

**Minutes of: THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BURY**

**Date of Meeting:** 23 June 2004

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor W J Davison) in the Chair;  
Councillors K Audin, R A Bibby, D B Bigg, D Boden, E B Briggs, K S Briggs, J Byrne, G Campbell, L E Campbell, W A Campbell, D M Cassidy, T P Chamberlain, S Cohen, M Connolly, J P Costello, S Costello, Y Creswell, A J Cummings, V D D'Albert, W Flood, A J Garner, A S Garner, I B Gartside, M A Gibb, E K Grime, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther (Part 1 only), D M Higgin, T Holt (Part 2 only), K Hussain, A Isherwood, A K Matthews, R H J Nuttall, S R Perkins, T D Pickstone, P H Redstone, K Rothwell, G Sharkey, J Smith, S J Southworth, J W H Taylor, B Theckston, S J Treadgold, B Vincent, R E Walker, J F Walton, M J Wiseman and Y S Wright

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors R C A Brown, D L Gunther (Part 2), T Holt (Part 1) and S P Magnall

**Public attendance:** 8 members of the public attended the meeting.

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## PART I OF THE MEETING

### C.001 MINUTES

#### RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 May 2004 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### C.002 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Chief Executive reported on election of Councillors for the several Wards of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury as follows:-

WARD	NAME	PERIOD OF OFFICE
Ramsbottom	Richard H J Nuttall	2006
	Sheila P Magnall	2007
	Barry Theckston	2008
North Manor	James W H Taylor	2006
	David M Higgin	2007
	Dorothy L Gunther	2008
Tottington	Iain B Gartside	2006
	Yvonne S Wright	2007
	Roger C A Brown	2008

<b>WARD</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PERIOD OF OFFICE</b>
Elton	John P Costello	2006
	Denise B Bigg	2007
	Yvonne Creswell	2008
Moorside	Warren Flood	2006
	Keith Rothwell	2007
	Dorothy M Cassidy	2008
East	Trevor Holt	2006
	Michael Connolly	2007
	John Byrne	2008
Church	Robert A Bibby	2006
	Jack F Walton	2007
	Roy E Walker	2008
Redvales	Khalid Hussain	2006
	John Smith	2007
	Susan J Southworth	2008
Unsworth	Joan Grimshaw	2006
	Gordon Sharkey	2007
	Samuel Cohen	2008
Radcliffe East	Stephen R Perkins	2006
	Siobhan Costello	2007
	Lindsey E Campbell	2008
Radcliffe North	Katherine S Briggs	2006
	Edward B Briggs	2007
	Timothy P Chamberlain	2008
Radcliffe West	Wayne A Campbell	2006
	Anthony J Cummings	2007
	Anthony Isherwood	2008
Pilkington Park	Bernard Vincent	2006
	Peter H Redstone	2007
	Michelle J Wiseman	2008
Besses	Kenneth Audin	2006
	Alan K Matthews	2007
	Derek Boden	2008
Holyrood	Timothy D Pickstone	2006
	Wilfrid J Davison	2007
	Victor D D'Albert	2008

WARD	NAME	PERIOD OF OFFICE
St Mary's	Steven J Treadgold	2006
	Eric K Grime	2007
	Margaret A Gibb	2008
Sedgley	Andrew J Garner	2006
	Gillian Campbell	2007
	Ann S Garner	2008

### C.003 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

#### (a) Death of Former Councillor, Mrs Christina Ormrod

The Worshipful the Mayor was saddened to refer to the death of Christina Ormrod on 29 May 2004.

Mrs Ormrod had been a Member of this Council from 1974 to 1995 and served as Mayor during the Municipal Year 1984.85.

She had also been a Member of the former Whitefield Urban District Council for many years.

She was a well respected Member of the Council and was held in high regard. Mrs Ormrod made an important and beneficial contribution to the Local Government Service and was a dedicated Local Councillor.

The condolences and sympathy of the Council and the Metropolitan Borough have been conveyed to Mr Jack Ormrod and members of his family.

All present stood in silence as a mark of respect and in memory of Mrs Ormrod.

#### (b) Illness of Councillor Sharkey

The Worshipful the Mayor was pleased to see that Councillor Gordon Sharkey had resumed his Council duties following a recent period in hospital.

The Mayor offered him the good wishes of all Members and Officers of the Council for his continuing progress to a full recovery.

#### (c) Councillor D Boden OBE

The Worshipful the Mayor was very pleased to mention the inclusion of Councillor Derek Boden in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours List and wished to convey to him the congratulations of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

Councillor Boden's recognition in this way was well deserved and a fitting tribute to him.

#### **C.004 STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE**

The Leader of the Council made a Statement on the state of the Borough during 2003/2004 and looking forward to 2004/2005.

The Leader of the Council, as part of his Statement, announced the intention to ask the Council to confer the Honorary Freedom of the Borough upon former Councillor William Johnson MBE at the earliest opportunity.

The Leader answered questions asked on the issues raised in the Statement by members of the public present, as follows:-

Two questions from Mr A Withington concerning the Performance Plan for 2004/2005 in relation to government targets and sickness absence.

The Leader answered questions or comments from Members of the Council on the issues mentioned in the Statement as follows:-

<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Issue</b>
Councillor Bigg	Closure of Day Care Facilities for the Elderly at Fairfield Hospital
Councillor Pickstone	Levels of investment in the Borough, particularly in relation to Reinventing Radcliffe and reversion to a weekly grey bin collection
Councillor Hussain	Permanency of the reversion to a weekly grey bin collection
Councillor Gartside	Level of disrepair of the Borough's highways
Councillor Cohen	Reports at Area Board Meetings on youths causing annoyance and progress on conversion of shops on housing estates for youth activities
Councillor Boden	Kerbside recycling initiative, the commitment of the Scrutiny Commission for the pilot and the need for analysis of the performance of pilot project
Councillor Walker	Decision-making on kerbside recycling and reversion to a weekly grey bin collection and settlement of the fees in respect of dispute for private care homes Safeguarding of Bury Market

#### **C.005 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2004/2005**

The Leader of the Council submitted a report concerning the annual appointments for the 2004/2005 Municipal Year

It was moved by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor W A Campbell and –

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the appointment of the Political Group Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to these Minutes be received.
2. That the appointment of the Leader, Deputy Leader and Executive Members, including the allocation of Portfolios, and the appointment of Lead Members and allocation of the Lead Member Roles for the 2004/2005 Municipal Year be as set out in Appendix B to these Minutes.
3. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Scrutiny Panels/Commissions and other bodies covered by the political balance rules, including the appointment of Chairs where stated, be as set out in Appendix C to these Minutes as amended by the proposed changes at paragraph 1.3.7 of the report.
4. That the appointment of the Standards Committee, Area Boards and other bodies not covered by or exempted from the political balance rules, including the appointment of Chairs where stated, be as set out in Appendix D to these Minutes as amended by the proposed changes at paragraph 1.4.3 of the report.
5. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities be as set out in Appendix E to these Minutes.
6. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs where stated, be set out in Appendix F to these Minutes.
7. That the appointments to outside bodies be as set out in Appendix G to these Minutes.
8. That, if necessary, the Council Constitution be amended to take into account the above recommendations.
9. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the three political groups on the Council, be authorised to determine any appointments to bodies which remain to be filled and any changes in appointments or any new appointments to be made during the 2004/2005 Municipal Year and that any such appointments be reported to the Executive for information.

**C.006 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2003/2004**

Councillor J Smith made a Statement on the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2003/2004, which set out details of the work of the Scrutiny Panels and Commissions during that year ranging from reviewing new initiatives prior to consideration by the Executive, instigating reviews of various issues from Work Programmes, monitoring aspects of service provision and intelligence gathering from departments on aspects of their work.

A significant development this year had been the taking of responsibility for reviewing the health service.

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor K S Briggs and -

**RESOLVED:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2003/2004 be accepted.

**C.007 AREA INITIATIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2003/2004**

Councillor S Costello made a Statement on the Area Initiative Annual Report 2003/2004, which was the first annual report to be submitted for consideration by the Council and which set out details of the developments to the Area Initiative and process and the work undertaken by the Area Initiatives Team on a wide-ranging number of issues during 2003/2004.

It was moved by Councillor S Costello, seconded by Councillor Matthews and -

**RESOLVED:**

That the Area Initiatives Annual Report for 2003/2004 be accepted.

**C.008 PERFORMANCE PLAN 2004/2005**

A report and draft Performance Plan 2004/2005 was submitted. The Council was required to publish the Plan by 30 June each year.

The content of the Plan was laid down by Government and, whilst there had been some relaxation this year, certain mandatory elements had to be included as a minimum standard. The Plan was audited to ensure compliance with Government guidance.

The Plan consisted of three main sections:

- Ambitions and priorities
- A review of last year's performance
- What we expect to achieve in the coming year

Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) also had to be reported and, as some of these indicators depend on financial information or data from other organisations, there were still some gaps but these would be filled before the final document was published.

It was moved by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor W A Campbell and -

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the draft Performance Plan 2004/2005 be approved incorporating the comments of the Performance Management Scrutiny Panel.
2. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member – Performance Management, be authorised to update the Plan as Performance Indicator information becomes available.

3. That the Executive again place on record its appreciation to all Members and employees for their valuable contributions to recent significant improvements in service performance validated by the performance measures set out in the Plan.

**C.009 GREATER MANCHESTER CONNEXIONS – ACCOUNTABLE BODY STATUS**

The Leader of the Council submitted a report recommending the Council to agree to 'accountable body' status for Bury MBC in relation to the activities of Greater Manchester Connexions.

It was moved by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor W A Campbell and -

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council agrees in principle for Bury MBC to become the Accountable Body for Greater Manchester Connexions, subject to the agreement of Customs and Excise, Supporting Children and Young People Group, Government Office North West and the Board of Greater Manchester Connexions; and
2. That the Chief Executive be authorised to conclude a formal agreement to this effect.

**(Note: Part 1 of the meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 3.43 pm)**

**PART 2 OF THE MEETING**

**C.010 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2004/2005**

Councillor V D D'Albert, supported by Councillor T P Chamberlain, nominated Councillor Edward Barry Briggs for election to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2004/2005.

The Worshipful the Mayor, after calling for and not receiving any other nominations, declared the nomination carried and it was -

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Edward Barry Briggs be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2004/2005.

The newly elected Mayor then occupied the Chair, made and signed the declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked the Council for the honour conferred on him in electing him Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

**C.011 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

It was moved by Councillor G Campbell, seconded by Councillor T D Pickstone and -

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Councillor Wilfrid John Davison be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2004/2005.
2. That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Wilfrid John Davison and Mrs Maureen Davison for the diligent manner in which they had undertaken the duties of Mayor and Mayoress of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion to and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices and that medallions be presented to Councillor Davison and Mrs Davison as tokens of appreciation of their services as Mayor and Mayoress.

The Worshipful the Mayor then presented medallions to Councillor Davison and Mrs Davison.

The newly elected Deputy Mayor then made and signed the declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972, thanked the Council for his appointment as Deputy Mayor and expressed the thanks of Mrs Davison and himself for their year of office.

**THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**

**(Note: Part 2 of the meeting started at 4.00 pm and ended at 5.08 pm)**