

COUNCIL

Tuesday, 23 January 2007

Present: Councillor Mary Wilson (Mayor), Councillor Adrian Lowe (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Peter Baker, Kenneth Ball, Thomas Bedford, Eric Bell, Terry Brown, Alan Cain, Mrs Pat Case, Henry Counce, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Francis Culshaw, Michael Davies, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Dennis Edgerley, Anthony Gee, Daniel Gee, Peter Goldsworthy, Mrs Marie Gray, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Keith Iddon, Miss Margaret Iddon, Hasina Khan, Margaret Lees, Roy Lees, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, Thomas McGowan, Miss June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Michael Muncaster, Geoffrey Russell, Rosemary Russell, Mrs Iris Smith, Shaun Smith, Mrs Joyce Snape, Ralph Snape, Christopher Snow, John Walker, Mrs Stella Walsh and John Wilson

07.C.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Andrew Birchall, Mark Perks and Edward Smith.

07.C.02 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

The following Members of the Council each declared a prejudicial interest in the item indicated.

Councillor Dennis Edgerley - Agenda Item 13 Housing Transfer Committee
Councillor Christopher Snow - Agenda Item 13 Housing Transfer Committee
Councillor Mrs Marie Gray - Agenda Item 13 Housing Transfer Committee
Councillor Alan Cain - Agenda Item 13 Housing Transfer Committee

07.C.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 December 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

07.C.04 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Members of a Charity Quiz night to be held at Chorley Cricket Club on Friday, 16 February 2007 at 8.30pm. Entry was £1 per person.

The Mayor thanked all Councillors and Officers who had kindly donated prizes for her Charity Ball on Friday, 2 February 2007. She hoped everyone would have an enjoyable evening if they were attending the Ball.

Members were reminded of the New Year meal to be held at the Gourmet Buffet immediately after the Council meeting.

The Mayor informed Members that a team from the Council had entered the annual Charity Swimathon on Saturday, 3 February at All Seasons Leisure Centre.

The Executive Leader took the opportunity to inform Members of a letter which had been received by the Chief Executive from the Lieutenant Colonel, 5 General Support Medical Regiment, extending his gratitude to the Council for enabling the honour of the Freedom of the Borough of Chorley on Saturday, 9 June 2007.

07.C.05 COMMUNITY FORUMS

The Executive Member for Customer, Democratic and Legal Services presented a report informing Members that the Council meeting held on 19 December 2006 had authorised the approval of the establishment of four Community Forums and that in accordance with Paragraph 27.2 of the Council Procedure Rules, the recommendation relating to the adoption of the Community Forum Procedure Rules be adjourned without discussion to this Council meeting.

It was also agreed at the 19 December 2006 Council meeting that this Council considers the appointment of a Chair of all 4 Community Forums and a Vice-Chair of each separate Community Forum.

The Council meeting did not receive any nominations for Vice-Chairs for each of the separate Community Forums.

RESOLVED – That the Executive Member for Customer, Democratic and Legal Services Councillor John Walker be appointed Chair of all 4 Community Forums.

07.C.06 GENERAL REPORT

The Executive leader presented a report summarising the more significant items of business dealt with at a meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 7 December 2006.

RESOLVED – That subject to replacing the word “including” with “excluding” and “establishing” with “abolishing” in Paragraph 13 (first bullet point and fourth bullet point respectively) the report be noted.

07.C.07 STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE - GAMBLING ACT 2005 - DELEGATION OF THE SETTING OF FEES FOR LICENSES

The Chairman of the Statutory Licensing Committee presented a report seeking the Council's approval to the delegation of the setting of fees under the Gambling Act 2005.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to delegating the setting of the Gambling Act 2005 fees to the Statutory Licensing Committee.

07.C.08 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Development Control Committee presented a report, which summarised the more significant planning proposals that had been considered at the meeting held on 12 December 2006.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

07.C.09 ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THE MAYOR DECIDES IS/ARE URGENT

The Mayor accepted as urgent, consideration of this item, not included on the agenda in order for the Executive Member for Resources to inform Members that they would shortly be requested to complete a questionnaire regarding partnership working with the North West Centre of Excellence, and for these to be returned completed as soon as possible.

07.C.10 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

07.C.11 HOUSING TRANSFER COMMITTEE

The Lead Member for Housing presented a report on the Housing Transfer Committee that meet on 9 January 2007 which briefly summarised the matters considered at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Mayor