

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 Mrs. Lancaster
Councillor Auluck	Councillor Lee
Councillor Mrs. Basu	Councillor Mrs. Lucas
Councillor Batten	Councillor Ms. McKay
Councillor Benefield	Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Bhyat	Councillor Mrs. Maskell
Councillor Mrs. Bigham	Councillor Matchet
Councillor Blundell	Councillor Mulhall
Councillor Charley	Councillor Mutton
Councillor Chater	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

28. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May, 2005, were signed as a true record, subject to the following amendments:-

Question from Councillor McNicholas to Councillor Foster, the subject matter to read "prudential borrowing" instead of "government grants".

Question from Councillor McNicholas to Councillor Arrowsmith, the subject matter to read "Momus Boulevard" instead of "Monmouth Boulevard".

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May, 2005, were signed as a true record.

29. **Birthday Honours**

The Lord Mayor referred to the following awards made to Coventry citizens in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:-

OBE to Mr. Jim MacCormack from Wyken for his tireless work and dedication in helping the homeless people in the city. Mr. MacCormack also recently received the Local Hero Award at the Pride of Coventry and Warwickshire Community Awards.

OBE to Mr. Dave Sexton, former Coventry City Football Club manager, who now lives in Kenilworth, for his services to football.

MBE to Mr. Bill Lewis from Allesley for his work with the disabled citizens of the City.

MBE to Mr. George Want from Mount Nod for his services to the Police.

Members noted that letters of congratulations had already been sent, on behalf of the City Council, to all recipients.

30. **Councillor Williams' Forthcoming Wedding**

The Lord Mayor on behalf of the City Council, passed on best wishes to Councillor Williams for his wedding in July.

31. **Petitions**

RESOLVED that the following petitions be referred to the appropriate City Council body:-

- (a) **"Save Spon End Play Centre"** – 49 signatures presented by Councillor Ridley.
- (b) **Save Our Skate Park** – 759 signatures presented by Councillor Mrs. Lucas.
- (c) **Speed of Traffic on Birmingham Road, Browns Lane and Windmill Hill** – 49 signatures presented by Councillor Gazey.
- (d) **Planning Applications 20816/A/B and 26318/H** – 59 signatures presented by Councillor Mrs. Stone.
- (e) **Request to Provide Library Facilities in the Tile Hill South Area** – 79 signatures presented by Councillor Mrs. Lacy.
- (f) **Requesting Closure of an Alleyway Due to Anti-Social Behaviour** 17 signatures presented by Councillor Patton.
- (g) **Against Parking Restrictions in Burnaby Road** – 127 signatures presented by Councillor Mrs. Lucas.

- (h) Request for Pelican Crossing or Pedestrian Operated School Crossing at St. Martin's Road – 568 signatures presented by Councillor Crookes.
- (i) Anti-Social Behaviour in St. Ives Road, Wyken – 20 signatures presented by Councillor Mrs. Dixon.
- (j) To Oppose the Proposal for the Relocation of the Bus Stop from 175-177 Ansty Road to 181-183 Ansty Road.
- (k) Motorbikes at the Back of Rowleys Green Land/Bromwell Gardens/Wilson Lane – 59 signatures presented by Councillor Mrs. Stone.
- (l) Concerns About the Cobblestones Outside Bonds Court and Bonds Hospital, Hill Street – 41 signatures presented by Councillor Nellist.

32. **Declarations of Interest**

The following Members declared interests in the matters referred to in the minutes indicated. The relevant minutes recording the decisions also record, where appropriate, the actions that the Members decided to take at the meeting indicated, having regard to the National Code of Local Government Conduct and to the City Council's Constitution:-

Interests in Recommendations for the City Council

Prejudicial

Member	Minute No.
* Councillor Auluck	36

The following Members were granted dispensations by the Standards Committee on 14th April, 2005 to speak and vote at meetings on the Arena development:-

Member	Minute No.
Councillor Chater	35
Councillor Cliffe	35
Councillor Duggins	35
Councillor Foster	35
Councillor Mrs. Lucas	35
Councillor Mutton	35
Councillor Ridley	35
Councillor Sawdon	35
Councillor Skipper	35
Councillor Mrs. Stone	35

(* The Member indicated left the meeting during consideration of this item)

33. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for part of the item of business

indicated below on the grounds that the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular those paragraphs indicated:-

Minute No	Subject	Relevant Paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A
35 (part)	Ricoh Arena – Construction Contract	7, 8 and 10

34. **Question Time**

The appropriate Members answered all the questions set out in the questions booklet, together with the supplementary questions put to them at the meeting.

The following Members answered oral questions put to them by other Members as set out below, together with supplementary questions on the same matters:-

Question Asked By	Question Put To	Subject Matter
Councillor Nellist	Councillor Sawdon	Item of urgent business at Cabinet regarding new Academies
Councillor Patton	Councillor Sawdon	High number of urgent items relating to the Arena development
Councillor Clifford	Councillor Matchet	Shop premises in Cannon Park/Neighbourhood Wardens
Councillor Arrowsmith	Councillor Matchet	Cost of logo change
Councillor Nellist	Councillor Ridley	Job advertisement at Museum of British Road Transport with zero hours contract
Councillor Mutton	Councillor Taylor	Consultation with employees association regarding health and safety liability
Councillor Mrs. Lucas	Councillor Arrowsmith	Decriminalisation of parking
Councillor Mrs. Lucas	Councillor Arrowsmith	Parking of prison vans on road to the rear of the Magistrates' Court
Councillor Chater	Councillor Arrowsmith	Decriminalisation of parking income targets
Councillor Townshend	Councillor Foster	Employment of agency workers as a result of single status action
Councillor Auluck	Councillor O'Neill	Non Council Tax payments
Councillor Field	Councillor O'Neill	Council Tax write offs

Councillor Nellist	Councillor O'Neill	Number of bankruptcies as a result of Council Tax debts
Councillor Field	Councillor Foster	Noise complaints
Councillor Patton	Councillor Taylor	Penalty clauses in construction contracts
Councillor Patton	Councillor Taylor	Funding of railway station at Arena site
Councillor Patton	Councillor Kelsey	Catering prior to Council meeting
Councillor Arrowsmith	Councillor O'Neill	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Conference
Councillor Nellist	Councillor Blundell	New Academies
Councillor Nellist	Councillor Blundell	Caludon Castle PFI scheme
Councillor Mutton	Councillor Arrowsmith	Pool Meadow/ Millennium Commission
Councillor Townshend	Councillor O'Neill	Highway Maintenance Budgets/ prudential borrowing
Councillor Townshend	Councillor O'Neill	Claims under industrial tribunal relating to single status
Councillor Chater	Councillor O'Neill	Highway Maintenance Programme

35. Ricoh Arena Development

Further to Minutes 13/05 and 15/05 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered two joint reports, one in public and one in private, which provided an update on the progress of the Ricoh Arena and contract negotiations. In addition the reports sought approval to the opening date of the Ricoh Arena.

On 16th October, 2003, the City Council approved a scheme to construct an arena in the north of Coventry on the site of the former Foleshill Gas Works. The Ricoh Arena is a mixed use regeneration project, including a 32,000 seat football stadium, casino, conference and banqueting suites, offices, fitness studio and community space. The report to Council on 16th October 2003, approved a total scheme budget of £113.3m which included an allocation for construction costs and also a contingency fund recognising that there were likely to be additional costs. In December 2003, the City Council signed the construction contract for the Ricoh Arena with Laing O'Rourke. The contract stated that the completion date for the Arena was 31st July, 2005, subject to any extension of time granted under the contract.

Drivers Jonas had been appointed to project manage the scheme on behalf of the Council, monthly progress reports are produced on the construction element of the scheme and presented to the CNR Board. A Cabinet Advisory Panel had also been

established who are appraised of the main points of these reports, together with the wider impact of the scheme at monthly meetings. In their reports to the CNR Board Drivers Jonas have, in general, concluded that progress on the scheme, both in time and cost terms, has been satisfactory taking into account the size and complexity of the scheme. At different stages of the project there have been indications of possible delays to the completion of the project, however the CNR Board on advice from Drivers Jonas, considered that it would be possible to finish the scheme by the agreed completion date and within the overall scheme budget. However, as the scheme has progressed, it has been necessary to issue a number of instructions to the Contractor for essential items of work necessary for completion of the scheme, these items only became apparent during the construction phase of the scheme and had caused a small delay to the scheme.

Additional instructions had been issued to Laing O'Rourke relating to repairs to areas of the Ricoh Arena affected by fire, the removal of Japanese Knotweed and the requirement to improve the arrangements for the disposal of spectators around "the nose" of the Ricoh Arena. In addition Laing O'Rourke have indicated a potential two week extension of time as a result of inclement weather during the summer of 2004 which it has become necessary to accommodate. Laing O'Rourke have also experienced a number of events which have put pressures on timescales, including the late delivery of steel and mechanical and electrical works issues.

The Council and Laing O'Rourke entered into negotiations aimed at minimising the delays resulting from these events, this resulted in an agreement which included a revised completion date taking into account all events up to 13th May, 2005. The proposed completion date is 19th August, 2005 with the first home game being played by Coventry City Football Club on Saturday 20th August, 2005. The full impact of the 19 day delay has been discussed with the Council's partners including Coventry City Football Club who themselves are in discussions with the Football Association regarding the implications of the delay.

RESOLVED that, after due consideration of the options and proposals contained in the reports, the City Council:-

- (1) Note the information on the progress of the Arena and support Coventry North Regeneration Limited (CNR) in its proposals for the timing of the opening of the Ricoh Arena.**
- (2) Agrees that Cabinet should receive a report back in September 2005 on the progress of the Ricoh Arena and any related financial implications.**
- (3) Support Coventry North Regeneration Limited, the company set up by the Council to construct the Ricoh Arena, in the actions that it is taking to ensure that any delay to the opening of the Ricoh Arena are minimised.**
- (4) Approve a revised capital budget for the scheme of £113.8m, reflecting the best case scenario set out in the appendix to the private report, which is an increased cost to the Council of £300k to be funded from corporate reserves after accounting for an additional £200k from the casino operator.**

- (5) **Delegates authority to the Director of City Development, the Director of Finance and ICT and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to approve additional payments to meet the costs of completing the Ricoh Arena on 19th August, 2005 (up to the limit of the worst case scenario as indicated in the appendix to the private report).**
- (6) **Accepts the risk that further claims could arise between the date of those covered by the agreement (13th May, 2005) and the revised completion date (19th August 2005).**

36. 2005 West Midlands Local Transport Plan

Further to Minute 18/05 of the Cabinet, the Council considered a report of the Director of City Development which sought approval to the West Midlands Local Transport Plan (LTP) submission for the period 2006/2007 to 2010/2011.

The 2005 LTP set out what needs to be done and what else needs to happen in order to ensure that the West Midlands has a world class transport system that meets the aspirations of all its citizens, visitors and the businesses that operate within it. The proposals would help the economy to thrive, improve the environment and enhance the quality of life, all in a safe and sustainable way.

The principal purpose of the LTP is to:-

- (a) To set out an overall transport strategy for the West Midlands for 2006/07 to 2010/2011.
- (b) Provide policies on how the transport system should evolve.
- (c) Set out a proposed package of capital transport schemes to achieve this.

The LTP was a Statutory Framework Document, the Transport Act 2000 required that each individual West Midlands Authority approved a plan through its own political approval process. In advance of the report being submitted to the City Council, the West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee considered the document at their meeting on 15th April, 2005 and resolved to recommend the report to the City Council. The overall approval process was taking place at different times throughout June 2005 to fit in the timetables for each council and the PTA. It was recognised that this was a long lead in time to the submission of the report in July and that circumstances may change.

This version of the 2005 LTP will be classed by the Government as provisional. Amendments to the document will take place in March 2006 to refine and build on the submission. Some of the main additions are likely to include:-

- The Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Regional Transport Study;
- The Black Country study;
- The Birmingham City regional growth proposals; and
- Accessibility planning.

Other amendments would also be required to update and edit the text of the document before submission of the final document and this would include:-

- Amendments to the Bus Strategy to reflect current proposals and progress on the schemes such as PrimeLines;
- Finalisation of the Major Scheme prioritisation process;
- The PRISM traffic model to assess congestion and set targets to monitor the efficiency of the road network;
- Finalisation of the region's position with regard to the transport innovation fund;
- Consideration of the MG Rover situation; and
- Finalisation of the presentation of the document and technical detail.

RESOLVED that the City Council:-

- (1) Approve the 2005 West Midlands Local Transport Plan and adopt it as set out in Section 4 of the report submitted.**
- (2) Authorise the Director of City Development, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree any late changes to the report.**
- (3) Note that the document is provisional and that amendments will be made as set out in Paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of the report.**
- (4) Note the comments of, and approve, the revised West Midlands Bus Strategy submitted with the report.**

37. Consumer Direct West Midlands

Further to Minute 22/05 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a joint report that sought approval for the Council to enter into a contract with the Department of Trade and Industry (Dti) to provide a regional contact centre for the Greater West Midlands area for Consumer Direct. The report sought authority to negotiate with the Dti and to complete all necessary legal documentation to implement Consumer Direct West Midlands. Consumer Direct West Midlands would be a new telephone and online consumer advice and information service totally funded by the Dti provided (subject to contract negotiations) by Coventry City Council in a partnering arrangement with other Trading Standards Services across the West Midlands area. Consumers within the West Midlands region would be able to access quality consumer advice through a single national telephone number. The service is likely to go live early in 2006, depending on information from the Dti.

The contract for Consumer Direct West Midlands was worth in the region of £5m over a four year period to 31st March, 2010. The Consumer Direct West Midlands Contract centre will be based alongside, but separate to, Coventry Direct and would employ approximately 34 full-time equivalent employees. The report summarised the background and the Government rationale for the proposals and how it would operate, the role of pathfinder regions and feedback and lessons learned from them, the development of Consumer Direct West Midlands, the selection process for the Greater West Midlands region and negotiations with the Department of Trade and Industry and contract signing.

It was proposed to operate Consumer Direct West Midlands as part of Coventry Direct and it would be managed by the Customer and Business Services Unit. Strong links would need to be established with the other regional local authorities and the Council's current Trading Standards Service.

RESOLVED that the City Council:-

- (1) Approve the details of the Consumer Direct West Midlands regional contact centre on the terms detailed in the report submitted and note that the assumptions for the negotiations with the Department of Trade and Industry would be based upon full cost recovery over the life of the contract.**
- (2) Authorise the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Directors referred to in Paragraph 1.2 of the report submitted, to complete all necessary legal documentation to implement Consumer Direct West Midlands.**
- (3) Note that the Consumer Direct West Midlands contact centre would be operated on behalf of the region as part of Coventry Direct and would be managed by the Customer and Business Unit and note that strong links would be established with other regional local authorities and with the Council's current Trading Standards service.**
- (4) Note that regular monitoring reports will be presented to the Cabinet Member (City Services) and the Cabinet Member (Corporate and Customer Services).**
- (5) Note that recruitment for the Consumer Direct West Midlands Contact Centre will be carried out as soon as possible, subject to a contract with the Department of Trade and Industry being signed.**
- (6) Note the challenging timescales referred to in Paragraph 5 of the report submitted.**
- (7) Note that the assumptions contained within the report are that any effect that Consumer Direct West Midlands will have on the current Trading Standards service will be cost neutral.**
- (8) Note that in the unlikely event that the costs fail to be agreed with the Department of Trade and Industry, that the Council would, reluctantly, have to withdraw from the negotiations.**

38. "Opportunity Age" – Response to the Consultation on the Strategy for Ageing

Further to Minute 24/05 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of Social Services and Housing which set out the outcome of the local consultation on the response to the Government consultation on the strategy for ageing which would form the basis of the response to the Government consultation.

The report summarises the background to the above cross-departmental consultation on a strategy for ageing, led by the Department of Work and Pensions, the underpinning values being active independence, quality and choice. The strategy set out in Opportunity Age also linked to the policy themes and proposals within the Adult Social Services Green Paper – Independence, Wellbeing and Choice and the recent interim report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on the Social Exclusion of Older People and the Department of Trade and Industry's Skills White Paper.

The Local Authority has a key role through strategic leadership creating the right environment, particularly in strengthening joint working and building the community and voluntary sectors.

The ODPM Interim Report on Social Exclusion of Older People highlights three priorities for improving older people's experiences, early intervention and low level service; promoting youth involvement, choice, and control; and, joined up and co-ordinated services. The report identified a series of key themes which had been identified during the consultation with older people which affect whether or not older people are socially excluded.

The implementation of the Opportunity Age strategy had implications across all areas and departments within the City Council and also gave Coventry the opportunity to further develop a joined up approach that promotes the City as an attractive and vibrant place to be growing older.

The Older Peoples' Partnership had led a local stakeholder consultation event on 20th May, 2005 which had involved representatives from a cross section of agencies across the City including the Local Authority, Police, Fire, Health, Housing, Care and Repair, Adult Education, voluntary sector and older people themselves. The event was planned to have three key outcomes; the development of a response from Coventry to the Government consultation by 27th July, 2005; the commencement of the process of developing the priorities for action for Coventry (to be incorporated into the Older People Strategy which is currently being developed) planned publication for consultation in September 2005; and the development of networking and joint working to improve the experiences of older people.

In the context of the national and local consultation, the report covered the five aims that had been identified within the quality of life domains, relating to independence within inclusive communities, healthy and active living (including lifelong learning), fairness in work and later life, material wellbeing and support and care.

Opportunity Age has been widely welcomed across the City as an opportunity to feedback key issues to Government and at the same time identify the key issues to develop the priorities for Coventry. The consultation is timely as the Older Peoples Partnership is currently considering its future role, widening from the initial focus of health and social care issues to a wider remit of improving older peoples experiences, and developing and formalising links with a wider range of partners across the city. The stakeholder consultation has mapped current services and identified gaps in existing provision, identified priorities for action and suggested performance indicators. These are currently being collated and themed.

RESOLVED that the City Council:-

- (1) Approve the response to the Government consultation and the further development of the Coventry plan for engaging with older citizens in the light of the Opportunity Age consultation outcome and development of local priorities.**
- (2) Delegate to the Director of Social Services and Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Community Service), authority to collate observations resulting from further local consultations not concluded by 21st June, 2005, and to include them, as appropriate, in the final version of the response to the Government.**

39. Response to the Department of Health Green Paper: "Independence, Wellbeing and Choice"

Further to Minute 25/05 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of Social Services and Housing that sought agreement to a response to the Department of Health on the consultation on the Green Paper "Independence, Wellbeing and Choice: Our Vision for the Future of Social Care in England".

The report set out the background to the Green Paper which set out a vision for adult social care over the next 10 to 15 years and how this might be realised. Consultation leading up to the publication of the Green Paper have found that service users wished to exercise more choice and control in the services that they receive and have an enhanced quality of life and health for as long as possible to make a positive contribution to the care that they receive, be free from discrimination and harassment and retain their personal dignity. The Green Paper was intended to provoke discussion and to provide a means by which impacted groups can respond to its proposals. In consulting the stakeholders the Social Services and Housing Directorate held a large scale consultation event on 25th May, 2005 which was attended by over 350 people with a wide range of stakeholders inputting into the consultation response.

The City Council noted that Scrutiny Board (2) had considered the consultation at their meeting on 9th June, 2005, and had welcomed and supported the draft response but requested the inclusion of the following:-

- (i) As partnership working between the City Council and the NHS become more and more common place, the inspection and performance framework set by Government needs to change to reflect this. The City Council and the PCT, for example, are working closely on providing equipment to support adults living independently, and it seems that two different sets of targets and performance indicators are in place to monitor the effectiveness of this work. Section 1.4 should be amended to include specific references to joint performance management where appropriate.
- (ii) Section 1.5 highlights the area of workforce development, which is of particular importance. The Board was keen that the Council's response articulated clearly the challenge of ensuring that the task of assimilating the various terms and conditions of staff doing the same or a similar type of job, but working for different agencies, was not under estimated.

RESOLVED that the City Council:-

- (1) Approve the draft response contained in Appendix 1 to the report submitted with the inclusion of the comments at (i) and (ii) above.**
- (2) Approve the information contained in Appendix 2 to the report confirming the City Council's actions (including directions for further work) in response to the messages presented at 25th May 2005 conference.**

40. Corporate Plan 2005/06 – 2007/08

Further to Minute 26/05 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Chief Executive that sought approval for the Corporate Plan 2005/206 – 2007/08.

The framework was based on the three levels of plan – the Corporate Plan, Cabinet Members' Strategic Plans and Operational Plans. The Corporate Plan sets out how the Council will deliver its vision and objectives at a corporate level, covers a three year period and will be updated annually. The Cabinet Members' Strategic Plans set out in more detail how individual Cabinet Members plan to implement the Council's corporate objectives over the coming three years. These plans were scheduled to be presented to Cabinet for approval on 12th July, 2005. Operational Plans set out the action that Directorates will take to put Council policy into effect. These are working documents which are used to allocate staff and resources and to manage performance at officer level. Each employee is allocated personal duties and targets to ensure that team and Directorate objectives are achieved. These are reviewed annually through a formal appraisal process.

In moving the Corporate Plan Councillor Taylor moved the following additions to the Corporate Plan:-

Under the heading of "Our Values" fourth bullet point, after the word "Diversity" insert "Social Justice" to read:

"Value Diversity, Social Justice and Community Cohesion"

Under "Our Corporate Objectives" insert a seventh bullet point which reads:

"To actively promote equality so that people from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities"

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Ms. McKay, seconded by Councillor Nellist and carried:-

"New indicator 19 – disadvantaged neighbourhoods:

"to reduce the gap in life expectancy between the priority neighbourhoods and the rest of the city.

Targets for 2005/2006 and subsequent years to be "a reduction in gap".

Renumber all subsequent indicators appropriately".

RESOLVED that the Corporate Plan as amended above, be adopted.

41. **Performance Report 2004/05**

Further to Minute 27/05 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Chief Executive which sought approval for the performance report 2004/05 and the establishment of a Best Value Review Group to review work to promote the city of Coventry.

The Local Government Act 1999 makes it a statutory duty for the Council to produce a Best Value Performance Plan by 30th June each year. The Council produces this plan in two parts: the Corporate Plan and the Performance Report. Under the same Act Local Authorities also have a statutory duty to carry out best value reviews of their functions. In 2005/06 it is proposed to use this process to review the best value, effectiveness and impact of activities by the City Council and its partners to promote the City of Coventry and to recommend how improvements may be made.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) **Approve the performance report 2004/05 attached as Appendix 1 to the report and delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make any final minor amendments, corrections or additions to it prior to its publication by the statutory deadline of 30th June, 2005.**
- (2) **Approve the establishment of a Best Value Review Group on Promoting Coventry, the Chair and Vice-Chair and members of the Review Group to be appointed at a later date.**

42. **Changes in Membership**

The City Council considered proposals to amend the appointments to a series of committees/outside bodies.

RESOLVED that the following amendments be approved:-

- (1) **Scrutiny Board (2) – remove Councillor Mrs. Rutter and replace with Councillor Ahmed.**
- (2) **Scrutiny Board (4) – remove Councillor Ahmed and replace with Councillor Mrs. Rutter.**
- (3) **Regional Flood Defence Committee – remove Councillor Arrowsmith and replace with Councillor Ahmed.**

43. **Debate – Motor Bikes, Quad Bikes and Miniature Bikes**

Councillor Mrs. Dixon moved the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Lee:-

"This Council notes the increasing problems caused by those who use motor bikes, quad bikes and miniature bikes in an anti-social and reckless manner. The Council notes that the anti-social use of motor bikes has not only caused substantial damage to both public and private property but also endangers the safety and wellbeing of many of our constituents living near the sites effected. The

Council therefore resolves to work with the police and partners to combat this problem."

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Mrs. Bigham, seconded by Councillor Duggins and carried, giving rise to the following substantive motion:-

"This Council notes the increasing problems caused by those who use motor bikes, quad bikes and miniature bikes in an anti-social and reckless manner. The Council notes that the anti-social use of motor bikes has not only caused substantial damage to both public and private property but also endangered the safety and wellbeing of many of our constituents living near to the site effected as well as visitors and those working in the city. The Council therefore resolves to work with the police and partners to combat this problem."

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

(NOTE: The meeting closed at 11.55 pm.)