



**MINUTES of
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)
14 MAY 2026**

PRESENT

Presiding Chairperson Councillor R G Pratt

Councillors V J Bell, J R Burrell-Cook, M F L Durham, A S Fluker,
L J Haywood, C P Morley, R H Siddall, N D Spenceley,
E L Stephens and N J Swindle

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

34. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Councillor L J Haywood proposed that Councillor A S Fluker be elected as Chairperson of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (O&S). This proposal was duly seconded.

Councillor R H Siddall proposed that Councillor N D Spenceley be elected as Chairperson of the O&S. This proposal was duly seconded.

There being two nominations a vote was taken. As there was an equality of votes the Chairperson exercised his casting vote in support of Councillor Fluker.

It was therefore:

RESOLVED that Councillor A S Fluker be appointed Chairperson of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year.

IN THE CHAIR : COUNCILLOR A S FLUKER

35. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Councillor N J Swindle proposed that Councillor N D Spenceley be elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (O&S). This proposal was duly seconded.

Councillor E L Stephens proposed that Councillor L J Haywood be elected as Vice-Chairperson of the O&S. This proposal was duly seconded.

There being two nominations a vote was taken. In the vote for Councillor Spenceley there was an equality of votes and the Chairperson exercised his casting vote against the vote for Councillor Spenceley as Vice-Chairperson. Following a vote for Councillor Haywood the Chairperson declared that Councillor Haywood was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the O&S.

RESOLVED that Councillor L J Haywod be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year.

At this point the Chairperson commented that he wished to align himself with the Comments made by the Chairperson of the Council during the Statutory Annual meeting of the Council regarding former Councillor Peter Elliott. As he would also be the Chairperson of the O&S (meeting as the Crime and Disorder Committee) he took the opportunity to wish Chief Constable B J Harrington a long and healthy retirement and expressed his gratitude for the support given during challenging times, including agreeing to a police hub at the Council offices.

There being no other items of business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.34 pm.

A S FLUKER
CHAIRPERSON