



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 25th June 2012 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

Present

Councillor D.A. Anson (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor M. Nazir (Deputy Mayor)

“ A.J.A. Andrew
“ R.E. Andrew
“ M. Arif
“ I. Azam
“ D.J. Barker
“ O.D. Bennett
“ M.A. Bird
“ C. Bott
“ P. Bott
“ R. Burley
“ B. Cassidy
“ K. Chambers
“ A.G. Clarke
“ J. R. Cook
“ D. Coughlan
“ S.P. Coughlan
“ C.U. Creaney
“ A. Ditta
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul
“ J. Fitzpatrick
“ S.F. Fitzpatrick
“ M. D. Flower
“ A.D. Harris
“ L.A. Harrison
“ E.F. Hughes
“ K. Hussain

Councillor G. Illmann-Walker

“ D. James
“ L.D. Jeavons
“ T.J. Jukes
“ M. Longhi
“ Ms. R.A. Martin
“ Mrs. B.V. McCracken
“ J. Murray
“ T.S.Oliver
“ G. Perry
“ L.J. Rattigan
“ J. Rochelle
“ E.B. Russell
“ H.S. Sarohi
“ K. Sears
“ Mrs. D.A. Shires
“ I. Shires
“ P.E. Smith
“ R.M. Thomas
“ C.D.D. Towe
“ D.J. Turner
“ S. Wade
“ F.J. Westley
“ V. Whyte
“ V.G. Woodruff
“ R.V. Worrall
“ A. Young
“ Zahid Ali

20. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ansell, Fletcher-Hall, Phillips and Underhill.

21. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

22. **Localism Act 2011 – the amended Standards regime**

A report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Bird and duly seconded:

- (1) That the Council adopt the Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.
- (2) That the Council appoint Dr. A. Sen and Mr. C. Topliss to be independent persons under the Councils standards regime.
- (3) That Council adopt the arrangements for dealing with complaints of breach under the Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 2 of this report.
- (4) That the Council establish a Standards Committee, comprising seven members of the Council, with the Leader of the Council nominating only one member of the executive to this Committee.
- (5) That Council approve that the Standards Committee have the power to set up hearing sub-committees of three elected members, without the requirement for political balance in respect of those sub-committees.
- (6) That Council delegate the function of investigating and determining complaints, and managing the arrangements for dealing with complaints to the Standards Committee of the Council, and the Monitoring Officer.
- (7) That the Council delegate power to grant dispensations as set out in paragraph 3.10 of this report.

Amendment moved by Councillor Oliver and seconded by Councillor S. Coughlan:

- (1) That the Council adopt the Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (2) That the Council appoint Dr. A. Sen and Mr. C. Topliss to be independent persons under the Council's standards regime.
- (3) That the Council adopt the arrangements for dealing with complaints of breach under the Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 2 of this report.
- (4) That the Council establish a Standards Committee, comprising 10 members of the Council, with the Leader of the Council nominating only one member of the executive to this Committee.
- (5) That Council approve that the Standards Committee have the power to set up hearing sub-committees of four elected members, to be politically balanced.
- (6) That Council delegate the function of investigating and determining complaints, and managing the arrangements for dealing with complaints to the Standards Committee of the Council, and the Monitoring Officer.
- (7) That the Council delegate power to grant dispensations as set out in paragraph 3.10 of this report.

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 (unanimous)

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- (3) That the Council adopt the arrangements for dealing with complaints of breach under the Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 2 of this report.
- (4) That the Council establish a Standards Committee, comprising 10 members of the Council, with the Leader of the Council nominating only one member of the executive to this Committee.
- (5) That Council approve that the Standards Committee have the power to set up hearing sub-committees of four elected members, to be politically balanced.

- (6) That Council delegate the function of investigating and determining complaints, and managing the arrangements for dealing with complaints to the Standards Committee of the Council, and the Monitoring Officer.
- (7) That the Council delegate power to grant dispensations as set out in paragraph 3.10 of this report.

23. **Localism Act 2011 – Changes to the Constitution in respect of planning related matters**

A report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Bird, duly seconded and it was:

Resolved

That the amendments to the Constitution relating to planning related matters as set out in the report be approved.

The meeting terminated at 6.55 p.m.

Mayor:

Date: