

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LUTON HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, LUTON ON

TUESDAY, 22ND MAY 2007 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

THE MAYOR -	Mr. J. Wates.
THE DEPUTY MAYOR -	Councillor Dolling.
COUNCILLORS -	Akbar, Ashraf, Ayub, Bailey, Benard, Bullock, Burnett, Campbell, Chapman, J. Davies, R. Davies, R.J. Davis, Farooq, Foord, Franks, Garrett, Harris, Hinkley, M. Hussain, Q. Hussain, Ireland, Khan, Kiamsumba, Malik, Mead, Neale, Pantling, Patterson, Pedersen, Raquib, Riaz, Roden, Rutstein, Saleem, Shaw, Siederer, Simmons, Simons, Singh, Skepelhorn, Smith, Stewart, Strange, Taylor, Timoney, Titmuss and Worlding.

57 ELECTION OF MAYOR (REF: 1)

Upon nominations being called for Councillor Harris nominated and Councillor Bailey seconded Councillor Bullock to be elected Mayor of the Borough of Luton. There were no other nominations.

It was therefore:

Resolved: That Councillor Bullock be and he is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Luton for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Bullock then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Mayor and took the Chair.

58 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR (REF: 3)

Upon nominations being called for Councillor Saleem nominated and Councillor Ashraf seconded Councillor Riaz to be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Luton. There were no other nominations.

It was therefore:

Resolved: That Councillor Riaz be and he is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Luton for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Riaz then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Deputy Mayor.

59 MINUTES (REF: 5)

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17th April 2007 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

60 REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Mayor reminded all Members who had not already done so, to return their forms for registering their interests as soon as possible.

61 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS (REF: 6)

The Chief Executive reported that on 3rd May 2007, the following persons were elected as Councillors for the nineteen Wards of the Borough and that each had made and subscribed the requisite Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Councillors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Ward for which elected</u>
AKBAR, Waheed	118 Morgan Close, Luton, LU4 9GN	Leagrave
ASHRAF, Mohammed	52 Denbigh Road, Luton, LU3 1NR	Dallow
AYUB, Mohammad	282 Biscot Road, Luton, LU3 1AZ	Biscot
BAILEY, Joan	518 Leagrave High Street Luton, LU4 0TJ	Lewsey
BENARD, Morel	1 Bluebell Wood Close, Luton, LU1 5RT	Saints
BULLOCK, Norris Lincoln	9 Braceby Close, Luton, LU3 2TP	Limbury
BURNETT, Jacqui	98 Tennyson Road, Luton, LU1 3RR	High Town

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Ward for which elected</u>
CAMPBELL, Gilbert Leopold	7 Cheviot Close, Luton, LU3 3DH	Bramingham
CHAPMAN, Peter	294 Old Bedford Road Luton, LU2 7EJ	Wigmore
DAVIES, Jenny	69 Stopsley Way, Luton, LU2 7UU	Stopsley
DAVIES, Roy	69 Stopsley Way, Luton, LU2 7UU	Wigmore
DAVIS, Roy John	34 Langford Drive, Luton, LU2 9AJ	Northwell
DOLLING, Michael John	125 New Bedford Road, Luton, LU3 1LF	Stopsley
FAROOQ, Mohammed	72 Naseby Road, Luton, LU1 1LF	Dallow
FOORD, Katie	224 High Town Road, Luton, LU2 0DN	Bramingham
FRANKS, David George	10 Hart Hill Drive, Luton, LU2 0AX	Crawley
GARRETT, Michael John	17 Butely Road, Luton, LU4 9HE	Icknield
HARRIS, Robin	16 Dalton Close, Luton, LU3 4HG	Farley
HINKLEY, Doris Joan	4 Chestnut Avenue, Luton, LU3 3JA	Sundon Park
HUSSAIN, Mahmood	1 Easingwold Gardens Luton LU1 1UD	Farley
HUSSAIN, Qurban	49 Claremont Road, Luton, LU4 8LY	Biscot
IRELAND, Lynda Ann	6B Farley Hill, Luton, LU1 5HQ	South
KHAN, Tahir	22 Fallowfield, Luton, LU3 1UL	Biscot

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Ward for which elected</u>
KIANSUMBA, Michelle	16 Argyll Avenue, Luton, LU3 1EG	South
MALIK, Khtija	56 Overstone Road, Luton, LU4 8QZ	Challney
MEAD, Clive Richard	95 Butely Road, Luton, LU4 9EW	Challney
NEALE, Barry Peter	46 Trowbridge Gardens, Luton, LU2 7JY	Barnfield
PANTLING, Martin James	52 Maryport Road Luton, LU4 8EA	Barnfield
PATTERSON, Lawrence	38 Layham Drive, Luton, LU2 9SY	Crawley
PEDERSEN, Anna	45 Repton Close, Luton, LU3 3UL	Sundon Park
RAQUIB, Abdur	89 St. Augustine Avenue, Luton, LU3 1QE	Dallow
RIAZ, Mohammed	143 Selbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8LD	Saints
RODEN, Sheila Anne	40 Tiberius Road, Luton, LU3 3QJ	Leagrave
RUTSTEIN, Sidney	17 Knoll Rise, Luton, LU2 7JA	Round Green
SALEEM, Raja Mohammed	36 Douglas Road, Luton, LU4 8EB	Saints
SHAW, Thomas William	147 Pastures Way, Luton, LU4 0PE	Lewsey
SIEDERER, Mick	18 Trowbridge Gardens, Luton, LU2 7JY	Wigmore
SIMMONS, Hazel Marie	5 Clover Close, Lewsey Farm, Luton, LU4 0PJ	Lewsey
SIMONS, Margaret	52 Fairford Avenue, Luton, LU2 7ER	Limbury

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Ward for which elected</u>
SINGH, Lakhbir	20 Markfield Close, Luton, LU3 2HY	High Town
SKEPELHORN, Alan	323A Hitchin Road, Luton, LU2 7SW	Round Green
SMITH, Chris	43 Malvern Road, Luton, LU1 1LG	Round Green
STEWART, Desline Maud (Mrs)	12 Needham Road, Luton, LU4 9HD	Leagrave
STRANGE, Andrew Mark	337 Beechwood Road, Luton, LU4 9RE	Challney
TAYLOR, Dave	20 Glenfield Road, Luton, LU3 2HZ	South
TIMONEY, Sian Julie	35 West Hill Road, Luton, LU1 3LZ	Farley
TITMUSS, John Austin	21 Compton Avenue, Luton, LU4 9AX	Icknield
WORLDING, Don	41 Luxembourg Close Luton, LU3 3TD	Northwell

62 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE LEADER (REF: 7)

Upon nominations being called for Councillor Harris nominated and Councillor Ashraf seconded Councillor Simmons to be elected Executive Leader. There were no other nominations.

It was therefore:

Resolved: That Councillor Simmons be appointed Executive Leader for the ensuing Municipal Year.

63 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE (REF: 8)

It was proposed by Councillor Simmons and seconded by Ashraf and:

Resolved: That the number of members of the Executive in addition to the Executive Leader be 9.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor Simmons nominated and Councillor Harris seconded the following members to be members of the

Executive: Councillors Ashraf, Bailey, R.J. Davis, Harris, M. Hussain, Khan, Roden, Shaw and Worthing. There were no other nominations.

It was therefore:

Resolved: That, in addition to the Executive Leader, Councillors Ashraf, Bailey, R.J. Davis, Harris, M. Hussain, Khan, Roden, Shaw and Worthing be appointed to the Executive.

64 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES (REF: 9)

Resolved: That the constitution of the Council's Committees to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies be as set out in the table shown below:

Committee	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Co-opted	Elected From Outside Council	Other (non-voting)	Total Seats
Scrutiny Board	5	3	1	0	0	0	9
Regeneration and Citizenship Scrutiny	4	2	1	0	0	0	7
Environment and Non-Executive Functions Scrutiny	5	3	1	0	0	0	9
Performance, Resources and Assets Scrutiny	4	2	1	0	0	0	7
Children and Young People Scrutiny	8	2	1	2	2	3	15*
Social Inclusion Scrutiny	5	3	1	0	0	0	9
Administration	4	3	0	0	0	0	7
Regulation	4	3	0	0	0	0	7
Development Control	6	4	1	0	0	0	11
Constitution	6	4	1	0	0	0	11
Housing Appeals Panel	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Panel	4	2	1	0	0	0	7
Area Committee Board	4	2	1	0	0	0	7
Audit and Governance Committee	4	3	0	0	0	0	7
	66	38	10	0	0	0	114*
Allocation	57.89%	33.33%	8.77%				
Entitlement	54.17%	35.42%	10.42%				

(Note: * indicates that the figure excludes co-opted/lay-members)

65 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, ETC. (REF: 10)

It was proposed by Councillor Simmons and seconded by Harris:

Resolved: (i) That the membership on the Committees of the Council and Fixed Panels be as shown in the Schedule below:

SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Councillor Ashraf	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Chapman	Councillor Singh
Councillor R. Davies	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Pedersen	

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor R. Davies	Councillor Malik
Councillor R.J. Davis	Councillor Pantling
Councillor Farooq	Councillor Patterson
Councillor Ireland	

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Councillor Ayub	Councillor Neale
Councillor Benard	Councillor Saleem
Councillor Chapman	Councillor Simons
Councillor Franks	Councillor Strange
Councillor Harris	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Ireland	

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Councillor Akbar	Councillor M. Hussain
Councillor Benard	Councillor Rutstein
Councillor Dolling	Councillor Skepelhorn
Councillor Farooq	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Foord	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Franks	

REGULATION COMMITTEE

Councillor Ayub	Councillor Rutstein
Councillor Bullock	Councillor Smith
Councillor Neale	Councillor Worthing
Councillor Raquib	

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Councillor Bailey	Councillor Titmuss
Councillor Dolling	Councillor Worthing
Councillor Neale	
5 Independent co-opted members:	
Mr. J.A. Hearnshaw	Ms. S. Wright
Mr. J. Jones	Vacancy
Ms. J. Spendley	

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Councillor Bailey	Councillor Siederer
Councillor Campbell	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Dolling	Councillor Simons
Councillor Hinkley	Councillor Singh
Councillor M. Hussain	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Neale	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Pedersen	Councillor Worthing
Councillor Roden	

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING PANEL

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Riaz
Councillor Ayub	Councillor Saleem
Councillor Garrett	Councillor Siederer
Councillor Hinkley	

HOUSING APPEALS PANEL

Councillor Q. Hussain	Councillor Shaw
Councillor Khan	Councillor Siederer
Councillor Raquib	

SCRUTINY BOARD

Councillor Ayub	Councillor Raquib
Councillor Dolling	Councillor Singh
Councillor Garrett	Councillor Skepelhorn
Councillor Ireland	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Pedersen	

ENVIRONMENT AND NON-EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Ayub	Councillor Smith
Councillor Garrett	Councillor Strange
Councillor Ireland	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Mead	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Riaz	

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Malik
Councillor Benard	Councillor Patterson
Councillor Burnett	Councillor Raquib
Councillor Campbell	Councillor Saleem
Councillor Hinkley	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Kiansumba	
2 co-opted Diocesan members	
2 elected from outside Council	

3 other (non-voting)

PERFORMANCE, RESOURCES AND ASSETS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Pantling
Councillor Franks	Councillor Saleem
Councillor Kiansumba	Councillor Titmuss
Councillor Malik	

REGENERATION AND CITIZENSHIP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Burnett	Councillor Rutstein
Councillor Foord	Councillor Singh
Councillor Neale	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Raquib	

SOCIAL INCLUSION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Benard	Councillor Malik
Councillor Burnett	Councillor Simons
Councillor J. Davies	Councillor Skepelhorn
Councillor Q. Hussain	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Kiansumba	

AREA COMMITTEE BOARD

Councillor Ashraf	Councillor Mead
Councillor Campbell	Councillor Simmons
Councillor R.J. Davis	Councillor Smith
Councillor Khan	

CENTRAL LUTON AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Ayub	Councillor Neale
Councillor Benard	Councillor Pantling
Councillor Burnett	Councillor Riaz
Councillor Q. Hussain	Councillor Saleem
Councillor Khan	Councillor Singh

NORTH LUTON AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Bullock	Councillor Hinkley
Councillor Campbell	Councillor Pedersen
Councillor R.J. Davis	Councillor Simons
Councillor Foord	Councillor Titmuss
Councillor Garrett	Councillor Worthing

WEST LUTON AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Shaw
Councillor Bailey	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Malik	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Mead	Councillor Strange

Councillor Roden

EAST LUTON AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor P. Chapman	Councillor Patterson
Councillor J. Davies	Councillor Rutstein
Councillor R. Davies	Councillor Siederer
Councillor Dolling	Councillor Skepelhorn
Councillor Franks	Councillor Smith

SOUTH LUTON AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Ashraf	Councillor Kiansumba
Councillor Farooq	Councillor Raquib
Councillor Harris	Councillor Taylor
Councillor M. Hussain	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Ireland	

(ii) That there be established a pool comprising of the Members named below from which Members may be appointed to serve on the Discretionary Housing Payments Appeal Panel:

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Kiansumba
Councillor Ashraf	Councillor Malik
Councillor Ayub	Councillor Pedersen
Councillor Bailey	Councillor Raquib
Councillor Benard	Councillor Riaz
Councillor Bullock	Councillor Roden
Councillor Burnett	Councillor Saleem
Councillor J. Davies	Councillor Shaw
Councillor R. Davies	Councillor Siederer
Councillor R.J. Davis	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Farooq	Councillor Singh
Councillor Harris	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Hinkley	Councillor Taylor
Councillor M. Hussain	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Ireland	Councillor Titmuss
Councillor Khan	Councillor Worthing

(iii) That there be established a pool comprising of the Members named below from which Members may be appointed to serve on the Foster Carer Appeal Panel:

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Khan
Councillor Ashraf	Councillor Kiansumba
Councillor Ayub	Councillor Malik
Councillor Bailey	Councillor Pantling
Councillor Benard	Councillor Raquib
Councillor Bullock	Councillor Riaz
Councillor Burnett	Councillor Roden
Councillor J. Davies	Councillor Saleem
Councillor R. Davies	Councillor Shaw

Councillor R.J. Davis	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Farooq	Councillor Singh
Councillor Foord	Councillor Skepelhorn
Councillor Harris	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Hinkley	Councillor Taylor
Councillor M. Hussain	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Ireland	Councillor Worthing

(iv) That there be established a pool comprising of the Members named below from which Members may be appointed to serve on the Luton Education Teachers Appeal Panel:

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Malik
Councillor Ashraf	Councillor Mead
Councillor Ayub	Councillor Patterson
Councillor Bailey	Councillor Raquib
Councillor Benard	Councillor Riaz
Councillor Bullock	Councillor Roden
Councillor Burnett	Councillor Saleem
Councillor Campbell	Councillor Shaw
Councillor R.J. Davis	Councillor Siederer
Councillor Farooq	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Harris	Councillor Singh
Councillor Hinkley	Councillor Skepelhorn
Councillor M. Hussain	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Ireland	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Khan	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Kiansumba	Councillor Worthing

(v) That there be established a pool comprising of the Members named below from which Members may be appointed to serve on the Nursery Education Appeal Panel:

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Mead
Councillor Ashraf	Councillor Patterson
Councillor Ayub	Councillor Raquib
Councillor Bailey	Councillor Riaz
Councillor Benard	Councillor Roden
Councillor Bullock	Councillor Saleem
Councillor Burnett	Councillor Shaw
Councillor R.J. Davis	Councillor Siederer
Councillor Farooq	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Harris	Councillor Singh
Councillor Hinkley	Councillor Skepelhorn
Councillor M. Hussain	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Ireland	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Khan	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Kiansumba	Councillor Worthing

(vi) That there be established a pool comprising of the Members named below from which Members may be appointed to serve on the Personnel Appeal Panel:

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Khan
Councillor Ashraf	Councillor Kiansumba
Councillor Ayub	Councillor Malik
Councillor Bailey	Councillor Patterson
Councillor Benard	Councillor Raquib
Councillor Bullock	Councillor Riaz
Councillor Burnett	Councillor Roden
Councillor J. Davies	Councillor Saleem
Councillor R. Davies	Councillor Shaw
Councillor R.J. Davis	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Farooq	Councillor Singh
Councillor Franks	Councillor Skepelhorn
Councillor Garrett	Councillor Stewart
Councillor Harris	Councillor Taylor
Councillor M. Hussain	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Ireland	Councillor Worthing

(vii) That there be established a pool comprising of the Members named below from which Members may be appointed to serve on the Social Services Stage 3 Complaint Review Panel:

Councillor Akbar	Councillor Malik
Councillor Ashraf	Councillor Pedersen
Councillor Ayub	Councillor Raquib
Councillor Bailey	Councillor Riaz
Councillor Benard	Councillor Roden
Councillor Bullock	Councillor Saleem
Councillor Burnett	Councillor Shaw
Councillor J. Davies	Councillor Simmons
Councillor R.J. Davis	Councillor Simons
Councillor Farooq	Councillor Singh
Councillor Harris	Councillor Stewart
Councillor M. Hussain	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Ireland	Councillor Timoney
Councillor Khan	Councillor Worthing
Councillor Kiansumba	

(viii) That the Head of Local Democracy be authorised to appoint Members to serve on the Nursery Education Appeal Panel and the Personnel Appeal Panel at (v) and (vi) above on any given occasion.

(ix) That the Director of Housing and Community Living and Adult Social Care be authorised to appoint Members to serve on the Discretionary Housing Payments Appeal Panel, the Foster Carer Appeal Panel and the Social Services Stage 3 Complaint Review Panel at (ii), (iii) and (vii) above on any given occasion.

(x) That the Director of Children and Learning be authorised to appoint Members to serve on the Luton Education Teachers Appeal Panel at (iv) above on any given occasion.

66 MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES (REF: 11)

It was proposed by Councillor Simmons and seconded by Councillor Harris:

Resolved: That the membership of other bodies be as set out in the schedule tabled at the meeting (attached at Appendix 1/07 to these Minutes) and that in the case of those bodies indicated as being Executive bodies, the membership be commended to the Executive for approval.

67 APPOINTMENTS PANEL AND REDEPLOYMENT PANEL (REF: 12)

It was proposed by Councillor Simmons and seconded by Councillor Harris:

Resolved: (i) That an Appointments Panel be established for the purposes of taking or arranging to be taken all necessary steps relating to the process of appointing Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers.

(ii) That, subject to Paragraphs (iii) and (iv) below, the membership of the Appointments Panel on any given occasion be six Members appointed by the Head of Local Democracy, after consulting the Executive Leader and the Deputy Executive Leader, and drawn from a pool of the following Members:

Executive Leader
Deputy Executive Leader
Relevant Executive Portfolio Holders
Chair or Vice-Chair of relevant Regulatory Committee
Chairs of each of the Scrutiny Committees (or any
Member of a Scrutiny Committee nominated by
the Chair of that Committee)
Chair of Scrutiny Board
Councillor Akbar
Councillor Ashraf
Councillor Ayub
Councillor Bailey
Councillor Benard
Councillor Bullock
Councillor Burnett
Councillor Chapman
Councillor J. Davies
Councillor R. Davies
Councillor R.J. Davis
Councillor Dolling
Councillor Farooq
Councillor Franks
Councillor Garrett
Councillor Harris
Councillor Hinkley
Councillor M. Hussain
Councillor Q. Hussain
Councillor Ireland

Councillor Khan
Councillor Kiansumba
Councillor Malik
Councillor Mead
Councillor Neale
Councillor Pantling
Councillor Patterson
Councillor Pedersen
Councillor Raquib
Councillor Riaz
Councillor Roden
Councillor Rutstein
Councillor Saleem
Councillor Shaw
Councillor Siederer
Councillor Simmons
Councillor Singh
Councillor Skepelhorn
Councillor Smith
Councillor Stewart
Councillor Strange
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Timoney
Councillor Titmuss
Councillor Worlding

(iii) The members of the Appointments Panel appointed under (ii) above shall include the Chair of the Scrutiny Board or a Chair of a Scrutiny Committee, or in the event that none of these members is available, any member of the Scrutiny Board nominated by the Chair of the Scrutiny Board or any member of a Scrutiny Committee nominated by the Chair of that Committee.

(iv) In the case of the appointments referred to in (v) below, the Appointments Panel shall, in addition to the Members appointed under (ii) above, include the additional Member identified in (v) below in respect of those appointments, unless, in the case of the appointments at v(a) and v(b), below the additional Member has been appointed under (ii) above.

(v) The additional member shall be:

- (a) Where the Appointments Panel is to consider appointment to a post relating to Executive Functions, the Executive Member holding the portfolio relating to or which includes the service to which the appointment relates;
- (b) Where the Appointments Panel is to consider an appointment to a post relating significantly to Non-executive Functions, the Chair or Vice-Chair of the relevant Regulatory Committee;

- (c) Where the Appointments Panel is to consider an appointment to a post relating primarily to support to the scrutiny function, the Chair of the Scrutiny Board or of a Scrutiny Committee.

(vi) That a Redeployment Panel be established for the purpose of determining, in any case involving the redeployment or potential redeployment of a Chief Officer or Deputy Chief Officer, whether that Officer meets the criteria for redeployment.

(vii) That the Membership of the Redeployment Panel on any given occasion be 3 Members appointed by the Head of Local Democracy, after consulting the Executive Leader and the Deputy Executive Leader, and drawn from the pool of Members referred to at (ii) above.

(viii) No Member who serves on the Redeployment Panel may subsequently be appointed to serve on the Appointments Panel where the Appointments Panel is to consider appointment to a post previously considered by the Redeployment Panel on which the Member served.

(ix) That UNISON be invited to send an observer to any meeting of the Redeployment Panel.

The Mayor reminded all Members appointed to the Appointments and Redeployment Panels that they must attend the Fair Selection training on 24th May 2007 at 6.00 p.m.

68 REPRESENTATION ON THE BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY AND THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY (REF: 13)

It was proposed by Councillor Simmons and seconded by Councillor Harris:

Resolved: That Councillors Farooq, Pantling and Saleem be nominated for appointment to the Bedfordshire Police Authority and Councillors R. Davies, Riaz, Singh and Timoney be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority.

69 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS ALLOWANCES (REF: 14)

It was proposed by Councillor Simmons and seconded by Councillor Harris:

Resolved: That the following persons be appointed to serve on the Independent Panel on Members Allowances:

P. Hunt
A. R. Malik
G. Needham
M. Quereshi

70 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS (REF: 15)

It was proposed by Councillor Simmons and seconded by Councillor Harris:

Resolved: (i) That the meetings of the Council during the Municipal Year 2007/2008 be held on the following dates at 6.00 p.m:

20th June 2007 (Best Value Performance Plan)
24th July 2007
4th September 2007
6th November 2007
22nd January 2008
20th February 2008 (Budget)
21st February 2008 (Reserve Budget)
15th April 2008

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(ii) That the Standing Committees and Fixed Panels be recommended to observe the timetable of meetings (attached at Appendix 2/07 to these Minutes) and the dates and times of meetings being commended to the Executive be noted.

71 NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS (REF: 16.1)

Upon consideration of the recommendations of the Standards Committee (Ref: 16.1) it was proposed by Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Councillor Worthing and:

Resolved: (i) That the Code of Conduct as attached at Appendix A to the report of the Chief Executive (Ref: 16.1) be adopted as the Council's Code of Conduct for Members with effect from 23rd May 2007.

(ii) That the 10 General Principles of Public Life set out below be included with (but not as part of) the Code of Conduct for Members in Part 9 of the Constitution:

Selflessness – members should serve only the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person.

Honesty and integrity – members should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned, should not behave improperly, and should on all occasions avoid the appearance of such behaviour.

Objectivity – members should make decisions on merit, including when making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits.

Accountability – members should be accountable to the public for their actions and the manner in which they carry out their responsibilities, and should co-operate fully and honestly with any scrutiny appropriate to their particular office.

Openness – members should be as open as possible about their actions and those of their authority, and should be prepared to give reasons for those actions.

Personal judgement – members may take account of the views of others, including their political groups, but should reach their own conclusions on the issues before them and act in accordance with those conclusions.

Respect for others – members should promote equality by not discriminating against any person, and by treating people with respect, regardless of their race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. They should respect the impartiality and integrity of the authority's statutory officers and its other employees.

Duty to uphold the law – members should uphold the law and, on all occasions, act in accordance with the trust that the public is entitled to place in them.

Stewardship – members should do whatever they are able to do to ensure that their authorities use their resources prudently, and in accordance with the law.

Leadership – members should promote and support these principles by leadership, and by example, and should act in a way that secures or preserves public confidence.

(iii) That the Monitoring Officer be requested to take all necessary steps to bring the new Code of Conduct into operation.

(Note: The meeting ended at 6.25 p.m.)