

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL
AT THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24TH JULY, 2006
AT 6.00 PM AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, DUDLEY**

PRESENT:-

Councillor Woodall (Mayor)
Councillor Stanley (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors Adams, Ahmed, Ali, Mrs. Ameson, Mrs. Aston, Banks, Blood, Body, Ms. Boleyn, Bradney, Burston, Burt, Caunt, Mrs. Collins, Cotterill, Mrs. Cowell, Crumpton, G.H. Davies, J. R. Davies, M. Davis, Donegan, Mrs. Dunn, Evans, Mrs. Faulkner, Finch, Ms. Foster, Fraser-Macnamara, Harley, Ms. Harris, Hill, Islam, Jackson, James, Johnston, Jones, Kettle, Knowles, Lowe, Male, Mrs. Martin, Miller, Mrs Millward, Mottram, Ms. Nicholls, Nottingham, Ms. Partridge, Rahman, Mrs. Ridley, Rogers, Ryder, Mrs. Shakespeare, Simms, Southall, Sparks, Tomkinson, A Turner, Mrs. H Turner, K Turner, Tyler, Mrs Walker, Waltho, Mrs. M. Wilson and Wright; together with the Chief Executive and other Officers.

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PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Canon John Everest, led the Council in prayer.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Attwood, Mrs Coulter, Ms Craigie, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Pearce, Taylor and C Wilson.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members declared interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, as follows:-

Councillor Ahmed - personal interest in Minute No. 15 of Central Dudley Area Committee (Request for vehicle access over land at Wolverhampton Street Car Park) in view of his owning the property next door to 172 Wolverhampton Street.

Councillor M Davis - personal interest in all items and business relating to Social Services as a Service User.

Councillor Rogers – personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 17 of Stourbridge Area Committee (Grant Applications: Stevens Park and Recreation Ground Foundation Trust) in view of his Vice Chairmanship of the Friends of Mary Stevens Park.

Councillor Rogers – personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 16 of Stourbridge Area Committee (Capital Allocations – Application by Friends of Norton Covert) in view of his membership of the Friends of Norton Covert.

Director of Law and Property - personal interest in Minute No. 16 of Stourbridge Area Committee (Capital Allocations – Application by Pedmore Cricket Club) in view of his membership of Pedmore Cricket Club.

Councillor Simms - personal and prejudicial interest in part of Minute No. 16 of North Dudley Area Committee (Proposed Prohibition of Waiting Order) relating to the issue of a Waiting Order in Jews Lane and Eve Lane and Kent Street and Burton Road, in that his mother was a resident of one of the streets named.

Councillor Burston - personal interest in Minute No. 13 of Halesowen Area Committee (Delegated Capital Budget) in view of him being the Council nominee on Lutley Community Centre.

Councillor Mrs Faulkner - personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 17 of Halesowen Area Committee (Furnace Lane, Newfield Lane, Newfield Crescent, Halesowen: Proposed Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order) in view of her being a resident of Newfield Crescent, Halesowen.

Councillor Taylor - personal interests in Minute No. 12 of Halesowen Area Committee (Responses to Questions raised at the Halesowen Area Committee held on 22nd March, 2006) in view of his Membership of the Friends of Leasowes Park.

Councillor Taylor – personal interest in Minute No. 17 of Halesowen Area Committee (Furnace Lane, Newfield Lane, Newfield Crescent, Halesowen: Proposed Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order) in view of his Governorship of Halesowen College Corporation.

Councillor Ali - personal interest in Minute No. 58 of the former Select Committee on Good Health (Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services – Annual Equality and Diversity Action Plan 2006/07 - specific references in the Plan to Dudley Racial Equality Council) as an executive member of that body.

Councillor Mrs Turner - personal interest in Minute No. 52 of the Select Committee on the Environment (Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services - Annual Equality and Diversity Action Plan 2006/07 – references to Age Concern at Green Lane, Halesowen) in view of her trusteeship of that body.

Councillor Ms. Harris - personal interest in Minute No. 10 of the Select Committee on the Environment (Food Service Plan 2006/07) as the Chair of Dudley Beacon and Castle Primary Care Trust and in that capacity was responsible for Public Health in partnership with the Council and with Dudley Food for Health Awards.

Councillor Ms Harris - personal interest in Minute No. 4 of the Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education (Terms of Reference, Rules of Procedure of the Committee and Scrutiny Protocols for Select Committees - references to health) in view of her being the Chair of Dudley Beacon and Castle Primary Care Trust.

Councillor Knowles - personal interest in Minute No. 40 of the Audit Committee (Audit Plan for the 2006/2007 Financial Year) insofar as he was a governor of Pedmore Technology College.

Councillor Donegan - personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 137 of the Development Control Committee (Enforcement Action – Lynwood House, Tenter Drive, Halesowen) in view of his Governorship of Tenterfields Primary School, which was adjacent to the property recommended for enforcement action.

Councillor Mrs Turner – personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 4(i) of the Development Control Committee (planning application no. P05/2415 – Corner of Uffmore and Hagley Road, Halesowen – Residential development of 18 apartments with associated parking) in view of a conversation with residents prior to the meeting of the Committee.

Councillor G H Davies – personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 6(xiv) of the Development Control Committee (planning application no. P06/0595 – Unit 2, Castle Street, Coseley – Change of use to A5 (hot food takeaway)) in view of a fellow Ward Councillor having raised an objection to the application on behalf of the three Ward Councillors.

Councillor Mottram – personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 6(xiv) of the Development Control Committee (planning application no. P06/0595 – Unit 2, Castle Street, Coseley – Change of use to A5 (hot food takeaway)) in view of a fellow Ward Councillor having raised an objection to the application on behalf of the three Ward Councillors.

Councillor Wright – personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 6(x) of the Development Control Committee (planning application no. P06/0190 – 155 and Land at rear of 155 The Straits, Lower Gornal – Demolition of bungalow and erection of five detached dwellings and one Dormer bungalow) insofar as the applicant was known to him.

Councillors G H Davies, Mottram and Wright – Minute No. 13(i) and (ii) of the Development Control Committee (planning application nos. P06/0306 – The Croft and The Cottage, 145/147 Sandyfields Road, Sedgley – Change of use from residential (C3) to residential institution (C2) for five young people plus residential and non-residential staff and P06/0349 – 8 Bourne Street, Woodsetton – Change of use from residential (C3) to residential institution (C2) for two young people plus residential and non-residential staff) – the Members concerned had taken no part in the consideration or decision making on these applications due to previous comments made by those Members.

Councillor Ryder - personal interest in Minute No. 98 of Licensing Sub-Committee 1 (Review of a Premises Licence) in view of his membership of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority.

Councillor Tyler - personal interests in Minute No. 7 of the Standards Committee and Agenda Item 5 (b)(ii) (Annual Report - Members Code of Conduct) due to his involvement in the items referred to paragraphs 5 (g) (h) and (i) of Appendix 1 to the report in that he was the complainant in the first two paragraphs and was the Member complained about in the latter paragraph mentioned.

Councillors Ms. Foster and Jones - personal interests in Minute No. 27 of the Cabinet (Proposed Judicial Review - Police Restructuring) in view of their membership of the West Midlands Police Authority.

Councillor Ms Boleyn – personal interest - Minute No. 19 of Brierley Hill Area Committee (Capital Allocations - Wall Heath Community Association) in view of her membership of the Management Committee of that Association.

Councillor Miller – personal interest – Minute No. 18 of Brierley Hill Area Committee (Cot Lane, Kingswinford - proposed Prohibition of Waiting Order near the Glynne Primary School) in view of his Governorship of that Primary School.

Councillor Tomkinson – personal interest – Minute No. 19 of Brierley Hill Area Committee (Capital Allocations - Pensnett Youth Centre and Fens Pool Community Centre) in view of her membership of the Neighbourhood Committee and of the Management Committee respectively.

Councillor Tyler – personal interest – Minute No. 19 of Brierley Hill Area Committee (Capital Allocations - Wall Heath Community Association) in view of his Membership of the Management Committee of that Association.

Councillor Waltho - personal interest - Agenda Item 5(a)(ii) (Capital Programme Monitoring – Resettlement of Ridge Hill Hospital) in his capacity as a Non-Executive Director on Dudley South Primary Care Trust Board.

Councillor Burston – personal interest - Minute No. 21(7) of Stourbridge Area Committee (Bus shelter maintenance) in view of his employment by CENTRO.

Councillor Burston – personal interests - Minute Nos. 13 and 14 of North Dudley Area Committee (Bus services in Sedgley) in view of his employment by CENTRO.

Councillor Burston - personal interest - Minute No. 9 of the Select Committee on the Environment (Concessionary bus passes) in view of his employment by CENTRO.

Councillor J R Davies - personal interest - Delegated Decision 102 (Funding of Dudley Citizens Advice Bureaux) in view of having colleagues who work for that organisation.

All Members of the Council - personal interest (Agenda Item 5(a)(iii) and all other references to the Members' Allowances Scheme) as recipients of Members' Allowances.

Councillor Donegan – personal interest - Agenda Item 5(a)(ii) (Capital Programme Monitoring – Reference to Christ Church Park) in view of his membership of Lye Regeneration Committee.

Councillor Tyler - personal interest - Agenda Item 7(b) (Annual Report of the former Select Committee on Lifelong Learning - Primary School Review) in view of his position as Chair of Governors at Maidensbridge Primary School.

Councillor Tyler - personal interest - Agenda Item 8 (Appointment of Members to the Cabinet, Committees and Outside Bodies – Reference to the Appointment of a Co-opted representative to the Select Committee on Children's Services) – due to Mr Paul Tully being known personally.

Councillor Tyler – personal interest - Delegated Decision 99 (Withdrawal of Proposals to close Maidensbridge School) in view of his position as Chair of Governors at Maidensbridge Primary School.

Councillor Lowe – Personal interests (Minutes 53, 54, 55 and 57 of the former Select Committee on Good Health) due to his employment by UNISON and responsibility for members employed in Dudley PCT.

Councillor Southall – personal interest - Agenda Item 5 (a) (ii) - Capital Programme Monitoring (Liveability - Extra Funding - Reference to National Playing Fields Association grant for expenditure on teen play facilities at King George V Park Wordsley) as an attendee at meetings of the Friends of Wordsley Park Group.

Councillor Ms Boleyn – personal interest - Agenda Item 7(b) (Annual Report of the former Select Committee on Lifelong Learning - Primary School Review) in view of her being a Community Governor at Maidensbridge Primary School and Chairman of the Maidensbridge Home and School Association.

Councillor Ms Boleyn – personal interest - Agenda Item 8 (Appointment of Members to the Cabinet, Committees and Outside Bodies – Appointment of a Co-opted representative to the Select Committee on Children's Services) due to Mr Paul Tully being known personally as a Governor at Maidensbridge Primary School.

Councillor Ms Boleyn – personal interest - Delegated Decision 99 (Withdrawal of Proposals to close Maidensbridge School) in view of her position as a Community Governor at Maidensbridge Primary School and Chairman of the Maidensbridge Home and School Association.

Councillor Mrs Millward – personal and prejudicial interest - Agenda Item 5(a)(ii) (Capital Programme Monitoring – Resettlement of Ridge Hill Hospital – References to Accord Housing Association) due to husband sub-contracting for Accord Housing Association in his capacity as a self employed plumbing and heating engineer.

Councillor Johnston – personal interest - Agenda Item 5(a)(ii) (Capital Programme Monitoring – Reference to Wrens Nest Primary School) in view of his school governorship.

Councillor Johnston – personal interest - Agenda Item 5 (b)(ii) (Annual Report - Members Code of Conduct) due to his involvement in the item referred to in paragraph 5 (f) of Appendix 1 to the report.

The Mayor (Councillor Woodall) – personal interest (Delegated Decision 100 – Consultation on proposals to close Halesowen CE Primary School, change category of Hasbury CE Primary School and divert public right of way) in view of his governorship of Hasbury CE Primary School.

Councillor Rahman – personal and prejudicial interest (Minute No. 13(iv) of the Development Control Committee - Plan No: P06/0948 - 65 Halesowen Road, Netherton - Change of use from Post Office to advice and information centre) in view of his being the founder of the AR Rahman Care Trust (Dudley) (the applicant).

Councillor Mrs H Turner – personal interest - Delegated Decision No. 82 (Publication of Statutory Notices – Holt Farm and Olive Hill Primary Schools) in view of her governorship at Olive Hill School.

Councillor Fraser-Macnamara – personal and prejudicial interest - Minute No. 11(iii) of the Development Control Committee (Plan No. P06/0708 – 68 Sheffield Street, Quarry Bank – Outline application for 9 no. apartments all matters to be considered with landscaping reserved for subsequent approval – resubmission of withdrawn application P05/0764) in view of the applicant being a client of Fraser-Macnamara Solicitors. (NB: Councillor Fraser-Macnamara was not present at the meeting of the Development Control Committee during the consideration or determination of this application).

Councillor Ms Harris – personal interests (Minutes Nos. 53, 55 and 56 of the former Select Committee on Good Health) in view of her position as Chair of the Dudley Beacon and Castle Primary Care Trust, provider of community and mental health services to the Borough.

Councillor Mrs Aston – personal interest – Delegated Decision 18 (Former Estate Office – 97 Priory Road, Dudley) in view of her involvement in meetings of the Primary Care Trust Project Board.

Councillor Johnston – personal interest – Delegated Decision 18 (Former Estate Office – 97 Priory Road, Dudley) in view of his Chairmanship of the Area Regeneration Board and his attendance at associated meetings.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 18th May, 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Financial, Audit and Purchasing Services – Charter Mark

The Mayor announced that Financial, Audit and Purchasing Services, within the Directorate of Finance, ICT and Procurement, had been awarded Charter Mark status. The Council congratulated all employees involved and the Mayor presented the Charter Mark award to the Director of Finance.

(b) Mayoress at Home – 13th and 14th July, 2006

The Mayor extended thanks to Members of the Council, and all others involved, for supporting the 'Mayoress at Home' event held on 13th and 14th July, 2006.

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BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2006

A report of the Cabinet was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Caunt, seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Best Value Performance Plan for 2006 be approved.
 - (2) That the action taken by officers to publish the plan by 30th June, 2006, in accordance with the requirements referred to in the report, be confirmed.
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CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

A report of the Cabinet was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Caunt, seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the expenditure of £60,000 on Stair Lifts be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.

- (2) That the Regional Housing Board allocation of £283,000 be noted, and the associated expenditure be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 4 of the report.
- (3) That the amendments to the Public Sector Housing Capital Programme be approved, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report.
- (4) That the capital element of any expenditure of the Preventative Assistive Technology Grant be included in the capital programme, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report.
- (5) That the project to convert the boilers at Himley Hall be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.
- (6) That should the application for Air Quality Monitoring grant be successful, the expenditure on air pollution dispersion modelling software be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report.
- (7) That the extra Liveability works to be funded from Section 106 contributions and National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) grant be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.
- (8) That the expenditure on bringing the pitches at Withymoore Village back into a suitable condition for play be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report.
- (9) That, in respect of the Tower Street project, referred to in paragraph 11 of the report:-
 - (i) the action of the Director of the Urban Environment in submitting an outline application to Advantage West Midlands (AWM) for funding to acquire the premises in the Tower Street Opportunity Area of Dudley Town Centre be approved;
 - (ii) the Director of the Urban Environment be authorised to submit full applications to AWM for the acquisition of individual properties and to accept any grant funding arising;

- (iii) the Director of Law and Property be authorised to enter into negotiations to acquire one or more premises on terms to be negotiated and agreed by him up to the limit of the funding approved;
 - (iv) the Director of Law and Property be authorised to sign the necessary legal agreements with AWM;
 - (v) the Director of the Urban Environment be authorised to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement between the Council, AWM and the preferred developers; and
 - (vi) the scheme be included in the Capital Programme.
- (10) That the Specialist School project at the Sutton School be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report.
- (11) That the increase in Youth Capital funding be noted, and the Capital Programme be amended accordingly, as set out in paragraph 13 of the report.
- (12) That the budget for the new Wrens Nest Primary School be increased to include £90,000 of Section 106 funding, as set out in paragraph 14 of the report.
- (13) That the allocation of “Other Services” capital resources be approved, as set out in paragraph 17 of the report.
- (14) That the urgent amendments to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraphs 18 to 21 of the report, be noted.

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

A report of the Cabinet was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Caunt, seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the recommendation of the Members' Allowances Independent Panel that there is no case for an on-going additional special responsibility allowance for Liquor Licensing work be endorsed.

- (2) That the view expressed by the Members' Allowances Independent Panel that there is no compelling argument for the making of payments to co-opted members with particular reference to those 'statutory co-optees' serving on Scrutiny Committees dealing with Education matters be endorsed and that accordingly no such payment be made.
- (3) That the suggestion made by the Standards Committee relating to possible alternative arrangements for the payment made to Members in respect of telephone charges be not proceeded with.
- (4) That in accordance with the annual percentage increase in line with the agreed pay award for NJC Local Government Services allowed for in respect of the existing Members' Allowances Scheme, approval be given to an annual increase of 2.95% on payments to be made in accordance with the scheme with effect from 1st April, 2006.

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REVISION OF CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

A report of the Cabinet was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Caunt, seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

That the revised Contract Standing Orders be approved.

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REVIEW OF HOUSING FINANCE

A report of the Cabinet was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

That the revised Housing Revenue Account budget, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, be set for 2006/07, to reflect the rent increase and other factors approved by the Cabinet under delegated powers, at its meeting held on 14th June 2006.

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MEMBERS' PLANNING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE

A report of the Standards Committee was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Caunt, seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

That the Members' Planning Code of Good Practice be approved and adopted as part of the Constitution to replace the existing Code of Practice.

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ANNUAL REPORT – MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

A report of the Standards Committee was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Caunt, seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

That the Annual Report on the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct, together with the action points set out in paragraphs 21 to 23 of the report, be approved and adopted.

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NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

On 8th June, 2006, Councillor M Davis had given notice of a motion pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12.

It was moved by Councillor M Davis and seconded by Councillor Mrs M Wilson:

“That this Council recalls the decision of the Cabinet on the 21st September, 2005 to develop and introduce a system of choice based lettings in Dudley.

Within the future housing policy the Council requests the Cabinet, in consultation with the Select Committee on the Environment, to develop a system which reflects “local loyalty”. The aim of this would be to give priority to local residents when allocating housing accommodation in the borough in so far as the law permits.

It is also requested that, within the law, we safeguard the loyalty of long term tenancies by looking at the passing of tenancies to members of the family who have used that home as a continual means of residency over a substantial period and that tenants in this respect will not be discharged from their home on the death of their parents or partner”.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara:-

“That this Council confirms its commitment to introduce Choice Based Lettings so that prospective tenants will be able to see what properties are available and exercise choice over where they will live, rather than being “allocated” a property by an officer. This Council believes that the transparency of the process will increase public confidence in the lettings service, and that giving people more choice will help to promote settled, sustainable communities.”

The above amendment was put to the vote and carried. The amendment thereupon became the substantive motion.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Waltho and seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara as an addition to the substantive motion:-

“This Council notes that succession of tenancy is a major and very sensitive human issue and that this Council supports an urgent all party review of the present policy via the appropriate Select Committee with involvement of respective political housing lead members or spokespersons.”

The above amendment was put to the vote and approved. The substantive motion, as amended, was thereupon carried.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FORMER SELECT COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND RECREATION

A report of the Chairman of the former Select Committee on Culture and Recreation was submitted. In moving the report, Councillor Southall thanked all Members and Officers involved for their work in connection with the Select Committee and its Working Groups during the year.

It was moved by Councillor Southall, seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

That the annual report of the former Select Committee on Culture and Recreation for 2005/06 be approved and adopted.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FORMER SELECT COMMITTEE ON LIFELONG LEARNING

A report of the Chairman of the former Select Committee on Lifelong Learning was submitted. In moving the report, Councillor Mrs Ridney thanked all Members and Officers involved for their work in connection with the Select Committee and its Working Groups during the year.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Ridley, seconded by Councillor Mrs Dunn and

RESOLVED

That the annual report of the former Select Committee on Lifelong Learning for 2005/06 be approved and adopted.

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CABINET AND CERTAIN COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted, together with a supplementary report as circulated by the Leader of the Council.

Subject to a minor amendment to the report, in respect of the changes in Committee Memberships proposed by the Labour Group, it was moved by Councillor Caunt, seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the following changes to the Membership of Committees be approved for the remainder of the municipal year:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Current Member</u>	<u>Member Proposed</u>
Disciplinary/Dismissal/Grading Appeals Committee	Councillor Mrs Aston	Councillor Mottram
Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services	Councillor Mrs Jordan	Councillor Ms Foster
Select Committee on the Environment	Councillor Body	Councillor Ms Harris
Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care	Councillor Waltho	Councillor Mrs Jordan
Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education	Councillor Ms Harris	Councillor Ms Foster

- (2) That Mr P Tully be appointed to the Select Committee on Children's Services, as an elected Parent Governor representing the primary sector, for the remainder of the municipal year.

- (3) That the following changes be approved for the remainder of the municipal year:-
- (a) Councillor Knowles be appointed as the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration in place of Councillor Jones.
 - (b) The Cabinet responsibility for Community Safety be transferred from the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration to the Cabinet Member for Finance, and that the Director of Law and Property be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the scheme of delegation within the Council's Constitution.
 - (c) Councillor Jones be appointed to the Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education to replace Councillor Knowles.
 - (d) Councillor Jones be appointed to the Disciplinary/Dismissal/Grading Appeals Committee to replace Councillor Knowles.
 - (e) Councillor Taylor be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Disciplinary/Dismissal/Grading Appeals Committee.
 - (f) Councillor Mrs Millward be appointed to serve on the West Midlands Local Government Association – Council/Regional Assembly in place of Councillor Jones and Councillor Adams be appointed to the resultant vacancy as an alternate Member.
 - (g) Councillor Southall be appointed to replace Councillor Jones as an alternate member on the West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Planning Partnership.
 - (h) Councillor Knowles be appointed to serve on the West Midlands Joint Committee – Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee to replace Councillor Jones.
 - (i) Councillor Knowles be appointed to serve on the Black Country South West Birmingham Regeneration Zone to replace Councillor Jones.
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QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11

During questions under Council Procedure Rule 11, it was moved by Councillor Caunt, duly seconded and

RESOLVED

That, under Council Procedure Rule 22.1, the time restriction of 5 minutes referred to in Council Procedure Rule 14.4, be suspended to enable the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to speak for longer than 5 minutes in response to questions concerning Delegated Decision 98 (Consultation on Proposals to close Cradley High School).

There were no decisions that the Leader, Cabinet Members or Chairmen agreed to have reconsidered.

The meeting ended at 8.07 pm

MAYOR