

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2015**

**PRESENT** – *The Mayor Councillor Alan Cottam (in the Chair), Councillors Akhtar H., Akhtar P., Ali, Bateson, Brookfield, Casey, Connor, Daley, Desai, Entwistle, Evans, Foster D., Foster K., Gee, Groves, Gunn, Hardman, Harling, Hollings, Humphrys, Hussain F., Hussain I., Hussain S., Jan-Virmani, Johnson, Khan M., Khan Z., Khonat S., Lee, Liddle, Mahmood A., Mahmood Q., McFall, McKinlay, Mulla, Oates, O’Keeffe, Patel, Pearson J., Rehman, Rigby C., Rigby J., Riley, Roberts, Shorrocks, Sidat, Slater John., Smith D., Smith J., Surve, Talbot, Taylor, Vali, Walsh, Whalley and Whittle.*

**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 Lord Taylor, Kate Hollern MP and Councillors Jaqueline Slater, Julie Slater, Kay, Tapp, Maxfield, Wright, and Browne.

**3 Election of the Mayor for 2015/2016**

The Chief Executive asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Council year. Councillor Faryad Hussain was nominated for Office and declared elected as the Mayor of the Borough for the 2015/2016 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.

**4 Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2015/2016**

The Chief Executive asked for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2015/16 Council year. Councillor Hussain Akhtar was nominated for Office and the Mayor declared him elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

The newly elected Deputy Mayor then received his Chain of Office and made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**5 Tribute to the Newly Elected Mayor**

Councillor Z Khan and Councillor C Rigby paid tribute to the newly elected Mayor. The Mayor responded and returned thanks for his election.

**6 Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor and Mayoress**

Councillors D Foster and J Smith paid tribute to the retiring Mayor and the Mayoress, for the dedicated work they had undertaken during their term of Office, making reference to the engagements they had attended and activities undertaken in support of the Mayor's chosen charity for the year.

The Mayor, Councillor Faryad Hussain, presented badges to Councillor Alan Cottam and Agnes Cottam. Councillor Alan Cottam responded to the tributes received and reflected on the many key events of the Mayoral year and thanked all those people who had supported him during 2014/15.

*At this point there was a short recess to allow the Mayor and guests to leave the meeting.*

(The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Hussain Akhtar, in the Chair.)

**7 Minutes of the last Meeting**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the last meeting of the Council Forum held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 be approved as a correct record.

**8 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**9 Local Election Results**

The results of the 2015 Local Elections were submitted for information.

**RESOLVED** – That the Local Election results be noted.

**10 Council Appointments for 2015/2016**

The Chief Executive referred to his report on the allocation of seats and appointments to Council positions for 2015/2016.

The first draft of the Council Appointments list for 2015/16 was circulated.

It was pointed out that Council is also required to confirm the Leader of the Council under the Strong Leader model following the recent Leadership changes. The Strong Leader model was adopted at Policy Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009 (Minute No.62 refers).

**RESOLVED –**

- 1) That Councillor Mohammed Khan be appointed to serve a four year term as Leader of the Council (or until earlier expiry in accordance with the Constitution).
- 2) That subject to 1) above, Council noted the appointment of the Executive Board Members;
- 3) That Council noted the Shadow Portfolio Members;
- 4) That appointments be made to the positions detailed in Paragraph 2, subsection 2; and
- 5) That Council noted the provisions relating to political balance, referred to in Paragraph 3.

**11 Appointments to various Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations, Partnership Bodies and Groups and Panels for 2015/16.**

The Chief Executive submitted a report on the appointment to various Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations, Partnership Bodies and Groups and Panels for 2015/16.

**RESOLVED –**

- 1) That in the first instance, (as is usual practice) each of the organisations listed on the various combined authorities and outside bodies, community associations and partnership bodies is contacted to establish;

That their Terms Of Reference / Articles Of Association have not changed and still require Council Representation in the same capacity, for the same tenure, and what added value will be mutually brought by such engagement. Subject to which;

- 2) That in the event the Political Group nominations are available before the Annual Meeting the nominations to serve on various Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Partnership Bodies, be confirmed as the Council's representatives to serve until the end of the current Municipal Year; or if a longer period of office is shown, until that date; unless during the Municipal Year the Leader amends the appointments to take account of changed requirements.
- 3) That fifteen Members be appointed to serve on the panel of Members to deal with appeals.

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

MAYOR