

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

18 May 2006

PRESENT

Lord Mayor (Councillor Ahmed)

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Batten)

Councillor Adalat	Councillor Lakha
Councillor Arrowsmith	Councillor Mrs Lancaster
Councillor Asif	Councillor Lee
Councillor Auluck	Councillor Mrs. Lucas
Councillor Bains	Councillor Maton
Councillor Benefield	Councillor Ms. McKay
Councillor Mrs. Bigham	Councillor McNicholas
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 Miss Reece
Councillor Duggins	Councillor Ridge
Councillor Field	Councillor Ridley
Councillor Foster	Councillor Mrs. Rutter
Councillor Gazey	Councillor Sawdon
Councillor Mrs. Griffin	Councillor Skinner
Councillor Harvard	Councillor Mrs. Stone
Councillor Ms. Hunter	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Mrs. Johnson	Councillor Townshend
Councillor Kelly	Councillor Waters
Councillor Kelsey	Councillor Williams

Apologies Councillor Mrs Harper
 Councillor Nellist
 Councillor M Noonan
 Councillor Skipper
 Councillor Windsor

1. Election of 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 Chair of the Council (being the Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Shabbir Ahmed be elected as Chair of the Council for the 2006/2007 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.

2. Official Badge of the Lady Mayoress

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

3. Lord Mayor's Address

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

4. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Lord Mayor

A vote of thanks for the retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor Ram Parkash Lakha, was moved by Councillor Mutton, seconded by Councillor Chater and supported by Councillor Taylor. Councillor Lakha responded to the vote of thanks.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the warmest thanks of the Council are due and are hereby given to Councillor Ram Parkash Lakha for the zeal and impartiality with which he has discharged the arduous duties of the office of Lord Mayor during the year 2005/2006 and to Mrs Meto Lakha as Lady Mayoress.

(2) That a copy of this resolution, under the common seal, be presented to Councillor Ram Parkash Lakha and Mrs Meto Lakha.

5. Medallions for the Retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented to Councillor Lakha and Mrs Lakha, Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress during 2005/2006, medallions inscribed with their names.

6. Election of Vice Chair of the Council

It was moved by Councillor McNicholas, seconded by Councillor Clifford and supported by Councillor Taylor that Councillor David Henry Batten be elected as Vice Chair of the Council (being the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor David Henry Batten be elected Vice Chair of the Council for the 2006/2007 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.

7. Official Badge of the Deputy Lady Mayoress

The Lady Mayoress (Mrs Rakizen-UI-Nisa) invested Mrs Lynda Batten with the Badge of Office of the Deputy Lady Mayoress.

8. Election of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

It was moved by Councillor Matchet and seconded by Councillor Asif that Councillors Taylor and O'Neill be elected as Leader and Deputy Leader respectively of the City Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillors Taylor and O'Neill be elected as Leader and Deputy Leader respectively of the Council for the 2006/2007 municipal year.

9. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 11th April 2006, were signed as a true record.

10. Return of Persons Elected as Councillors for the City on 4th May 2006

The return of Councillors elected for the following wards of the City on 4th May 2006 was reported:

Ward	Member
Bablake	Andrew Williams
Binley and Willenhall	John Mutton
Cheylesmore	Linda Reece
Earlsdon	Andrew Matchet
Foleshill	Altaf Adalat
Henley	Kevin Maton
Holbrooks	Anne Lucas
Longford	Lindsley Harvard
Lower Stoke	Philip Townshend
Radford	Kieran Mulhall
St. Michael's	Rob Windsor
Sherbourne	David Arrowsmith
Upper Stoke	Sucha Bains

Wainbody	Gary Crookes
Westwood	David Skinner
Whoberley	Clifford Ridge
Woodlands	Anthony O'Neill
Wyken	Angela Waters

11. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

12. **Matters for Determination by the City Council**

The Council considered the following documents tabled at the meeting:-

- (i) The number of councillors to be appointed to the Cabinet.
- (ii) The Cabinet portfolios and appointment of Cabinet Members.
- (iii) The appointment of Scrutiny Boards, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Best Value Review Groups, Standards Committee, Planning Committee and Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
- (iv) The size and terms of reference (as set out in the Constitution) for those boards and committees.
- (v) The allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules.
- (vi) Nominations of councillors to serve on each Scrutiny Board and committee, and the appointment of Cabinet Members on Area Forums and Chairs of Area Forums.
- (vii) Nominations and appointments to outside bodies
- (viii) Programme of ordinary meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Scutiny Boards and Committees for 2006/07 including the date and time of the next annual meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The appointments detailed in the documents submitted at the meeting be approved.**
- (ii) That the programme of Ordinary Meetings for 2006-2007 be approved.**

(Meeting Closed: 12.15 pm)