

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

**Date of Meeting:** 13 May 2009

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors R C A Brown (Part 1)  
S Costello (Parts 1 and 2), A K Matthews (Part 1) and J Smith (Parts 1 and 2)

**Public attendance:** 7 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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**C.01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

**C.02 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 April 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**C.03 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Worshipful the Mayor informed the Council of the death earlier today of Brian Daniel, the Assistant Director of Planning, Engineering and Transportation Services of the Council, after a very short illness. The Council's sympathy and condolences would be sent to Mr Daniel's family.

The Council stood in silence as a mark of respect and remembrance of Mr Daniel who had given loyal and valued service as an employee of the Council.

The Mayor also placed on record his appreciation and thanks to all employees involved in the arrangements for the Special Meeting of the Council held on 11 May 2009 for the purpose of conferring Freedom of the Borough on Zoë Robinson, Danny Boyle and members of the group 'Elbow'.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council reported that Councillor Smith was undergoing treatment in hospital and wished him a speedy recovery to good health.

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

Councillor Bibby, Leader of the Council made a statement on the State of the Borough describing the main achievements of the Council during 2008/2009. The Worshipful the Mayor offered Councillors the opportunity to comment on the issues raised in his Statement and these matters were debated:-

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Issue</b>
Councillor Connolly	Support for the scrutiny function of the Council
Councillor Pickstone	Congratulations to Councillor Connolly on his appointment as Labour Group Leader
Councillor D'Albert	Surveillance activities of the Council

#### **C.05 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2009/2010**

Councillor Bibby, the Leader of the Council, submitted a report on the annual appointments for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year. It was moved by Councillor Bibby and seconded by Councillor Creswell that the appointments set out in the report be approved and adopted.

The Mayor called an adjournment of twenty minutes for each of the Political Groups to discuss their nominations in private.

On being put with no member voting against, it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the appointment of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in appendix A to the report submitted be received.
2. That the appointment of the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Members for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to the 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 2009/2010 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to the report, be approved subject to the appointment of Councillor Theckston as Chair of Safe, Strong and Confident Communities Scrutiny Commission and the replacement of Councillor Hankey by Councillor Bigg on the Local Area Partnerships Chairs' Group.

4. That the appointment of the Standards Committee and other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
5. That the Chair of the Standards Committee be appointed from amongst the Independent Members for 2009/2010 Municipal Year.
6. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year including the appointment to the Greater Manchester Waste Plan Joint Committee, as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year, set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.
8. That the appointments to outside bodies for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
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 2009/2010 Municipal Year and that any such appointments be reported to the Executive for information.
10. That the Council notes that the Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission has established a Working Group to examine the Commission's membership and that the Sub Group has produced a recommendation that the seats allocated to those non-voting Co-opted Members marked with an asterisk in paragraph 4 of Appendix C to the report, be abolished.

#### **C.06 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009**

Councillor Higgin, Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee for 2008/2009, 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 2008/2009**

Councillor Creswell, Executive Member for Community Relations and User Focus , reported on the operation and achievements of the Area Initiative during the 2008/2009 Municipal Year.

A copy of the Annual Report had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

It was moved by Councillor Creswell and seconded by Councillor Theckston.

On being put, with no Member voting against, it was:-

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Area Initiative Annual Report for 2008/2009 be accepted.

## **C.08 STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009**

Councillor Creswell, on behalf of Mrs A Brown, Independent Chair of the Standards Committee, moved the Standards Annual Report 2008/2009, a copy of which had been circulated previously to Members of the Council and also moved the approval of the report by the Monitoring Officer on the appointment of Independent Members.

Councillor Higgin seconded both reports.

On being put with none dissenting the Mayor and Councillor O'Hanlon abstaining, it was:-

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Standards Annual Report 2008/2009 be accepted and the report of the Monitoring Officer be approved and adopted.

## **C.09 CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009**

Councillor Diana Ashworth, Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel, gave a report on the work and achievements of the Authority's Corporate Parent Panel during 2008/2009.

The Worshipful the Mayor invited the three Group Leaders to countersign a copy of the Council's Pledge to Looked After Children, on behalf of the respective Groups to signify Members' commitment to fulfilling the terms of the Pledge.

## **PART 2 OF THE MEETING**

### **C.10 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2009/2010**

Councillor Boden moved that Councillor Sheila Magnall be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.

Councillor Dorothy Gunther 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 Sheila Magnall be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2009/2010 .

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 her in electing her Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

### **C.11 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

It was moved by Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Davison and it was:

**RESOLVED:**

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Peter Ashworth, Mrs Dorrie Burgess, Mrs Hilary Moore and Mrs Angela Lawrence, for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Mayor, Mayoress and Assistant Mayoresses of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion 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, Mayoress and Assistant Mayoresses.

**C.12 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Davison and it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Peter Ashworth be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.

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

**THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**

**(NOTES:** Part 1 of the meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 3.50 pm  
Part 2 of the meeting started at 4.15 and ended at 5.10 pm)