

## **BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN**

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday 26 May 2016 at 6.30pm at 'The Place', Oakengates, Telford**

#### **Present:**

Councillors J C Ashford, S L Barnes, S Bentley, M Boylan, A J Burford, S P Burrell, E J Carter, L D Carter, E A Clare, G K Cook, S Davies, N A Dugmore, A R H England, N A M England, R C Evans, I T W Fletcher, V A Fletcher, J A Francis, C A Furnival, K R Guy, M B Hosken, J Jones, R T Kiernan, A Lawrence, J Loveridge, N C Lowery, C N Mason, A D McClements, A A Meredith, J C Minor, C P R Mollett, L A Murray (Mayor), T J Nelson, R A Overton J Pinter, G C W Reynolds, S A W Reynolds, S J Reynolds, H Rhodes, K S Sahota, P J Scott, J M Seymour, R J Sloan, C F Smith (Speaker) , M J Smith, B D Tillotson, W L Tomlinson, C R Turley, P R Watling and D G Wright

#### **1. Welcome from Mayor**

The Mayor welcomed civic dignitaries, Members and invited guests to the Annual Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin. In particular he noted the presence of Lord & Lady Grocott; and Freeman of the Borough Lieutenant Colonel Nick Jenkins representing The Rifles.

#### **2. Declaration**

Councillor P J Scott read the following declaration:

*“Colleagues, aware of our responsibilities to promote democracy and the well-being of all local people, on behalf of the Council, I make this re-commitment to our office as elected representatives.*

*Elected to serve the public good, we recognise that public office is a privilege granted by the people and not a right.*

*We, elected representatives of the people of Telford & Wrekin, declare that we will, to the best of our ability, uphold the Council's constitution and serve the community above any private or personal interest.”*

Members signified their affirmation of the Declaration.

#### **3. Appointment of Mayor**

It was moved by Councillor K R Guy, seconded by Councillor P R Watling, that Councillor R C Evans be elected as Mayor of the Council. Councillor S Bentley moved, seconded by Councillor M Boylan that Councillor K S Sahota be elected as Mayor. Councillor K S Sahota refused the nomination. Following a vote it was :

**RESOLVED** – that **Councillor R C Evans be elected as Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2016/17.**

The Mayor, Councillor R C Evans, commented upon the achievements of Telford since she arrived in the borough over thirty-five years ago and told the meeting that she felt great pride in serving the Borough as Mayor. The Mayor advised that during her year in office she would focus on the issue of domestic abuse and promote a better understanding of the subject. Her charitable activities would not only include fundraising but also raise awareness of the work of the multi-agency teams and organisations which supported victims of domestic abuse.

#### **4. Election of Speaker**

It was moved by Councillor C N Mason, seconded by Councillor S A W Reynolds, that Councillor C F Smith be elected as Speaker of the Council. It was moved by Councillor R T Kiernan, seconded by Councillor N A Dugmore that Councillor I T W Fletcher be elected as Speaker. A vote was taken and it was:

**RESOLVED – that Councillor C F Smith be elected as Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2016/17.**

#### **5. Election of Deputy Speaker**

It was moved by Councillor A J Burford, seconded by Councillor C R Turley, that Councillor R J Sloan be elected as Deputy Speaker of the Council. It was moved by Councillor E J Carter, seconded by Councillor I T W Fletcher, that Councillor M Boylan be elected as Deputy Speaker. A vote was taken and it was:

**RESOLVED – that Councillor R J Sloan be appointed as Deputy Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2016/17.**

#### **6. Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

It was moved by Councillor H Rhodes, seconded by Councillor R A Overton, that Councillor S J Reynolds be appointed as Deputy Mayor. It was moved by Councillor N C Lowery, seconded by Councillor I T W Fletcher, that Councillor J A Francis be appointed as Deputy Mayor. A vote was taken and it was:

**RESOLVED – that Councillor S J Reynolds be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2016/17.**

#### **7. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor & Mayoress**

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor L A Murray and Mrs Barbara Murray, was proposed by Councillor R J Sloan and seconded by Councillor H Rhodes. A number of other Members also paid tribute to the retiring Mayor for all his hard work in representing the Borough over the past year.

**RESOLVED – that the Council recorded its thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor L A Murray for his service over the 2015/16 term of office.**

## **8. Reply to Vote of Thanks**

In response, the retiring Mayor thanked his wife Barbara, the Deputy Mayor and Mayoral staff for their support during the year.

Over £12,500 had been raised during the year for the Mayor's chosen charities, the MS Society, Samaritans and Wellington Cottage Care. The Mayor had been overwhelmed by the support received during his year in office and had very much enjoyed another term as Mayor, serving the Borough's communities.

## **9. Election of Leader**

Following the prior resignation by Councillor K S Sahota, it was moved by Councillor L D Carter, seconded by Councillor L A Murray, that Councillor S Davies be elected Leader of the Council for a three year term of office.

**RESOLVED – that Councillor S Davies be elected as Leader of the Council for a three year term of office from 2016/17 to 2018/19.**

## **10. Appointment of Deputy Leader**

The Speaker confirmed that the Leader was appointing Councillor R A Overton as Deputy Leader for a three year term of office.

**RESOLVED – that Councillor R A Overton be appointed Deputy Leader for a three year period 2016/17 to 2018/19**

## **11. Apologies for Absence**

Councillors K T Blundell, A J Eade, E J Greenaway and K L Tomlinson.

## **12. Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **13. Minutes**

**RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3 March 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.**

## **14. Announcements**

Councillor S Davies, Leader of the Council, welcomed all guests and councillors to the meeting. Cllr Davies paid tribute to the former Leader, Councillor K S Sahota, expressed his pride in the borough and the Council's achievements, and commented on the challenges facing the borough in light of cuts to government grants.

The Leader set out his three main priorities for the next 12 months and called for cross-party support:-

- To defend 24/7 well resourced, well staffed and modern A&E facilities at Princess Royal Hospital and resist any attempt to close or degrade services at the Women’s and Children Unit.
- To press the case with Central Government for a fair funding deal for Telford & Wrekin.
- To continue to bid for and secure funding to invest and improve the borough.

He expressed his own drive to do the best he could for the borough and to be open to ideas and new ways of working before asking the Chamber to join him in working together with fairness and compassion, a “can-do” attitude, unity and pride.

Councillor N A Dugmore, Deputy Leader of the Conservative group, echoed the Leader’s comments with regard to working together in support of the borough.

Councillor W L Tomlinson expressed his thanks to Councillor K S Sahota, congratulated Councillor S Davies on his appointment, noting his enthusiasm and energy, and offered support for the Leader’s priorities as set out above.

**15. Appointment of Cabinet**

Councillor S Davies notified the meeting of Cabinet appointments.

**RESOLVED – that the Membership of the Cabinet, as notified by Councillor S Davies, be appointed for the municipal year 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes.**

**16. Appointment of Committees, Commissions, Boards, etc**

Proposals for the appointment of Committees, Commissions and Boards, etc in accordance with the political balance of the Council had been submitted.

**RESOLVED – that the internal bodies for the municipal year 2016/17 (including the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen) be appointed as set out in Appendix 2 to these Minutes.**

**17. Programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council**

The programme of dates for ordinary meetings of the Council for 2016/17 would be as follows:

- Thursday, 14 July @ TCAT, Wellington
- Thursday, 22 September @ TCAT, Wellington
- Thursday, 24 November @ TCAT, Wellington
- Thursday, 19 January @ The Place, Oakengates
- Thursday, 2 March @ The Place, Oakengates

All meetings would be held at the earlier time of 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm

**Mayor:** .....  
**Date:** .....

<b>APPOINTMENT OF CABINET FOR THE 2016/17 MUNICIPAL YEAR</b>
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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility</b>
Cllr S Davies	Leader
Cllr R A Overton	Deputy Leader and Housing, Leisure & Health
Cllr L D Carter	Council Finance, Partnerships & Commercial Services
Cllr E A Clare	Culture, Sports, Parks & Green Spaces
Cllr A R H England	Adult Social Care & Older People
Cllr A D McClements	Transport, Customer & Neighbourhood Services
Cllr G C W Reynolds	Education, Employment & Regeneration
Cllr H Rhodes	Public Protection, Safety & Enforcement
Cllr P R Watling	Children, Young People and Communities

<b>APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS &amp; BOARDS FOR THE 2016/17 MUNICIPAL YEAR</b>
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**GOVERNANCE**

<b>Standards Committee – 8 Seats</b>	
Cllr S Barnes (Con) Cllr R T Kiernan (Con) Cllr C P Mollett (Con) Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) Cllr N A M England (Lab) <b>Cllr M J Smith (Lab) – Vice Chair</b> <b>Cllr K S Sahota (Lab) – Chair</b> Cllr P J Scott (Lib Dem/Ind)	

<b>Audit Committee – 8 Seats</b>	
Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr K R Guy (Lab) Cllr A Lawrence (Con) Cllr K S Sahota (Lab) <b>Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) – Chair</b> <b>Cllr C F Smith (Lab) – Vice Chair</b> Cllr W L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr D G Wright (Con)	

<b>Council Constitution Committee – 8 Seats</b>	
Cllr A G J Eade (Con) Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr R A Overton (Lab) Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) <b>Cllr C F Smith (Lab) – Vice Chair</b> <b>Cllr M J Smith (Lab) – Chair</b> Cllr B D Tillotson (Con) Cllr W L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind)	

<b>Boundary Review Committee – 8 Seats</b>	
Cllr K T Blundell (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr A J Eade (Con) Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr A D McClements (Lab) <b>Cllr R A Overton (Lab) – Vice Chair</b> Cllr G C W Reynolds (Lab) <b>Cllr R J Sloan (Lab) – Chair</b>	

## REGULATORY

<b>Planning Committee – 8 Seats</b>	
Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr J Loveridge (Lab) Cllr N C Lowery (Con) <b>Cllr J C Minor (Lab) – Chair</b> Cllr L A Murray (Lab) Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr P J Scott (Lib Dem/Ind) <b>Cllr C R Turley (Lab) – Vice-Chair</b>	<b><u>Labour Subs</u></b> Cllr G H Cook Cllr S J Reynolds Cllr C F Smith Cllr M J Smith  <b><u>Conservative Subs</u></b> Cllr J A Francis Cllr R T Kiernan Cllr E J Greenaway  <b><u>Lib Dem/Ind Sub</u></b> Cllr K T Blundell

<b>Licensing Committee –10 Seats</b>	
Cllr M Boylan (Con) Cllr G H Cook (Lab) Cllr I T W Fletcher (Con) Cllr J A Francis (Con) Cllr M B Hosken (Con) <b>Cllr C N Mason (Lab) – Chair</b> Cllr S J Reynolds (Lab) Cllr J M Seymour (Con) Cllr M J Smith (Lab) <b>Cllr C R Turley (Lab) – Vice Chair</b>	<b><u>Labour Subs</u></b> Cllr K R Guy Cllr J Jones Cllr J C Minor Cllr J A Pinter Cllr C F Smith  <b><u>Conservative Subs</u></b> Cllr J C Ashford Cllr S P Burrell Cllr R T Kiernan Cllr N C Lowery Vacant

## SCRUTINY

<b>Scrutiny Management Board – 8 Seats</b>	
Cllr S Bentley (Con) Cllr A J Burford (Lab) Cllr N A M England (Lab) Cllr V A Fletcher (Con) Cllr E J Greenaway (Con) Cllr K R Guy (Lab) <b>Cllr S A W Reynolds (Lab) - Chair</b> Cllr J M Seymour (Con)	

### **Scrutiny Committee – Finance & Enterprise – 8 Seats**

Cllr S Bentley (Con)  
Cllr S P Burrell (Con)  
Cllr A J Burford (Lab)  
Cllr N A Dugmore (Con)  
**Cllr S A W Reynolds (Lab) – Chair**  
Cllr R J Sloan (Lab)  
Cllr C F Smith (Lab)  
Cllr D G Wright (Con)

### **Scrutiny Committee – Children & Young People – 8 Seats**

Cllr S Barnes (Con)  
Cllr J A Francis (Con)  
**Cllr K R Guy (Lab) – Chair**  
Cllr J Jones (Lab)  
Cllr N C Lowery (Con)  
Cllr K S Sahota (Lab)  
Cllr J A Pinter (Lab)  
Cllr K L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind)

### **Scrutiny Committee – Customer, Community & Partnership – 8 Seats**

Cllr J C Ashford (Con)  
**Cllr N A M England (Lab) - Chair**  
Cllr K R Guy (Lab)  
Cllr L A Murray (Lab)  
Cllr S J Reynolds (Lab)  
Cllr P J Scott (Lib Dem/I)  
Cllr J M Seymour (Con)  
Cllr B D Tillotson (Con)

### **Scrutiny Committee – Health & Adult Care – 8 Seats**

Cllr M Boylan (Con)  
**Cllr A J Burford (Lab) – Chair**  
Cllr V A Fletcher (Con)  
Cllr C P R Mollett (Con)  
Cllr L A Murray (Lab)  
Cllr T Nelson (Con)  
Cllr J A Pinter (Lab)  
Cllr R J Sloan (Lab)

<b>Joint Health &amp; Overview Scrutiny Committee – 3 Seats</b>	
<b>Cllr A J Burford (Lab) – Chair</b> Cllr V A Fletcher (Con) Cllr R J Sloan (Lab)	

**PERSONNEL**

<b>Appeals Committee – 8 Seats</b>	
Cllr J C Ashford (Con) Cllr K T Blundell (Lib Dem/Ind) Cllr J A Francis (Con) <b>Cllr K R Guy (Lab) – Vice Chair</b> <b>Cllr M J Smith (Lab) – Chair</b> Cllr C N Mason (Lab) Cllr A A Meredith (Con) Cllr C F Smith (Lab)	<b><u>Labour Subs</u></b> Vacant Vacant Vacant Vacant  <b><u>Conservative Subs</u></b> Cllr S P Burrell Cllr N A Dugmore Cllr D G Wright

<b>Personnel Committee – 8 Seats</b>	
Cllr S Bentley (Con) Cllr A J Burford (Lab) <b>Cllr S Davies (Lab) – Chair</b> Cllr N A Dugmore (Con) Cllr A J Eade (Con) <b>Cllr R A Overton (Lab) – Vice Chair</b> Cllr P R Watling (Lab) Cllr W L Tomlinson (Lib Dem/Ind)	

## OTHER

<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board – 14 Seats</b>	
Cllr E A Clare	Cabinet Member – Culture, Parks, Events & Green Spaces
Cllr A R H England	Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care & Older People
<b>Cllr R A Overton – Chair</b>	Cabinet Member - Housing, Leisure & Health
Cllr K L Tomlinson	Lib Dem/Independent Group
Cllr J M Seymour	Conservative Group Chief Operating Officer,
Cllr P R Watling	Cabinet Member – Children, Young People & Communities
D Evans	Chief Operating Officer, Telford & Wrekin CCG
D Harrison	Non-Executive Director, Telford & Wrekin CCG
<b>Dr J Leahy – Vice Chair</b>	Chair, Telford & Wrekin CCG
C Jones	Director of Adult and Children’s Services, TWC
R Woods	NHS England
E Noakes	Director of Public Health, TWC
J Chaplin	Healthwatch
J Tozer	Community Safety Partnership

<b>Combined Fire Authority – 6 Seats</b>	
Cllr S Barnes (Con)	
Cllr E J Carter (Con)	
Cllr M B Hosken (Con)	
Cllr L A Murray (Lab)	
Cllr J Pinter (Lab)	
Cllr C R Turley (Lab)	

<b>West Mercia Energy Joint Committee</b>	
Cllr L D Carter (Lab)	<b><u>Substitutes</u></b>
Cllr H Rhodes (Lab)	Cllr R A Overton (Lab)
	Cllr P R Watling (Lab)

<b>WMCA Board</b>	
Cllr S Davies (Lab)	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
	Cllr R A Overton (Lab)

<b>WMCA Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>	
Cllr N A M England (Lab)	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
	Cllr S A W Reynolds (Lab)

<b>WMCA Audit Committee</b>	
Cllr R J Sloan (Lab)	<b><u>Substitute</u></b> Cllr C F Smith (Lab)