



MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2006

5.26 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Gerald Taylor Chairman

Councillor Ray Auger
Councillor David Brailsford
Councillor Teri Bryant
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor Nick Craft
Councillor Dorrien Dexter
Councillor Mike Exton
Councillor Mrs Joyce Gaffigan
Councillor Yvonne Gibbins
Councillor Bryan Helyar
Councillor Reginald Howard
Councillor Fereshteh Hurst
Councillor Mrs Maureen Jalili
Councillor Kenneth Joynson
Councillor John Kirkman
Councillor Peter Martin-Mayhew
Councillor Andrew Roy Moore
Councillor Mano Nadarajah
Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal

Councillor John Nicholson
Councillor Stephen O'Hare
Councillor Alan Parkin
Councillor Stanley Pease
Councillor Norman Radley
Councillor Mrs Margery Radley
Councillor Bob Sandall
Councillor Ian Selby
Councillor Robert Murray Shorrock
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Ian Stokes
Councillor Michael Taylor (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Jeffrey Thompson
Councillor Frank Turner
Councillor Thomas John Webster
Councillor Graham Wheat
Councillor Mrs Mary Wheat
Councillor John Wilks

OFFICERS

Chief Executive
Strategic Directors (x2)
Corporate Director of Community Services
Corporate Head of Finance & Resources

OFFICERS

Legal Services Manager (Monitoring Officer)
Member Services Manager

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bisnauthsing, Mrs Bosworth, Carpenter, Channell, Chivers, Conboy, Fines, Fisher, Hewerdine, John Hurst, Mrs Kaberry-Brown, Kerr, Lovelock, Steptoe, Mrs Percival, Avril Williams, Mike Williams, Wood, and Mrs Woods.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no interests declared.

47. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS BISNAUTHISING, JOHN HURST, MRS JALILI, O'HARE, AND SELBY:

DECISION: That the Council adheres to its previous decision to hold an extraordinary meeting on 20th July 2006.

Councillors Bisnauthsing, John Hurst, Mrs Jalili, O'Hare, and Selby had submitted the following motion:

"That this council resolves:

That the council meeting on 20th July 2006 not be an extraordinary meeting of this council but an ordinary meeting of this council."

Before the motion was moved, a point of order was raised under council procedure rule 14.12. The member referred to page 107 of the Constitution, specifically council procedure rule 2 which stated that ordinary meetings of the Council will take place in accordance with a programme decided at the Council's annual meeting. The member asserted that the Council could not therefore hold an additional ordinary meeting that was not included with the programme previously approved on 27th April 2006.

The Chief Executive replied that the Council's Constitution gave power to the Council to set a programme of meetings at the annual meeting. There was no reference to deny the Council power to set additional ordinary meetings. This meeting of the Council therefore had discretion to set additional ordinary meetings or call extraordinary meetings. The Monitoring Officer advised that it would be foolish of the Council to fetter its discretion to set further meetings. The purpose of the Constitution was to ensure that a programme of meetings was set at the annual meeting. The Chairman indicated that he accepted the advice tendered by both the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer and accordingly allowed the motion to be put.

As one of the signatories to the motion, Councillor O'Hare pointed out that only one item of business could be put at an extraordinary meeting. If the Council agreed to change the scheduled extraordinary meeting for 20th July to an ordinary meeting, the Council could consider other items of business and progress other work. He moved the motion as printed and this was then seconded. In seconding the motion, the member made reference to the recently agreed Category A priority of effective use of resources. He suggested that council meetings were a use of resource. It should be part of the democratic process of the Council that members can raise issues for discussion.

Several members then spoke against the motion, expressing the view that they could see no justification to change the planned extraordinary meeting on 20th

July 2006.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was lost.

48. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.35p.m.