

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 17th October, 2007

Councillor J.J. Spencer (Mayor)

Councillors:

P.A. Andrews	P.G. Barnes
S.J. Barnes	C.P. Barnfather
A.G. Barton	D.N. Beeston
A.S. Bexon	P.M. Blandamer
F.J.D. Boot (a)	V.H. Bradley
G.V. Clarke	W.J. Clarke
E.J. Collin	S.M. Creamer
R.T. Day	W.H.F. Doe
M.S. Dunkin	A.M. Ellwood
P. Feeney	G. Fullwood
A.J. Gillam	W.H. Golland
R.J. Goodwin (a)	P.A. Hughes
R.G. Kempster	D.I.A. Kumarasiri
H. Maddock	S. Mason-Kempster
B.S.R. Miller (a)	R.J. Nicholson
J. O'Riordan (a)	J.M. Parr
W.A. Peet	T.J. Pepper
V.C. Pepper	C.J. Powell
R.A. Poynter (a)	C.N.F.W. Pratt
S.J. Prew-Smith	D.E. Pulk
M. Roach (a)	M.A. Shepherd
M.S. Spencer	R.F. Spencer
R.J. Tait (a)	J.O. Tanner
G.G. Tunnicliffe	G.E. Withers
M.A. Wright	

37 MINUTES SILENCE FOR MR T LEE

A minute's silence was held in memory of the late Mr Terry Lee, a former Mayor and member of the Borough Council.

Members also paid tribute to the work and character of Mr Lee.

38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boot, Goodwin, Miller, O'Riordan, Poynter, Roach and Tait.

39 COUNCILLOR MAGDALEN ROACH

The Mayor requested that the best wishes of the Council should be forwarded to Councillor Magdalen Roach following her recent accident.

40 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2007

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

41 TO CONSIDER AND, IF APPROVED ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES: -

Minute 45 of the Cabinet dated 4 October 2007 (Review of Council Priorities)

It was moved by Councillor R.F. Spencer and seconded by Councillor Golland 'that the priorities and outcomes as set out in section 3 of the report be adopted as part of the Council's Strategic Corporate Plan.'

The Mayor put the proposition to the meeting and declared the same carried and it was:-

RESOLVED:

To adopt the priorities and outcomes as set out in section 3 of the report as part of the Council's Strategic Corporate Plan.

42 CHANGES TO COMMITTEES

It was reported that the Conservative Group had indicated that it wished to change its nomination to the Chair and Vice – Chair and membership of the Licensing Act Committee and the Environment and Licensing Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor R.F. Spencer and seconded by Councillor Golland that the following changes to Committees be made:

Licensing Act

Councillor Parr to be replaced as Chair by Councillor Blandamer
Councillor Peet replaced by Councillor Maddock.
Councillor Blandamer to be replaced as Vice – Chair by Councillor Maddock.

Environment & Licensing

Councillor Parr to be replaced as Chair by Councillor Blandamer
Councillor Maddock replaced by Councillor Peet.
Councillor Blandamer to be replaced as Vice – Chair by Councillor Peet

The Mayor put the proposition to the meeting and declared the same carried and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Councillor P.M. Blandamer be appointed as Chair of the Licensing Act Committee and the Environment & Licensing Committee and that Councillor Maddock replace Councillor Blandamer as Vice – Chair of the Licensing Act Committee and Councillor W Peet replace Councillor Blandamer as Vice – Chair of the Environment & Licensing Committee

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INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Head of Democratic and Community Services reported that the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel consisted of five independently recruited members. Two of the members' appointments would expire in November 2007. These two members were Mr T Lee and Mr E Mills.

Members would be aware that sadly Terry Lee had recently died. It was suggested therefore that the process of appointing a new member to the Panel be deferred until the following year to allow sufficient time for the process.

Mr Mills had indicated that he was willing to continue to serve.

It was proposed, therefore by Councillor R.F. Spencer and seconded by Councillor Golland, that Mr Mills be appointed to the Remuneration Panel for a period of 4 years - his appointment to expire in February 2011.

The Mayor put the proposition to the meeting and declared the same carried and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Mr E Mills be appointed to the Independent Panel for a period expiring February 2011.

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REVIEW OF POLLING STATIONS

The Head of Democratic and Community Services reminded Members that the Council had undertaken a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places as required by the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

The proposals had been made following a full consultation exercise and had been approved for further consultation by the Personnel and Resources Committee on 24 September 2007. The proposals had been re-submitted to the various stakeholders.

Observations received following the further consultation were detailed in the report.

It was proposed by Councillor Collin and seconded by Councillor R.F Spencer that Council agree the proposals for polling districts and places as the final proposals for publication.

The Mayor put the proposition to the meeting and declared the same carried and it was: -

RESOLVED:

That Council agree the proposals for polling districts and places as the final proposals for publication.

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RECRUITMENT TO POST OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive submitted a report proposing the establishment of an appointments panel for the appointment of a Deputy Chief Executive and advise and assist in the recruitment process.

A proposition was moved by Councillor R.F. Spencer and seconded by Councillor Golland that:

1. The Chief Executive be authorised to commence the process for recruiting to the vacant post of Deputy Chief Executive.
2. The Chief Executive be authorised to appoint consultants to advise and assist in the recruitment process.
3. An appointments panel comprising 5 members, 3 Conservative, 1 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat be established in order to make the final appointment.

It was further proposed by Councillor Barnfather and seconded by Councillor Golland that the 3 Conservative members be Councillors

Barnfather, Collin and R.F. Spencer. It was also proposed by Councillor S.J. Barnes and seconded by Councillor Beeston that the Labour Member be Councillor W.J Clarke.

It was also proposed by Councillor Dunkin and seconded by Councillor Wright that the Liberal Democrat Member be Councillor Gillam.

The Mayor put the propositions to the meeting and declared the same carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: that

1. The Chief Executive is authorised to commence the process for recruiting to the vacant post of Deputy Chief Executive.
2. The Chief Executive be authorised to appoint consultants to advise and assist in the recruitment process.
3. An appointments panel comprising Councillors Barnfather, W.J. Clarke, Collin, Gillam and R.F. Spencer be established in order to make the final appointment.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm