




Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting of

Westgate on Sea Town Council held in Town Council Office, 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate on Sea CT8 8RF

Held on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 7pm

Present	Cllrs Cornford (Chair), Donaldson (Vice-chair), King, O'Connor, Parry, Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk)	
3 563	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Calcutt and Cllr Scott. Cllr Green was absent.	
3 564	Members' Declarations of Interest None	
3 565	Committee Members were requested to pass a resolution to exclude Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the next item in respect of matters relating to the interviews of applicants for Co-option to the Council. There was a brief debate instigated by Cllr King around the NALC legal topic note on Elections and Co-option, the Town Clerk reiterated that the decision for the co-option vacancy will take place at the next Full Council meeting on 3 rd January 2023 to ensure transparency is observed when deciding the outcome of the co-option process. It was RESOLVED that the public were asked to leave the meeting during consideration of the following item, the interviews of two applicants. One Member was against. Cllr Parry joined the meeting.	
3 566	Co-Option of Councillor Members considered two applicants for the role of Town Councillor for the one vacancy. The interviewees were all asked the same set of questions and this process was undertaken by the Town Clerk and Chair of the HR Committee. The decision for the Co-option appointment to be concluded at the next Full Council meeting on 3 rd January 2023.	
3 567	Next Meeting The next meeting is 3 rd January 2023	
3 568	Meeting Closed at 20.06 hours	

Signed.....

Dated.....10:01:23

Chair of the Council

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