



Minutes of the **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 18 March, 2024, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

## **Present**

### **Councillor C.D.D. Towe (Mayor) in the Chair**

Councillors: G. Ali	R. Larden
H. Bashir	N. Latham
M.A. Bird	E. Lee
C. Bott	R. K Mehmi
P. Bott	E. Morgan
S.K. Ditta	A.A. Nawaz
S. Elson	A. Parkes
K. Ferguson	K. Pedley
G. Flint	G Perry
M. Follows	L.J. Rattigan
N. Gandham	K. Sears
A. Garcha	G. Singh Sohal
N. Gultasib	P. Smith
A. Harris	C.A. Statham
A.J. Hicken	M.A. Statham
I. Hussain	T. Jukes
K. Hussain	M. Ward
S.B. Hussain	J. Whitehouse
R. Burley	R.V. Worrall
S. Cheema	

#### **95. Apologies**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Murray, Samra, Rasab, Cooper, Wilson, Andrew, A. Hussain, Martin, Kaur, Nazir, and Nasreen.

#### **96. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**Resolved**

There were no items in private session.

98. **Council response to Local Government Boundary Commission England electoral review.**

It was **moved** by Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor Perry and:

That the following be approved:

- 3.1 Council are asked to note the report and approve its submission as the council's response to the LGBCE consultation based on the consideration of evidence used in forming the proposed ward patterns.
- 3.2 As community leaders, members of council are encouraged to submit evidence-based responses to the commission directly before the consultation closes on 8 April 2024.

**The following Amendment** was moved by Councillor Perry (additional wording in bold and deleted words struck through), and seconded by Councillor Bird that:-

- 3.1 Council are asked to note the report and approve its submission as the council's response to the LGBCE consultation based on the consideration of evidence used in forming the proposed ward patterns.
- 3.2 As community leaders, members of council ~~are encouraged~~ **will be submitting** evidence-based responses to the commission directly before the consultation closes on 8 April 2024, **because some elected Members will not be supportive of all the current ward boundary proposals made by the commission.**

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared carried and it was:

**Resolved**

That:

- 3.1 Council are asked to note the report and approve its submission as the council's response to the LGBCE consultation based on the consideration of evidence used in forming the proposed ward patterns.
- 3.2 As community leaders, members of council will be submitting evidence-based responses to the commission directly before the consultation

closes on 8 April 2024, because some elected Members will not be supportive of all the current ward boundary proposals made by the commission.

The meeting terminated at 6.17 p.m.

Mayor:

Date: