

**Minutes of: AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Date of Meeting:** 6 July 2011

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Y Creswell, in the Chair;  
Councillors I Ahmed, A Audin, K Audin, M Bailey, I Bevan, R A Bibby, D Boden, R C A Brown, P Bury, J Byrne, G Campbell, R Caserta, D M Cassidy, S Cohen, J Columbine, M Connolly, , A J Cummings, M D'Albert, V D D'Albert, J Frith, A S Garner, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, T Holt, K Hussain, K Isherwood, M James, J Lewis, A K Matthews, N Parnell, T D Pickstone, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, J Smith, J W H Taylor, B Theckston, B Vincent, R E Walker, S Walmsley, T Tariq, J F Walton, and Y S Wright

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors N Bayley, S Hurst and M J Wiseman

**Public attendance:** 22 members of the public attended the meeting.

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#### **C.87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Councillor Connolly declared an interest in any item which related to staffing as his partner is an employee of Bury Council.
2. Councillor Walton declared a personal interest in Minute P.42 of the Planning Control Committee of 14 June 2011, in respect of Application 53953, as he had given advice to local residents.

#### **C.88 MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Council held on 18 May 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **C.89 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor offered congratulations to former Chief Executives Mark Sanders and Dennis Taylor who had been recognised in the recent Queen's Honours List, along with sports coach Denzil Hart.

The Mayor extended best wishes to Councillor Harris' husband following a recent illness.

## C.90 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Written notice had been received of a question from Mr Colin Jones relating to the provision of a new high school for Radcliffe. A response was given by the Leader, Councillor Connolly.

## C.91 RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### Minute Ex.49 of the meeting of the Executive held on 15 June 2011 – Township Forums.

It was moved by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Smith that the report of the Executive Member for Communities on Township Forums be approved. On being put, it was unanimously

#### RESOLVED:

1. That Township Forums be appointed with the following membership:

**Bury East:** All Members from East, Moorside and Redvales Wards.

**Bury West:** All Members from Church and Elton Wards.

**Prestwich:** All Members from Holyrood, St Mary's and Sedgley Wards.

**Radcliffe:** All Members from Radcliffe East, Radcliffe North and Radcliffe West Wards.

**Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor:** All Members from Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Wards.

**Whitefield and Unsworth:** All Members from Besses, Pilkington Park and Unsworth Wards.

2. That approval be given to the Township Forum's Terms of Reference as detailed in Appendix A of the report submitted and Delegated Power be given to the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services to make any consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution.

## C.92 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND EXECUTIVE QUESTION TIME

### (a) Written questions (four clear days' notice given)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Connolly, made a statement on the work undertaken by him since the date of the last Council meeting. The Leader and the relevant Executive Members answered questions raised by Councillors on the following issues:

No	Issue	Questioner	Answered by (and action)
1	Funding for the strengthening of local democracy	Councillor Boden	Councillor Connolly

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
<b>2</b>	Pupil Premium Funding	Councillor Mary D'Albert	Councillor Parnell
<b>3</b>	Local Performance Reward Grant	Councillor Walker	Councillor Connolly
<b>4</b>	Recycling Rates for Domestic Refuse	Councillor Boden	Councillor Isherwood
<b>5</b>	Budgetary Savings	Councillor O'Hanlon	Councillor Smith
<b>6</b>	Non-Pay Inflationary Pressures	Councillor Gartside	Councillor Smith
<b>7</b>	CO <sup>2</sup> Emissions	Councillor Matthews	Councillor Isherwood
<b>8</b>	Provision for Residual Waste	Councillor Garner	Councillor Isherwood
<b>9</b>	Level of Council Tax for 2012	Councillor Harris	Councillor Smith
<b>10</b>	Repair of Potholes in Roads	Councillor Vic D'Albert	Councillor Isherwood
<b>11</b>	Business Rates	Councillor Bevan	Councillor Smith
<b>12</b>	The Future of Clifton Road Site	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Isherwood
<b>13</b>	Meetings of the Executive	Councillor Gunther	Councillor Connolly
<b>14</b>	Recycling in the South of the Borough	Councillor Garner	Councillor Isherwood
<b>15</b>	Special Responsibility Allowances	Councillor Hankey	Councillor Connolly
<b>16</b>	Noise Air Pollution and the M60	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Isherwood
<b>17</b>	Bus Lane Restrictions	Councillor Walker	Councillor Isherwood
<b>18</b>	2012 Olympic Games	Councillor O'Hanlon	Councillor Lewis
<b>19</b>	Township Forums	Councillor Bevan	Councillor Walmsley
<b>20</b>	Relocation by the BBC	Councillor V D'Albert	Councillor Connolly

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
<b>21</b>	Former Local Area Partnership Managers	Councillor Wright	Councillor Walmsley
<b>22</b>	Bury Driving Test Centre	Councillor Mary D'Albert	Councillor Isherwood

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 12 to 22 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of the answers to those questions will be circulated to all Councillors. The Leader also gave an undertaking to make these available on the Council Web Site.

**(b) Oral Questions on the work of the Leader and Cabinet Members since the last Council meeting (without Notice)**

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
<b>23</b>	Budget Consultation	Councillor Gartside	Councillor Connolly
<b>24</b>	Future Meetings of the Executive and Venue for Meetings	Councillor Gunther	Councillor Connolly
<b>25</b>	Knowsley Street, Bury	Councillor Walker	Councillor Connolly
<b>26</b>	Township forums and Engagement with Public	Councillor Bailey	Councillor Walmsley
<b>27</b>	Former LAP Meetings	Councillor Wright	Councillor Connolly
<b>28</b>	Plan for Change	Councillor Hankey	Councillor Connolly
<b>29</b>	Review of Civic Halls	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Lewis
<b>30</b>	Budget Consultation Process	Councillor Holt	Councillor Connolly

**C.93 SCRUTINY REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMISSIONS**

There were no Scrutiny Review Reports or specific items 'called in' by the Internal Scrutiny Committee to be considered at this Council meeting.

#### **C.94 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS**

Councillor Matthews the Council's representative on the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority, gave a verbal report on the work of the Joint Authority to all Members of the Council.

There were no questions submitted to representatives of Joint Authorities in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2

#### **C.95 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS**

There were no written questions on the work of the outside bodies or partnerships on which the Council is represented, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

#### **C.96 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

There were no written questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Committees or Scrutiny Commissions contained in the Digests of Decisions No.1 (2011/2012).

#### **C.97 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

The Leader submitted a report which sought approval to constitutional amendments in order to bring into operation:

- Changes to Public Question Time, relating to meetings of the Council and the Executive, as announced by the Leader at the Annual Meeting;
- New decision-making arrangements following the re-instatement of the Executive;
- Revised management arrangements following the restructure of the Chief Executive's Department.

It was moved by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Smith that the report be approved.

On being put, it was unanimously

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That changes to the Council Constitution, relating to the Council Procedure Rules; decision-making arrangements; management structures and responsibilities; roles and responsibilities of portfolio holders, spokespersons and Committee chairs, be approved.
2. That the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader, be given delegated authority, to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution as a result of this decision, and to agree any changes of fact and law, arising from decisions of Council, the Executive and Committees.

**C.98 OVERVIEW AND ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT**

Councillor Brown moved, and Councillor Tariq seconded, that the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2010/2011 be received and it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2010/2011 be received.

**C.99 CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT**

Councillor Caserta moved, and Councillor Parnell seconded, that the Annual Corporate Parenting Report for 2010/2011 be received and it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the Annual Corporate Parenting Report for 2010/2011 be received.

**C.100 SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS**

It was reported that under Access to Information Rule 17, an Urgent Decision had been taken to approve an Invest to Save business case for changes to waste collection arrangements in 2011 and it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

**THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**

(NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and ended at 9.00 p.m.)