

**ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY**

19th May, 2005

PRESENT

Lord Mayor (Councillor Lakha)

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Ahmed)

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

Apologies

Councillor Nellist
Councillor Miss Reece
Councillor Ruddy

19. Election of Chair of the Council

It was moved by Councillor Mutton, seconded by Councillor Chater and supported by Councillor Taylor that Councillor Ram Parkash Lakha be elected as Chair of the Council (being the Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Ram Parkash Lakha be elected as Chair of the Council for the 2005/2006 municipal year, having made the declaration of office

prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Lord Mayor's Chain of Office and Robe.

20. Official Badge of the Lady Mayoress

The retiring Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Hazel Gazey) invested Mrs. Meto Lakha with the Badge of Office of the Lady Mayoress.

21. Lord Mayor's Address

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Lakha, addressed the City Council.

22. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Lord Mayor

A vote of thanks for the retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor John Gazey, was moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Blundell and supported by Councillor Mutton. Councillor Gazey responded to the vote of thanks.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the warmest thanks of the Council are due and are hereby given to Councillor John Gazey for the zeal and impartiality with which he has discharged the arduous duties of the office of Lord Mayor during the year 2004/2005 and to Mrs. Hazel Gazey as Lady Mayoress.

(2) That a copy of this resolution, under the common seal, be presented to Councillor John Gazey and Mrs. Hazel Gazey.

23. Medallions for the Retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented to Councillor Gazey and Mrs. Gazey, Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress during 2004/2005, medallions inscribed with their names.

24. Election of Vice Chair of the Council

It was moved by Councillor Matchet, seconded by Councillor Asif and supported by Councillor Mutton that Councillor Shabbir Ahmed be elected as Vice Chair of the Council (being the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Shabbir Ahmed be elected Vice Chair of the Council for the 2005/2006 municipal year, having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Deputy Lord Mayor's Badge and Robe.

25. Official Badge of the Deputy Lady Mayoress

The Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Meto Lakha) invested Mrs. Rakizen-ul-Nisa with the Badge of Office of the Deputy Lady Mayoress.