

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL
AT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD PURSUANT
TO SECTION 249 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**MONDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 2007 AT 5.30PM
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, DUDLEY**

PRESENT:-

Councillor Stanley (Mayor)
Councillor Burston (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors Adams, Ahmed, Ali, Mrs. Ameson, Mrs. Aston, D. Blood, Mrs. E. Blood, Body, Ms. Boleyn, Caunt, Cotterill, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Cowell, Crumpton, G.H. Davies, J. R. Davies, Mrs. Dunn, Evans, Mrs. Faulkner, J. Finch, K. Finch, Ms. Foster, Fraser-Macnamara, Hanif, Harley, Ms. Harris, Hill, Islam, Jackson, James, Jones, Mrs. Jordan, Knowles, Lavender, Lowe, J. Martin, Mrs. P. Martin, Miller, Mrs. Millward, Mottram, Ms. Nicholls, Nottingham, Ms. Partridge, Rahman, Mrs. Ridley, Roberts, Mrs. Rogers, Ryder, Mrs. Shakespeare, Southall, Sparks, Taylor, Tomkinson, A. Turner, Mrs. H. Turner, K. Turner, Tyler, Mrs. Walker, Waltho, While-Cooper, C. Wilson, Mrs. M. Wilson and Wright; together with the Chief Executive and other Officers.

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 24.5, the Council gave its consent to a temporary test recording of this meeting being made for internal purposes.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Banks, Mrs. Collins, Ms. Craigie, Simms and Woodall.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor K. Finch declared a personal interest in Minute No. 35 below, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, as a former member of the Staffordshire Regiment.

HONORARY FREEMAN

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted on a Freeman of the Borough appointment pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

On the motion of Councillor Caunt, and duly seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara, it was unanimously

RESOLVED

- (1) That, pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council, being mindful of its previous close association with the local Regiments in Staffordshire and Worcestershire, and with the transfer of the Regiments into the newly formed Mercian Regiment, hereby confers on the Mercian Regiment Freedom of Entry into the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, drums beating and bands playing.
- (2) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make the necessary arrangements regarding the presentation ceremony.

The meeting ended at 5.45 pm

MAYOR