

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 13 May 2009

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

09.C.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Doreen Dickinson and Mark Perks.

09.C.02 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

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

09.C.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED -The minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 April 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

09.C.04 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

(a) Election of Mayor

It was moved by Councillor Marie Gray and seconded by Councillor Pat Haughton that Councillor Iris Smith be elected Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The nomination was welcomed and supported by the respective Leaders of the political groups represented on the Council.

RESOLVED- That Councillor Iris Smith be elected Mayor for the Borough of Chorley for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

(b) Declaration of Acceptance of Office and introduction of Mayor's Consort

Councillor Iris Smith signed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Mayor.

The Mayor expressed her appreciation for her election as Mayor and introduced her husband James as the Mayor's Consort for the coming year.

09.C.05 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

(a) Election of Deputy Mayor

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

The nomination was supported by the respective Leaders of the Conservative and Labour Groups.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Kenneth Ball be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

(b) Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Kenneth Ball signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Ball thanked the Council Members for their support and introduced his wife, Councillor Nora Ball, as the Deputy Mayoress for the coming year.

09.C.06 PRESENTATION AND VOTE OF THANKS TO PAST MAYOR

(a) Presentation to Past Mayor

The Mayor presented Councillor Terry Brown with a portrait of himself in the Mayoral regalia and gave Councillor Brown and his wife, Julie, medallions and a plaque bearing the Council's Coat of Arms as tokens of their past year of office as Mayor and Mayoress of Chorley.

(b) Vote of Thanks

The Mayor paid tribute to the excellent manner in which Councillor Terry Brown and his wife Julie had served and promoted the Borough during their past year of office as Mayor and Mayoress.

The Leaders of the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent Groups paid their personal tribute to the Mayor and Mayoress' year of office and dedication to their fundraising activities.

(c) Address by Past Mayor

Councillor Terry Brown thanked the Council Members for their kind remarks and support of his fundraising and social activities throughout the past year which had raised £13,500 to be divided between his chosen Charities.

Councillor Brown presented the Council with a gift as a memento of his Mayoral term of office.

09.C.07 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded Members of their invitations to attend both the Civic Dinner in the Lancastrian Room on Friday, 15 May 2009 and the Annual Procession and Civic Service at St Laurence's Church, Chorley on Sunday, 17 May 2009.

The Mayor announced that she would be organising a number of events throughout her year of office to raise money for her chosen Charities (North West Air Ambulance, St Catherine's Hospice, Derian House and local young people's organisations). The first of these events, "Music of Four Decades", was to be held on Friday, 17 July 2009.

The Mayor also invited Councillors to accompany her to a Jaguar Enthusiasts Rally to be held in Astley Park on 31 May 2009.

09.C.08 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES FOR 2009/10

The Council received 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 the 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.

A note listing the prospective Shadow Portfolio Holders was also circulated at the meeting.

A report of the Chief Executive previously circulated to Members had drawn attention to the transfer of responsibility for the Licensing function from the Resources portfolio to the Neighbourhoods portfolio, following the transfer of the Licensing Section to the Neighbourhoods Directorate.

The Executive Leader also referred to other proposed changes to the composition of the Executive Cabinet and other Council bodies, including plans to place the Chairship of the Equality Forum under the Executive Member (Policy and Performance), and thanked the Members who had previously held those positions.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Goldsworthy and seconded by Councillor Pat Case that the proposals for the appointment of the Executive Cabinet, Lead Members, Committees and other bodies of the Council, as now presented, be approved.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Dennis Edgerley and seconded by Councillor Adrian Lowe that, with the consent of Councillor Hasina Khan, Councillor Catherine Hoyle replaces Councillor Khan on the membership of the Equality Forum. If approved, this would also entail a change to the Shadow Portfolio Position for Equalities.

Councillor Goldsworthy accepted the amendment and it was:

RESOLVED – (1) That Councillor Peter Goldsworthy be appointed Executive Leader of the Council.

(2) That Councillor Pat Case be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council.

(3) 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:

Councillors	Eric Bell	Executive Member (Neighbourhoods)
	Kevin Joyce	Executive Member (Resources)
	Peter Malpas	Executive Member (Business)
	Greg Morgan	Executive Member (Policy and Performance)
	John Walker	Executive Member (People)

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

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

(5) 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

Councillors	A Gee (Chair)
	L Lennox (Vice Chair)
	M Gray
	K Iddon
	D Platt
	G Russell

Development Control Committee

Councillors	H Heaton (Chair)
	G Russell (Vice Chair)
	K Ball
	J Berry
	J Boothman
	A Bradley
	H Counce
	M Devaney
	David Dickinson
	D Edgerley
	K Iddon
	R Lees
	A Lowe
	J Molyneaux
	S Moulton
	M Muncaster
	R Snape

General Purposes Committee

Councillors	P Goldsworthy (Chair)
	P Case (Vice Chair)
	K Ball
	J Boothman
	A Cullens
	M Cullens
	D Edgerley
	A Gee
	M Gray
	L Lennox
	A Lowe
	M Lowe
	P Malpas
	S Moulton
	R Russell
	J Snape
	J Walker

Licensing and Public Safety Committee

Councillors K Iddon (Chair)
E Smith (Vice Chair)
J Boothman
T Brown
M Cullens
David Dickinson
Doreen Dickinson
A Gee
M Gray
P Haughton
H Khan
M Lowe
T McGowan
D Platt
R Snape
S Walsh
J Walker

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors D Edgerley (Chair)
A Cullens (Vice Chair)
N Ball
M Devaney
M Gray
H Heaton
A Lowe
R Russell
E Smith
I Smith
J Snape
P Wilson

Standards Committee

Councillors M Devaney (Vice Chair)
J Boothman
C Hoyle
D Platt
S Walsh

Appointments Panel

Councillors P Goldsworthy (Chair)
K Ball
P Case
D Edgerley
J Walker
plus relevant portfolio holder

Borough/Parish Liaison

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

Chief Executive's Performance Review Panel

Councillors P Goldsworthy (Chair)
P Case
D Edgerley
A Lowe
J Walker

Chorley Partnership (LSP) Board

Councillors E Bell
P Case
P Goldsworthy
A Lowe
P Malpas
G Morgan

Equality Forum

Councillors G Morgan (Chair)
David Dickinson
C Hoyle
L Lennox
R Russell
I Smith

Human Resources Appeals Committee

Councillors J Walker (Chair)
M Lowe
S Moulton
M Muncaster

Lancashire Locals

Councillors K Ball
M Gray
L Lennox
J Molyneaux
M Muncaster
D Platt
G Russell

Licensing Liaison

Councillors K Iddon (Chair)
E Smith

Local Development Framework Working Group

Councillors P Goldsworthy (Chair)
P Malpas (Vice Chair)
A Bradley
H Counce
M Devaney
H Heaton
R Lees
L Lennox
S Moulton
M Muncaster
G Russell

Members Support Working Group

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

Town Centre Workshop

Councillors M Gray (Chair)
J Berry
A Bradley
P Haughton
P Malpas
S Walsh

(6) That the appointment of the following Shadow Portfolio Members be noted:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
D Ederley	Shadow Leader and Resources
A Bradley	Business
J Molyneaux	Community Safety
To be appointed	Equalities
A Gee	Member Support and Licensing
L Lennox	Neighbourhoods
P Wilson	People
R Lees	Planning and LDF
A Lowe	Policy and Performance
J Berry	Strategic Housing Services and Housing Client
M Lowe	Street Cleansing and Streetscene
T Brown	Waste

09.C.09 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2009/10

A schedule of nominations for the appointment of representatives on outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2009/10, including the appointment of substitute members, where appropriate, was circulated at the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Goldsworthy (Executive Leader) and seconded by Councillor Pat Case (Deputy Leader of the Council) that the schedule of appointments of representatives to outside bodies presented, be approved.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Dennis Ederley and seconded by Councillor Roy Lees that the proposed nominee on the North West of England and the Isle of Man Reserved Forces and Cadets Association (Councillor J Boothman) be replaced by Councillor T McGowan. On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

The Executive Leader accepted a further amendment that the Leader of the Labour Group be authorised to appoint the Group's new Shadow Portfolio Member for Equalities as the Council's representative on the Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council.

It was subsequently **RESOLVED** that the Council's representatives on the following outside bodies for 2009/10 be approved as follows:

Name of Body	No of Representatives	Representatives	Expiry Date
Adlington Community Association	2	Cllr J Molyneux Mr Adam Unsworth (Conservative Nominee)	May 2010
Brindle Village Hall Management Committee	1	Cllr David Dickinson	May 2010
Chorley Age Concern	2	Cllrs R Russell and C Hoyle	May 2010
Chorley & District Neighbourhood Watch Association	1	Executive Member for Neighbourhoods (Cllr E Bell)	May 2010
Chorley & District Sports Forum	2	Executive Member for People (Cllr J Walker); Cllr M Muncaster	May 2010
Chorley & South Ribble Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	1	Cllr P Haughton	May 2010
Chorley & South Ribble Council for Voluntary Service	1	Cllr Doreen Dickinson	May 2010
Chorley & South Ribble Crossroads Care Scheme (Trustees)	1	Cllr J Boothman	May 2010
Chorley & South Ribble Disability Forum	1	Cllr David Dickinson	May 2010
Chorley & South Ribble MIND	1	Cllr Doreen Dickinson	May 2010
Chorley & South Ribble Shopmobility	1	Cllr M Gray	May 2010
Chorley Churches Together	1	Cllr M Gray	May 2010
Chorley Community Housing Board	4	Cllrs A Cullens, M Gray, L Lennox & A Lowe	May 2010
Chorley Consolidated Charity & Chorley Relief Fund	3	Cllrs A Gee & M Gray (Appointed 2005) Cllr M Cullens (Appointed 2006)	May 2010 May 2011
Chorley Domestic Violence Forum	2	Cllrs M Cullens & I Smith	May 2010
Chorley Local Children's Trust Partnership	1	Executive Member for People (Cllr J Walker)	May 2010
Chorley Women's Centre	1	Cllr Doreen Dickinson	May 2010
Clayton-le-Woods Community Centre Management Committee	1	Cllr M Cullens	May 2010
Cuerden Valley Trust	1	Cllr M Muncaster	May 2010
Eccleston Maintained Youth Centre Management Committee	2	Cllrs H Counce & K Joyce	May 2010

Groundwork Trust Wigan and Chorley	1	Cllr E Bell	May 2010
Heapey & Wheelton Village Hall Committee	2	Cllr I Smith/Vacancy	May 2010
Heskin Hall Management Committee	1	Cllr E Smith	May 2010
Hoghton Village Hall Management Committee	1	Cllr David Dickinson	May 2010
Homestart Chorley and South Ribble	1	Cllr Doreen Dickinson	May 2010
Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Co-opted member)	1	Cllr R Russell (Substitute Members Cllrs G Russell & A Gee	May 2010
Lancashire Economic Partnership Forum	1	Executive Leader (Cllr P Goldsworthy)	May 2010
Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Forum	1	Cllr E Bell	May 2010
Lancashire Police Authority Community Meeting	6	Cllrs E Bell, J Molyneaux, A Cullens, David Dickinson, M Muncaster & D Platt	May 2010
Lancashire Police Authority Partnerships Forum	1	Cllr David Dickinson	May 2010
Lancashire Shared Services Contact Centre Partnership	1	Cllr J Walker	May 2010
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – Governing Council	1	Cllr I Smith	May 2010
Lancashire Valuation & Community Charge Tribunal	1	Mr Jon Davies (Labour nominee)	May 2010
Lancashire Waste Management Strategy Group	1	Executive Member for Neighbourhoods (Cllr E Bell)	May 2010
Local Development Framework Joint Advisory Committee	3	Executive Member for Business (Cllr P Malpas), Cllrs H Heaton & R Lees (Substitute Members Cllrs P Goldsworthy, G Russell and L Lennox)	May 2010
Local Government Association General Assembly	2	Executive Leader (Cllr P Goldsworthy) & Deputy Leader of the Council (Cllr P Case)	May 2010
Local Government Association New Towns Special Interest Group	2	Executive Leader & Deputy Leader of Council	May 2010
Local Government Association Rural Commission	2	Executive Leader & Deputy Leader of Council	May 2010
Local Government Association Urban Commission	2	Executive Leader & Deputy Leader of Council	May 2010
Local Government Association Lancashire Branch	3	Executive Leader, Deputy Leader of Council and Leader of the Opposition (Cllr D Edgerley)	May 2010
Mawdesley Millennium Trust	1	Cllr K Iddon	May 2010
Mawdesley Village Hall Management Committee	1	Cllr K Joyce	May 2010

North Western Local Authorities' Employers Organisation	1	Executive Member for Resources (Cllr K Joyce)	May 2010
Preston & Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council	1	Labour Group Shadow Portfolio Member for Equalities	May 2010
Rivington Heritage Trust	1	Cllr P Case	May 2010
Rivington & Brinscall Advisory Group	3	Cllrs M Gray, P Case & P Wilson	May 2010
Runshaw College Community Liaison Group	4	Cllrs G Russell & G Morgan; Mr Daniel Gee (Labour Nominee) & Mr Kevin Hodges (Conservative Nominee)	May 2010
Safer Chorley & South Ribble Partnership (Responsible Authorities Group)	1	Executive Member for Neighbourhoods (Cllr E Bell)	May 2010
St John Ambulance Association	1	The Mayor	May 2010
The North West of England and the Isle of Man Reserved Forces and Cadets Association	1	Cllr J Boothman	May 2010
West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee	2	Cllrs M Gray & P Wilson	May 2010

09.C.10 PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2009/10

RESOLVED – (1) That the following timetable of ordinary meetings of the Council to be held in the Town Hall, Chorley at 6.30pm during the 2009/10 Municipal Year be confirmed:

14 July 2009
22 September 2009
15 December 2009
26 January 2010
13 April 2010

(2) That the Special Meetings of the Council to be held on 3 November 2009 and 2 March 2010 be noted.

09.C.11 CHORLEY'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008/09

The Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) submitted a report seeking the Council's approval of the draft Annual Report for 2008/09.

The report gave an overview of the Council's performance in 2008/09 and summarised the authority's plans for 2009/10, including planned spending. The report highlighted the Council's achievements in the past year in being awarded both an excellent rating by the Audit Commission and a further Beacon status in the 'gold standard' category of 'Better Outcomes for People and Places'. Chorley Council continued to be recognised as one of the best Councils nationally for providing value for money.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Goldsworthy and seconded by Councillor Pat Case that the draft Annual Report for 2008/09 be approved and that the Executive Leader be given delegated authority to approve the final document.

Councillor Dennis Edgerley, however, referred to the incomplete nature of the draft Annual Report and suggested that the completed report be re-submitted to Members for formal approval.

In view of the fact that, unlike previous years, there was no requirement for the Annual Report to be agreed by the Council by a specific date, Councillor Goldsworthy accepted the suggestion and it was:

RESOLVED – That the draft Annual Report for 2008/09, as now presented, be noted and that the finalised version of the report be presented to the next ordinary meeting of the Council on 14 July 2009.

Mayor