# CITY OF **WOLVERHAMPTON** COUNCIL

# Annual Meeting of the Council

Minutes - 17 May 2017

# **Attendance**

Cllr Elias Mattu (Lab) Mayor **Deputy Mayor** Cllr Phil Page (Lab)

#### Labour

Cllr Ian Angus Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal Cllr Harbans Bagri Cllr Val Gibson Cllr Harman Banger Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre Cllr Mary Bateman Cllr Julie Hodgkiss Cllr Philip Bateman MBE Cllr Keith Inston Cllr Paval Bedi-Chadha Cllr Jasbir Jaspal Cllr Peter Bilson Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal Cllr Alan Bolshaw Cllr Andrew Johnson Cllr Greg Brackenridge Cllr Rupinderjit Kaur Cllr Ian Brookfield Cllr Welcome Koussoukama Cllr Paula Brookfield Cllr Roger Lawrence Cllr Ian Claymore Cllr Linda Leach Cllr Craig Collingswood Cllr Hazel Malcolm Cllr Claire Darke **Cllr Louise Miles** Cllr Steve Evans Cllr Lynne Moran Cllr Val Evans Cllr Anwen Muston

Cllr Peter O'Neill Cllr Rita Potter Cllr John Reynolds Cllr John Rowley Cllr Judith Rowley Cllr Zee Russell

Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz Cllr Stephen Simkins Cllr Mak Singh Cllr Tersaim Singh Cllr Paul Sweet

Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman

Cllr Martin Waite Cllr Daniel Warren

**UKIP** Conservative

Cllr Udey Singh Cllr Barry Findlay Cllr Christopher Haynes Cllr Wendy Thompson **CIIr Christine Mills** Cllr Andrew Wynne Cllr Jonathan Yardley Cllr Patricia Patten Cllr Paul Singh

Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett

#### **Employees**

Keith Ireland Managing Director Kevin O'Keefe Director of Governance Director of Finance Claire Nye Mark Taylor Director

Linda Sanders Strategic Director – People Strategic Director - Place Tim Johnson Head of Business Management Laura Phillips lan Fegan **Head of Communications** Jaswinder Kaur **Democratic Services Manager** Colin Parr

Head of Governance

The proceedings opened with Prayers

Item No. Title

## 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Arun Photay.

#### 2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interests made.

# 3 Minutes of previous meeting

The retiring Mayor proposed, the retiring Deputy Mayor seconded, and it was:

#### Resolved

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5 April 2017, be agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the retiring Mayor.

## 4 To elect a Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor John Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman and was:

#### Resolved:

That Councillor Elias Mattu be elected as Mayor for the 2017/18 municipal year.

#### 5 To appoint a Deputy Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Milkinder Jaspal, seconded by Councillor Keith Instonand was:

#### Resolved:

That Councillor Phil Page be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2017/18 municipal year.

# 6 To pass a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Christine Mills, seconded by Councillor Val Gibson, and was:

#### Resolved:

 That the Council expresses to Councillor Barry Findlay and Mrs Margaret Findlay its grateful appreciation for their work and service as Mayor and Mayoress of the city during the 2016/17 municipal year. 2. That a copy of the resolution of thanks to the retiring Mayor should be transcribed and presented to the retiring Mayor as a memento of his year in office.

#### 7 Communications

# **Armed Forces Day**

The Mayor reported that the city would be marking Armed Forces Day between the 19 and 24 June 2017. The week would begin with a flag-raising ceremony on Monday 19 June 2017 at the flagpole on the piazza, which would signify the build-up to an Armed Forces Day event in the City Centre on Saturday 24 June 2017.

## **Civic Sunday**

The Mayor informed Councillors of the arrangements for the Civic Sunday service which was taking place on Sunday 21 at the Collegiate Church of St Peter's at 11 am.

The Mayor welcomed the West Midlands Mayor Andy Street to the Council meeting.

## 8 The appointment of Executive, Scrutiny and Regulatory Bodies, etc.

Councillor Roger Lawrence presented a report (appendices one to six were tabled) on the appointment of the Cabinet and Cabinet Panels, the Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny Panels, Regulatory and other Committees, and representation on Joint Authorities/Committees and outside bodies.

Councillor Roger Lawrence proposed the recommendations and Councillor Andrew Johnson seconded the recommendations.

#### Resolved:

- That the political composition of the Council, and how this is applied to appointments to Council bodies as set out in appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- 2. That the appointment, by the Leader of the Council, of Councillors to the Cabinet, the specified lead Cabinet Member roles and Cabinet Panels as set out in appendix 2 to the report be approved.
- 3. That the appointment of Councillors to the Scrutiny Board, and Scrutiny Panels, including Chairs and Vice-chairs as set out in appendix 3 to the report be approved.
- 4. That the appointment of Councillors to Regulatory, Oversight and other Committees and advisory groups, including Chairs and Vice-Chairs, and the appointment of Councillor Champions, as set out in appendix 4 to the report be approved subject to Councillor Paul Sweet sitting on Corporate Parenting Board.

# [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

5.	That the appointments to Joint Authorities/Committees and Outside Bodies,
	including lead, substitute lead and voting Councillors as set out in appendices
	5 and 6 to the report be approved.