



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 18 May, 2026, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Present

L. Harrison (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors: A. Ahmed (Pleck)
A. Ahmed (Palfrey)
M. Ahmed
A. Andrew
A. Ault
T.W. Awotwe
K. Babb
D. Bailey
M. Barker
N. Barker
H. Bashir
R. Beecha
I. Benton
P. Burton
S. Chapman
S. Cheema
A. Clarke
C. Creaney
L. Darby
A. Dhesy
J. Dixon
M. Eason
C. Edwards
A. Fleming
J. Goodall
K. Griffiths
P. Harrison
I. Henery
C. Hickey
B. Hussain (Pleck)
B. Hussain (St Matthews)
K. Hussain
L. Jones
S. Lathe
P. Lunn
L. Lynch
R. Martin
B. McCracken
D. Miah
G. Mitchell
J. Murray
A. Nizamoglu
P. Nugent
A. Parkes
J. Parsons
R. Perry
D. Rollinson
T. Sadla
D. Sambrook
S. Shmim
S. Simmons
B. Simon
G. Singh Sohal
P. Sutton
R. Tapper
E. Williams
A. Nawaz
T. Wilson

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Tandy and Councillor Singh.

2. **Election of Mayor 2026/27**

It was **moved** by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor N. Barker:

That Councillor Alan Fleming be elected Mayor of this Borough for the municipal year 2026/27.

Prior to the vote being taken, a named vote was requested by several members of the meeting. The voting being recorded as follows:

For Councillor Fleming: **37**

Cllr:

Williams
Ault
Bailey
M. Barker
N. Barker
Beecha
Benton
Burton
Chapman
Clarke
Creaney
Darby
Dixon
Eason
Fleming
Goodall
Griffiths
Harrison
Henery
Hickey
Jones
Lathe
Lunn
Lynch
McCracken
Mitchell
Nizamoglu
Nugent
Parsons
Rollinson
Sadla
Sambrook
Simmons
Simon
Sutton
Tabbi
Tapper

For Councillor K. Hussain: **21**

Cllr:

Andrew
Nawaz
Ahmad
A. Ahmed
M. Ahmed
Babb
Bashir
Cheema
Dhesy
Edwards
B. Hussain (Pleck)
B. Hussain (St Matthews)
K. Hussain
Martin
Miah
Murray
Parkes
Perry
Shmim
Singh Sohal
Wilson

Resolved

That Councillor Alan Fleming be elected Mayor of this Borough for the municipal year 2026/27.

The Council adjourned to enable the Mayor to put on their robe and regalia.

4. Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2026/27

It was **moved** by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor N. Barker:

That Councillor Jim Parsons be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the municipal year 2026/27.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried and it was:

Resolved

That Councillor Jim Parsons be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the municipal year 2026/27.

The Council adjourned to enable the Deputy Mayor to put on the robe and regalia.

5. Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April, 2026, a copy having been sent to each member of the Council, be approved as a correct record.

6. Mayor's announcements

The Mayor proceeded to make the following announcements.

(a) Mayor's Chaplain

The Mayor stated that Reverend Mandy Walker would be his Chaplain during her year of office.

(b) Mayor's Civic Service

The Mayor confirmed that The Mayor's Civic Sunday will be in December and intertwined with a Civic Carol Service. It will take place on Sunday 6th December, 2026 at 10.45 at St Matthews.

(c) **Charities**

The Mayor announced that any monies raised during his year of office would be donated to Streetly Sports and Community Association and Caldmore Village Festival Ltd.

7. **Presentation of badges to retiring Mayor and Mayoress**

The Chief Executive presented badges to the retiring Mayor and her Consorts – Louise Harrison, Brad Fisher and Liam Fisher.

8. **Vote of thanks to retiring Mayor and Mayoress**

It was **moved** by Councillor Andrew, seconded by Councillor Murray and:

Resolved

That this Council thank Councillor Harrison for the contribution she has made as Mayor of Walsall and to the people who live and work in the borough and Brad and Liam Fisher be thanked for their services as Consorts.

Councillor Harrison replied.

9. **Adjournment**

It was **moved** by the Mayor, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That the Council adjourn until 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 21 May, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 7.24 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 21 May, 2026

Councillors Tandy and Singh were present at the adjourned meeting.

10. **Mayor's announcements**

The Mayor thanked Members and Officers for making the Mayor Making ceremony such a memorable occasion. He confirmed his commitment to build on the success of former Mayor Councillor Harrison, to uphold high standards of governance within the Chamber.

The Mayor confirmed that apologies had been received from Councillors Ault, Simon for the adjourned meeting.

Death of Kath Phillips

The Mayor referred to the death of former member, Kath Phillips, who served as a Member of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, representing the Bloxwich East Ward from May 1998 to May 2018, serving as Mayor during the 2016/17 municipal year. Councillors Cheema, Nawaz, Andrew, Murray and Singh Sohal spoke in tribute of Former Councillor Kath Phillips.

Resolved

That this Council have heard with deep regret of the death of former Councillor , Kath Phillips, who served as a Member of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, representing the Bloxwich East Ward from May 1998 to May 2018, and served as Mayor during the 2016/17 municipal year and places on record its appreciation of her services to the borough and expresses its condolences to her family at this sad time.

Death of Keith Sears

The Mayor referred to the death of former member, Keith Sears, who served as a Member of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, representing the Aldridge North and Walsall Wood ward from 1 May 1975 until 4 May 1979. Former Councillor Sears was reappointed on 1 May 1980 and served until 10 May 2026 and served as Mayor during the 1994/95 municipal year. Councillors Babb, Wilson, Martin, Parkes, Cheema, Murray, Andrew, Nawaz, Creaney and Singh Sohal spoke in tribute of Former Councillor Keith Sears.

Resolved

That this Council have heard with deep regret of the death of former Councillor, Keith Sears, who served as a Member of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, representing the Aldridge North and Walsall Wood ward from 1 May 1975 until 4 May 1979. Former Councillor Sears was reappointed on 1 May 1980 and served until 10 May 2026 and served as Mayor during the 1994/95 municipal year and places on record its appreciation of his services to the borough and expresses its condolences to his family at this sad time.

11. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Resolved

There were no items in private session.

13. **Election results – 7 May, 2026**

The report was submitted.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

14. **Formation of Political Groups**

The report was submitted.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

15. **Petitions**

Petitions were received from:-

Councillor Bashir - Petition for removal of parking penalties for South Street Gardens, WHG carpark

Councillor Andrew - Give Way Signs on Gainsborough and Chantrey

16. **Appointment of Leader of the Council**

It was **moved** by Councillor N. Barker, **seconded** by Councillor Benton and:

Resolved

That Councillor Williams be appointed Leader under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 for four years.

17. **Members appointed to the Executive**

A schedule of portfolio responsibilities was circulated around the Council Chamber.

Resolved

That the following Cabinet responsibilities for the municipal year 2026/27 be noted:

Description of the portfolio	Names of Portfolio Holder
<p>Leader of the Council – Strategic Overview, Governance and Finance</p> <p>Strategic partnerships, Government relations and the West Midlands Combined Authority.</p> <p>Leading on Council wide policy and strategy, strategic vision for the borough, oversight of performance against priorities, public relations.</p> <p>Strategic finance and budget management. Implementation of the budget strategy. Oversight of the Council’s internal assurance, governance and resources</p> <p>Procurement and contracts</p> <p>Member Development</p> <p>Communications Strategy</p> <p>Workforce services including securing the right skills for the future, digital and technology strategy, security of the Council’s information and using the council’s data to inform decisions.</p> <p>Meeting the Council’s Equality Duties</p>	<p>Councillor Williams</p>
<p>Deputy Leader and Regeneration</p> <p>Economic development and delivery through strategic assets, strategic and public transport and planning policy (inc. Walsall Borough Local Plan)</p> <p>Strategic Housing</p> <p>Managing Council assets (strategic and operational)</p> <p>Markets</p> <p>Strategic Management of the Car Parking Estate</p>	<p>Councillor N. Barker</p>
<p>Children, Education and Skills</p> <p>Children’s Services including acting as an advocate for children and their families, seeking their views and lived experiences to shape service</p>	<p>Councillor Jones</p>

<p>improvement including for children in care and care leavers. Lead on safeguarding, early intervention and youth justice.</p> <p>Educational - Access and inclusion including quality, standards and performance, admissions, attendance and school place planning and Home to School Transport.</p> <p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</p> <p>Creating employment growth through skills development, adult learning and apprenticeships.</p>	
<p>Adult Social Care</p> <p>Adult Safeguarding, prevention, early intervention and Adult social care services. Statutory care and support for learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health needs.</p> <p>Commissioning and Partnerships</p>	<p>Councillor Harrison</p>
<p>Culture, Health & Wellbeing</p> <p>Public Health, prevention and protection of residents against physical and mental ill health. Reduction of health inequalities.</p> <p>Delivering and enhancing the culture, leisure and visitor offer for the borough including the New Art Gallery, Walsall Arena, museums, countryside/parks/open spaces and Active Living Centres.</p> <p>Registrars and cemeteries.</p>	<p>Councillor Eason</p>
<p>Street Scene and Enforcement</p> <p>Operational delivery of waste and transport services including visible street care services including waste collection and disposal, operational household waste recycling centres and street cleaning and operation of lighting, road safety, highways maintenance and on street parking. Development and implementation of waste strategy.</p> <p>Leading all enforcement activities across the council including public protection, fly tipping, parking,</p>	<p>Councillor Benton</p>

traffic, anti-social behaviour including noise and environmental health.	
<p>Housing Support, Resident Access and Communities</p> <p>Supporting local residents with operational housing needs including household support and welfare, homelessness, housing advice and revenues and benefits.</p> <p>Overseeing the delivery of asylum and migrant support.</p> <p>Providing access to Council services for residents via Walsall Connected and the Customer Experience Centre.</p> <p>Leading on community safety, partnerships, cohesion and including prepare and protect, community development and partnerships.</p> <p>Libraries.</p>	Councillor Chapman

18. **Constitution and Timetable of meetings 2026/2027**

A report was submitted [annexed].

It was **moved** by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor N. Barker and:

Resolved

3.1 That Part 3 of the Constitution be updated to reflect the following:

- a. The remits of the Street Scene and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee be merged.
- b. Renamed Committees as follows: -

Previous	New
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointments Panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosperous Places Scrutiny and Environment Scrutiny • Street Scene and Communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration, Street Scene and Communities Overview and Scrutiny

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s, Families and Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children, Education and Skills
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c. Reduced membership on the following committees: -

Committee	Previous Size	New Size
Planning Committee	20 (not politically balanced)	10 (politically balanced)
Licensing and Safety Committee	14	10
Scrutiny Overview and Governance Committee	11	10
Regeneration, Street Scene and Communities Overview and Scrutiny	11	10
Children, Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny	11	10
Social Care and Health	11	10

d. That substitute members may be nominated to the Planning Committee in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Council procedure rules (Part 4), subject to being trained.

3.2 The timetable of meetings for the municipal year 2026/2027 as set out in **Appendix 1** of the report be approved.

3.3 Council notes the intention of the Administration to request: -

- Licensing and Safety to establish one, rather than two Taxi Licensing Committee’s.
- Appointments Panel (to become Employment Committee) to retain the delegation to hear appeals against dismissals, rather than establish 2 Employment Appeal Committees.

3.4 That Council note that a further review of the Constitution, including officer delegations, will take place during the 2026/2027 municipal year.

19. **Appointments to Committees**

A list of nominations from the political groups was circulated around the Council Chamber.

The list was **moved** by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor N, Barker and:

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to Committees for the municipal year 2026/27:

Audit, Risk and Assurance

Councillors Ault, Henery, Beecha, Clarke, Simmons, Martin and Ahmed

A. Green (Independent member)

(1 Independent member vacancy.)

Corporate Parenting Board

Councillors Lynch, Jones, Goodall, Hickey, Nugent, Dhesey and B. Hussain (Pleck)

Health and Wellbeing Board

Councillors Eason, Harrison, Eason, Jones and Dhesy

Licensing and Safety Committee

Councillors Beecha, Griffiths, Tapper, Nizamoglu, Bailey, Sadla, Henery, Parkes, Martin and K. Hussain

Employment Committee

Councillors N. Barker, Williams, Sambrook, Clarke, Benton, Andrew and Nawaz

Planning Committee

Councillors Sadla, Benton, Sutton, Bailey, Simmons, Beecha, Tapper, Murray, Singh Sohal and Nawaz

Standards Committee

Councillors Harrison, Dixon, Tandy, Rollinson, Goodall, Barker, Lunn, Edwards, Shimm and B. Hussain (St Matthews)

Scrutiny Overview and Governance Committee

Councillors Clarke, Simmons, Dixon, Burton, Sutton, Wilberforce, Andrew, Murray, Nawaz and K. Hussain

Children, Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Burton, Sambrook, Darby, Lynch, Wilberforce, Ault, Wilson, Bashir and Miah (1 vacancy)

Regeneration, Street Scene and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Sutton, Creaney, Nugent, Lathe, Griffiths, Lunn, Andrew, Parkes, Ahmed and Cheema

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Awotwe, Rollinson, McCracken, Darby, Nizamoglu, Singh, Babb, Nawaz and K. Hussain (1 vacancy)

20. Appointments of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber which identified a number of contested seats.

Councillor Williams **moved**, and it was duly seconded by Councillor N. Barker, that the non-contested seats be appointed.

Resolved

That the following Members be appointed Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees for the municipal year 2026/27

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Employment Committee	Nicky Barker	Elaine Williams
Audit, Risk and Assurance	Mr Andy Green (Independent Person)	Ann Ault
Corporate Parenting Board	Lisa Jones	Lesley Lynch
Health and Wellbeing Board	Matthew Eason	Representative from the CCG

Licensing and Safety	Rohan Beecha	Karem Griffiths
Planning	Tony Sadla	Ian Benton
Standards	Peter Harrison	CONTESTED
Children, Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny	CONTESTED	David Sambrook
Regeneration, Street Scene and Communities Overview and Scrutiny	Pete Sutton	CONTESTED
Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny	CONTESTED	Dan Rollinson

The Mayor then invited Members to move the nominations for each of the contested seats.

Standards Committee Vice-Chair

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor N. Barker:

Reform UK – Councillor Dixon

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Andrew and seconded by Councillor Murray:

Conservatives – Councillor Shmim

Prior to the vote being taken, a named vote was requested by several members of the meeting. The voting being recorded as follows:

For Councillor Dixon: 36	For Councillor Shmim: 20	Abstain: 2
Cllr: Williams Bailey M. Barker N. Barker Beecha Benton Burton	Cllr: Andrew Nawaz Ahmad A. Ahmed M. Ahmed Babb Bashir	Cllr: Fleming Perry

Chapman Clarke Creaney Darby Dixon Eason Goodall Griffiths Harrison Henery Hickey Jones Lathe Lunn Lynch McCracken Mitchell Nizamoglu Nugent Parsons Rollinson Sadla Sambrook Simmons Singh Sutton Tabbi Tandy Tapper	Cheema Dhesy Edwards B. Hussain (Pleck) B. Hussain (St Matthews) K. Hussain Martin Miah Murray Parkes Shmim Singh Sohal Wilson	
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Resolved

That Councillor Dixon be appointed as Standards Committee Vice-Chair for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Scrutiny Overview and Governance Committee Chair

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor N. Barker:

Reform UK – Councillor Clarke

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Nawaz and seconded by Councillor K. Hussain:

Walsall Community Independents – Councillor Nawaz

Prior to the vote being taken, a named vote was requested by several members of the meeting. The voting being recorded as follows:

For Councillor Clarke: 36	For Councillor Nawaz: 21	Abstain: 1
Cllr: Williams Bailey M. Barker N. Barker Beecha Benton Burton Chapman Clarke Creaney Darby Dixon Eason Goodall Griffiths Harrison Henery Hickey Jones Lathe Lunn Lynch McCracken Mitchell Nizamoglu Nugent Parsons Rollinson Sadla Sambrook Simmons Singh Sutton Tabbi Tandy Tapper	Cllr: Andrew Nawaz Ahmad A. Ahmed M. Ahmed Babb Bashir Cheema Dhesy Edwards B. Hussain (Pleck) B. Hussain (St Matthews) K. Hussain Martin Miah Murray Parkes Perry Shmim Singh Sohal Wilson	Cllr: Fleming

Resolved

That Councillor Clarke be appointed as Scrutiny Overview and Governance Committee Chair for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Scrutiny Overview and Governance Committee Vice-Chair

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor N. Barker:

Reform UK – Councillor Simmons

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Andrew and seconded by Councillor Wilson:

Conservatives – Councillor Murray

Prior to the vote being taken, a named vote was requested by several members of the meeting. The voting being recorded as follows:

For Councillor Simmons: 36	For Councillor Murray: 21	Abstain: 1
Cllr: Williams Bailey M. Barker N. Barker Beecha Benton Burton Chapman Clarke Creaney Darby Dixon Eason Goodall Griffiths Harrison Henery Hickey Jones Lathe Lunn Lynch McCracken Mitchell Nizamoglu Nugent Parsons Rollinson Sadla Sambrook Simmons Singh Sutton Tabbi Tandy Tapper	Cllr: Andrew Nawaz Ahmad A. Ahmed M. Ahmed Babb Bashir Cheema Dhesy Edwards B. Hussain (Pleck) B. Hussain (St Matthews) K. Hussain Martin Miah Murray Parkes Perry Shmim Singh Sohal Wilson	Cllr: Fleming

Resolved

That Councillor Simmons be appointed as Scrutiny Overview and Governance Committee Vice-Chair for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Children, Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor N. Barker:

Reform UK – Councillor Burton

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Andrew and seconded by Councillor Murray:

Conservatives – Councillor Wilson

Prior to the vote being taken, a named vote was requested by several members of the meeting. The voting being recorded as follows:

For Councillor Burton: 36	For Councillor Wilson: 20	Abstain: 2
Cllr: Williams Bailey M. Barker N. Barker Beecha Benton Burton Chapman Clarke Creaney Darby Dixon Eason Goodall Griffiths Harrison Henery Hickey Jones Lathe Lunn Lynch McCracken Mitchell Nizamoglu Nugent Parsons Rollinson	Cllr: Andrew Nawaz Ahmad A. Ahmed M. Ahmed Babb Bashir Cheema Dhesy Edwards B. Hussain (Pleck) B. Hussain (St Matthews) K. Hussain Martin Miah Murray Parkes Shmim Singh Sohal Wilson	Cllr: Fleming Perry

Sadla Sambrook Simmons Singh Sutton Tabbi Tandy Tapper		
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Resolved

That Councillor Burton be appointed as Children, Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Chair for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Regeneration, Street Scene and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Vice-Chair

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor N. Barker:

Reform UK – Councillor Creaney

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Andrew and seconded by Councillor Murray:

Conservatives – Councillor Parkes

Prior to the vote being taken, a named vote was requested by several members of the meeting. The voting being recorded as follows:

For Councillor Creaney: 36	For Councillor Parkes: 20	Abstain: 2
Cllr: Williams Bailey M. Barker N. Barker Beecha Benton Burton Chapman Clarke Creaney Darby Dixon Eason Goodall Griffiths Harrison Henery Hickey	Cllr: Andrew Nawaz Ahmad A. Ahmed M. Ahmed Babb Bashir Cheema Dhesy Edwards B. Hussain (Pleck) B. Hussain (St Matthews) K. Hussain Martin Miah Murray Parkes	Cllr: Fleming Perry

Jones Lathe Lunn Lynch McCracken Mitchell Nizamoglu Nugent Parsons Rollinson Sadla Sambrook Simmons Singh Sutton Tabbi Tandy Tapper	Shmim Singh Sohal Wilson	
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Resolved

That Councillor Creaney be appointed as Regeneration, Street Scene and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Vice-Chair for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Chair

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor N. Barker:

Reform UK – Councillor Awotwe

The following nomination was moved by Councillor Nawaz and seconded by Councillor K. Hussain:

Walsall Community Independents – Councillor K. Hussain

Prior to the vote being taken, a named vote was requested by several members of the meeting. The voting being recorded as follows:

For Councillor Awotwe: 36	For Councillor K. Hussain: 20	Abstained: 2
Cllr: Williams Bailey M. Barker N. Barker Beecha Benton Burton	Cllr: Andrew Nawaz Ahmad A. Ahmed M. Ahmed Babb Bashir	Cllr: Fleming Perry

Chapman Clarke Creaney Darby Dixon Eason Goodall Griffiths Harrison Henery Hickey Jones Lathe Lunn Lynch McCracken Mitchell Nizamoglu Nugent Parsons Rollinson Sadla Sambrook Simmons Singh Sutton Tabbi Tandy Tapper	Cheema Dhesy Edwards B. Hussain (Pleck) B. Hussain (St Matthews) K. Hussain Martin Miah Murray Parkes Shmim Singh Sohal Wilson	
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Resolved

That Councillor Awotwe be appointed as Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Chair for the 2026/27 municipal year.

21. **Appointment of representatives to outside bodies and charities**

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber which identified a number of contested seats.

Councillor Williams **moved**, and it was duly seconded by Councillor N. Barker, that the non-contested seats be appointed.

Resolved

That the following non-contested Members be appointed to the undermentioned bodies for the municipal year 2026/27, as amended:

(a) Outside bodies

West Midlands Combined Authority – Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Simmons and Martin

West Midlands Combined Authority – Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee

Councillors Sadla and Beecha (substitute)

Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee

Councillors Beecha and Sadla (substitute)

Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Councillor Lynch

Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROL AJC)

Councillors Awotwe and Simmons (substitute)

Project W2R (Staffordshire Energy Recovery Facility) Contract Management Board (CMB)

Councillor Benton

River Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

Councillors Benton and Singh (deputy)

Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities (SIGOMA)

Councillor Williams

Walsall Society for the Blind

Councillors Ault and Goodall

WMCA Employment Committee

Councillor Williams

West Midlands Employers (WME) Shareholder Board

Councillor Henery

West Midlands Combined Authority Board

Councillors Williams and N. Barker and Councillors Chapman and Benton (substitutes)

WMCA Investments Board

Councillor Williams

WMCA Investments Zone Board

Councillor N. Barker

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Councillors Fleming and Benton (substitute)

(b) Charities

Barr Beacon Trust

Councillors Benton, Darby, Hickey, Griffiths, Fleming, Wilson, Murray, Andrew, Babb and Parkes

Catherine Walker Charity

1 vacancy

C.C. Walker Charity

Councillor Tandy

Fishley Charity

Councillor Martin

Merrions Wood

Councillors Andrew and Singh-Sohal

School Holiday Camp Fund of Walsall (Bryntysilio)

1 vacancy

W.J. Croft Charity

Councillor Nawaz

(c) Advisory and statutory bodies

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Councillors Henery, Darby, Sadla, Nizamoglu, Awotwe, Singh-Sohal, B. Hussain (Pleck)

Fostering Panel

Councillor Shmim

The Mayor confirmed with the consent of the meeting that the contested seats for outside bodies were deferred to the next meeting of Full Council.

22. Appointment of Debate Not Hate Champion

A report was submitted.

(See annexed)

It was **moved** by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor N. Barker and:

Resolved

That Councillor Nizamoglu be appointed.

There being no further items of business, the meeting concluded at 9.01 p.m.

Mayor:

Date: