

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**  
**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF AN**  
**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2007 AT 5.00PM**  
**AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, DUDLEY**

**PRESENT:-**

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

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64        **PRAYERS**

The Revd. Tony Attwood led the Council in prayer.

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65        **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (a)        Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Mayor addressed the Council and expressed his sincere thanks to all persons who had sent cards, letters and expressions of good wishes during the period of his illness. He also thanked the Deputy Mayor for covering his civic duties and his wife and daughters for their support and encouragement.
- (b)        The Mayor referred, in sympathetic terms, to the death of Honorary Alderman Neville Hill on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2007. The Council stood in silent tribute as a token of respect to his memory.
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66        **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs. Ameson, Attwood, Body, Burt, Mrs Coulter, Donegan, Finch, Islam, Male, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Shakespeare, Mrs. Walker and Waltho.

67            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct, Councillor Caunt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 69 below, in view of his membership of the Board of Directors of Birmingham International Airport. Councillor Caunt left the meeting during the consideration of this item.

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68            EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor Woodall), seconded by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara and

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business on the grounds that:-

- (a) it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 as indicated below; and
- (b) in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
Birmingham International Airport.	3

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69            BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Fraser-Macnamara, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Martin and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Cabinet be authorised to take all such decisions as are required in relation to any of the options for shareholdings in Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited or Birmingham International Airport Limited as set out in the report or any variation of them provided that any decision is in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the report, decisions of the West Midlands Joint Committee, advice of the Districts advisers and subject to prior consultation with the Leaders of the political groups or in their absence or unavailability, their Deputies.
- (2) That the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance be authorised severally, in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council, to take such action as may be required for the purpose of implementing any decision of the Cabinet in relation to the sale or purchase of shares in Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited or Birmingham International Airport Limited.
- (3) That the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and the Director of Law and Property, be authorised severally to sign, witness the seal or execute on behalf of the Council any document including any legal agreement, written resolution, notice, form of proxy, consent to short notice or other document or to attend any meeting of shareholders as representative of the Council as may be required for the purpose of any decision in relation to the sale or purchase of shares in Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited or Birmingham International Airport Limited.
- (4) That the expenditure on the acquisition of shares be included in the Capital Programme.
- (5) That, should the acquisition proceed, the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for borrowing be increased by the value of the acquisition compared with the Limit and Boundary otherwise set.

The meeting ended at 5.20 pm

MAYOR

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