

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting of Full Council held at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 09 January 2024 in the Council Chamber

Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare.

Members Present: Councillor D Fitzpatrick (Cathaoirleach), Councillors A Breen, A Breslin, F Brett, S Doyle, A Farrelly, A Feeney, C Kelly, M Leigh, S Moore, B. Quinn and E Sammon.

On Line Councillors B Caldwell, B Clear, M Coleman, A Connolly, N Connolly, Í Cussen, K Duffy, T Durkan, P Hamilton, P McEvoy, N Killeen, N Ó Cearúil, T O'Dwyer, P O'Dwyer, R Power, P Ward and B Wyse.

Apologies: Councillors VL Behan, B Dooley, P Curran, F McLoughlin Healy, N Heavey, I Keatley, V Liston, J Neville, C Pender and B Weld.

Also Present: Ms S Kavanagh Chief Executive, Ms. A Aspell, Mr. E Ryan (Directors of Service) Ms. C Barrett, (A/Director of Service) Ms. C O'Grady (Meetings Administrator), Ms. A Noone (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Special January meeting of the Council. He welcomed Mr Rupert Heather to the meeting.

01/0124

Declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

There were no declarations.

02/0124

To consider under section 19(A) of the amended Local Government Act 2001 the approval by resolution under 19(A)(1)(a)(i)(I) of Councillor Galvin's absence from the 19th December and to consider the co-option in accordance with section 19(A) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, of a temporary substitute for the duration of this absence and the maternity leave of Councillor Galvin in accordance with the Maternity Protection Act 1994 as amended.

The Cathoirleach confirmed that the members had received due notice dated the 03rd January 2024 of the temporary absence of Councillor C. Galvin and request for co-option of a temporary substitute and due notice of the nomination by the Labour Party of Mr. Rupert Heather for co-option to the Council and his consent to the nomination.

Councillor Breslin proposed under section 19(A) of the amended Local Government Act 2001 the approval by resolution under 19(A)(1)(a)(i)(I) of Councillor Galvin's absence from the 19th December, 2023 and to consider the co-option in accordance with section 19(A) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, of a temporary substitute for the duration of this absence and the maternity leave of Councillor Galvin in accordance with the Maternity Protection Act 1994 as amended Councillor Feeney seconded the proposal which was agreed by the members present.

Councillor Breslin proposed Mr Rupert Heather, a member of the Labour Party and duly nominated by the party, to be the temporary substitute during the absence and maternity leave of Councillor Ciara Galvin.

She welcomed Mr Heather to the chamber on behalf of the Labour Party and paid tribute to him and mentioned it was a difficult time in politics and they would be delighted to work with him. She paid tribute to Councillor Galvin who was a loyal member of the Labour Party and had worked hard. She wished her well on her maternity leave.

Councillor Feeney seconded the nomination of Mr Heather and his co-option as temporary substitute was agreed by all members present.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Feeney and with the agreement of all members present that Mr Rupert Heather be coopted as temporary substitute for the duration of the absence and maternity leave of Councillor Ciara Galvin in accordance with the Maternity Protection Act 1994 as amended and the Local Government Act 2001 as amended..

Councillor Heather took his seat in the chamber and he thanked Councillor Ciara Gavlin for her support and the members for his nomination. He said it was a massive honour to be elected and joining the chamber. He looked forward to working with the members and hoped to enjoy his time.

The Cathaoirleach, group leaders and individual councillors welcomed Councillor Heather to the council and looked forward to working with him.

The Chief Executive welcomed Councillor Heather and looked forward to working with him over the next few months.

The meeting concluded.