



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **ADJOURNED MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Wednesday 23rd May, 2007, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

Present

Councillor M.G. Pitt (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor T.G. Ansell (Deputy Mayor)

“ A.J.A. Andrew
“ M. Arif
“ C.M. Ault
“ L.A. Beeley
“ Mrs. J. Beilby
“ M.A. Bird
“ C. Bott
“ P. Bott
“ B. Cassidy
“ K. Chambers
“ A.G. Clarke
“ J. R. Cook
“ S.P. Coughlan
“ C.U. Creaney
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul
“ M. D. Flower
“ A.E. Griffiths
“ A.D. Harris
“ L.A. Harrison
“ E.F. Hughes
“ P.F. Hughes
“ A.D. Johnson
“ H. Khan
“ M. Longhi
“ S.W. Madeley
“ Ms. R.A. Martin

Councillor Mrs. B.V. McCracken

“ Mushtaq Ahmed
“ M. Nazir
“ J.G. O'Hare
“ T.S.Oliver
“ A.J. Paul
“ G. Perry
“ J.D. Phillips
“ K. Phillips
“ D.J. Pitt
“ I.C. Robertson
“ J. Rochelle
“ B. Sanders
“ H.S. Sarohi
“ K. Sears
“ Mrs. D.A. Shires
“ I. Shires
“ P.E. Smith
“ C.D.D. Towe
“ D.J. Turner
“ W.T. Twedde
“ A. Underhill
“ R.A. Walker
“ V.G. Woodruff
“ M. Yasin
“ P.A. Young
“ Zahid Ali

11. **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Sears declared a personal interest in Acorn Home Care.

12. **Petitions**

The following petitions were submitted:

- (1) Councillor Young – residents of Bloxwich Road relating to brown bins.
- (2) Councillor Robertson:
 - (a) Residents of Masefield Road relating to brown bins.
 - (b) Dartmouth Neighbourhood Partnership – service to elderly and disabled residents in their own homes.

13. **Results of local elections – 3rd May 2007**

The report was submitted.

Resolved

That the contents of the report be noted.

14. **Formation of political groups**

The report was circulated around the Council Chamber.

Resolved

That the Council notes the receipt of returns from political groups.

15. **Appointment of Leader of the Council**

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

That Councillor J.G. O'Hare be appointed Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2007/2008.

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

Resolved

That Councillor J.G. O'Hare be appointed Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2007/2008.

16. Appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council

It was **moved** by Councillor O'Hare and seconded by Councillor Bird:-

That Councillor A. Andrew be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2007/2008.

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

Resolved

That Councillor A. Andrew be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2007/2008.

17. Constitution and timetable of meetings 2007/2008

The report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor O'Hare and seconded by Councillor Andrew:

- (1) That all reference to the Scrutiny Management Board be deleted from the Constitution.
- (2) That a scrutiny working group be established for the municipal year 2007/2008, the composition to be determined by the Chairs of the Scrutiny and Performance Panels.
- (3) That Development Control Committee meet at 5.30 p.m. when matters other than development control issues are under consideration and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.
- (4) That the timetable of meetings for the municipal year 2007/2008 be approved, with the deletion of all reference to the Scrutiny Management Board.

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

Resolved

- (1) That all reference to the Scrutiny Management Board be deleted from the Constitution.

- (2) That a scrutiny working group be established for the municipal year 2007/2008, the composition to be determined by the Chairs of the Scrutiny and Performance Panels.
- (3) That Development Control Committee meet at 5.30 p.m. when matters other than development control issues are under consideration and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.
- (4) That the timetable of meetings for the municipal year 2007/2008 be approved, with the deletion of all reference to the Scrutiny Management Board.

18. **Appointment of members to the Executive**

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber prior to the meeting.

It was **moved** by Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Andrew and:-

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to the Cabinet for the municipal year 2007/2008:-

	Description of portfolio	Name of portfolio holder
1.	Leader of the Council - overall responsibility for Vision for 2008, the corporate plan, communications and public relations, city region agenda, government relations and liaison with local MPs and West Midlands leaders. Local Area Agreement and Local Strategic Partnership.	Councillor John O'Hare
2.	Children's services - education services, including relationship with Education Walsall, social services for children, safeguarding and promoting welfare of children, looked after children and corporate parenting, care leavers, interagency cooperation, involvement of children and young people, youth parliament, children's trust arrangements, youth offending services, youth service, summer activities programme, school meals, school music services	Councillor Zahid Ali

	Description of portfolio	Name of portfolio holder
3.	Communities and partnerships – local neighbourhood partnerships, community engagement and consultation, local area plans, community associations, community safety agenda, Safer Walsall Partnership, equalities and diversity, voluntary and community sectors, customer contact.	Councillor Garry Perry
4.	Environment - waste management, clean and green agenda, sustainability, environmental health, cemeteries and crematoria, licensing, pollution control, Coroner Service and Registrars.	Councillor Rachel Walker
5.	Finance and personnel - strategic and operational financial management, insurance and policy led budgeting. Financial regulations, audit, legal services, constitutional services; Mayor’s office. Human resources and organisational development (including Member development).	Councillor Al Griffiths
6.	Leisure and culture - parks, leisure and culture services including the Art Gallery, libraries, adult learning, sports, museums and twinning.	Councillor Louise Harrison
7.	Procurement, transformation and performance management - performance management, strategic procurement, risk management and information technology.	Councillor Mohammed Arif
8.	Regeneration - economic development, urban regeneration company (URC), physical development, environmental regeneration, markets, property, New Deal for Communities (NDC), Black Country Consortium, West Midlands regeneration issues. Town and district centres. Planning policy and local development framework.	Councillor Adrian Andrew

	Description of portfolio	Name of portfolio holder
9.	Social care, health and housing - care services for older people and people with learning disabilities, people with physical disabilities and people with mental health needs, health partnership and the public health agenda, community meals and supporting people. Strategic housing role, housing partnerships, private sector housing, homelessness, and relationship with Walsall Housing Group (WHG).	Councillor Barbara McCracken
10.	Transport – traffic and transportation, car parks, gateways and corridors, strategic transport and highways	Councillor Anthony Harris

19. **Appointments on Committees**

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber prior to the meeting.

It was **moved** by Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Andrew and:-

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to Committees for the municipal year 2007/2008:-

Audit Committee

Councillors C. Bott, Cook, Khan, Martin, Robertson, Sanders, Turner

Appointments Board

Councillors Andrew, Nazir, O'Hare, I. Shires
 Councillor Oliver (or Labour Group member relevant to the appointment)
 2 Cabinet members relevant to the appointment

Development Control Committee

Ward	Councillor
Aldridge Central & South	Rochelle
Aldridge North & Walsall Wood	Flower
Bentley & Darlaston North	Madeley
Birchills-Leamore	J. Phillips
Blakenall	Young

Ward	Councillor
Bloxwich East	Beeley
Bloxwich West	Harrison
Brownhills	Turner
Darlaston South	P. Bott
Paddock	Sanders
Palfrey	Yasin
Pelsall	Ault
Pheasey Park Farm	Bird
Pleck	Anson
Rushall-Shelfield	Micklewright
Short Heath	D.A. Shires
St. Matthews	McCracken
Streetly	Douglas-Maul
Willenhall North	P. Hughes
Willenhall South	Underhill

Employment Appeals “A”

Councillors Beilby, Chambers, Cook, Douglas-Maul, Mushtaq, Paul, K. Phillips

Employment Appeals “B”

Councillors Ansell, Cassidy, Martin, Micklewright, E.E. Pitt, Sarohi, Tweddle

LEA Governor Appointment Panel

Councillors Anson, Flower, D.A. Shires, Towe, Yasin

Licensing and Safety Committee

Councillors Anson, Barton, Beeley, Beilby, Bird, Cassidy, P. Hughes, Johnson, Micklewright, Rochelle, Sears, Smith, Tweddle, Wilkes

Standards Committee

Councillors Andrew, Ansell, Underhill, Woodruff
 Independent members: Mr. L. Bates, Dr. K. Biscomb, Ms. K. Mcleod, Mr. R. Meller (2 vacancies)

Children’s and Young People

Councillors Bird, Cassidy, Chambers, Hughes, Khan, Martin, Micklewright, Mushtaq, E.E. Pitt

together with representatives from:-
 Lichfield Diocesan Education (1 - voting)
 Archbishop of Birmingham (1 - voting)
 Parent Governors (3 - voting)
 Primary Education Teacher (1 - non-voting)
 Secondary Education Teachers (1 - non-voting)

Neighbourhood

Councillors Beeley, Beilby, P. Bott, Creaney, Mushtaq, J. Phillips, Sears, Towe, Woodruff

Health Social Care and Inclusion

Councillors Ault, Barton, Bird, Micklewright, Oliver, Paul, D. Pitt, Robertson, Woodruff

Regeneration

Chairman: Councillor D. Pitt
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Coughlan

Councillors Ansell, Anson, Coughlan, Flower, E. Hughes, D. Pitt, I. Shires, Wilkes, Yasin

Corporate

Councillors Bird, Cook, Longhi, Nazir, Rochelle, J. Phillips, Sarohi, Towe, Turner

20. Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber prior to the meeting.

It was **moved** by Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Andrew and:-

Resolved

That the following members be appointed Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for 2007/2008:-

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Audit	Councillor Turner	Councillor Martin
Appointments Board	Councillor O'Hare	Councillor Andrew
Development Control	Councillor Bird	Councillor Beeley
Employment Appeals A	Councillor Douglas-Maul	Councillor Paul
Employment Appeals B	Councillor Ansell	Councillor Tweddle
LEA Governor Appointment Panel	Councillor Yasin	Councillor Flower

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Licensing and Safety	Councillor Sears	Councillor Tweddle
Taxi Licensing Sub A	Councillor Tweddle	
Taxi Licensing Sub B	Councillor Sears	
Children's and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Hughes	Councillor E.E. Pitt
Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Longhi	Councillor Nazir
Health, Social Care and Inclusion Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Oliver	Councillor Ault
Neighbourhood Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Towe	Councillor Creaney
Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor D. Pitt	Councillor Coughlan

21. **Appointments on outside bodies and charities**

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber prior to the meeting and the nominations were made as set out.

(a) **Outside bodies**

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to the undermentioned outside bodies for the municipal year 2007/2008:

Local Government – General Assembly

Councillor O'Hare (2 votes), Douglas-Maul, Oliver, I. Shires

West Midlands Local Government Association Council

Councillor O'Hare (4 votes) (Councillor Douglas-Maul (alternate)
Councillor Oliver (2 votes) (Councillor Coughlan alternate)

West Midlands Local Government Association Provincial Council

Councillor Douglas-Maul (Councillor Harris substitute)

West Midlands Local Government Association Planning Partnership

Councillor Griffiths (4 votes) and Councillor Douglas-Maul (Councillors Harris and O'Hare (alternate members)

Councillor Nazir (2 votes) (Councillor Coughlan alternate)

Councillor P. Hughes (1 vote) (Councillor D.A. Shires alternate)

West Midlands Regional Assembly Housing Partnership

Councillor Ansell (4 votes) (Councillor Arif alternate)

Councillor Nazir (2 votes) (Councillor Khan alternate)

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillors Douglas-Maul, M.G. Pitt and Wilkes and that Councillor Douglas-Maul and M.G. Pitt be nominated to answer questions on Fire and Rescue matters during 2007/2008.

West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority

Councillors Clarke, Chambers and Longhi and that Councillors Clarke and Longhis be nominated to answer questions on Passenger Transport Authority matters during 2007/2008.

West Midlands Joint Committee

Councillors O'Hare (voting), Andrew (non-voting), Oliver (non-voting)

Advantage West Midlands Regeneration Zone

Councillors Andrew

Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited – Board

Councillor O'Hare

Birmingham University Court

Councillor Flower

Black Country Groundwork Trust

Councillor Andrew

Black Country Consortium

Councillor O'Hare (or nominee)

Black Country Museum Trust

Councillor Harris

Black Country Small Business Service Board

Councillor Douglas-Maul

Forest of Mercia

Councillor Anson, Harrison, E.E. Pitt

Investigation of Air Pollution Standing Conference

Councillor Walker

New Deal Board

Councillor Beeley

Safer Walsall Borough Partnership

Councillor Perry

Steps to Work (Walsall) Limited

Councillor Ansell

South Staffs Water – Customer Consultative Committee

Councillor Douglas-Maul

Supporting People Commissioning Body

Councillor McCracken

Walsall and Wolverhampton Transport Users Advisory Committee

Councillor Douglas-Maul

Walsall Citizens Advice Bureau

Councillors Rochelle, J. Phillips

Walsall College of Continuing Education

Councillors Cassidy, Martin

Walsall Community Transport

Councillor Harris

Walsall Helping Generations

Councillor Andrew, McCracken, Robertson

Walsall Museum and Arts Galleries Development Trust

Councillor Harrison

Walsall Society for the Blind

Councillors Barton, Martin

West Midlands Joint Committee – Community Safety Sub-Committee

Councillor Perry

West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee

Councillors Harris (voting), Douglas-Maul (non-voting), Chambers (substitute)

West Midlands Superannuation Committee, Investment Advisory Sub-Committee and Joint Consultative Panel

Councillors Zahid (voting) Chambers (substitute)

Housing Groups

The following nominations were received as set out in the list circulated:

Walsall Housing Group

Councillors, Coughlan, Sanders, I. Shires

Aldridge Brownhills Housing Group

Councillor Paul

The following nominations were made to housing groups:

Bloxwich Housing Group

Councillors Tweddle, J. Phillips

Central Walsall Housing Group

Councillor Yasin, Khan

Darlaston Housing Group

Councillors Johnson, P. Bott

Willenhall Housing Group

Councillor Creaney, D.A. Shires

Following the nominations being put to the vote it was:

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to Housing Groups for the municipal year 2007/2008:

Walsall	Councillors Coughlan, Sanders, I. Shires
Aldridge Brownhills	Councillor Paul
Bloxwich	Councillor Tweddle
Central Walsall	Councillor Yasin
Darlaston	Councillor P. Bott
Willenhall	Councillor Creaney

Walsall Education Business Partnership

The following nominations were made to the partnership:

Councillor Towe
Councillor Chambers
Councillor Andrew

Resolved

That Councillors Towe and Andrew be appointed to the Walsall Education Business Partnership for the municipal year 2006/2008.

(b) Charities

That the following members be appointed to serve on the undermentioned Charities 2007/2008:

Blanch Woollaston Charity

Councillor P. Bott

C.C. Walker

Councillor K. Phillips

Harper, Marsh and Crumps Almshouses

Councillor Cassidy

Henry Boys Almshouses

Councillor P. Bott

Merrions Wood Trust

Councillor Andrew

Roger Hinton's Charity

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor

School Holiday Camp Fund of Walsall

Councillor Micklewright

Shelfield Playing Fields Charity

Councillor Walker

(c) Advisory bodies

Adoption Panel

Councillor Paul

School Organisation Committee

Councillors Bird, Micklewright, Paul, Towe, Cassidy, Chambers, E.E. Pitt

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Councillors Rochelle, Ault, Turner, Yasin, Cassidy, K. Phillips, Cook

Walsall Education Board

Councillors Zahid, Cassidy, E.E. Pitt

Walsall Admission Forum

Councillors Bird, Micklewright, Chambers, E.E. Pitt

22. Annual scrutiny report 2006/2007

The report was submitted.

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

Resolved

That the annual scrutiny report for the 2006/2007 municipal year be noted and that this will form the further development of the Council's scrutiny function.

The meeting terminated at 6.40 p.m.