



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 7th August 2017 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Councillor M. Longhi (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor P. Bott (Deputy Mayor)

“ B. Allen
“ A.J.A. Andrew
“ D.J. Barker
“ O.D. Bennett
“ C. Bott
“ R. Burley
“ K. Chambers
“ A.G. Clarke
“ C.E. Clews
“ S.J. Cooper
“ D. Coughlan
“ S.P. Coughlan
“ A. Ditta
“ S.K. Ditta
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul
“ K. Ferguson
“ M. Follows
“ J. Fitzpatrick
“ S.F. Fitzpatrick
“ N.Z. Gultasib
“ A.D. Harris
“ D.T. Hazell
“ E.A. Hazell

Councillor A.J. Hicken

“ K. Hussain
“ D. James
“ T.J. Jukes
“ Mrs. R.A. Martin
“ J. Murray
“ A.A. Nawaz
“ M. Nazir
“ A.S. Nazir
“ K. Phillips
“ I.C. Robertson
“ J. Rochelle
“ H.S. Sarohi
“ K. Sears
“ I. Shires
“ G.S. Sohal
“ C.D.D. Towe
“ A. Underhill
“ M. Ward
“ P. Washbrook
“ T.S. Wilson
“ R.V. Worrall
“ A. Young

32. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bird, Craddock, Creaney, Harrison, Hughes, Jeavons, Jones, Perry, Rattigan, Russell and Wade.

33. **Private session**

Exclusion of public

Resolved

That during consideration of the items on the agenda, the Council considers that the items for consideration are exempt information by virtue of the appropriate paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, and accordingly resolves to consider the items in private, save for David Smeeton of Cushman & Wakefield and Dr Helen Paterson who are invited to stay for consideration of the items.

34. **Appointment of Chief Executive**

A report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor S. Coughlan, seconded by Councillor Andrew and:

Resolved

- (1) That the recommendation of Personnel Committee to appoint Dr. Helen Paterson to the post of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) be approved.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the current Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree the final terms and conditions of employment.

[Exempt information under paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)]

35. **Amendment to the Capital Programme 2017/18 – acquisition of retail development and investment opportunity in Walsall Town Centre**

A report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor S. Coughlan and seconded by Councillor Nawaz:

That Council approve an amendment to the 2017/18 Capital Programme to include a budget for the acquisition of the Saddlers Centre Shopping Centre and associated purchase costs of £13.802m.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried – the voting at the request of several members of the Council being recorded as follows:

**For the motion -
27 members**

Cllr: S. Coughlan
Shires
E. Hazell
Barker
Burley
Chambers
Clews
D. Coughlan
A. Ditta
S. Ditta
J. Fitzpatrick
S. Fitzpatrick
Gultasib
D. Hazell
Hussain
James
Jukes
Nawaz
A. Nazir
M. Nazir
Phillips
Robertson
Sarohi
Underhill
Ward
Worrall
Young

**Against the motion -
21 members**

Cllr: Allen
Andrew
Bennett
C. Bott
P. Bott
Clarke
Cooper
Douglas-Maul
Ferguson
Follows
Harris
Hicken
Longhi
Martin
Murray
Rochelle
Sears
Sohal
Towe
Washbrook
Wilson

and it was:

Resolved

That Council approve an amendment to the 2017/18 Capital Programme to include a budget for the acquisition of the Saddlers Centre Shopping Centre and associated purchase costs of £13.802m.

[Exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)]

The meeting terminated at 6.42 p.m.