

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY 2014 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors J. M. L. A. Griffiths (Chairman), R. J. Laight (Vice-Chairman), S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, D. W. P. Booth, J. M. Boswell, J. R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, M. T. Buxton, R. A. Clarke, B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, R. L. Dent, S. J. Dudley, P. A. Harrison, H. J. Jones, P. Lammas, L. C. R. Mallett, C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrall, E. M. Shannon, R. J. Shannon, S. P. Shannon, M. A. Sherrey, C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson

1/14 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor H. J. Jones and seconded by Councillor M. J. A. Webb and

RESOLVED that Councillor J. M. L. A. Griffiths be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor J. M. L. A. Griffiths signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members of the Council for re-electing her to the office of Chairman.

2/14 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor C. J. Spencer and seconded by Councillor J. A. Ruck and

RESOLVED that Councillor R. J. Laight be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor R. J. Laight signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members of the Council for re-electing him to the office of Vice-Chairman.

3/14 **ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor C. B. Taylor and seconded by Councillor J. A. Boswell and

RESOLVED that Councillor M. A. Sherrey be elected as Leader of the Council. for the remainder of the term of office, until the Annual Council meeting in 2015.

Councillor M. A. Sherrey thanked Members of the Council for electing her to the office of Leader of the Council.

4/14 **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING LEADER**

Councillor M. A. Sherrey paid tribute to the retiring Leader of the Council Councillor R. Hollingworth for his hard work during the past nine years as Leader. In particular, reference was made to the challenging period during which the Council had been in voluntary engagement.

It was proposed by Councillor M. A. Sherrey and

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Councillor R. Hollingworth for his hard work during his time as Leader of the Council.

5/14 **ELECTION OF CIVIC HEAD**

It was proposed by Councillor B. T. cooper and seconded by Councillor H. J. Jones and

RESOLVED that Councillor J. A. Ruck be elected as Civic Head for the ensuing year.

Having been invested with the Civic Head's Badge of Office, Councillor J. A. Ruck signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Ruck thanked members of the Council for electing him as Civic Head and announced that his charities for the ensuing year would be:

- Help for Heroes; and
- Libby Mae's Little Angels - who provide resources for the Neo Natal unit at Birmingham Women's Hospital and other local units .

The Chairman presented Ms J. Putsman, Councillor Ruck's consort, with a bouquet of flowers.

6/14 **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING CIVIC HEAD**

Councillor Helen Jones having been presented by Councillor J. M. L. A. Griffiths with a Past Civic Head's badge, then concluded her year of office .

It was proposed by the Chairman and

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Councillor H. J. Jones for the services rendered during her term of office as Civic Head.

The Chairman presented Mr A. Jones with a past consort's badge and a small gift as a mark of the Council's appreciation of him acting as consort to the Civic Head during the past year.

7/14 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CIVIC HEAD**

It was proposed by Councillor R. A. Clarke and seconded by Councillor J. A. Ruck and

RESOLVED that Councillor H. J. Jones be elected Deputy Civic Head for the ensuing year.

Councillor H. J. Jones signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

8/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. R. Colella, K. A. Grant-Pearce, R. Hollingworth and B. Lewis.

9/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

10/14 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16th April 2014 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16th April 2014 be approved as a correct record.

11/14 **ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND/OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

There were no announcements on this occasion.

12/14 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET**

- (a) The Leader announced that the Deputy Leader would be Councillor C. B. Taylor.
- (b) The Leader announced that the membership of the Cabinet would be as follows for the ensuing year:

Councillor M. A. Sherrey	Leader and Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Partnerships and Governance
Councillor C. B. Taylor	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning Services
Councillor D. W. P. Booth	Portfolio Holder for Enabling (excluding Finance and Governance)

Councillor M. A. Bullivant	Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services
Councillor R. L. Dent	Portfolio Holder for Town Centre, Regulatory Services and Housing
Councillor R. Hollingworth	Portfolio Holder for Finance, Revenues and Benefits
Councillor M. J. A. Webb	Portfolio Holder for Leisure Services, Economic Development and Emergency Planning

13/14 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2014-15**

It was proposed by Councillor M. A. Sherrey and seconded by Councillor C. B. Taylor and

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the updated Part 3 (Part C) of the Council Constitution at Appendix 1 to the report, showing the Allocation of Responsibilities to Committees, be approved;
- (b) that for the ensuing Municipal Year, the Committees set out in the table in Appendix 2 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.
- (c) that Members be appointed to the Committees in accordance with nominations to be made by Group Leaders and attached as an appendix to these minutes .
- (d) that a Working Group consisting of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and Leaders of the Labour and Independent Alliance political groups, be established to review the Council's constitution and bring forward recommendations to future meetings of the Council;
- (e) that the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Council's Constitution arising from this report.

14/14 **SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

It was proposed by Councillor M. A. Sherrey and seconded by Councillor C. B. Taylor and

RESOLVED that the extension of the existing Scheme of Delegation be approved pending consideration of a report at the next meeting of the Council on 16th July 2014.

15/14 **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members considered a report primarily on appointments and nominations to a number of Outside Bodies where appointments are made from Councillors who are office-holders.

It was proposed by Councillor M. A. Sherrey and seconded by Councillor C. B. Taylor and

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the appointments made by office set out in the appendix be noted;
- (b) that the following Members be appointed to the other bodies as follows::

Shared Services Members Board (2 members also by office)	Councillors Clarke Webb Bullivant (sub)
Worcestershire County Council Health O&S Committee	Councillor Cooper
Worcestershire Shared Services Joint Committee	Councillors Bullivant Dent Sherrey (sub)

- (c) that the nomination of Members to the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Supervisory Board be deferred; and
- (d) that appointments to the remainder of the outside bodies be extended until the meeting of the Council on 16th July 2014.

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman