

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Thursday 18th May 2005

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor (Councillor Campbell), the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Clarkson), the Sheriff (Councillor Pressel), Councillors Abbasi, Altaf-Khan, Armitage, Bance, Benjamin, Brundin, Cook, Craft, Dhall, Fooks, Goddard, Gray, Hollander, Humberstone, Huzzey, Beryl Keen, Kent, Khan, Lacey, MacGregor, Malik, McManners, Muir, Murray, Paskins, Phelps, Price, Roaf, Royce, Rundle, Sanders, Sareva, Sargent, Scanlan, Sellwood, Simmons, Sinclair, Tall, Tanner, Turner, Williams and Young.

1. ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07

Councillor Fooks proposed and Councillor Price seconded, and there being no other nominations, Council resolved, 35 members voting in favour and none voting against that Councillor Jim Campbell be elected Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council Year 2006/07. Councillor Campbell took the Chair from the outgoing Lord Mayor and made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. DEPUTY LORD MAYOR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07

Councillor Sanders proposed and Councillor Sellwood seconded, and there being no other nominations, Council resolved, 39 members voting in favour and none voting against that Councillor Mary Clarkson be elected Deputy Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council Year 2006/07. Councillor Mary Clarkson then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07

Councillor Cook proposed and Councillor Benjamin seconded, and there being no other nominations, Council resolved, 37 members voting in favour and none voting against to appoint Councillor Susanna Pressel Sheriff of Oxford and Conservator of Port Meadow and City Fisheries. Councillor Pressel then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING LORD MAYOR

Councillor Turner proposed and Councillor Brundin seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Lord Mayor, Bob Price, for his services as Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council Year 2005/06.

5. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING SHERIFF

Councillor Rundle proposed and Councillor Turner seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Sheriff, Councillor Jim Campbell, for his services as Sheriff of Oxford for the Council Year 2005/06.

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mirza.

7. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor made announcements as follows:-

1. That Eddie Walton, Town Hall keeper, had written to him to thank members of Council for the vouchers they had contributed to for him upon his retirement.
2. That Terry Fensom, Town Hall keeper, had died recently.
3. That Janet Todd, who had been a City Councillor for 26 years, a County Councillor and Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council Year 1983/84 had died recently. Council stood for a minutes silence as a mark of respect.
4. That the Charities he would be raising money for during his Mayoral Year would be the Clive Project (that raised money to support those with early senile dementia) and Exvac (that provided adventure holidays for disadvantaged young people).

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive made announcements as follows:-

1. That Brian Beck, a member of staff employed as a lifeguard at Temple Cowley Pools had died recently.
2. That the results of the Local Elections held on 4th May 2006 had been as set out in the results summary sheet (previously circulated and now appended).

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At this point the Lord Mayor, read out the names of the newly elected members of Council (namely Councillors Abbasi, Altaf-Khan, Bance, Huzzey, Khan, Lacey, McManners, Scanlan, Williams and Young) and, after he had read them all out, Council welcomed the new members to their first Council meeting. The Lord Mayor also referred to the three Councillors who had not been re-elected, namely

Councillors Brett, Christian and Roberts, and expressed his thanks on behalf of Council for their contribution as Councillors to the work of the Council.

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9. ELECTION OF LEADER AND DUPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07

Councillor Brundin proposed and Councillor Rundle seconded, and there being no other nominations Council resolved, no member voting against, that Councillor Goddard be elected Leader of the Council for the Council Year 2006/07.

Councillor Brundin then proposed and Councillor Goddard seconded, and there being no other nominations Council resolved, no member voting against that Councillor Rundle be elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the Council Year 2006/07.

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD – COMPOSITION

Councillor Goddard proposed that an Executive consisting of 10 members of Council be established for the Council Year 2006/07, with seven Liberal Democrat members, each of whom would be an Executive Portfolio Holder, and three other members who would not hold portfolios.

Councillor Simmons, seconded by Councillor Sellwood moved an amendment, namely that all members on the Council's Executive should jointly hold power as a so-called "traffic light coalition" but this was not carried, 8 members voting in favour and 32 members voting against.

Council thereupon agreed that an Executive consisting of the following 10 members of Council be established for the Council Year 2006/07:-

The Leader (Councillor Goddard)
The Deputy Leader (Councillor Rundle)
Councillor Armitage
Councillor Fooks
Councillor Murray
Councillor Tall
Councillor Van-Zyl,

all with Executive portfolios to be announced.

Councillor Bance
Councillor Paskins
Councillor Sellwood,
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11. APPOINTMENT OF DECISION-MAKING AND OTHER BODIES FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved:-

- (1) to appoint the following bodies with powers and duties as set out in the Constitution and with membership as set out in the Annex to the signed copy of these minutes of Council:-

Community Scrutiny Committee
Environment Scrutiny Committee
Finance Scrutiny Committee
Housing Scrutiny Committee
Strategic Development Control Committee
General Purposes Licensing Committee
Audit and Governance Committee
Appointments Committee
Disciplinary Committee for Strategic Directors and Business Managers
Disciplinary and Grading Appeals Committee
Housing Advisory Board

- (2) (i) that six Area Committees as referred to in Annex 2 to the report and with powers and duties as set out in the Constitution be established for the Council Year 2006/07;
- (ii) that County Councillors for the Electoral Divisions corresponding to the Wards comprised in the Area Committees be co-opted on to the Area Committees and that, where considered advantageous or appropriate, Area Committees be permitted to co-opt non voting members from organisations that serve the area;
- (3) (i) to confirm for its part its agreement to the establishment of a County wide Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and an Oxford Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with membership as set out in the Annex to the signed copy of these minutes of Council and with powers and duties as set out in the Constitution;
- (ii) that Councillor McManners be nominated as the Councils representative to the Countywide Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- (4) That a Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee be appointed for the Council Year 2006/07 with membership as set out in the Annex to the signed copy of these Council minutes and with powers and duties as set out in the Constitution, together with the following addition to the powers and duties:-

"to perform the Authorities functions as the Licensing Authority under Section 154 of the Gambling Act 2005 and to determine fees under Section 212 of the Act".

- (5) To appoint a Standards Committee for the Council Year 2006/07 with powers and duties as set out in Appendix 4 to the report and with membership as follows:-
- One Councillor from each political group represented on the Council
 - Three independent members
 - One parish council representative
- (6) to note the existence of two informal bodies, namely the Area Chairs Group and the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group, and to amend the Constitution in order that the Chair of both Groups was able to make announcements at meetings of full Council and to present reports to it, and otherwise to delete references in the Constitution to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group as a formal Committee of the Council;
- (7) (i) to note that substitutes were not permitted for the following bodies:-
- Executive Board
 - Area Committees
 - Standards Committee
 - Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee;
- (ii) to note that particular rules on substitution applied to the Scrutiny Committees as set out in the Constitution;
- (iii) to note that substitutes attending meetings of the Disciplinary Committee for Strategic Directors and Business Managers and the Disciplinary and Grading Appeals Committee (as well as the appointed members of those bodies) must have received training on dealing with personal issues in a quasi-judicial context before they could substitute for an appointed member, and that substitutes attending meetings of the Strategic Development Control Committee (as well as the members of the Committee) should have received training on dealing with planning applications in a framework of planning law and practice before they could substitute for an appointed member;
- (iv) subject to (i), (ii) and (iii) above, to appoint a pool of substitutes consisting of all members of Council to attend any meeting of a body referred to in the preceding parts of this minute as the appointed member's substitute subject to the agreement of the member being substituted.

12. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Council resolved to:-

- (1) reaffirm for the Council Year 2006/07 its agreement to the Council's Scheme of Delegation set out in Section 7 of Part 3 of the Constitution;
- (2) note the Executive's Scheme of Delegation as set out in Section 7 of Part 3 of the Constitution.

The meeting commenced at 3.00 p.m. It adjourned at 4.03 p.m. and resumed business at 5.00 p.m. It closed at 6.24 p.m.

Membership of Committees as agreed at Annual Council on Thursday 18 May 2006

A.1 Scrutiny Committees

Community – **Councillors Abbasi, Altaf-Khan, Humberstone, Kent, Khan, MacGregor, McManners, Sinclair and Young**

Environment – **Councillors Clarkson, Cole, Hollander, Phelps, Pressel, Roaf, Royce, Sinclair and Tanner**

Finance – **Councillors Brundin, Huzzey, Keen, Lacey, Malik, Price, Sanders, Simmons, and Tanner**

Housing – **Councillors Altaf-Khan, Brundin, Gray, Humberstone, Kent, Sanders, Scanlan, Sareva and Turner**

A.2 Health Scrutiny

Countywide Health Scrutiny Committee – **Councillor McManners**

Oxford Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee – **Councillors MacGregor, McManners, Scanlan and Williams** (of a total of 8 seats for the Sub-Committee as a whole, the other seats being filled by Vale of White Horse District Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council)

B. Area Committees

Central South and West Area Committee	All of the members of the Carfax, Hinksey Park, Holywell and Jericho and Osney Wards
Cowley Area Committee	All of the members of the Cowley, Cowley Marsh and Lye Valley Wards
East Area Parliament	All of the members of the Iffley Fields, St. Clements and St. Mary's Wards
North Area Committee	All of the members of the North, St. Margaret's, Summertown and Wolvercote Wards

North East Area Committee	All of the members of the Barton and Sandhills, Churchill, Headington, Headington Hill and Northway, Marston and Quarry and Risinghurst Wards
South East Area Committee	All of the members of the Blackbird Leys, Littlemore, Northfield Brook and Rose Hill and Iffley Wards

C. Standards Committee

8 seats as follows:-

Labour Group – **Councillor Sanders**
 Liberal Democrat Group – **Councillor Hollander**
 Green Group – **Councillor Dhall**
 IWCA – **Councillor Craft**

3 x Independent members - John Lay, Diana Woodhouse and Chris Turner
 1 x Parish Council representative – John Batey

D. Strategic Development Control Committee

Councillors Abbasi, Altaf-Khan, Benjamin, Brundin, Campbell, Cook, Hollander, Keen, Kent, McGregor, Tanner and Young.

E. Licensing Act 2003 Committee

Councillors Armitage, Bance, Brundin, Campbell, Cook, Goddard, Keen, Royce, Rundle, Sareva, Sinclair, Turner, Williams, Young and one IWCA representative (not taken up)

F. General Purposes Licensing Committee

Councillors Brundin, Campbell, Clarkson, Cook, Goddard, Royce, Sareva, Turner, Williams and one IWCA representative (not taken up)

G. Audit and Governance Committee

Councillors Brundin, Campbell, Craft, Keen, Price, Simmons and Tall.

H. Appointments Committee

Councillors Benjamin, Goddard, Price, Rundle and Sanders

I. Disciplinary Committee for Strategic Directors and Business Managers

Councillors Roaf, Royce, Simmons and Turner.

J. Disciplinary and Gradings Appeals Committee

Councillors Huzzey, Sanders and Sellwood

K. Housing Advisory Board

Councillors Benjamin, Murray and Turner

3 seats for tenants' representatives

(informally) 3 seats for Council officers