil Brading, and it was unanimously:-

RESOLVED:-

that Councillor Chris Lloyd be elected to the office of Chairman of the Council for the Local Government Year 2014/15.

#### **CL2/14 CHAIRMAN ELECT**

The Chairman made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and acknowledged the honour conferred.

### **COUNCILLOR CHRIS LLOYD IN THE CHAIR**

#### **CL3/14 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Roger Seabourne led the tributes to the retiring Chairman, Mr Les Mead and his Consort, Mrs Carol Mead.

Councillors Ralph Sangster and Stephen Cox also paid tribute to the service given by the retiring Chairman and Mrs Mead.

Mr Mead was presented with a scroll by the Chairman of the Council as an expression of the Council's appreciation.

Mr Mead replied by thanking the Council for giving him the privilege of serving as Chairman. He expressed particular thanks to Carol for her constant support throughout his year of office and also to former Councillor Brian Norman, his Vice-Chairman and his fellow Councillors. He also thanked Elwyn Wilson, Sarah Haythorpe and all the officers for their constant support. His blog had recorded the many events he had attended as Chairman. He invited all Members to

attend the launch of an exhibition of his photographs to be held at Watersmeet on Tuesday 8 July from 6-8pm.

RESOLVED:-

that the Council place on record its appreciation to Les Mead for services rendered during his term of office as Chairman of the Council.

#### **CL4/14 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Ralph Sangster proposed, seconded by Councillor Ann Shaw and it was unanimously:-

RESOLVED:-

that Councillor Eric Bishop be elected to the office of Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Local Government Year 2014/15.

#### **CL5/14 VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECT**

The Vice-Chairman made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and acknowledged the honour conferred.

#### **CL6/14 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment:

Minute CL68/13 – Strategic and Financial Planning 2014-2017

In the tenth paragraph, the addition to the second sentence of the words “when that was not going to be the case.”

and Minutes of the extraordinary Council meetings held on 24 March 2014 and 24 April 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **CL7/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Chris Lloyd thanked Council for nominating and electing him as the new Chairman, Yvonne his wife for her support and his parents, who had brought him up in Croxley Green and had instilled in him their core values of community and serving other people.

As the Council's membership had reduced from 48 to 39 he had agreed with the three political group leaders a statement of thanks to former councillors who had stood down or had not been returned in the recent elections. These were:

Barbara Lamb and Paul Goggins who both made me welcome in 1991 when I joined the Council having both joined the Council in the 1980s and had both been Chairman of the Council. They both served as County Councillors for many years as well as being a former Chairman of TRDC. HCC have recognised them both and have created them as Aldermen. Another former Chairman to stand down was Amrit Mediratta after 15 years. I am sure we will

miss his experience on the Planning Committee. Amrit was also a former Conservative Group Leader as was Chris Hayward who is now Deputy Leader at Herts County Council. Our former Chairman, Les Mead, has already been recognised.

Former Labour Group Leader Stephen King and Pam Hames from Carpenders Park Ward had both lost their seats with the new ward boundaries. The community of Rickmansworth had seen Peter Wakeling and Russell Smith stand down. In Croxley Green Brian Norman (last year's Vice-Chairman), Brian White and Leighton Dann (who was first elected over 20 years ago) all retired from office.

His focus as Chairman would be heavily on Three Rivers District itself. He was honoured to have the opportunity to serve the many communities of Three Rivers and he hoped he could meet the high standards and commitment shown by Mr Mead in the previous year. He would attempt to continue the blog started by the previous Chairman.

His aims were:

- To support and publicise the work of local community groups and volunteers throughout the district
- To raise awareness of and funds for three local charities: Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre; Watford and Three Rivers Mencap and Three Rivers Citizens' Advice Bureau
- To actively listen to the Three Rivers business community through town centre walkabouts and other initiatives and act as a champion for local businesses
- To build relationships with organisations and individuals in the community who are not currently working with the District Council
- To visit, support and listen to local residents' associations
- To visit all 13 District Wards and the communities within them
- To visit and actively listen to parts of the District which receive less publicity or which have fewer public amenities
- To support the local environment including championing green and affordable transport
- To support the interests of young people and the vulnerable, including education, apprenticeships and back-to-work schemes
- To hold a number of public events including charity fundraising events, civic service and a reception to thank the work undertaken by volunteers and community leaders in the district
- To use his interest in sport to encourage the active use of local leisure facilities and open spaces
- To help promote awareness of the Council's and other local services – particularly among the young and the vulnerable.

Dates of Events:

Civic Service – Sunday 19 October 2014 at 3pm at All Saints' Church, Croxley Green;

Chairman's Night at Aladdin Christmas Pantomime – Friday 12 December 2014;

Golf Day - Friday 14 May 2015.

Dates to be confirmed:

Fundraising walk passing through all 13 wards (he hoped to do this in September 2014);

Two Quiz Nights;

Civic Reception – March/April 2015.

**CL8/14 ELECTION RETURN**

The Returning Officer reported the results of the District Council Elections held in the District on 22 May 2014 and confirmed that all Councillors had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**CL9/14 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Phil Brading moved and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

that Councillor Ann Shaw be elected the Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

**CL10/14 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Ann Shaw moved and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

that Councillor Phil Brading be elected Deputy Leader of the Council.

**CL11/14 APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS**

RESOLVED:-

that Lead Members be appointed as follows:

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility</b>
Councillor Ann Shaw	Leader of the Council
Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Economic Development and Sustainability
Councillor Martin Trevett	Housing, Planning and Transport
Councillor Keith Williams	Leisure, Community and Wellbeing
Councillor Sara Bedford	Health
Councillor Phil Brading	Public Services
Councillor Roger Seabourne	Community Safety
Councillor Matthew Bedford	Resources

POST MEETING NOTE: Following the Council meeting the titles and remits of the Lead Members for Economic Development and Sustainability and Housing, Planning and Transport have been amended. They are now Lead Member Economic Development, Sustainability and Transport (to include Better Buses, public transport and cycling) and Lead Member Housing, Planning and Strategic Schemes (to include highways and infrastructure schemes)

**CL12/14 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING, REGULATORY SERVICES, LICENSING, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT, LEISURE, WELLBEING AND HEALTH, GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY, AUDIT AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEES**

The Council was requested to appoint the above Committees in accordance with the Council Constitution's Procedure Rules 27 and 29 and the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and to appoint Members to those bodies in proportion to the number of seats held by each political group on the Council.

RESOLVED:-

That the following appointments be made:-

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 14 Members**

**Liberal Democrat Group – 8 Members**

Councillor Ann Shaw	Leader of the Council
Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst	Economic Development and Sustainability
Councillor Martin Trevett	Housing, Planning and Transport
Councillor Keith Williams	Leisure, Community and Wellbeing
Councillor Sara Bedford	Health
Councillor Phil Brading	Public Services
Councillor Roger Seabourne	Community Safety
Councillor Matthew Bedford	Resources

(See the post meeting note under Minute CL11/14)

**Conservative Group – 5 Members**

Councillor Ralph Sangster  
Councillor Ty Harris  
Councillor David Sansom  
Councillor Paula Hiscocks  
Councillor Kemal Butt

**Labour Group – 1 Member**

Councillor Stephen Cox

**Sustainable Development, Planning and Transport Committee – 12 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 7 Members  
Councillors Stephen Giles-Medhurst (Lead Member), Martin Trevett (Lead Member), Steve Drury, Peter Getkahn, David Major, Alison Scarth and Alison Wall.

Conservative – 4 Members

Councillors Ralph Sangster (Group Spokesperson, Economic Development and Sustainability), Paula Hiscocks (Group Spokesperson, Housing, Planning and Transport), Alex Hayward and Debbie Morris.

(See the post meeting note under Minute CL11/14)

Labour – 1 Member

Councillors Marie-Louise Nolan (Group Spokesperson).

### **Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee – 12 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 7 Members

Councillors Sara Bedford (Lead Member), Keith Williams (Lead Member), Martin Brooks, Wendy Jordan, Chris Lloyd, Joy Mann and Sue Stibbs.

Conservative – 4 Members

Councillors Heather Kenison (Group Spokesperson, Health), David Sansom (Group Spokesperson, Leisure, Community and Wellbeing), Eric Bishop and Angela Roberts.

Labour – 1 Member

Councillor Marie- Louise Nolan (Group Spokesperson).

### **General Public Services and Community Safety Committee – 12 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 7 Members

Councillors Phil Brading (Lead Member), Roger Seabourne (Lead Member), Martin Brooks, Sarah Nelmes, Andrew Scarth, Sue Stibbs and Kate Turner.

Conservative – 4 Members

Councillors Kemal Butt (Group Spokesperson, Public Services), Ty Harris (Group Spokesperson, Community Safety), Marilyn Butler and Reena Ranger.

Labour – 1 Member

Councillor Len Tippen (Group Spokesperson).

### **Audit Committee – 7 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 4 Members

Councillors Wendy Jordan, Raj Khuroya, Joy Mann and Sarah Nelmes.

Conservative Group – 2 Members

Councillors Alex Hayward (Group Spokesperson) and Angela Roberts.

Labour – 1 Member

Councillor Stephen Cox (Group Spokesperson).

### **Planning Committee – 12 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 7 Members

Councillors Phil Brading, Peter Getkahn, Raj Khuroya, Chris Lloyd, David Major, Ann Shaw and Chris Whately-Smith.

Conservatives – 4 Members  
Councillors Debbie Morris (Group Spokesperson), Marilyn Butler, Terry Dos Ramos and Reena Ranger.

Labour – 1 Member  
Councillor Len Tippen (Group Spokesperson).

**Licensing Committee – 11 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 6 Members  
Councillors Steve Drury, Raj Khuroya, Roger Seabourne, Martin Trevett, Alison Wall and Keith Williams.

Conservative – 4 Members  
Councillors Terry Dos Ramos (Group Spokesperson), Eric Bishop, Alex Hayward and Heather Kenison.

Labour – 1 Member  
Councillor Len Tippen. (Group Spokesperson).

**Regulatory Services Committee – 11 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 6 Members  
Councillors Steve Drury, Raj Khuroya, Roger Seabourne, Martin Trevett, Alison Wall and Keith Williams.

Conservative – 4 Members  
Councillors Eric Bishop (Group Spokesperson), Terry Dos Ramos, Alex Hayward and Heather Kenison.

Labour – 1 Member  
Councillor Len Tippen (Group Spokesperson).

**Council Tax Setting Committee – 6 Members**

Liberal Democrats – 4 Members  
The names to be notified to the Chief Executive before the meeting.

Conservative Group – 2 Members  
Councillors Ralph Sangster and Ty Harris.

**CL13/14 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 29, Councillor Ann Shaw proposed, duly seconded, that the nominations for the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to the Committees be approved as detailed below.

RESOLVED:-

that the nominations for the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to the Committees be approved as detailed below:-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman Councillor</b>	<b>Vice Chairman Councillor</b>
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Planning	Chris Whately-Smith	Chris Lloyd
Licensing	Steve Drury	Keith Williams
Regulatory Services	Steve Drury	Keith Williams
Audit	Sarah Nelmes	Raj Khiroya
Council Tax Setting	Matthew Bedford	

**CL14/14 STANDARDS REGIME**

**Members' Panel to deal with Code of Conduct Complaints**

This Panel would deal with Code of Conduct Complaints against District and Parish Councillors. The Council noted that its Membership would consist of Group Leaders (or their nominees).

RESOLVED:-

that the membership of the Panel be noted.

**CL15/14 APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

The Committee was requested to establish the Appointments Committee with terms of reference as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution and appoint seven Members to serve thereon, subject to the rules governing proportionality.

RESOLVED:-

that the Appointments Committee be reconstituted for the Local Government Year 2014/15 with Member appointments as detailed:

Liberal Democrat	4 Members, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive before each meeting
Conservative Group	2 Members, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive before each meeting
Labour Group	1 Member, the name to be notified to the Chief Executive before each meeting.

**CL16/14 APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COUNCIL BODIES**

The Council was requested to reconstitute other Council bodies and agree their Terms of Reference. Nominations submitted by the political groups were agreed without division except on the following cases where voting was required. The votes cast for each nominee in these cases were as set out below:-

**Three Rivers Community Safety Partnership Board and Co-ordinating Group**

Councillor	Votes cast	Abstentions
Roger Seabourne	21	3
Ann Shaw	21	3
Paula Hiscocks	12	3
Ty Harris	12	3



### **Three Rivers Local Strategic Partnership**

Councillor	Votes cast	Abstentions
Ann Shaw	24	0
Paula Hiscocks	12	0
Ty Harris	12	0
Len Tippen	26	0

### **Housing and Regeneration Initiative (HARI)**

Councillor	Votes cast	Abstentions
Paula Hiscocks	12	3
Martin Trevett	21	3

### **Watford and Three Rivers Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

Councillor	Votes cast	Abstentions
Angela Roberts	12	3
Keith Williams	21	3

### **Hertfordshire Police and Crime Forum**

Councillor	Votes cast	Abstentions
Ty Harris	12	3
Roger Seabourne	21	3

### **Three Rivers Community Safety Partnership Board and Co-ordinating Group**

Councillors Roger Seabourne and Ann Shaw OBE

### **Three Rivers Local Strategic Partnership**

Councillors Ann Shaw OBE and Len Tippen

### **Housing and Regeneration Initiative (HARI)**

Councillor Martin Trevett

### **Watford and Three Rivers Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

Councillor Keith Williams

### **Hertfordshire Police and Crime Forum**

Councillor Roger Seabourne

### **Environmental Forum**

Liberal Democrat

Councillors Wendy Jordan, David Major, Alison Scarth and Sue Stibbs

Conservative Group

Councillors Kemal Butt, Paula Hiscocks and Heather Kenison

Labour Group

Councillor Len Tippen.

## **Pensioners' Forum**

Open to all Members to attend.

## **Youth Council**

Liberal Democrat	Councillor Ann Shaw
Conservative Group	Councillor Reena Ranger
Labour Group	Councillor Stephen Cox

## **Meetings with Parish Councils**

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader, Lead Members  
Conservative Group Leader - Councillor Ralph Sangster  
Labour Group Leader - Councillor Stephen Cox  
Chairman of the Council – Councillor Chris Lloyd

## **Internal Complaints Panel**

Liberal Democrat	2 Members, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive before the meeting
Conservative Group	2 Members, the names to be notified to the Director of Chief Executive before the meeting
Labour Group	2 Members, Councillors Stephen Cox and Marie-Louise Nolan

## **Editorial Working Party**

Liberal Democrat	Councillors Phil Brading, Ann Shaw and Keith Williams
Conservative Group	Councillor Debbie Morris
Labour Group	Councillor Marie-Louise Nolan

## **Staff Employer Forum**

Liberal Democrat	2 Members, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive before the meeting
Conservative Group	2 Members, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive before the meeting
Labour Group	2 Members, Councillors Marie-Louise Nolan and Len Tippen

## **Constitution Working Party**

Liberal Democrat	Councillors Sara Bedford, Phil Brading, Ann Shaw, Martin Trevett and Keith Williams
Conservative Group	Councillors Ralph Sangster and Ty Harris
Labour Group	Councillor Marie-Louise Nolan

## **Local Plan Member Working Group**

Liberal Democrat	Councillors Sara Bedford, Phil Brading, Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Ann Shaw and Martin Trevett
Conservatives	Councillors Ralph Sangster and Paula Hiscocks
Labour	Councillor Marie-Louise Nolan

## **South Oxhey Initiative Steering Committee**

Liberal Democrat	Councillors Matthew Bedford, Ann Shaw (Chairman) and Martin Trevett
Conservatives	Councillor Ty Harris
Labour	Councillor Stephen Cox

**Strategic Service Review Working Group**

Liberal Democrat	Councillors Matthew Bedford, Sarah Nelmes, Ann Shaw and Sue Stibbs
Conservatives	Councillors Ralph Sangster and David Sansom
Labour	Councillor Stephen Cox.

RESOLVED:-

that the above Council bodies be reconstituted with no change to the Terms of Reference, and the Members be appointed to serve thereon as detailed above.

**CL17/14 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL AREA FORUMS**

Councillor Ann Shaw proposed, duly seconded, that Members be appointed Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Local Area Forums as detailed:-

Councillor Ralph Sangster raised concern regarding the merging of the Chorleywood and Sarratt Local Area Forums.

	<b>Area Forum</b>	<b>Chairmen</b> Councillor -	<b>Vice-Chairmen</b> Councillor -
(i)	Abbots Langley	Sara Bedford	Martin Brooks
(ii)	Chorleywood and Sarratt	Sue Stibbs	Martin Trevett
(iii)	Croxley Green	Phil Brading	Steve Drury
(iv)	Rickmansworth	Ann Shaw	-
(v)	Watford Rural	Andrew Scarth	-

Councillor Ralph Sangster proposed, duly seconded, that Members be appointed Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Local Area Forums as detailed:-

	<b>Area Forum</b>	<b>Chairmen</b> Councillor -	<b>Vice-Chairmen</b> Councillor -
(i)	Abbots Langley	-	-
(ii)	Chorleywood and Sarratt	Heather Kenison	Alex Hayward
(iii)	Croxley Green	-	-
(iv)	Rickmansworth	Ralph Sangster	Kemal Butt
(v)	Watford Rural	Eric Bishop	Terry Dos Ramos

Upon a division of votes for the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen appointments votes were cast as follows:

<b>Area Forum</b>	<b>Chairmen Councillor -</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Vice-Chairmen Councillor -</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Chorleywood and Sarratt	Sue Stibbs	21	Martin Trevett	21
	Heather Kenison	12	Alex Hayward	12
Rickmansworth	Ann Shaw	21		
	Ralph Sangster	12	Kemal Butt	12
Watford Rural	Andrew Scarth	21		
	Eric Bishop	12	Terry Dos Ramos	12

RESOLVED:-

that the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Local Area Forums as detailed be appointed for the 2014/2015 Local Government year:-

	<b>Area Forum</b>	<b>Chairmen Councillor -</b>	<b>Vice-Chairmen Councillor -</b>
(i)	Abbots Langley	Sara Bedford	Martin Brooks
(ii)	Chorleywood and Sarratt	Sue Stibbs	Martin Trevett
(iii)	Croxley Green	Phil Brading	Steve Drury
(iv)	Rickmansworth	Ann Shaw	Kemal Butt
(v)	Watford Rural	Andrew Scarth	Terry Dos Ramos

#### **CL18/14 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Council was requested to determine the appointments to the Outside Bodies listed in the report.

RESOLVED:-

that Council representatives to Outside Bodies be as set out in Appendix 1 to the Minutes.

NOTE: Divisions took place where the number of nominations exceeded the number of vacancies, these cases being indicated by an asterisk as set out in Appendix 1 to the Minutes.

#### **CL19/14 INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

The Council was requested to reconstitute the Independent Panel to review Members' allowances and those paid to Parish Councillors. By statute, all appointments must be external to the Council. It was recommended that the Chief Executive made the appointments.

RESOLVED:-

that the appointments to the Panel be made by the Chief Executive.

**CL20/14 PENSIONERS' CHAMPION**

The Council was requested to appoint a Pensioners' Champion.

Councillor	Votes cast	Abstentions
Terry Dos Ramos	12	3
Sara Bedford	21	3

RESOLVED:-

that Councillor Sara Bedford be appointed the Pensioners' Champion for 2014/15.

**CL21/14 YOUNG PERSONS' CHAMPION**

The Council was requested to appoint a Champion for Young People.

Councillor	Votes cast	Abstentions
Reena Ranger	12	3
Ann Shaw OBE	21	3

RESOLVED:-

that Councillor Ann Shaw be appointed the Young Persons' Champion for the Local Government Year 2014/15.

**CL22/14 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 24 MARCH 2014**

The Council received the following recommendations of the Executive Committee from its meeting on 24 March 2014.

EX100/13 Budget Monitoring – Month 11 (February 2014)

Councillor Ann Shaw proposed, duly seconded, that the recommendations be agreed.

RESOLVED:-

that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be agreed.

**CL23/14 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

The Council considered the following recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel made at its meeting on 31 March 2014:

1. That the basic allowance remain unchanged at £4,581 per annum

2. That the Special Responsibility Allowances be as follows:

	£
Leader of the Council	9,162 (2 x Basic rate)
Lead Members	4,581 (1 x Basic rate)
Chair of Planning Committee	3,436 (3/4 of basic rate)
Chair of Licensing Committee & Regulatory Services Committee	2,290 (half of basic rate)
Chair of Audit Committee	2,290 (half of basic rate)
Group Leaders:	
Main Opposition Leader	3,054 (2/3 of basic rate)

Other Opposition Leader(s) to be provided with a proportion of £3,054 in relation to the number of seats the party has on the Council.

Councillor Stephen Cox, seconded by Councillor Ty Harris, proposed an amendment to the Panel's recommendations, that the Council accept all the recommendations except the final one, which shall be referred back to the Panel for reconsideration. Councillor Stephen Cox disagreed with the last recommendation of the Panel on the Other Opposition Leader and did not support the reduction in allowance and wished this to be reconsidered.

Councillor Ty Harris agreed with this view as the Panel did not appear to be aware of the role of the Opposition Group Leader(s) and wished the method of calculations be reviewed.

Councillor Matthew Bedford said the Panel had made their recommendations and it would be difficult to pick and choose the recommendations Council wished to accept and not accept. It was for Members to put to the Panel any relevant information and the Panel would then judge these points in making their recommendations. It was understood that the Panel had been provided with information regarding other Councils' allowances. It would be difficult to go against the recommendations of the Panel and he was supportive of them.

Councillor Marie Louise Nolan said the Council should not pick and choose what it wished to agree from the recommendations but there was a need to look at the importance of the Opposition Group Leader(s) role and look at other Councils' Panels' recommendations. The Panel should be asked to reconsider this proposal and report back to the Council.

Councillor Sara Bedford said Council should not be arguing about the independent recommendations of the Panel on the allowances.

Councillor Roger Seabourne said every year Members were asked to put forward any representations to the Panel. The invitation had always been there and Members should not complain if they had not put forward any evidence to the Panel.

Upon the amendment being put to the Council it was declared LOST, the voting being For 15, Against 21, Abstentions 0.

Upon the Panel's recommendations being proposed by Councillor Matthew Bedford, and seconded en bloc and being put to the Council they were declared CARRIED, the voting being For 31, Against 3 and Abstentions 2.

RESOLVED:-

(i) that the basic allowance remain unchanged at £4,581 per annum

(ii) that the Special Responsibility Allowances be as follows:

	£
Leader of the Council	9,162 (2 x Basic rate)
Lead Members	4,581 (1 x Basic rate)
Chair of Planning Committee	3,436 (3/4 of basic rate)
Chair of Licensing Committee & Regulatory Services Committee	2,290 (half of basic rate)
Chair of Audit Committee	2,290 (half of basic rate)

Group Leaders:

Main Opposition Leader	3,054 (2/3 of basic rate)
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Other Opposition Leader(s) to be provided with a proportion of £3,054 in relation to the number of seats the party has on the Council.

#### **CL24/14 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) – DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE**

Councillor Martin Trevett, duly seconded, proposed that Council agree the draft charging schedule for public consultation with details to be reported back to Council in September. Details would then be submitted for examination by an independent inspector. The Draft Charging Schedule, a Viability Assessment and an Instalments Policy were appended to the report.

Councillor David Sansom raised a number of issues concerning the CIL proposals:

- It was difficult to understand the map in the way it had been drawn
- The South Oxhey development was unlikely to make any CIL contribution, but Carpenders Park was included and he did not understand why
- Page 1 of Appendix 3 (CIL instalment policy) was this a mistake?
- Small developers would be expected to pay the CIL contribution in full within 60 days, while larger developments would have much more time
- If money was required for infrastructure, the larger the sum, the greater the risk.

Councillor Martin Trevett replied that these points had not been raised by respondents during the earlier consultation. However the forthcoming consultation would provide an opportunity to address issues of concern.

Upon the motion being put to the Council it was declared CARRIED, the voting being For 21, Against 0 and Abstentions 14.

RESOLVED:-

that the following documents be approved for consultation:

- (i) the Draft Charging Schedule:
- (ii) the Regulation 123 List; and
- (iii) the Instalments Policy.

**CL25/14 CHIEF OFFICER/ SENIOR MANAGER PAY POLICY**

The Chief Executive advised this was a statement of the current pay policy and set out details on the policy for transparency purposes. Any debates on the financial details should be part of the budget review process.

Councillor Matthew Bedford, duly seconded, proposed that the Council approve the policy as stating the current position.

Councillor Ty Harris raised some questions relating to the different formats used for the job descriptions for the Chief Officers and whether this would create equality and discrimination claims. He requested the Council look to adopt best practice for the job descriptions. The Council's redundancy policy and payments, which he had raised in December 2013, had not been addressed. Councillor Matthew Bedford replied that the officers would take up these points within the forthcoming budgetary review.

Upon the motion being put to the Council it was declared CARRIED, the voting being For 23, Against 0 and Abstentions 12.

RESOLVED:-

that the proposed policy be approved.

**CL26/14 THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME - DISCRETIONS TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON 1 APRIL 2014**

Councillor Matthew Bedford, duly seconded, proposed that the revisions set out in the recommendation be adopted, as they would involve no change to the Council's existing practice.

Upon the Chairman putting the recommendation to the Council, Members signified their approval.

RESOLVED:-

that the report is noted and the new revisions be adopted.

**CL27/14 THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT**

The Council was advised that there was a legal requirement for the Chairman of the Council and the Chief Executive to sign the Council's Health and Safety



Policy Statement and that the Statement contained no changes from the previous year.

With the consent of the Council, the Health and Safety Policy Statement was signed by the Chairman and the Chief Executive.

**CL28/14      REPORTS OF MEETINGS**

With the exception of the Executive, Regulatory, Licensing, and Audit Committees' recommendations to Council, the following reports were submitted for information only:-

Audit Committee	18 March 2014
Executive Committee	11 March 2014
Executive Committee	24 March 2014
Leisure and Community Safety Policy and Scrutiny Committee	12 March 2014
Planning Committee	20 February 2014
Planning Committee	20 March 2014
Planning Committee	24 April 2014
Planning Committee	14 May 2014
Public Services and Health Policy and Scrutiny Committee	13 March 2014
Sustainable Environment Policy and Scrutiny Committee	11 March 2014

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## ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING –17 JUNE 2014

## Appointments to Outside Bodies

Name of Organisation		Term of Office	Appointment
1.*	Woodlands YMCA Consultative Group	2014/15	Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst
2.*	East of England Local Government Association	2014/15	Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst
3.*	Chilterns Conservation Board	2014/15	Councillor Wendy Jordan
4.*	Denham Aerodrome Consultative Committee	2014/15	Councillor Phil Brading
5.	Herts Waste Partnership	2014/15	Councillor Phil Brading
6.*	Local Government Association General Assembly	2014/15	Councillor Ann Shaw Substitute Councillor Sara Bedford
7.	Croxley Road Safety Group	2014/15	Councillor Alison Wall
8.*	Green Deal Together	2014/15	Councillor Chris Whately-Smith
9.*	United Sustainable Energy Agency	2014/15	Councillor Chris Whately-Smith
10.	Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust Ltd	2014/15	Councillor Marilyn Butler
11.*	Herts County Council (HCC) Health Scrutiny Committee	2014/15	Councillor Sara Bedford
12.	Maple Cross JMI	2014/15	No appointment required
13.	Arnett Hills JMI	2016	No appointment required
14.	Rickmansworth Park JMI	2014/15	No appointment required
15.	Shepherds JMI	2016	No appointment required
16.	St Peters JMI, Mill End, Rickmansworth	2014/15	No appointment required
17.	Eastbury Farm JMI	2014/15	No appointment required
18.*	Three Rivers Museum Trust	2014/15	Councillor Martin Brooks
21.*	Rickmansworth Golf Club	2014/15	Councillor Steve Drury
22.	Moor Park Mansion Heritage Foundation Trust	2014/15	Councillors Kemal Butt, Roger Seabourne and Len Tippen
23.	New Agreement Traffic Management Act 2004 Adjudication Joint Committee – PATROLAJC	2014/15	Councillor Martin Trevett, substitute Councillor Ralph Sangster
24.	Abbots Langley Community Centre – Management Committee	2014/15	Councillor David Major
25.	Thrive Homes Board	2014/15	No nominations currently required

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26.	Chorleywood Youth Club	2017	No nominations currently required
27.*	Herts Sustainability Forum	2014/15	Councillor Alison Scarth
28.*	Hertfordshire Police and Crime Scrutiny Panel	2014/15	Councillor Sara Bedford, substitute Councillor Steve Drury
29.	Abbots Langley Children's Centre Advisory Board	2014/15	Councillor Sara Bedford
30.*	Hertfordshire Community Covenant Board	2014/15	Councillor Martin Trevett