



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 15TH MAY, 2007

PRESENT: Mr. C. B. Lanham (Chairman); Councillor Mrs. J. M. Boswell (Vice-Chairman); Councillors A. N. Blagg, Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, Ms. M. Bunker, S. R. Colella, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, J. T. Duddy, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, Dr. G. H. Lord, Mrs. J. D. Luck, Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, D. McGrath, E. J. Murray, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, C. R. Scurrall, G. G. Selway, S. P. Shannon, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson

1/07 **PRAYER**

At the request of the Chairman, the Reverend Wendy Moore opened the meeting with a prayer.

2/07 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E. and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. J. M. Boswell be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs. J. M. Boswell, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and having been invested by Mr. C. B. Lanham with the Chairman's Badge of Office, then took the Chair and thanked Members of the Council for electing her to the office of Chairman.

3/07 **RETIRING CHAIRMAN - MR. C. B. LANHAM**

Mr. C. B. Lanham, having been presented by Councillor Mrs. J. M. Boswell with a Past Chairman's Badge and Ribbon, then concluded his year of office. It was then proposed by the Chairman and

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr. C. B. Lanham for the services rendered to the Council and to the District during his term of office as Chairman of the Council.

4/07 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and seconded by Councillor Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. C. J. Spencer be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs. C. J. Spencer, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and having been invested by Councillor Mrs. J. M. Boswell with the Vice-Chairman's Badge of Office, thanked Members of the Council for appointing her to the office of Vice-Chairman.

5/07 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24th April 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6/07 **APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and seconded by Councillor Mrs. C. J. Spencer and

RESOLVED that Councillor R. Hollingworth be appointed Executive Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

7/07 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor E. C. Tibby and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

8/07 **APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

It was proposed by Councillor C. J. K. Wilson and seconded by Councillor S. P. Shannon and

RESOLVED that Councillor P. M. McDonald be appointed Leader of the Opposition for the ensuing year.

9/07 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. J. Deeming, Mrs. R. L. Dent and B. Lewis F.CMI.

10/07 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman advised Members that the Chairman's Charities for the forthcoming year would be Primrose Hospice and Dogs for the Disabled.

11/07 **CONSTITUTION OF AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/08**

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and

RESOLVED:

- (a) that for the ensuing Municipal Year, the Committees set out in the table in Appendix 1 of the report be appointed and that the representation of the different political groups on the Council on those Committees be as set out in that table until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the next review of political representation under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, whichever is the earlier;
- (b) that the allocation of the seat on the Standards Committee to a member who is not a member of the controlling group be dealt with outside the meeting;
- (c) that members be appointed to the Committees in accordance with nominations to be made by the Party Group Leaders or Co-ordinators;
- (d) that the Responsibility for Functions Table as set out in Appendix 2 of the report be approved and incorporated within the Council's Constitution;
- (e) that the terms of reference for Committees of the Council as set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved and incorporated within the Council's Constitution.

Councillor R. Hollingworth gave an undertaking that further consideration would be given outside the meeting as to whether the following functions should be the responsibility of the Cabinet rather than delegated to officers:

The discharge of any function relating to the control of pollution or the management of air quality.

The appointment of any individual to any office other than an office in which he is employed by the authority.

12/07 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and

RESOLVED that the appointment of the Council's representatives on outside bodies be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of the full Council in July 2007.

13/07 **ATTENDANCES**

Details of attendances were submitted for information only.

14/07 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET**

The Leader of the Council reported that, during the Municipal Year 2007/08, the Cabinet would consist of

Councillor R. Hollingworth	Leader
Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths	Deputy Leader and Portfolio for Community Safety and Leisure
Councillor Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP	Portfolio for IT and Spatial Project
Councillor G. N. Denaro	Portfolio for Finance
Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E.	Portfolio for Planning
Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP	Portfolio for Street Scene and Waste Management
Councillor M. J. A. Webb	Portfolio for Customer Care, Customer Service Centre and Revenue Generation
Councillor P. J. Whittaker	Portfolio for Strategic Housing
Councillor A. N. Blagg	Portfolio for HR and Legal and Democratic Services

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm

Chairman