

# COUNCIL

**Tuesday, 18 May 2010**

**Present:** Councillor Ken Ball (Mayor), Councillor Pat Case (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Nora Ball, Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Judith Boothman, Alistair Bradley, Terry Brown, Henry Caunce, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Mike Devaney, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Dennis Edgerley, Christopher France, Anthony Gee, Peter Goldsworthy, Marie Gray, Alison Hansford, Pat Haughton, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Keith Iddon, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, Laura Lennox, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Simon Moulton, Mick Muncaster, Beverley Murray, Mark Perks, Alan Platt, Debra Platt, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell, Edward Smith, Joyce Snape, Ralph Snape, John Walker, Stella Walsh and Peter Wilson

**Also Present:** Former Councillor Iris Smith as Mayor of the Borough in 2009/10 (in the Chair)

## **10.C.98 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest by any Member in relation to matters under consideration at the meeting.

## **10.C.99 MINUTES OF LAST ORDINARY MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 13 April 2010 were presented for confirmation.

Referring to Minute 10.C.92(a) (Questions asked under Council Procedure Rule 8), Councillor Dennis Edgerley, questioned the completeness of the Executive Leader's response to the supplementary question he asked at the meeting.

**RESOLVED – (1) That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 April 2010 be confirmed as an accurate record for signature by the Mayor.**

**(2) That the Executive Leader be requested to provide Councillor Edgerley with a further written response in respect of employment issues.**

## **10.C.100 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR**

### **(a) Election of Mayor**

It was moved by Councillor Stella Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ralph Snape that Councillor Ken Ball be elected Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The nomination was supported by the respective leaders of the Conservative, Labour and Independent political groups.

**RESOLVED – That Councillor Ken Ball be elected Mayor for the Borough of Chorley for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.**

(b) **Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Introduction of Mayoress**

Councillor Ken Ball signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor.

The Mayor expressed his appreciation for his election as Mayor and introduced his wife, Councillor Nora Ball, as his Mayoress for the coming year.

Councillor Ken Ball in the Chair.

**10.C.101 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR**

(a) **Election of Deputy Mayor**

It was moved by Councillor Peter Goldsworthy and seconded by Councillor Pat Haughton that Councillor Pat Case be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The nomination was supported by the respective leaders of the Labour and Independent Groups and Councillor Stella Walsh on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group.

**RESOLVED – That Councillor Pat Case be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.**

(b) **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Councillor Pat Case signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor and thanked the Council Members for their support.

**10.C.102 PRESENTATION AND VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

(a) **Presentation to Past Mayor**

The Mayor presented former Councillor Iris Smith with a portrait of herself in the Mayoral regalia and gave both Iris and her husband James, medallions and a plaque bearing the Council's Coat of Arms, as tokens of their past year of office as Mayor and Consort of Chorley.

(b) **Vote of Thanks**

The Mayor paid tribute to the exemplary manner in which former Councillor Iris Smith and her husband James had served and promoted the Borough during their past year of office as Mayor and Consort.

The Leader of the Conservative, Labour and Independent Group, and Councillor Stella Walsh on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group, also expressed their personal thanks to Mr and Mrs Smith for their commitment and dedication to fundraising activities during the past year. The Members also paid tribute to Iris Smith's long service as a Chorley Councillor, following her decision not to seek re-election at the recent election.

(c) **Address by Past Mayor**

Former Councillor Iris Smith thanked the Council Members for their kind remarks and support of her fundraising and social activities throughout the year. She also expressed her gratitude to the Members and Officers for their invaluable support and assistance during her long period of service on the Council.

Former Councillor Smith presented the Council with a gift as a memento of her Mayoral term of office.

#### **10.C.103 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor welcomed the following three new Councillors to their first meeting following their election to the Council on 6 May 2010:

- Councillor Alison Hansford representing the Wheelton & Withnell Ward.
- Councillor Beverley Murray representing the Chorley South East Ward.
- Councillor Alan Platt representing Astley and Buckshaw Ward.

The Mayor also congratulated the following Councillors who had been re-elected for a further 4 year term on 6 May:

Councillors Eric Bell, Magda Cullens, Dennis Edgerley, Marie Gray, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Hasina Khan, Keith Iddon, Roy Lees, Mick Muncaster, Geoffrey Russell, Rosemary Russell and Ralph Snape.

The Mayor invited Members and Officers to accompany himself and the Mayoress in the Annual Procession and Civic Service at St Mary's RC Church on Sunday, 23 May.

The Mayor announced that he would be organising a number of events during his year of office to raise money for his chosen Charities which were Homestart, Chorley Sea Cadets, Coppull Parish Church Scout Group, Wrightington Hospital and Legacy-Rainbow House. Forthcoming events would include the Annual Members vs Officers Cricket Match on 9 July and a Big Band Night in the Lancastrian Room on 17 September 2010.

#### **10.C.104 EXECUTIVE LEADER'S WELCOME**

The Executive Leader (Councillor Peter Goldsworthy) welcomed the three new Councillors and congratulated Councillors Alistair Bradley and Peter Wilson on their recent appointment as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Labour Group respectively.

#### **10.C.105 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES FOR 2010/11**

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive in addition to information circulated at the meeting on nominations from the political groups for appointment to the Executive, Committees and other bodies in 2010/11.

Included in the report were proposed changes to the portfolios of Executive Members and a reduction in the membership of the Development Control Committee in line with the practice of other Lancashire District Councils.

The report also contained a schedule of nominations for:

- (a) the appointment of the Executive Leader and other Members for the Executive Cabinet for the ensuing Municipal Year;
- (b) the appointment of the Lead Members for the ensuing Municipal Year;
- (c) the appointment of Members of the various Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies of the Council in accordance with the political balance rules, together with the respective Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The report also contained a list of the prospective Shadow Portfolio Holders and Shadow Lead Members .

It was moved by Councillor Peter Goldsworthy, seconded by Councillor Pat Case, and subsequently **RESOLVED unanimously**:

**(1) That the following changes to the responsibilities within Executive portfolios be approved:**

- **Executive Member (Transformation) replaces Resources and includes Customer Services;**
- **Executive Member (People)'s portfolio excludes Customer Services;**
- **Executive Member (Places) replaces Neighbourhoods and retains the same portfolio;**
- **Executive Member (Planning and Partnerships) replaces Business and includes the partnership role for economic development, planning and housing;**
- **Executive Member (Policy and Performance) retains the same portfolio.**

**(2) That the reduction in the membership of the Development Control Committee from 17 to 12 be approved.**

**(3) That Councillor Peter Goldsworthy be appointed Executive Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Cabinet.**

**(4) That Councillor Pat Case be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council and Vice Chair of the Executive Cabinet.**

**(5) That, in addition to the Executive Leader and the Deputy Leader of the Council, the following Councillors be appointed Executive Members to serve on the Executive Cabinet with the respective portfolio indicated:**

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Eric Bell</b>	<b>Executive Member (Places)</b>
	<b>Kevin Joyce</b>	<b>Executive Member (Transformation)</b>
	<b>Peter Malpas</b>	<b>Executive Member (Partnerships &amp; Planning)</b>
	<b>Greg Morgan</b>	<b>Executive Member (Policy &amp; Performance)</b>
	<b>John Walker</b>	<b>Executive Member (People)</b>

**(6) That the following Councillors be appointed Lead Members for the functions indicated:**

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Harold Heaton</b>	<b>(Development Control)</b>
	<b>Keith Iddon</b>	<b>(Licensing)</b>
	<b>Rosemary Russell</b>	<b>(Health and Older People)</b>

**(7) That the following appointments be made to Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies of the Council as shown below, including the respective Chairs and Vice-Chairs as indicated:**

**Audit Committee**

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>A Gee (Chair)</b>
	<b>L Lennox (Vice Chair)</b>
	<b>J Boothman</b>
	<b>M Cullens</b>
	<b>A Platt</b>
	<b>G Russell</b>

### **Development Control Committee**

**Councillors** H Heaton (Chair)  
G Russell (Vice Chair)  
H Counce  
M Devaney  
David Dickinson  
D Edgerley  
C France  
R Lees  
J Molyneaux  
S Moulton  
M Muncaster  
R Snape

### **General Purposes Committee**

**Councillors** P Goldsworthy (Chair)  
P Case (Vice Chair)  
K Ball  
J Boothman  
T Brown  
A Cullens  
C France  
M Gray  
C Hoyle  
H Khan  
P Malpas  
J Molyneaux  
S Moulton  
B Murray  
A Platt  
R Russell  
R Snape

### **Licensing and Public Safety Committee**

**Councillors** K Iddon (Chair)  
P Haughton (Vice Chair)  
J Boothman  
T Brown  
David Dickinson  
Doreen Dickinson  
A Gee  
C Hoyle  
H Khan  
L Lennox  
B Murray  
A Platt  
D Platt  
E Smith  
R Snape  
J Walker  
S Walsh

### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Councillors**    **A Lowe (Chair)**  
**A Cullens (Vice Chair)**  
**J Berry**  
**M Gray**  
**A Hansford**  
**P Haughton**  
**H Heaton**  
**M Perks**  
**R Russell**  
**E Smith**  
**J Snape**  
**P Wilson**

### **Standards Committee**

**Councillors**    **D Platt (Vice Chair)**  
**J Boothman**  
**M Gray**  
**L Lennox**  
**S Walsh**

### **Appointments Panel**

**Councillors**    **P Goldsworthy (Chair)**  
**K Ball**  
**A Bradley**  
**P Case**  
**J Walker**  
**plus relevant portfolio holder**

### **Borough/Parish Liaison**

**Councillors**    **P Goldsworthy (Chair)**  
**P Case (Vice Chair)**  
**E Bell**  
**K Joyce**  
**P Malpas**  
**G Morgan**  
**J Walker**

### **Chief Executive's Performance Review Panel**

**Councillors**    **P Goldsworthy (Chair)**  
**A Bradley**  
**P Case**  
**J Walker**  
**P Wilson**

### **Chorley Partnership (LSP) Board**

**Councillors**    **E Bell**  
**A Bradley**  
**P Case**  
**P Goldsworthy**  
**P Malpas**  
**G Morgan**

### Equality Forum

Councillors G Morgan (Chair)  
David Dickinson (Vice Chair)  
A Gee  
A Hansford  
B Murray  
R Russell

### Human Resources Appeals Committee

Councillors J Walker (Chair)  
D Edgerley  
A Hansford  
M Muncaster

### Licensing Liaison

Councillors K Iddon (Chair)  
P Haughton

### Local Development Framework Working Group

Councillors P Goldsworthy (Chair)  
P Malpas (Vice Chair)  
A Bradley  
H Counce  
M Devaney  
David Dickinson  
D Edgerley  
H Heaton  
R Lees  
M Muncaster  
G Russell  
P Wilson

### Members Support Working Group

Councillors J Walker (Chair)  
J Molyneaux (Vice Chair)  
N Ball  
A Gee  
M Muncaster  
D Platt

### Town Centre Workshop

Councillors M Gray (Chair)  
A Bradley  
P Haughton  
P Malpas  
B Murray  
S Walsh

### Shared Services Joint Committee

Councillors A Cullens  
K Joyce

(8) That the appointment of the following Shadow Portfolio and Lead Members be noted:

<u>Shadow Portfolio Positions</u>	<u>Lead Member</u>	<u>Support Member</u>
Policy and Performance	D Edgerley	C Hoyle
Partnerships and Policy	A Bradley	C France
Transformation	P Wilson	B Murray
People	L Lennox	J Molyneaux
Places            T Brown	H Khan	
 <u>Shadow Lead Positions</u>		
Development Control	R Lees	
Equality	H Khan	
Health and Older People	J Berry	
Licensing	A Gee	

#### **10.C.106 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - INDEPENDENT AND PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillors were reminded that, in addition to the appointed Council Members, the membership of the Standards Committee comprised three Independent Members and three Parish Council representatives and was requested to endorse the terms of office to be applied to the respective Independent and Parish Council members.

The Council was also advised that, as a result of Parish Councillor Alan Platt's recent election to Chorley Council, a vacancy now existed for a Parish Council representative on the Standards Committee. The appropriate procedures to fill the vacancy would be instigated shortly.

**RESOLVED – (1) That a four year term of office be applied to Independent Members of the Standards Committee, with each member being eligible for reappointment at the end of the respective term, and that the term of office for the following members expire in the year indicated:**

<b>Anthony Ellwood</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Gwynne Furlong</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Hugh Evans</b>	<b>2013</b>

(2) That the term of office of Parish Council representatives coincide with their term of office on their respective Parish Council and that, accordingly, the term of office of the following Parish Council representatives shall expire in the year indicated:

<b>Parish Councillor Bill Mason</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Parish Councillor Anthony Wilson</b>	<b>2011</b>

#### **10.C.107 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2010/11**

A schedule of nominations for the appointment of representatives on outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2010/11, including the appointment of substitute members, where appropriate, had been provided to Members.



It was moved by Councillor Peter Goldsworthy, seconded by Councillor Pat Case, and subsequently **RESOLVED** that the Council's representatives on the following outside bodies for 2010/11 be approved as follows:

NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
Adlington Community Association	2	Councillor J Molyneaux and Mr Adam Unsworth (Conservative Nominee)	May 2011
Brindle Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor David Dickinson	May 2011
Chorley Age Concern	2	Councillors R Russell and C Hoyle	May 2011
Chorley and District Neighbourhood Watch Association	1	Executive Member for Places (Councillor E Bell)	May 2011
Chorley and District Sports Forum	2	Executive Member for People (Councillor J Walker) and Councillor M Muncaster	May 2011
Chorley and South Ribble Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	1	Councillor P Haughton	May 2011
Chorley and South Ribble Council for Voluntary Service	1	Councillor Doreen Dickinson	May 2011
Chorley and South Ribble Crossroads Care Scheme (Trustees)	1	Councillor J Boothman	May 2011
Chorley and South Ribble Disability Forum	1	Councillor David Dickinson	May 2011
Chorley and South Ribble MIND	1	Councillor Doreen Dickinson	May 2011
Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility	1	Councillor M Gray	May 2011
Chorley Churches Together	1	Councillor M Gray	May 2011
Chorley Community Housing Board	4	Councillors A Cullens, C France, M Gray and L Lennox	May 2011
Chorley Consolidated Charity and Chorley Relief Fund	3	Councillor A Gee (Appointed May 2010) Councillor M Gray (Appointed May 2010) Councillor M Cullens (Appointed May 2006)	May 2015 May 2015 May 2011
Chorley Domestic Violence Forum	2	Councillors M Cullens and A Hansford	May 2011

NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
Chorley Local Children's Trust Partnership	1	Executive Member (People) Councillor John Walker	May 2011
Chorley Women's Centre	1	Councillors Doreen Dickinson	May 2011
Clayton-le-Woods Community Centre Management Committee	1	Councillor M Cullens	May 2011
Cuerden Valley Trust	1	Councillor M Muncaster	May 2011
Eccleston Maintained Youth Centre Management Committee	2	Councillor H Caunce and Councillor K Joyce	May 2011
Groundwork Trust Wigan and Chorley	1	Councillor E Bell	May 2011
Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee	2	Councillors C France and A Hansford	May 2011
Heskin Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor E Smith	May 2011
Hoghton Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor David Dickinson	May 2011
Home-Start Chorley and South Ribble	1	Councillor P Haughton	May 2011
Lancashire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Co-opted member)	1	Councillor R Russell (Substitute Members - Councillors G Russell and A Gee)	May 2011
Lancashire Economic Partnership Forum	1	Executive Leader (Councillor P Goldsworthy)	May 2011
Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Forum	1	Councillor E Bell	May 2011
Lancashire Police Authority Partnerships Forum <i>(since the meeting, the Council has been informed that this body no longer meets)</i>	1	Councillor David Dickinson	May 2011
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust - Governing Council	1	Councillor P Case	May 2015

NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
Lancashire Valuation and Community Charge Tribunal	1	Mr Jon Davies (Labour Nominee)	March 2011
Lancashire Waste Management Strategy Group	1	Executive Member for Places (Councillor E Bell)	May 2011
Local Development Framework Joint Advisory Committee	3	Executive Member for Partnerships and Planning (Councillor P Malpas), Councillors H Heaton and R Lees (Substitute Members Councillors P Goldsworthy, G Russell and D Edgerley)	May 2011
Local Government Association General Assembly	2	Executive Leader and Deputy Leader of Council	May 2011
Local Government Association New Towns Special Interest Group	2	Executive Leader and Deputy Leader of Council	May 2011
Local Government Association Rural Commission	2	Executive Leader and Deputy Leader of Council	May 2011
Local Government Association Urban Commission	2	Executive Leader and Deputy Leader of Council	May 2011
Local Government Association Lancashire Branch	3	Executive Leader, Deputy Leader of Council and Leader of the Opposition	May 2011
Mawdesley Millennium Trust	1	Councillor K Joyce	May 2011
Mawdesley Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor K Iddon	May 2011
North Western Local Authorities' Employers Organisation	1	Executive Member for Transformation (Councillor K Joyce)	May 2011
Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council	1	Councillor G Morgan	May 2011
Rivington Heritage Trust	1	Councillor P Case	May 2011
Rivington and Brinscall Advisory Group	3	Councillors M Gray, P Case, C France	May 2011
Runshaw College Community Liaison Group	4	Councillors G Russell and G Morgan Neil Caton (Labour Nominee) and Kevin Hodges (Conservative Nominee)	May 2011

NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
Safer Chorley and South Ribble Partnership (Responsible Authorities Group)	1	Executive Member for Places (Councillor E Bell)	May 2011
St John Ambulance Association	1	The Mayor	May 2011
The North West of England and the Isle of Man Reserved Forces and Cadets Association	1	Councillor J Boothman	May 2011
West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee	2	Councillors M Gray and J Berry	May 2011

#### 10.C.108 PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2010/11

It was moved by Councillor Peter Goldsworthy, seconded by Councillor Pat Case, and subsequently **RESOLVED** that the following timetable of meetings of the Council to be held in the Town Hall, Chorley at 6.30pm during the 2010/11 Municipal Year be confirmed:

**20 July 2010;**  
**28 September 2010;**  
**2 November 2010 (Policy Council);**  
**7 December 2010;**  
**1 March 2011 (Budget Council);**  
**5 April 2011.**

Mayor