

MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, 24 JULY 2009
3.30 PM



PRESENT

Councillor Bob Adams Chairman

Councillor Ray Auger
Councillor Robert Broughton
Councillor Paul Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor George Chivers
Councillor Nick Craft
Councillor Alan Davidson
Councillor John Dawson
Councillor Mike Exton
Councillor Stuart Farrar
Councillor Robert Hearmon
Councillor David Higgs
Councillor Reginald Howard
Councillor Mrs Maureen Jalili
Councillor Kenneth Joynson
Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown
Councillor Albert Victor Kerr
Councillor Jock Kerr
Councillor Reg Lovelock MBE.
Councillor Peter Martin-Mayhew

Councillor Andrew Moore
Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal
Councillor Benjamin Newcombe-Jones
Councillor John Nicholson
Councillor Alan Parkin
Councillor Mrs Margery Radley
Councillor Bob Sandall
Councillor Ian Selby
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Ian Stokes
Councillor Mike Taylor
Councillor Jeff Thompson
Councillor Frank Turner
Councillor Andrea Webster
Councillor Tom Webster
Councillor Graham Wheat
Councillor Mike Williams
Councillor Raymond Wootten

OFFICERS

Interim Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Director (Ian Yates)
Monitoring Officer (Lucy Youles)
Corporate Head, Finance and Customer
Service (Richard Wyles)
Service Manager, Human Resources and
Organisational Development (Joyce
Slater)

OFFICERS

Service Manager, Performance
Management and Engagement (Sharon
Yates)
Communications Officer (Sheila Ashton)
Principal Democracy Officer (Paul
Morrison)
Democratic and Scrutiny Support Officer
(Jenni Gibson)



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34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bisnauthsing, Mrs Bosworth, Brough, Cook, Mrs Gaffigan, Harvey, Helyar, Holmes, Sam Jalili, McBride, Scott, Selby, Spencer-Gregson, Avril Williams and Wood.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

36. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(15.32pm - The Interim Chief Executive, Beverly Agass, left the room).

Decision:

1.) That Beverly Agass be appointed to the post of Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service, Electoral Registration Officer (to act as Returning Officer) with effect from 24th July 2009.

Members had previously been circulated with report A1 prepared by the Chief Executive's Performance Panel. In presenting the report and the recommendations contained therein, the Leader drew attention to a typographical error which mistakenly recommended that Beverly Agass be appointed with effect from the 23rd July. This should have read 'from 24th July 2009'.

The Leader highlighted the assistance received from Tribal Resources in the robust recruitment process. In moving the recommendation contained within the report, the Leader noted that Mrs Agass' leadership skills were exceptional in relation to her peers, and that this quality had been highlighted by Tribal Resources.

Councillor Mrs Jalili, in seconding the motion, commended Mrs Agass for the manner in which she dealt with the rigorous recruitment process. Councillor Mrs Jalili noted how the Appointments Panel had brought the different political parties together to unite for a vision for the future.

There was cross-party support for the motion, and various Members spoke in support of Mrs Agass. Members felt strongly that Mrs Agass was the correct person to lead the Council into the future.

In summing up, the Leader thanked the members of the Appointments Panel for their hard work and dedication. She reminded Members that the Appointments Panel was recommending Mrs Agass because she was exceptionally qualified and experienced and was the right person for this authority at this time.

On being put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

(3.44pm – Mrs Agass re-entered the room)

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman congratulated Mrs Agass on her new appointment and wished her every success. Mrs Agass in turn thanked Members for their support, and expressed her pleasure in accepting the post. Several Members offered their congratulations and support to Mrs Agass.

37. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.