

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY

21st June, 2005

PRESENT

Lord Mayor (Councillor Lakha)
Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Ahmed)

Councillor Arrowsmith	Councillor Mrs. Lacy
Councillor Asif	Councillor Lee
Councillor Auluck	Councillor Mrs. Lucas
Councillor Mrs. Basu	Councillor Ms. McKay
Councillor Batten	Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Benefield	Councillor Mrs. Maskell
Councillor Bhyat	Councillor Matchet
Councillor Mrs. Bigham	Councillor Mulhall
Councillor Blundell	Councillor Mutton
Councillor Charley	Councillor Nellist
Councillor Cliffe	Councillor H. Noonan
Councillor Clifford	Councillor M. Noonan
Councillor Crookes	Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Mrs. Dixon	Councillor Patton
Councillor Duggins	Councillor Miss Reece
Councillor Field	Councillor Ridge
Councillor Foster	Councillor Ridley
Councillor Gazey	Councillor Ruddy
Councillor Mrs. Griffin	Councillor Mrs. Rutter
Councillor Mrs. Harper	Councillor Sawdon
Councillor Harrison	Councillor Skipper
Councillor Ms. Hunter	Councillor Mrs. Stone
Councillor Mrs. Johnson	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Kelly	Councillor Townshend
Councillor Kelsey	Councillor Williams

Apologies: Councillor Chater, Councillor Mrs. Lancaster

26. Declarations of Interest

The following members declared interests in the matters referred to in Minute 27 below. The minute also records the actions the members decided to take at the meeting, having regard to the National Code of Local Government Conduct and the City Council's Constitution:-

Prejudicial

Member

Councillor Asif
Councillor Benefield
Councillor Mrs. Johnson

Councillor Lakha
Councillor Mulhall

(NOTES:-

- (1) Councillors Asif, Benefield, Mrs. Johnson, Lakha and Mulhall with drew from the meeting during consideration of this item.
- (2) In the absence of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Lakha), Councillor Ahmed chaired the remainder of the meeting.)

27. **Notice of Motion – Single Status**

Councillor Mutton moved the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Duggins, as set out in the requisition for an extraordinary meeting of the City Council, in accordance with paragraph 4.1.4 of the City Council's Constitution, signed by Councillors Mutton, Duggins, McNicholas, Mrs. Bigham and Mrs. Lucas:-

"This Council is concerned at the impact of the unilateral imposition of Single Status on service delivery to our constituents, as well as on staff morale, including the provocative use of agency employees.

We believe that this has been caused by the unnecessary haste at which the Conservative administration sought to introduce Single Status on taking up office and associated intransigence, thus ignoring the benefits of a negotiated settlement. We therefore agreed to go to assisted bargaining.

At the same time, this Council requests that the Chief Executive open up a dialogue with the Local Government Association and local Members of Parliament to establish if additional resources might be made available from Central Government".

The following amendment was moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Taylor and carried, giving rise to the following Substantive Motion:-

"This Council is concerned at the impact of Single Status on service delivery to our constituents, as well as on staff morale.

This Council supports current and ongoing dialogue with the Local Government Association and local Members of Parliament to establish if additional resources might be made available from Central Government and notes that the offer of assisted bargaining has been made".

(NOTE: In respect of the above amendment, a recorded vote was required in accordance with paragraph 4.1.72 of the City Council's Constitution on the resolutions. The Members voting for and against the resolution was as follows:-

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Ahmed	Councillor Auluck	
Councillor Arrowsmith	Councillor Basu	
Councillor Blundell	Councillor Batten	
Councillor Charley	Councillor Bhyat	
Councillor Cliffe	Councillor Bigham	
Councillor Crookes	Councillor Clifford	
Councillor Mrs. Dixon	Councillor Duggins	
Councillor Foster	Councillor Field	
Councillor Gazey	Councillor Harrison	
Councillor Mrs. Griffin	Councillor Ms. Hunter	
Councillor Mrs. Harper	Councillor Kelly	
Councillor Kelsey	Councillor Lacy	
Councillor Lee	Councillor Mrs. Lucas	
Councillor Maskell	Councillor Ms. McKay	
Councillor Matchet	Councillor McNicholas	
Councillor H. Noonan	Councillor Mutton	
Councillor M. Noonan	Councillor Nellist	
Councillor O'Neill	Councillor Patton	
Councillor Ms. Reece	Councillor Ruddy	
Councillor Ridge	Councillor Skipper	
Councillor Ridley	Councillor Mrs. Stone	
Councillor Mrs. Rutter	Councillor Townshend	
Councillor Sawdon		
Councillor Taylor		
Councillor Williams		

Result: 25 for, 22 against and 0 abstentions.)

Councillor Field then moved the following amendment to the Notice of Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Basu and lost:-

"Delete paragraph 2 and replace with:-

In order to help achieve a fairer outcome, this Council calls upon the Government to re-examine the whole Single Status issue, with a view to providing local councils with extra funding to ease the settlement, as they have done with the NHS".

(NOTE: A recorded vote on this amendment was required in accordance with paragraph 4.1.72 of the City Council's Constitution, and the Members voting for and against the amendment in this minute were as follows:-

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Auluck	Councillor Ahmed	
Councillor Basu	Councillor Arrowsmith	
Councillor Batten	Councillor Blundell	
Councillor Bhyat	Councillor Charley	
Councillor Bigham	Councillor Cliffe	
Councillor Clifford	Councillor Crookes	
Councillor Duggins	Councillor Mrs. Dixon	
Councillor Field	Councillor Foster	

Councillor Harrison	Councillor Gazey
Councillor Ms. Hunter	Councillor Mrs. Griffin
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Councillor Ms. McKay	Councillor Maskell
Councillor McNicholas	Councillor Matchet
Councillor Mutton	Councillor H. Noonan
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Councillor Ruddy	Councillor Ms. Reece
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Councillor Mrs. Stone	Councillor Ridley
Councillor Townshend	Councillor Mrs. Rutter
	Councillor Sawdon
	Councillor Taylor
	Councillor Williams

Result: 22 for, 25 against and 0 abstentions.)

RESOLVED that the substantive motion as set out above be adopted.

(NOTE: The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.)