

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 20th May, 2010

PRESENT – *The Mayor Councillor Hirst (in the Chair), Councillors Akhtar, Barry, Bateson, Browne, Cottam, Davies, Desai, Doherty, Foster D., Foster K.O.M., Gee, Gordon, Hardman, Harling, Hollern, Huggill, Hussain F., Hussain I., Jan-Virmani, Johnson, Jones, Kay, Khan M., Khan Z., Khonat, Law-Riding, Lee, Mahmood, Maxfield, McGarvey, Meleady, Melia, Mulla, Oldfield, O’Keeffe, Patel M., Pearson D., Pearson J., Rigby C., Rigby J., Rizwan, Shorrocks, Sidat, Slater Jacqueline, Slater John, Slater Julie, Solkar, Smith D., Smith, James, Smith Joseph, Surve, Talbot, Tapp, Thayne, Walsh, Williams and Wright.*

RESOLUTIONS

1 Notice Convening Meeting

The Chief Executive read the notice convening the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors McFall, Humphrys, Entwistle, Rehman, Graham and Patel A.

3 Election of the Mayor for 2010/2011

The Chief Executive asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Council year. Councillor Sheila Williams was nominated for office and declared elected as the Mayor of the Borough for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

The newly elected Mayor then assumed the robe and chain of office, made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4 Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2010/2011

Councillor Michael Lee moved that under Council Procedures Rule 13(c) the agenda item regarding the appointment of the Deputy Mayor be brought forward on the agenda and be dealt with at this point of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Chris Thayne and agreed by the Council.

The Chief Executive asked for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2010/11 Council year. Councillor Karimeh Foster was nominated for office and following a vote the

Mayor declared her elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

The newly elected Deputy Mayor then received her chain of office and made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5 Tribute to the Newly Elected Mayor

Councillors Alan Cottam and Malcolm Doherty paid tribute to the newly elected Mayor. Councillor Sheila Williams responded and returned thanks for her election.

6 Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor, Mayoress and Consort

Councillors Colin Rigby and Michael Lee paid tribute to the retiring Mayor, and Mayoress Mrs Maureen Pickup, for the dedicated work they had undertaken during their term of office, the large number of engagements they had attended and activities they had undertaken in support of their chosen Mayor's charities for the year.

The Mayor, Councillor Sheila Williams presented badges to Councillor Jim Hirst and Mrs. Maureen Pickup. Councillor Hirst responded to the tributes received and reflected on the key events of his Mayoral year.

7 Minutes of the last Meeting

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the last meeting of the Council Forum held on 29th April 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record.

8 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

9 Council Appointments for 2010/2011

The Chief Executive referred to his report on the allocation of seats and appointments to Council positions for 2010/2011, in particular, the requirement for the Council to appoint a leader to serve a four year term as agreed at the Policy Council meeting in December. Nominations to Council positions, include that of Leader, were submitted by both the Partnership and Labour Group and were circulated at the meeting, along with a list of revised portfolio areas.

Councillor Colin Rigby moved and Councillor David Foster seconded that Councillor Michael Lee serve as Council Leader for a four year term, and Councillor Maureen Bateson and Dave Harling moved and

seconded that Councillor Kate Hollern serve as Council Leader for a four year term.

Following a vote, Councillor Michael Lee was confirmed as Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED –

1. That Councillor Michael Lee be appointed to serve a four year term as Leader of the Council until May 2014 (or until the expiry of his term of office as a Councillor);
2. That the proposals as set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes be approved;
3. That the appointments within Political Groups be noted;
4. That the Political Group Leaders be authorised to make further minor changes to their Group's nominations to Council appointments.

11 Appointments to Groups and Panels for 2010/2011

The Chief Executive submitted a report on the appointment of Members to Groups and Panels for 2010/2011.

RESOLVED – That the proposals as set out in Appendix 2 to these Minutes be approved.

12 Appointments to Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations and Partnership Bodies

The Chief Executive submitted a report on appointments to combined authorities, outside bodies, community associations and partnership bodies.

RESOLVED – That appointments to the list of representatives on combined authorities, outside bodies, community associations and partnership bodies be delegated to Political Group Leaders for decision.

13 New Petitions Duty

A report was submitted that advised the Council of the requirements under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 relating to the receiving of petitions and the introduction of a new petition scheme.

It was reported that local authorities must adopt a petition scheme by 15th June 2010. Under the 2009 Act the local authorities also had a duty to make a facility available for electronic petitions and for people to be able to sign these e-petitions electronically. The e-petitions facility had to be adopted by 15th December 2010.

The Council was required to set a threshold to trigger the various types of petitions. Under the Local Authorities (Petitions) (England) Order 2010 stipulates that the maximum threshold that can be set is 5% of the "total local authority population". Based on a potential trigger of 3% for Blackburn with Darwen, which had a population of 139,400 (in the 2008 revised mid year population estimates from the Office of National Statistics), petitions which contained approximately 4200 signatures would be debated by the full council. A trigger also needs to be set for 'ordinary' petitions (under the current petitions scheme a petition must be signed by at least six people), and attendance of senior officers at scrutiny meetings.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Council note the report;
2. That the Chief Executive and Director of Legal Services, following consultation with Group Leaders, be granted delegated authority to make the necessary amendments to the draft model petitions scheme for introduction on 15th June 2010, with the e-petitions element to be introduced no later than 15th December 2010; and
3. That the necessary changes be made to the Council's Constitution.

signed at a meeting of the Council
on the day of
(being the next ensuing meeting of the Council) by

MAYOR

APPENDIX 1

(i) Appointment of the Leader and Deputy Leaders of the Council

Leader of the Council	Michael Lee
Deputy Leaders of the Council	David Foster, Tony Melia

(ii) Appointment of the Executive Members and Lead Members

EXECUTIVE BOARD		
Leader of the Council and Chair of Executive Board	Michael Lee	
The following appointments have been made by the Leader of the Council:		
Vice Chair of Executive Board	David Foster.	
Portfolios	Executive Member	Lead Members
Adult Social Care	David Foster	Jackie Slater
Children's Services	Chris Thayne	Julie Slater
Neighbourhood and Customer Services	John Slater	Abdul Rehman
Housing	Simon Huggill	Dave Pearson
Leisure & Culture	Trevor Maxfield	Maureen McGarvey
Regeneration	Alan Cottam	Mohammed Rizwan Brian Gordon Tony Melia
Resources	Colin Rigby	Roy Davies John Pearson Phil Jones
Environmental improvement and Sustainability	Michael Law-Riding	Muntazir Patel Phil Jones
Opposition Member on Executive Board		
Leader of the Labour Group	Kate Hollern	

(iii) Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs and Members of Committees

Committee	Labour	Partnership
<p>POLICY & REVIEW COMMITTEE Membership 17 Chair Derek Hardman Vice-Chair Jim Shorrocks</p>	<p>8 Jim Shorrocks Dave Smith Naushad Surve Suleman Khonat Ron O'Keefe Dorothy Walsh Maureen Bateson Mohammed Khan</p>	<p>9 Derek Hardman Brian Gordon Julie Slater Roy Davies Karimeh Foster Paul Browne Phil Jones Alan Barry John Pearson</p>
<p>CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Membership 9 Chair Brian Gordon Vice-Chair Dave Smith</p>	<p>4 Dave Smith Ron O'Keefe Michael Johnson Salim Sidat</p>	<p>5 Brian Gordon Abdul Rehman Joe Smith Jim Hirst Tony Melia</p>
<p>SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Membership 9 Chair Phil Jones Vice-Chair Naushad Surve</p>	<p>4 Naushad Surve Salim Sidat Eileen Entwistle Florence Oldfield</p>	<p>5 Alan Barry Karimeh Foster Mohammed Rizwan Phil Jones Joe Smith</p>
<p>REGENERATION & TECHNICAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Membership 9 Chair Julie Slater Vice-Chair Suleman Khonat</p>	<p>4.36 = 4 Suleman Khonat Salim Mulla Michael Johnson Dave Harling</p>	<p>4.64 =5 Julie Slater Paul Browne Denise Gee Dave Pearson (vacancy)</p>

Committee	Labour	Partnership
CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Membership 9 Chair Ron O'Keeffe Vice-Chair Karimeh Foster	4 Pat McFall Ron O'Keeffe Abdul Patel Mustafa Desai	5 Karimeh Foster Muntazir Patel Konrad Tapp Jackie Slater (vacancy)
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Membership 11 Chair Roy Davies Vice-Chair Dorothy Walsh	5 Dorothy Walsh Parwaiz Akhtar Ron O'Keeffe Pat Mc Fall Florence Oldfield	6 Roy Davies Abdul Rehman Derek Hardman Dave Pearson Maureen McGarvey (vacancy)
PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE Membership 15 Chair Paul Browne Vice-Chair Jackie Slater	7 Jim Smith Salim Mulla Faryad Hussain Dave Harling Zamir Khan Iftakhar Hussain Andy Kay	8 Jackie Slater Derek Hardman Alan Cottam David Pearson Maureen McGarvey Paul Browne Muntazir Patel Phil Jones
LICENSING COMMITTEE Membership 13 Chair Konrad Tapp Vice-Chair Andrew Graham	6 Iftakhar Hussain John Wright Jim Smith Florence Oldfield Shahabuddin Solkar Dorothy Walsh	7 Konrad Tapp Abdul Rehman Roy Davies Andrew Graham Dave Pearson Denise Gee Alan Barry
CHILDREN IN OUR CARE COMMITTEE Membership 9 Chair Maureen McGarvey Vice-Chair Maureen Bateson	4 Maureen Bateson Eileen Entwistle Michael Johnson Pat McFall	5 Maureen McGarvey Karimeh Foster Simon Huggill Denise Gee Andrew Graham

Committee	Labour	Partnership
MEMBER ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE Membership 5 Chair Jean Rigby Vice-Chair Jim Shorrock	2 Jim Shorrock Dorothy Walsh	3 Jean Rigby Derek Hardman Roy Davies
AUDIT COMMITTEE Membership 6 Chair Alan Barry Vice-Chair Jim Hirst	3 Andy Kay Kate Hollern John Wright	3 Alan Barry Jim Hirst Colin Rigby
STANDARDS COMMITTEE Membership 5 Chair L Loft (Independent member not on Council) Vice-Chair Karimeh Foster	2 Zamir Khan Tony Humphrys	3 Jim Hirst Karimeh Foster Tony Melia

(Note: The following members are eligible to attend meetings of the Planning and Highways Committee)

Paul Browne
 Jackie Slater
 Alan Barry
 Iftikhar Hussain
 David Harling
 Maureen Bateson
 Pat McFall
 Phil Jones
 Julie Slater
 Muntazir Patel
 Andy Kay
 Jim Smith
 Dorothy Walsh
 Denise Gee
 Dave Smith
 Parvaiz Akhtar

Eileen Entwistle
 Maureen McGarvey
 Mustafa Desai
 Faryad Hussain
 Yusuf Jan-Virmani
 David Pearson
 Salim Sidat
 Joe Smith
 Tony Humphrys
 Zamir Khan
 Mohammed Rizwan
 Shahabuddin Solkar
 Alan Cottam
 Damian Talbot
 Salim Mulla
 James Shorrock

Derek Hardman
John Pearson
Florence Oldfield

Karimeh Foster
Chris Thayne
Arshid Mahmood

APPOINTMENT TO GROUPS AND PANELS

Committee	Labour	Partnership
APPEALS PANEL Membership 15	7 Eileen Entwistle Tony Humphrys Arshid Mahmood Florence Oldfield Iftakhar Hussain Abdul Patel John Wright	8 Roy Davies Karimeh Foster Jean Rigby Konrad Tapp Maureen McGarvey John Pearson Jackie Slater Tony Melia
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE Membership 4	1 Kate Hollern	3 Michael Lee David Foster Tony Melia
CHIEF OFFICERS' EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE Membership 4	1 Kate Hollern	3 Michael Lee David Foster Tony Melia

The appointments within Political Groups

CONSERVATIVE GROUP		Councillors
Leader	Michael Lee	
Deputy Leaders	Colin Rigby, Michael Law Riding	
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP		
Leader	David Foster	
Deputy Leader	Roy Davies	
FOR DARWEN GROUP		
Leader	Tony Melia	
Deputy Leader	Trevor Maxfield	

LABOUR GROUP		Councillors
Leader	Kate Hollern	
Deputy Leaders	Maureen Bateson, Mohammed Khan	
Shadow Cabinet		
	Shadow Portfolio Holder	Shadow Lead Member
Adult Social Care	Mohammed Khan	Shahabuddin Solkar Parvaiz Akhtar
Children's Services	Maureen Bateson	Pat McFall Michael Johnson
Neighbourhoods and Customer Services	Yusuf Jan Virmani	Arshid Mahmood
Housing	Tony Humphrys	Salim Mulla
Leisure & Culture	Damian Talbot	Zamir Khan Mustafa Desai
Regeneration	Dave Harling	Faryad Hussain Eileen Entwistle
Resources	Andy Kay	John Wright Salim Sidat
Environmental improvement and Sustainability	Vacancy	Vacancy
Opposition Committee Spokespersons		
Planning & Highways	Jim Smith	
Licensing	Iftakhar Hussain	
Standards	Tony Humphrys	