

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 18th January, 2021 at 6.00 p.m. Digital meeting via Microsoft Teams.**

*Held in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020; and conducted according to the Council's Standing Orders for Remote Meetings and those set out in the Council's Constitution.*

**Present**

**Councillor P. Bott (Mayor) in the Chair**

**Councillor R. Burley (Deputy Mayor)**

" G. Ali  
" B. Allen  
" A.J.A. Andrew  
" D.J. Barker  
" H. Bashir  
" M.A. Bird  
" C. Bott  
" O. Butler  
" B. Chattha  
" A.G. Clarke  
" S.J. Cooper  
" D. Coughlan  
" S.P. Coughlan  
" S.R. Craddock  
" C.U. Creaney  
" S.K. Ditta  
" K. Ferguson  
" J. Fitzpatrick  
" M. Follows  
" N.Z. Gultasib  
" A.D. Harris  
" L.A. Harrison  
" A.J. Hicken  
" K. Hussain  
" D. James  
" L.D. Jeavons  
" S. Johal

**Councillor T.J. Jukes**

" P. Kaur  
" Mrs. R.A. Martin  
" F. Mazhar  
" J. Murray  
" S. Nasreen  
" A.A. Nawaz  
" M. Nazir  
" A.S. Nazir  
" G. Perry  
" W. Rasab  
" L.J. Rattigan  
" I.C. Robertson  
" S. Samra  
" H.S. Sarohi  
" K. Sears  
" I. Shires  
" C.A. Statham  
" M.A. Statham  
" C.D.D. Towe  
" A. Underhill  
" M. Ward  
" V.J. Waters  
" T.S. Wilson  
" R.V. Worrall  
" A. Young

**109. Welcome**

At this point, the Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first virtual meeting of the Council.

The rules of procedure and legal context in which the meeting was being held was explained and members of the public viewing the meeting were directed to the papers which could be found on the Council's Committee Management Information system (CMIS) webpage.

All members confirmed that they could see and hear the proceedings.

**110. Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillors Douglas Maul, Longhi, Neville, Sohal and Wade

**111. Minutes**

The Mayor moved approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, subject to Minute 106 (2) being amended to remove the word 'vice' to read:-

That the Council confirm the appointment of Councillor Rasab as Chair of the Committee.

This was duly seconded by Councillor Bird. The motion was put to the vote by way of a roll-call, declared carried and it was:

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, copies having been sent to each member of the Council, be approved as a correct record subject to Minute 106 (2) being amended to remove the word 'vice' to read:-

That the Council confirm the appointment of Councillor Rasab as Chair of the Committee.

**112. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**113. Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items in private session.

**114. Mayor's announcements**

There were no announcements made.

**115. Petitions**

No petitions were received.

**116. Mayoralty 2021/22**

It was **moved** by Councillor Nawaz, Seconded by Councillor Hussain and

**Resolved (by roll call)**

**(a) Mayor Elect**

That Councillor Rose Burley be nominated as Mayor of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council for the municipal year 2021/22; and

**(b) Deputy Mayor Elect**

That Councillor Harbans Sarohi be nominated as Deputy Mayor of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council for the 21/22 Municipal Year.

**117. Recommendations of Cabinet**

**(a) Treasury Management midyear position statement 2020/21**

The report to Cabinet on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 was submitted.

Councillor Bird moved the approval of the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Andrew.

The motion was put to the vote by way of a roll-call of members and subsequently declared carried and it was:

**Resolved**

(1) That the mid-year position statement for treasury management activities 2020/21 including prudential and local indicators be noted; and

(2) That the use of Link Asset Services to provide a Treasury Management training session via Microsoft Teams for all Members be approved.

**(b) Walsall Allotments Boundary Review**

The report to Cabinet on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 was submitted.

Councillor Bird moved the approval of the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Andrew.

The motion was put to the vote by way of a roll-call of members and subsequently declared carried and it was:

**Resolved**

That an amendment to the Capital Programme of £260k to fund the allotment boundary improvement works be approved.

The meeting terminated at 6.55 p.m.