

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

**Date of Meeting:** 16 May 2007

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor J F Walton) in the Chair;  
Councillors D M Ashworth, P Ashworth, K Audin, L E Baucutt, R L Baum, C A Berry, R A Bibby, D B Bigg, D Boden, K S Briggs, R C A Brown, J Byrne, W A Campbell, D M Cassidy, T P Chamberlain, F A Chaudhry, S Cohen, M Connolly, S Costello, Y Creswell, A J Cummings, V D D'Albert, W J Davison, A J Garner, A S Garner, I B Gartside, M A Gibb, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, D M Higgin, T Holt, A Isherwood, S P Magnall, A K Matthews, D O'Hanlon, S P Penketh, T D Pickstone, P H Redstone, K Rothwell, J Smith, S J Southworth, B J Sullivan, J W H Taylor, B Theckston, B Vincent, R E Walker, M J Wiseman, S D Wright and Y S Wright

**Apologies for absence:**

**Public attendance:** 30 members of the public attended Part 1 of the meeting.  
150 members of the public attended Part 2 of the meeting.

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## **PART 1 OF THE MEETING**

### **C.01 MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 March 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **C.02 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Worshipful the Mayor welcomed newly-elected Councillors Baum, Penketh and Steven Wright to their first Council meeting and offered a welcome return to Councillor Grimshaw.

### **C.03 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2007**

The Chief Executive reported on the outcome of the Election of Councillors held on 3 May 2007 for each of the seventeen wards of the Metropolitan Borough for the period ending May 2011 as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Councillor Elected</b>
Ramsbottom	S P Magnall
North Manor	D M Higgin
Tottington	Y S Wright
Elton	D B Bigg
Moorside	K Rothwell
East	M Connolly
Church	F J Walton
Redvales	J Smith
Unsworth	J Grimshaw
Radcliffe East	S Costello
Radcliffe North	S P Penketh
Radcliffe West	A J Cummings
Pilkington Park	P H Redstone
Besses	A K Matthews
Holyrood	W J Davison
St Mary's	R L Baum
Sedgley	S D Wright

#### **C.04 STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE**

Councillor W A Campbell, Leader of the Council, made a Statement on the state of the Borough during 2005/2006.

The Worshipful the Mayor offered members of the public the opportunity to ask questions on any issue raised in the Leader's Statement but no questions were asked.

Councillors Bibby and Pickstone thanked the Leader for his achievements referred to in his Statement.

#### **C.05 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2007/2008**

Councillor Campbell, The Leader of the Council, submitted a report on the annual appointments for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year. It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Connolly that the appointments set out in the report be approved and adopted.

On being put, 20 voted for, 22 against and 9 abstaining, the Mayor declared the Motion lost.

It was moved by Councillor Bibby and seconded by Councillor Creswell that the appointments set out in the revised report submitted at the meeting but excluding proposals for an Employment Committee and the deferment of appointments to other internal bodies and outside bodies be approved and adopted.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Connolly that the proposed appointment of Councillor A J Garner and Baum to the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority be deleted and replaced by Councillor Byrne and one nominee from the Conservative Group.

Before the counting of votes on the amendment, at least 8 Members requested that the voting be recorded to show how each Member cast their vote.

The result of the vote was as follows:-

**For the Motion:**

Councillors Audin, Baucutt, Boden, Briggs, Byrne, Campbell, Cassidy, Chamberlain, Chaudhry, Connolly, Costello, Cummings, Gibb, Grimshaw, Holt, Isherwood, Matthews, Rothwell, Smith, Southworth (20)

**Against the Motion:**

Councillors D Ashworth, P Ashworth, Berry, Bibby, Bigg, Brown, Cohen, Creswell, Gartside, Gunther, Hankey, Higgin, Magnall, Penketh, Redstone, Sullivan, Taylor, Theckston, Vincent, Walker, Wiseman and Y Wright (22)

**Abstaining from the Vote:**

The Worshipful the Mayor and Councillors Baum, D'Albert, Davison, A J Garner, A S Garner, O'Hanlon, Pickstone and S Wright (9)

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

The substantive Motion was then put and with 22 Members voting for, 20 against and with 9 abstentions the Mayor declared the Motion carried and it was.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the appointments of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to the revised report, be received.
2. That the appointment of the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Members, including the allocation of Portfolios, and the appointment of Lead Members and allocation of the Lead Member Roles for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to the revised report, be approved.
3. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Scrutiny Commissions and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to the revised report, be approved.
4. That the appointment of the Standards Committee and other bodies not covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the revised report, be approved.
5. That the Chair of the Standards Committee be appointed from amongst the Independent Members for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year.

6. That appointments to the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year including the appointment to the Greater Manchester Waste Plan Joint Committee, as set out in Appendix E to the revised report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year, set out in Appendix F to the report, be determined by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Political Group Leaders and the outcome reported to the Executive for information.
8. That the appointments to outside bodies for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix G to the report be determined by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Political Group Leaders and the outcome reported to the Executive for information.
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 2007/2008 Municipal Year and that any such appointments be reported to the Executive for information.

**C.06 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2006/2007**

Councillor Smith, Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee, for the 2006/2007 reported that the Annual Report will be the subject of further consultations and submitted to a future meeting of the Council.

**C.07 AREA INITIATIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2006/2007**

Councillor Campbell reported that, in the light of the ongoing review of the Area Initiative, the Annual Report 2006/2007 would be the subject of consultations through the Political Groups on the Council.

**C.08 STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2006/2007**

Councillor Campbell moved the Standards Annual Report 2006/2007, a copy of which had been circulated previously to Members of the Council. Councillor Connolly seconded the Annual Report. On being put with none dissenting it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That the Standards Annual Report 2006/2007 be accepted

**C.09 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS, INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND OTHER VOTING REPRESENTATIVES**

It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Connolly that the Code of Conduct, a copy of which had been sent to each Councillor, be approved and adopted.

On being put with none dissenting it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That the Code of Conduct be approved and adopted.

**C.10 REVIEW OF THE AREA INITIATIVE**

The Council considered a report by the Leader on the proposed amendments to the Council Constitution required to implement the arrangements for the delivery of the Area Initiative which was agreed by the Council on 28 March 2007 (Minute C.1225(d)). A draft Operational Framework for Local Area Partnerships was appended to the report.

It was moved by Councillor Campbell that the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

On being put with none dissenting it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Operational Framework as submitted be approved and adopted.
2. That, at the discretion of Chairs of individual Chairs, the first cycle of meetings included previously in the Council's Timetable, be cancelled.

**PART 2 OF THE MEETING**

**C.011 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2007/2008**

Councillor Davison moved that Councillor Farook Chaudhry be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2007/2008. Councillor Smith seconded the nomination.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Farook Chaudhry be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

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.12 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

It was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Walker and it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Jack Walton and Mrs Pat Walton for the diligent manner in which they have 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 them as tokens of appreciation of their services as Mayor and Mayoress.

**C.13 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Walker and it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Jack Frederick Walton be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

The newly-elected Deputy Mayor then made and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972.

**THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**

**(Note: Part 2 of the meeting started at 4.00 pm and ended at 5.10 pm)**