



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 19th October 2015 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

Present

Councillor A. Underhill (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor)

“ A.J.A. Andrew
“ D.A. Anson
“ M. Arif
“ O.D. Bennett
“ M.A. Bird
“ C. Bott
“ P. Bott
“ R. Burley
“ A.G. Clarke
“ C.E. Clews
“ S.J. Cooper
“ S.R. Craddock
“ A. Ditta
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul
“ K. Ferguson
“ M. Follows
“ J. Fitzpatrick
“ S.F. Fitzpatrick
“ A.D. Harris
“ L.A. Harrison
“ D.T. Hazell
“ E.A. Hazell
“ A. Hicken
“ E.F. Hughes
“ K. Hussain

Councillor D. James

“ L.D. Jeavons
“ C. Jones
“ A. Kudhail
“ Mrs. R.A. Martin
“ J. Murray
“ A.A. Nawaz
“ G. Perry
“ L.J. Rattigan
“ I.C. Robertson
“ J. Rochelle
“ E.B. Russell
“ H.S. Sarohi
“ K. Sears
“ Mrs. D.A. Shires
“ I. Shires
“ P.E. Smith
“ G.S. Sohal
“ C.D.D. Towe
“ S. Wade
“ P. Washbrook
“ F.J. Westley
“ V. Whyte
“ T.S. Wilson
“ R.V. Worrall
“ A. Young

55. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Chambers, D. Coughlan, S. Coughlan, Jukes and Nazir.

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

There were no items to be considered in private session.

57. **Suspension of Council procedure rules**

It was **moved** by Councillor I. Shires and duly seconded:

That Council procedure rule 15.5 “When a member may speak again” be suspended for the duration of the meeting.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared lost.

58. **A combined authority for the West Midlands**

The report to Cabinet on 19th October 2015 was submitted.

A copy of the recommendation of Cabinet from that meeting was circulated around the Council Chamber.

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

That the final ‘Governance Review’ and ‘Scheme’ for the West Midlands Combined Authority be approved and submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; confirming that Walsall Council will join the West Midlands Combined Authority as a ‘Constituent Member’.

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 –
43 members**

Cllr: Bird
I. Shires
Andrew
Arif
Bennett
Burley
Clews
Cooper

**Against the motion -
6 members**

Cllr: E. Hazell
C. Bott
P. Bott
Craddock
D. Hazell
Smith

**Abstained -
4 members**

Cllr: Anson
Clarke
Ferguson
Sears

Ditta
Douglas-Maul
J. Fitzpatrick
S. Fitzpatrick
Follows
Harris
Harrison
Hicken
Hughes
Hussain
James
Jeavons
Jones
Kudhail
Martin
Murray
Nawaz
Perry
Phillips
Rattigan
Robertson
Rochelle
Russell
Sarohi
D. Shires
Sohal
Towe
Underhill
Wade
Washbrook
Westley
Whyte
Wilson
Worrall
Young

and it was:

Resolved

That the final 'Governance Review' and 'Scheme' for the West Midlands Combined Authority be approved and submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; confirming that Walsall Council will join the West Midlands Combined Authority as a 'Constituent Member'.

The meeting terminated at 7.15 p.m.