

Minutes of: AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 14 September 2011

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Y Creswell, in the Chair;
Councillors I Ahmed, A Audin, K Audin, M Bailey, N Bayley, 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, Y Creswell, A J Cummings, M D'Albert, V D D'Albert, J Frith, A S Garner, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, T Holt, S Hurst, K Hussain, A Isherwood, M James, J Lewis, A K Matthews, N Parnell, T D Pickstone, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, J Smith, T Tariq, J W H Taylor, B Theckston, B Vincent, R E Walker, S Walmsley, J F Walton and M J Wiseman

Apologies for absence: Councillors Gartside and Wright

Public attendance: 14 members of the public attended the meeting.

C.205 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 Pickstone declared a personal interest in Minute C.212 , Notice of Motion, as he is a member of an NHS Trust and his partner is employed by the NHS.
3. Councillor Campbell declared a personal interest in Minute C.212, Notice of Motion, as she is employed by the NHS.
4. Councillor Byrne declared a personal interest in Minute C.212, Notice of Motion, as he is a member of the NHS Trust in Bury.
5. Councillor Bury declared a personal interest in Minute C.212, Notice of Motion, as his wife is employed by the NHS.
6. Councillor Shori declared a personal interest in Minute C.212, Notice of Motion, as he is a Governor of NHS Foundation Trust (Pennine Acute).
7. Councillor Ahmed, Gunther and Walmsley declared personal interests in Minute c.211, Leader's Statement and Executive Question Time, in so far as it relates to Derby High School, as they are Governor's of that school.

C.206 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 July 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.207 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor paid tribute to former Councillor Barry Briggs and Peter Heath, former Elizabethan Suite Manger, following their recent passing.

Members stood in silence in memory and in tribute to former Councillor Briggs and Mr Heath.

C.208 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No	Issue	Questioner	Answered by (and action)
1	Why are refuse collections becoming fortnightly but the Council still supports Bury in Bloom	Mr A Miller	Councillor Connolly: Update in Invest to Save in Refuse Collection Service and extent to which cost of Bury in Bloom is covered through sponsorship
2.	Welcome restoration of public question time and means of opening up Town Hall	Mr L Phillips	Councillor Connolly

C.209 RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Minute EX.114 of the meeting of the Executive held on 13 July 2011 – 2011/2012 Treasury Management Annual Report.

It was moved by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Smith and it was

RESOLVED:

That the 2011/12 Treasury Management Annual Report be approved.

2. Minute EX.115 of the meeting of the Executive held on 12 July 2011 – Risk Management Annual Report.

It was moved by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Smith and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Risk Management Annual Report be approved.

3. Minute EX.137 of the meeting of the Executive held on 22 August 2011 – Bury Plan.

It was moved by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Smith and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Bury Plan be approved.

4. Minute 4(a) of the meeting of the JCC (Corporate) held on 8 September 2011 – Increase in elected member representation.

It was moved by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Smith and it was

RESOLVED:

That the elected member representation on the JCC (Corporate) be increased from six to ten.

At this stage in the Proceedings, it was moved and seconded and

RESOLVED:

That the Order of Business be changed in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13(c) to enable consideration of the Members' Allowances Scheme as the next item of business.

C.210 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

The Leader submitted a report which sought amendment to the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2011/12, following discussions between the three political group leaders.

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

On being put, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the following amendments be made to the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2011 subject to annual review in recognition of the fact that Member's Allowances are recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel:-

1. Special Responsibility Allowances be no longer paid for Chairs associated with local area working, currently Township Forums.
2. The Special Responsibility Allowances listed in the report be the subject of a 10% reduction for 2011/12.
3. During 2011/12, travel expenses be no longer paid in respect of journeys undertaken by elected members within the Borough.

C.211 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.	St Mary's Court Sheltered Accommodation Scheme and consultation with Ward Members	Councillor Mary D'Albert	Councillor Shori
2.	Derby High School – Future Plans	Councillor Ahmed	Councillor Parnell
3.	Regeneration of Radcliffe	Councillor Matt Bailey	Councillor Isherwood
4.	Elderly Residential Development in Prestwich	Councillor Vic D'Albert	Councillor Shori
5.	Equal Pay	Councillor Harris	Councillor Holt
6.	Community Resettlement Policy	Councillor Tariq	Councillor Tamoor
7.	Provision of grey refuse bins and blue bins	Councillor Garner	Councillor Connolly
8.	Township Forum and effective public engagement	Councillor Hankey	Councillor Walmsley
9.	Provision of day care services for elderly residents	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Shori
10.	Provision of brown bins	Councillor Garner	Councillor Isherwood
11.	Future of Civic Suites	Councillor Hankey	Councillor Lewis
12.	Local Government Pension Scheme	Councillor James	Councillor Smith
13.	Future of Farmer's Markets	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Isherwood
14.	Introduction of ipod Communication in the Refuse Collection Service	Councillor Walker	Councillor Isherwood
15.	Homelessness in Bury	Councillor Cassidy	Councillor Shori

16.	Public Health and funding issues	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Shori
17.	Experimental Closure Order – Knowsley Street, Bury	Councillor Walker	Councillor Isherwood

No	Issue	Questioner	Answered by (and action)
18.	Funding for “Free Schools”	Councillor Boden	Councillor Parnell
19.	Consultation on Council priorities	Councillor O’Hanlon	Councillor Connolly
20.	Cubic capacity for recycled materials	Councillor Boden	Councillor Isherwood
21.	Secondary School in Radcliffe	Councillor Vic D’Albert	Councillor Parnell
22.	Caron Dioxide Emissions	Councillor Matthews	Councillor Isherwood
23.	Development Strategy for Prestwich Village	Councillor O’Hanlon	Councillor Isherwood

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 8 to 23 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)

No	Issue	Questioner	Answered by (and action)
24.	Housing Strategy and cost of using consultants	Councillor Bevan	Councillor Connolly
25.	Raising household recycling rates	Councillor Campbell	Councillor Connolly
26.	Efficiencies through use of IT in refuse collection and further use	Councillor Quinn/Vic D’Albert	Councillor Connolly

27.	Petition on refuse collection services submitted on behalf of residents by Councillor Quinn	Councillor Gunther	Councillor Connolly
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C.212 NOTICE OF MOTION – HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BILL

The following motion had been received and set out in the Summons. With the consent of Council and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.7(a), an amendment to the Motion was allowed through the replacement of the word “vote” in the final paragraph, by the word “campaign”.

It was moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Shori that:-

“This Council notes:

That the Government promise to give the NHS a real rise in funding every year of this Parliament, and to stop top down reorganisation of the NHS.

That the NHS was cut in real terms by £800 million in 2010/11.

That through the Health and Social Care Bill, the Government is currently pushing through the biggest reorganisation in the history of the NHS, at a cost of £2 billion.

That the Bill will mean more public bodies and more money spent on bureaucracy.

That the Bill despite the “listening exercise” will remove the fundamental responsibility of the Secretary of State for Health for providing the health service.

That the Bill, despite the “listening exercise” will still put decisions about the future on the NHS in the hands of competition lawyers.

That patients in Bury are already starting to see the NHS going backwards, with twice as many patients having to wait longer than 18 weeks for treatment than a year ago.

This Council resolves:

To write directly to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Health urging them to scrap the Health and Social Care Bill.

To call on the Members of Parliament representing Bury to speak and campaign against the Health and Social Care Bill in Parliament.

In the names of Councillors:

A Audin, K Audin, M Bailey, N Bayley, D Boden, P Bury, G Campbell, D Cassidy, J Columbine, M Connolly, A Cummings, J Frith, J Grimshaw, T Holt, A Isherwood, M James, J Lewis, A Matthews, N Parnell, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, J Smith, T Tariq and S Walmsley.

With the consent of Council and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.7(a), an amendment to the Motion was allowed through the replacement of the word "vote" in the final paragraph, by the word "campaign".

Prior to the vote on the motion, in excess of the required eight Councillors requested that voting be recorded to show how each Member cast their vote.

The result of the vote was as follows:-

For the Motion:

A Audin, K Audin, M Bailey, N Bayley, D Boden, P Bury, J Byrne, G Campbell, D Cassidy, J Columbine, M Connolly, A Cummings, J Frith, J Grimshaw, T Holt, M James, J Lewis, A Matthews, N Parnell, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, J Smith, T Tariq and S Walmsley (25)

Against the Motion:

Councillors I Ahmed, I Bevan, R Bibby, R Brown, R Caserta, S Cohen, M D'Albert, V D'Albert, A Garner, D Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, S Hurst, Hussain, D O'Hanlon, T Pickstone, J Taylor, B Theckston, B Vincent, R Walker, J Walton and M Wiseman (22)

Abstaining from the Vote:

The Worshipful the Mayor

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

C.213 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.214 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS

- (a) Councillor Byrne the Council's representative on the Committee for Greater Manchester Transport, gave a verbal report on the work of the Committee to all Members of the Council.
- (b) The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2

No	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	Policing of the recent riots in Manchester and Salford	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Cohen (Representative on the Greater Manchester Police Authority)

2.	Review of policy on Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority member travel expenses	Councillor Vic D'Albert	Councillor Matthews (Representative on the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority)
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C.215 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.216 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.d4 and 5 (2010/2011).

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTES: The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and ended at 10.00 p.m.)