



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Thursday 28th January, 2010, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

Present

Councillor J.G. O'Hare (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor A.G. Clarke (Deputy Mayor)

" K. Aftab
" A.J.A. Andrew
" T.G. Ansell
" D.A. Anson
" M. Arif
" L.A. Beeley
" M.A. Bird
" P. Bott
" R. Carpenter
" B. Cassidy
" K. Chambers
" J. R. Cook
" S.P. Coughlan
" C.U. Creaney
" M. D. Flower
" A.E. Griffiths
" L.A. Harrison
" E.F. Hughes
" P.F. Hughes
" A.D. Johnson
" M. Longhi
" S.W. Madeley
" Ms R.A. Martin
" Mrs. B.V. McCracken
" M. Munir

Councillor Mushtaq Ahmed

" M. Nazir
" T.S.Oliver
" A.J. Paul
" G. Perry
" K. Phillips
" D.J. Pitt
" M.G. 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. Tweddle
" A. Underhill
" R.A. Walker
" G. Wilkes
" V.G. Woodruff
" M. Yasin
" P.A. Young
" Zahid Ali

75. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ault, Barton, C. Bott, Douglas-Maul, Harris and E.E. Pitt.

76. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

77. **Suspension of Council procedure rules**

(1) It was **moved** by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Bird:

That Council procedure rules 15.4, 15.5 and 15.9 be suspended to enable a full debate on the item Area Partnerships: A developing model for Neighbourhood Management before the Council.

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

Resolved

That Council procedure rules 15.4, 15.5 and 15.9 be suspended to enable a full debate on the item Area Partnerships: A developing model for Neighbourhood Management before the Council.

(2) It was **moved** by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Bird:

That Council procedure rules 3.2(a) be suspended to allow the Council to appoint to the vacant position of portfolio holder for Leisure and Culture.

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

Resolved

That Council procedure rules 3.2(a) be suspended to allow the Council to appoint to the vacant position of portfolio holder for Leisure and Culture.

78. **Area Partnerships: A developing model for Neighbourhood Management**

The report was submitted.

Councillor Bird introduced this item and briefly explained the idea behind the change from the present system. He went on to say that this was a fluid document which would be worked on in the coming months.

The Mayor then introduced Clive Wright, Walsall Partnership Director to speak to the report.

Clive Wright introduced Gary Fullford the Chief Executive of Walsall Housing Group and Chief Superintendent Kevin Bullas who explained their role as partners within the Council in this enterprise.

Clive Wright then read out a letter from the Chief Executive of NHS Walsall which set out their commitment to the proposals and apologising for not being able to attend the Council meeting due to a meeting of their board.

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

- (1) That the report be approved for implementation.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Neighbourhood services working with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder to implement the proposals including any refinements or adaptation resulting from negotiating arrangements with partners and existing local structures or on-going consultations.
- (3) That any underspend of external funding allocated for projects in the areas, regardless of the external funding source, be carried forward in to the next financial year.

The following members spoke to the report: Councillors Smith, Perry, Oliver, Anson, Ali, I. Shires, Arif, Ansell, Roberston, Phillips, M.G. Pitt, Underhill, Young, Rochelle and Coughlan.

Councillor Bird replied to the debate.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote which was declared carried and:

Resolved

- (1) That the report be approved for implementation.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Neighbourhood services working with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder to implement the proposals including any refinements or adaptation resulting from negotiating arrangements with partners and existing local structures or on-going consultations.
- (3) That any underspend of external funding allocated for projects in the areas, regardless of the external funding source, be carried forward in to the next financial year.

79. **Late item – Appointment of portfolio holder for leisure and culture**

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

Resolved

That Councillor Harris be appointed portfolio holder for Leisure and Culture for the remainder of the municipal year

The meeting terminated at 8.10 p.m.