

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

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

**PRESENT**

Lord Mayor (Councillor Matchet)

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Harrison)

Councillor Adalat	
Councillor Andrews	Councillor Lancaster
Councillor Arrowsmith	Councillor Lapsa
Councillor Asif	Councillor Lee
Councillor Auluck	Councillor Mrs. Lucas
Councillor Bailey	Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Bains	Councillor Mulhall
Councillor Mrs. Bigham	Councillor J. Mutton
Councillor Blundell	Councillor Mrs. M. Mutton
Councillor Charley	Councillor Noonan
Councillor Chater	Councillor O'Boyle
Councillor Cliffe	Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Clifford	Councillor Miss Reece
Councillor Crookes	Councillor Ridge
Councillor Mrs. Dixon	Councillor Ridley
Councillor Duggins	Councillor Ruane
Councillor Field	Councillor Sawdon
Councillor Foster	Councillor Skinner
Councillor Gazey	Councillor Skipper
Councillor Harvard	Councillor Smith
Councillor Mrs. Johnson	Councillor Sweet
Councillor Dr. Mrs. Kelly	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Kelsey	Councillor Townshend
Councillor Khan	Councillor Mrs. Waters
Councillor Lakha	Councillor Williams

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Maton, Nellist and Windsor.

**2. Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor**

There were no announcements.

**3. Election of Chair of the Council**

It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor O'Neill and supported by Councillor Mutton that Councillor Andrew Matchet be elected as Chair of the Council (being the Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED that Councillor Andrew Matchet be elected as Chair of the Council for the 2008/2009 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.**

**4. Official Badge of the Lady Mayoress**

The retiring Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Lyn Batten) invested Mrs. Caron Matchet with the Badge of Office of the Lady Mayoress.

**5. Lord Mayor's Address**

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

**6. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Lord Mayor**

A vote of thanks for the retiring Lord Mayor, Mr. David Batten, was moved by Councillor McNicholas, seconded by Councillor Clifford and supported by Councillor Taylor. Mr. Batten responded to the vote of thanks.

**RESOLVED:-**

**(1) That the warmest thanks of the Council are due and are hereby given to Mr. David Batten for the zeal and impartiality with which he has discharged the arduous duties of the office of Lord Mayor during the year 2007/2008 and to Mrs. Lyn Batten as Lady Mayoress.**

**(2) That a copy of this resolution, under the common seal, be presented to Mr. and Mrs. David Batten.**

**5. Medallions for the Retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress**

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Batten, Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress during 2007/2008, medallions inscribed with their names.

**6. Election of Vice Chair of the Council**

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

**RESOLVED that Councillor Jack Harrison be elected Vice Chair of the Council for the 2008/2009 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. Caron Matchet) invested Mrs. Jill Harrison 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 O'Neill and seconded by Councillor Williams that Councillors Taylor and Foster be elected as Leader and Deputy Leader respectively of the City Council for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED that Councillors Taylor and Foster be elected as Leader and Deputy Leader respectively of the Council for the 2008/2009 municipal year.**

9. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2008, were signed as a true record.

10. **Return of Persons Elected as Councillors for the City on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2008**

The return of Councillors elected for the following wards of the City on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2008, was reported:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Member</b>
Bablake	John Gazey
Binley and Willenhall	David Chater
Cheylesmore	Hazel Noonan
Earlsdon	Allan Andrews
Foleshill	Malkiat Singh Auluck
Henley	Ed Ruane
Holbrooks	Rachel Lancaster
Longford	George Duggins
Lower Stoke	Jack Harrison
Radford	Mal Mutton
St. Michael's	Gary Ridley
Sherbourne	Dave Nellist
Upper Stoke	Russell Field

Wainbody	John Blundell
Westwood	Marcus Lapsa
Whoberley	Roger Bailey
Woodlands	Heather Johnson
Wyken	Susanna Dixon

**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, Standards Committee, Planning Committee and Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
- (iv) The size and terms of reference for those Boards and Committees (as set out in the Constitution) and, in addition, to include a further term of reference for the Standards Committee as follows: To determine the local assessment of complaints.
- (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.
- (vii) Nominations and appointments to outside bodies
- (viii) Programme of ordinary meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Scrutiny Boards and Committees for 2008/09 including the date and time of the next annual meeting.

**RESOLVED that:**

- (i) **The appointments detailed below be approved:**

**CABINET**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
The Leader – Councillor Taylor (Policy, Leadership and Governance) (Chair)	Sustainable Communities Plan and Local Area Agreement Local Strategic Partnership Corporate Plan Scrutiny Corporate and Service Performance, Policy and Quality Area Performance Assessment External Relations/Public Relations Image and Reputation Partnership Companies Liaison with Management Board Emergency Planning Regional Matters
The Deputy Leader – Councillor Foster Cabinet Member (Finance, Procurement and Value for Money) (Deputy Chair)	Deputising on Leader items Strategic finance including budget- setting External Resources Operational finance including Revenues and Benefits Value for Money and Efficiency Community Cohesion Equalities Procurement Risk Management
Cabinet Member (Customer, Workforce and Legal Services) – Councillor Mrs. Dixon	Customer Services Democratic Services e-Government Information, Communication and Technology Health and Safety Human Resources Legal Services Training
Cabinet Member (Children, Learning and Young People) – Councillor Blundell	Children and Families Children and Young People's Social Care Early Years Post 16 education and training Schools Young People Youth Offending Service Youth Service
Cabinet Member (City Development) – Councillor Ridley	Community Economic Development City Centre Facilities Management International liaison (except Lord Mayor's) New Deal for Communities

	Property and Building Services Regional Planning Transportation Urban Regeneration Local Development Framework/Local Planning
Cabinet Member (City Services) – Councillor Noonan	Building Cleaning Catering Highways and Lighting Liveability Public Protection Street Services (Grounds maintenance, refuse, street cleansing) Waste management
Cabinet Member (Climate Change, Housing and Sustainability) - Councillor Lee	Agenda 21 Climate Change Strategy Carbon footprint Conservation Energy Conservation and Renewal Green Travel Housing Strategy Nottingham Declaration Sustainability
Cabinet Member (Community Services) – Councillor Johnson	Social Care for Adults, Older People and Disabled People Carers Health Strategy and Policy Health Inequalities Public Health aspects of Public Protection

Cabinet Member (Culture, Leisure and Libraries) – Councillor Sawdon	Adult Education Archives Arts Heritage Libraries Museums Parks Sport Tourism
Cabinet Member (Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) – Councillor Williams	Community Centres Community Safety Neighbourhood Management Refugees and Asylum Seekers Voluntary Sector Ward Forums Welfare Advice Services

Non-Voting Representatives on Cabinet

Councillor Duggins  
Councillor Field  
Councillor J. Mutton  
Councillor Nellist

**LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

<b><u>CHAIR</u></b>	<b><u>DEPUTY CHAIR</u></b>
Councillor Charley	Councillor Chater

Councillor Andrews  
Councillor Arrowsmith  
Councillor Asif  
Councillor Bigham  
Councillor Harrison  
Councillor Harvard  
Councillor Lapsa  
Councillor Lancaster  
Councillor Reece  
Councillor Skinner  
Councillor Smith

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

<b><u>CHAIR</u></b>	<b><u>DEPUTY CHAIR</u></b>
Councillor Cliffe	Councillor Reece

Councillor Adalat  
Councillor Bailey  
Councillor Bains  
Councillor Charley  
Councillor Kelsey  
Councillor Lakha  
Councillor McNicholas  
Councillor Maton  
Councillor Mulhall  
Councillor Skinner

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Councillor Gazey - Substitute Councillor Skinner  
Councillor Mulhall – Substitute Councillor Clifford  
Councillor Arrowsmith – Substitute Councillor Cliffe

### **8 Independent Members**

Jayne Willetts  
Brian Ray  
David Jackson  
Margaret Farrell  
Delia Delieu  
(3 vacancies)

### **\* 2 Parish Councillors**

David Lilly  
Bill Shakespeare

\* N.B. The new Standards Committee Regulations 2008 require the appointment of at least 2 members of Parish Councils.

## **REMUNERATION PANEL**

### **5 Independent Members**

(Up to 5 to be appointed by the Director of Customer and Workforce Services after consultation with the Group Leaders)



## **SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

Councillor Ridge (Chair)  
Councillor Crookes (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Arrowsmith  
Councillor Charley  
Councillor Clifford  
Councillor Duggins  
Councillor Maton  
Councillor J. Mutton

### **Co-opted Members for Education Matters**

Mrs. L. Wainscot (Nominated by the Church of England)  
Mr. R. Potter (Nominated by the Roman Catholic Church)  
1 Vacancy (Nominated from other faith groups in the city)  
Mrs. D. Beech  
Mrs. S. Hanson  
Mrs. R. Hickingbotham (Primary Parent Governor Representative)

### **Scrutiny Board 1**

#### **Finance, Procurement and Value for Money, Community Cohesion and Equalities, Customer, Workforce and Legal Services, Audit Issues**

Councillor Arrowsmith (Chair)  
Councillor Smith (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Charley  
Councillor Chater  
Councillor Nellist  
Councillor O'Neill  
Councillor Skipper  
Councillor Townshend

## **Scrutiny Board 2**

### **Children, Learning and Young People**

Councillor Crookes (Chair)  
Councillor Field (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Andrews  
Councillor Asif  
Councillor Auluck  
Councillor Kelsey  
Councillor Lapsa  
Councillor M. Mutton

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Mrs. S. Hanson  
Mrs. R. Hickingbotham (Primary Parent Governor Representative)

## **Scrutiny Board 3**

### **City Development, City Services, Climate Change, Sustainability and Housing**

Councillor Ridge (Chair)  
Councillor Bains (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Adalat  
Councillor Khan  
Councillor Lucas  
Councillor Mulhall  
Councillor Reece  
Councillor Waters

## **Scrutiny Board 4**

### **Community Services, Health (Policy and Inequalities), Culture, Leisure and Libraries, Neighbourhoods and Community Safety**

Councillor Clifford (Chair)  
Councillor Adalat (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Gazey  
Councillor O'Boyle  
Councillor Ruane  
Councillor Sweet  
Councillor Waters  
Councillor Windsor

## **CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP**

### 2 Council Members on Standards Committee

Councillor Gazey  
Councillor Mulhall

### 2 Group Secretaries

Councillor Cliffe  
Councillor McNicholas

### 1 Member from Controlling Group

Councillor Foster

### 1 Representative of each of the Minority Groups

Councillor Nellist (member of minority group)

- (ii) That the appointments to outside bodies (Appendix 1 to these minutes) be approved.
- (iii) That the programme of Ordinary Meetings for 2008-2009 (Appendix 2 to these minutes) be approved.

**NOTE:** In relation to the size of Scrutiny Boards referred to in (iv) above the Labour Group recorded their opposition to this and abstained from voting on this matter.

(Meeting Closed: 12 noon)