

## COUNCIL

*At a meeting of the Council on Friday, 21 May 2010 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall*

Present: Councillors Loftus, Austin, Balmer, M. Bradshaw, Browne, Shepherd, Hodgkinson, J. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Dennett, Findon, Fraser, Gerrard, Gilligan, Harris, Hignett, Horabin, Howard, D. Inch, Jones, Lloyd Jones, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, McDermott, McInerney, Morley, Murray, Nelson, Nolan, Norddahl, Osborne, Parker, Philbin, Polhill, M. Ratcliffe, Redhead, Rowe, Stockton, Swain, Thompson, Wainwright, Wallace, Wharton, Wright, C. Carlin, J. Gerrard, M. Hodge, P. Lloyd Jones, A. Macmanus and J. Roberts

Apologies for Absence: Councillors P. Blackmore, Bryant, Edge, M. Fry, Leadbetter and E. Ratcliffe

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, M. Reaney, A. Scott, I. Leivesley, D. Johnson, G. Meehan and D. Tregea

Also in attendance: G. Cook

### *Action*

#### COU1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Paul Nolan and seconded by Councillor Shaun Osborne.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Marie Wright be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

Moved by Councillor Peter Murray and seconded by Councillor Peter Browne.

RESOLVED: That Councillor David Findon be elected Deputy Mayor for the Borough for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

#### **THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR MARIE WRIGHT) IN THE CHAIR**

#### COU2 MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held on 21 April 2010, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

### COU3 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:-

1. that the charities she would support during her term of office would be:
  - YMCA Night Stop
  - H.E.A.R.T.S. (Halton Entertainment and Arts Regional Theatre School)
  - Widnes and Runcorn Cancer Support Group
2. a letter from Tongling had been received wishing her a successful year as Mayor; and
3. the Mayor's Chaplain for 2010/11 would be Father Mathew Noones.

### COU4 BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 6 MAY 2010

Details of the election results held on 6 May 2010 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED: That the election results be noted.

### COU5 EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 18 MAY 2010

The following recommendations of the Executive Board were moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor.

### COU6 LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Councillor Polhill be appointed Leader of the

Council for the Municipal Year 2010/2011; and

(2) Councillor Wharton be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

COU7    **BOARDS, COMMITTEES, APPEAL PANEL AND WORKING PARTY**

RESOLVED: That the Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel and Working Party be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2010/11:

**Executive Board (10)**

Councillors Polhill, (Chairman), D. Cargill, A Gerrard, Harris, Jones, McInerney, Nelson, Stockton, Swain, and Wharton.

**Executive Sub (3)**

Councillors Wharton (Chairman), Harris and Nelson.

**3MG Executive Sub-Board (3)**

Councillors McInerney(Chairman), Nelson and Stockton

**Mersey Gateway Executive Board (3)**

Councillors Polhill (Chairman), Wharton and Stockton

**Corporate Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors A. Lowe (Chairman), J Roberts (Vice Chair) Browne, Dennett, Gilligan, Inch, Loftus, Nolan, Norddahl, Philbin and Wainwright.

**Health Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors E. Cargill (Chairman), J. Lowe (Vice Chair), Austin, M Bradshaw, Bryant, Carlin, Dennett, Fry, Gilligan, Horabin, and M Lloyd Jones.

**Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Hignett (Chairman), Morley (Vice Chair), Balmer, P. Blackmore, E. Cargill, J Gerrard, Hodgkinson, Nolan, Rowe, Thompson and Wainwright.

**Employment, Learning, Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Edge (Chairman), P Lloyd Jones (Vice Chair), Austin, Carlin, Findon, Horabin, Howard, MacManus, Parker, Rowe and Roberts.

**Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Dennett (Chairman), Horabin (Vice Chairman), Browne, Findon, Fry, Gilligan, Hodge, P Lloyd Jones, Loftus, J. Lowe and M. Ratcliffe

**Safer Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Osborne (Chairman), Wallace (Vice Chair), M. Bradshaw, Edge, J Gerrard, Hodge, M Lloyd Jones, Morley, M. Ratcliffe, Shepherd, Thompson.

**Development Control Committee (11)**

Councillors Nolan (Chairman), Thompson (Vice Chairman), P. Blackmore, E Cargill, J. Bradshaw, Hignett, Hodgkinson, Leadbetter, McInerney, Morley and Osborne.

**Business Efficiency Board (11)**

Councillors Leadbetter (Chairman), M Lloyd Jones (Vice Chair), Howard, A. Lowe, McDermott, MacManus, Murray, Norddahl, Philbin, E Ratcliffe and Roberts.

**Standards Committee (10)**

Mr. W. Badrock, Parish Councillor B Allen, Mrs A Morris, Mr A. Luxton, Parish Councillor Canon David Felix, Mr. Robert Garner and Councillors Murray, Parker, Redhead, Swain and Wharton.

**Appeals Panel (20)**

Councillors Wainwright (Chairman), Parker (Vice Chairman), Balmer, Edge, Findon, A Gerrard, J Gerrard, Hodge, Horabin, D Leadbetter, P Lloyd Jones, J. Lowe, McDermott, Morley, Norddahl, Osborne, E Ratcliffe, M. Ratcliffe, Redhead and Wallace.

**Regulatory Committee (11)**

Councillors Philbin (Chairman), Loftus (Vice-Chairman), Bryant, Fry, Howard, Inch, A. Lowe, McDermott, Murray, E. Ratcliffe, and Wallace.

**Mayoral Committee (5)**

The incumbent Mayor (Councillor Wright) and Councillors Browne, Gilligan, Hignett, and Hodgkinson.

**Appointments Committee (6)**

Councillors Polhill, Murray, Redhead and Wharton (plus relevant PPB Chairs x2 )

**Local Development Framework Working Party (15)**

Councillors McInerney, (Chairman), Balmer, J Bradshaw, J Gerrard, Harris, Hignett, Hodgkinson, MacManus, Nolan,

Parker, Polhill, Redhead, Roberts, Rowe and Wainwright .

COU8 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

RESOLVED: That Councillor M Ratcliffe be appointed Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

COU9 APPOINTMENT OF A POLICE AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAFER HALTON POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

RESOLVED: That Mr Bob Hodson be appointed Police Authority representative on the Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

COU10 MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That

1. the following applicants be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee for the forthcoming Municipal Year:

Mr W Badrock, Mr A Luxton and Mrs A Harris; and

2. the Parish Council nominee for the Parish Councillor vacancy on the Standards Committee, Mr Bernie Allen, be noted.

COU11 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION 2010

The Council's Constitution had been reviewed and the proposed significant changes recommended were contained in the revised Appendix 1, attached to the report of the Strategic Director – Resources, which was circulated at the meeting.

The Executive Board (Selection Committee) minutes of 18 May 2010 were tabled. These contained additional recommendations relating to the update and review of the Council's Constitution and these were specifically:

- a) approve the changes to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1, subject to the removal of the proposed changes to the Call-in Procedure;

- b) approve the addition of the following legislation to the list at Appendix C on page 342:-

Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010

- c) approve the changes to the Policy and Performance Board arrangements as circulated at the meeting;
- d) to establish a cross party Constitution Working Group;
- e) the political proportionality of the Working Group be 6:2:1;
- f) the Working Group give consideration to the proposals submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group and the Conservative Group to revise the Council Constitution;
- g) the Working Group make recommendations to Executive Board on the proposals submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group and the Conservative Group to revise the Council Constitution; and
- h) after due consideration of the recommendations of the Working Group, the Executive Board make recommendations to the Council on any changes to the Council Constitution it might consider appropriate.

Additional items for inclusion were circulated for Members' information:

- 1) Appendix C – Standing Orders Relating to the Duties of Proper Officers and Delegation to Officers – Add 'Protection from Eviction Act 1977'; and
- 2) Article 10 (10.02) Composition of the Standards Committee – total number of Independent Members be increased from 3 to 4.

RESOLVED: That the Council's Constitution be amended, the details of which were circulated at the meeting and contained in minute COU 11 (above) and the recommendations of the Executive Board Selection Committee on 18 May 2010 be approved.

## COU12 EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIOS

The Leader confirmed that the Executive Board would consist of the following portfolio holders for the forthcoming year:

Children, Young People and Families– Councillor Swain  
Health and Adults – Councillor Gerrard  
Transportation– Councillor Stockton  
Community Safety– Councillor D Cargill  
Economic Development – Councillor Jones  
Resources – Councillor Wharton  
Environmental Sustainability – Councillor Nelson  
Neighbourhood, Leisure and Sport – Councillor Harris.  
Physical Environment – Councillor McInerney

RESOLVED: That the portfolios be noted.

## COU13 CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayor announced her intention to attend a Civic Service at St Basil's and All Saints Church, Hough Green Road, Widnes on Sunday 11 July 2010 at 11.15am.

*Meeting ended at 7.10 p.m.*