



# Walsall Council

Minutes of the **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Thursday 2nd June 2016 at 6.00 pm** at the Council House.

## **Councillor K. Phillips (Mayor) in the Chair**

### Councillor M. Longhi (Deputy Mayor)

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

### Councillor D. James

“ L.D. Jeavons  
“ C. Jones  
“ T.J. Jukes  
“ Mrs. R.A. Martin  
“ J. Murray  
“ M. Nazir  
“ A.S. Nazir  
“ G. Perry  
“ L.J. Rattigan  
“ I.C. Robertson  
“ J. Rochelle  
“ E.B. Russell  
“ H.S. Sarohi  
“ K. Sears  
“ I. Shires  
“ G.S. Sohal  
“ C.D.D. Towe  
“ A. Underhill  
“ S. Wade  
“ M. Ward  
“ P. Washbrook  
“ T.S. Wilson  
“ R.V. Worrall  
“ A. Young

23. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Andrew, Creaney, S. Ditta, Hicken, Hussain and Nawaz.

24. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no items to be considered in private session.

26. **West Midlands Combined Authority Draft Mayoral Scheme, Mayoral Elections Order and West Midlands Devolution deal**

The report to Cabinet was submitted.

The following recommendation of Cabinet from its meeting earlier in the afternoon was submitted:

“(1) That Cabinet, as a Constituent Member of the West Midlands Combined Authority agrees the Mayoral Governance Review (appendix 1), and recommends to Council the approval of the Mayoral Governance Review.

(2) That Cabinet, as a Constituent Member of the West Midlands Combined Authority, agrees with the content the draft West Midlands Mayoral ‘Elections’ Order (appendix 3) establishing the position of Mayor and enabling elections to occur in 2017, and recommends to Council the approval of the Mayoral Order subject to recommendation (3) below.

(3) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree minor non-material amendments to the West Midlands Mayoral ‘Elections’ Order.

(4) That Cabinet, as a Constituent Member of the West Midlands Combined Authority, approves the draft Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority Scheme (appendix 2) setting out the Mayor’s ‘Powers and Functions’ to deliver the West Midlands Devolution Deal, and in doing so, agrees that the Mayoral Scheme be consulted upon and recommends the same to Council.

(5) That Cabinet is satisfied with the content and recommends to Council the, approval of the West Midlands Devolution Deal (appendix 4)

(6) That Cabinet agrees to receive a future report containing the draft Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority 'Powers and Functions' Order

(7) That Cabinet agrees, subject to the terms of a agreement, to underwrite one seventh of Birmingham City Council's revenue account losses arising from its role as Accountable Body for the West Midlands Collective Investment Fund ('CIF') until such time that the West Midlands Combined Authority is able to borrow funds for non-transportation purposes in its own right. This would support early implementation of the CIF (see paragraph 6.4).

### **To recommend to Council**

(1) That the Mayoral Governance Review (appendix 1) be approved.

(2) That the draft West Midlands Mayoral 'Elections' Order (appendix 3) establishing the position of Mayor and enabling elections to occur in 2017, be approved subject to recommendation (3) of Cabinet.

(3) That the draft Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority Scheme (appendix 2) setting out the Mayor's 'Powers and Functions' to deliver the West Midlands Devolution Deal, be approved and that the Mayoral Scheme be consulted upon.

(4) That the West Midlands Devolution Deal (appendix 4) be approved."

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

(1) That the Mayoral Governance Review (appendix 1) be approved.

(2) That the draft West Midlands Mayoral 'Elections' Order (appendix 3) establishing the position of Mayor and enabling elections to occur in 2017, be approved subject to recommendation (3) of Cabinet.

(3) That the draft Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority Scheme (appendix 2) setting out the Mayor's 'Powers and Functions' to deliver the West Midlands Devolution Deal, be approved and that the Mayoral Scheme be consulted upon.

(4) That the West Midlands Devolution Deal (appendix 4) be approved."

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 –  
42 members**

Cllr: Bird  
S. Coughlan  
Shires

**Against the motion -  
9 members**

Cllr: E. Hazell  
Clarke  
Craddock

Allen	Ferguson
Barker	Harris
Bennett	D. Hazell
Burley	Longhi
Chambers	Perry
Clews	Sears
Cooper	
D. Coughlan	
A. Ditta	
Douglas-Maul	
J. Fitzpatrick	
S. Fitzpatrick	
Follows	
Gultasib	
Harrison	
Hughes	
James	
Jeavons	
Jones	
Jukes	
Martin	
Murray	
A. Nazir	
M. Nazir	
Phillips	
Rattigan	
Robertson	
Rochelle	
Russell	
Sarohi	
Sohal	
Towe	
Underhill	
Ward	
Wade	
Washbrook	
Wilson	
Worrall	
Young	

and it was:

**Resolved**

(1) That the Mayoral Governance Review (appendix 1) be approved.

(2) That the draft West Midlands Mayoral 'Elections' Order (appendix 3) establishing the position of Mayor and enabling elections to occur in 2017, be approved subject to recommendation (3) of Cabinet.

(3) That the draft Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority Scheme (appendix 2) setting out the Mayor's 'Powers and Functions' to deliver the West Midlands Devolution Deal, be approved and that the Mayoral Scheme be consulted upon.

(4) That the West Midlands Devolution Deal (appendix 4) be approved.”

The meeting terminated at 6.35 p.m.