

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

Date of Meeting: 16 May 2018

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (D L Gunther in the Chair);
Councillors N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R A Caserta, R Cathcart, M Connolly, P Cropper, A J Cummings, M D'Albert, J Daly, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw, M Hankey, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, T Holt, K Hussain, N Jones, G Keeley, J Kelly, O Kersh, K Leach, A McKay, S Nuttall, E O'Brien, T D Pickstone, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Shori, A Simpson, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, R E Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright

Also in attendance:

Apologies for Absence: Councillors E Fitzgerald, M James, D Jones, R Hodgkinson, R Skillen and K Thomas

Public attendance: 12 members of the public attended Part 1 of the meeting.
160 members of the public attended Part 2 of the meeting

PART 1 OF THE MEETING

C.01 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

RESOLVED:

That the election of Chair be adjourned to Part 2 of the Proceedings.

C.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Shori declared a personal interest in any item which related to health as his partner is an employee of the NHS
2. Councillor Simpson declared a personal interest in any items related to health as she is an employee within the NHS.
3. Councillor Quinn declared a personal interest in any items relating to health as his son and daughter in law are NHS employees
4. Councillor S Wright declared a personal interest in any items related to staffing as his wife is employed at a Primary School in the Borough.

C.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 April 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.04 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor paid tribute to those Councillors not returning to the Chamber following the recent elections and welcomed new Members to their first Council meeting.

C.05 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2018

The Mayor reported the election of the following Councillors in the seventeen wards of the Borough:

Ward	Councillor Elected
Ramsbottom	Kevin Thomas
North Manor	James Daly
Tottington	Iain Gartside
Elton	Martin Hayes
Moorside	Sandra Walmsley
East	Trevor Holt
Church	Susan Nuttall
Redvales	Tamoor Tariq
Unsworth	Mohammed Tahir Rafiq
Radcliffe East	Karen Leach
Radcliffe North	Paul Cropper
Radcliffe West	Rishi Shori
Pilkington Park	Nicholas Jones
Besses	Mary Whitby
Holyrood	Tim Pickstone
St Mary's	Eamonn O'Brien
Sedgley	Alan Quinn

C.06 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Minute HRA.03 of the meeting of the Human Resources and Appeals Panel held on 11 May 2018

It was moved by Councillor Shori and seconded by Councillor Daly and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That this Council approves the appointment of Geoff Little to the post of Chief Executive.

C.07 STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE

Councillor Shori, Leader of the Council, made a statement on the State of the Borough describing the main achievements of the Council during 2017/2018.

C.08 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2018/19

The Leader moved, and Councillor Simpson seconded, that the report on the Annual Appointments for the 2018/19 Municipal Year be approved and adopted, and it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Strong Leader arrangements adopted by the Council in 2011/12, with a Cabinet of between two and ten Members be confirmed for 2018/2019.
2. That the appointment of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
3. That the appointment of the Cabinet, Deputy Cabinet Members and Shadow Cabinet for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted.
4. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
5. That the appointments of the Audit Committee and other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
6. That the appointments to Combined Authority and Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year 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 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.

8. That the appointments to the outside bodies for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
9. That the Members Allowance Scheme for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix H be noted.
10. That the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the 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 2018/2019 Municipal Year.
11. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make appropriate consequential changes to the Council's Constitution in order to reflect the allocation of portfolio responsibilities.

C.09 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018

Councillor Caserta moved, and Councillor Shori seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2017/2018 be approved.

PART 2 OF THE MEETING

C.11 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2018/19

Councillor D'Albert moved that Councillor Jane Black be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2018/2019, with Mr Mark Sankey as her Consort.

Councillor O'Brien 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 Jane Black be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2018/2019, with Mr Mark Sankey as her Consort.

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.12 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Daly, seconded by Councillor Hussain and it was:

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Dorothy Gunther be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/2019 and that this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Gunther and Mr Michael Gunther for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Mayor and Consort 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 and Consort.

C.13 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYOR AND OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYORESSES

It was proposed by Councillor Smith and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Mike Connolly and Mr Ian Hargreaves, for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Deputy Mayor and Deputy Consort 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.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTES: Part 1 of the meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 3.25 pm
Part 2 of the meeting started at 4.00 pm and ended at 4.50pm)