

## COUNCIL

*At a meeting of the Council on Friday, 16 May 2008 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall*

Present: Councillors Hodgkinson (Chairman), Austin, Balmer, P. Blackmore, S. Blackmore, J. Bradshaw, M. Bradshaw, Browne, Bryant, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Dennett, Drakeley, Edge, Findon, Fraser, Gerrard, Harris, Higginson, Hignett, Howard, D. Inch, Jones, Leadbetter, Lloyd Jones, Loftus, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, McDermott, McInerney, Morley, Nolan, Norddahl, Parker, Philbin, Polhill, M. Ratcliffe, Redhead, Rowan, Rowe, Shepherd, Stockton, Swain, Swift, Thompson, Wainwright, Wallace, Wharton, Worrall and Wright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Gilligan, Horabin, Murray, Nelson, Osborne and E. Ratcliffe

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: N. Hill, D. Johnson, I. Leivesley, K. Maher, G. Meehan, D. Parr, M. Reaney, D. Tregoe, J. Whittaker and L. Cairns

Also in attendance: 36 Members of the Public

### *Action*

#### COU1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved by: Councillor Thompson  
and seconded by Councillor Gerrard

RESOLVED: That Councillor Kath Loftus be elected  
Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Moved by: Councillor Parker  
and seconded by Councillor Wright

RESOLVED: That Councillor Frank Fraser be elected  
Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year  
2008/09.

#### **THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR LOFTUS) IN THE CHAIR**

#### COU2 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

COU3 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the charities to be supported during her term of office were the Local MIND Association, and Halton and District Women's Aid Association.

COU4 BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS - 1ST MAY 2008

Details of the election results held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED: That the election results be noted.

COU5 EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) - 14TH MAY 2008

The following recommendations of the Executive Board were moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor.

COU6 - LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Councillor McDermott be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2008/2009; and
- (2) Councillor Polhill be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

COU7 - BOARDS, COMMITTEES, APPEAL PANEL AND WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED: That the following Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel and Working Party be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2008/2009:

**Executive Board (10)**

Councillors McDermott (Chairman), D. Cargill, Gerrard, Harris, McInerney, Nelson, Polhill, Swain, Wright and Wharton.

**Executive Sub (3)**

Councillors Wharton (Chairman), Harris and Nelson.

**3MG Executive Sub-Board (3)**

Councillors Polhill (Chairman), Nelson and Wright.

**Mersey Gateway Executive Board (3)**

Councillors McDermott (Chairman), Polhill and Wharton.

**Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Gilligan (Chairman), A. Lowe (Vice Chair), J. Bradshaw, Browne, E. Cargill, Dennett, Edge, Inch, Nolan, Norddahl and Wainwright.

**Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors E. Cargill (Chairman), J. Lowe (Vice Chair), Austin, Bryant, Gilligan, Horabin, Lloyd-Jones, Philbin, E. Ratcliffe, Swift and Wallace.

**Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Hignett (Chairman), Morley (Vice Chair), Balmer, P. Blackmore, E. Cargill, Hodgkinson, Leadbetter, Murray, Nolan, Rowe and Thompson.

**Employment, Learning and Skills Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Jones (Chairman), Fraser (Vice Chair), Austin, M. Bradshaw, Edge, Findon, Howard, Parker, Rowe, Stockton and Worrall.

**Children and Young People Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Dennett (Chairman), Horabin (Vice Chairman), Browne, Drakeley, Fraser, Gilligan, Higginson, J. Lowe, Parker, M. Ratcliffe and Stockton.

**Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board (11)**

Councillors Osborne (Chairman), Stockton (Vice Chair), M. Bradshaw, Edge, Lloyd-Jones, Morley, M. Ratcliffe, Redhead, Rowan, Shepherd and Thompson.

**Development Control Committee (11)**

Councillors Nolan (Chairman), Thompson (Vice Chairman), P. Blackmore, S. Blackmore, J. Bradshaw, Hignett, Hodgkinson, Leadbetter, Morley, Osborne and Polhill.

**Business Efficiency Board (11)**

Councillors Leadbetter (Chairman), Lloyd-Jones (Vice Chair), Higginson, Jones, A. Lowe, Murray, Norddahl, Osborne, Philbin, Swift and Worrall.

**Standards Committee (10)**

Mr. W. Badrock (Chairman), Parish Councillor Crawford, Mr A. Luxton, 1 Parish Councillor vacancy and 1 Independent Member vacancy (in accordance with minute number COU9), and Councillors Balmer, Parker, Redhead, Wainwright and Wharton.

**Appeals Panel (20)**

Councillors Wainwright (Chairman), Parker (Vice Chairman), Browne, Dennett, Findon, Fraser, Gerrard, Higginson, Hignett, Horabin, Howard, Jones, J. Lowe, Morley, M. Ratcliffe, Redhead, Shepherd, Swift, Wallace and Worrall.

**Regulatory Committee (11)**

Councillors Philbin (Chairman), Wallace (Vice-Chairman), Bryant, Drakeley, Howard, Inch, A. Lowe, Murray, Nelson, E. Ratcliffe and Wainwright.

**Local Development Framework Working Party (15)**

Councillors Polhill (Chairman), Balmer, S. Blackmore, Harris, Hignett, Hodgkinson, McDermott, McInerney, Nolan, Parker, Redhead, Rowan, Shepherd, Wainwright and Wright.

**Mayoral Committee (5)** (in accordance with minute number COU9)

The incumbent Mayor and Councillors Gilligan, Hignett, Hodgkinson and Swift.

**COU8 - APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR**

RESOLVED: That Councillor S. Blackmore be appointed Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

**COU9 - ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION**

The Council's Constitution had been reviewed and the proposed changes recommended were outlined in the reports of the Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy, which had been circulated with the Summons.

RESOLVED: That the Council's Constitution be amended as proposed.

**COU10 EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIOS**

The Leader confirmed that the Executive Board would consist of the following Portfolio Holders in the forthcoming year:

Children and Young People – Councillor McInerney  
Health and Social Care – Councillor Gerrard  
Planning, Transportation, Regeneration and Renewal –  
Councillor Polhill  
Environment, Leisure and Sport – Councillor Harris  
Community – Councillor Wright  
European Affairs – Councillor D. Cargill  
Corporate Services – Councillor Wharton  
Quality and Performance – Councillor Swain  
Neighbourhood Management and Development – Councillor  
Nelson

RESOLVED: That the portfolios be noted.

#### COU11 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN

Council considered a report of the Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy regarding the Council's Performance Plan, which the Authority was required to publish each year by the end of June in order to comply with the Local Government Act 1999.

The draft mandatory plan as it currently stood had been circulated with the Summons and it was proposed that the Council authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise the draft for publication.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the draft 2008/09 Performance Plan be approved;  
and
- (2) the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any amendments to finalise the Performance Plan for publication.

Chief Executive

#### COU12 CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayor announced her intention of attending Divine Service to be held at 10.30am on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008, at Our Lady's RC Parish Church, Lapwing Road, Palacefields, Runcorn, and invited Members of the Council, employees, representatives of public bodies, organisations and associations within the Borough to join her.

*Meeting ended at 7.02 p.m.*