

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, 8TH OCTOBER, 2012 AT 5.45 PM
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, DUDLEY**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mottram (Mayor)
Councillor A Finch (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors A Ahmed, K Ahmed, Ali, Mrs Ameson, Arshad, A Aston, M Aston, Bills, Blood, Boleyn, Branwood, Burston, Casey, Caunt, Cotterill, Cowell, Crumpton, Davies, Duckworth, Elcock, Evans, K Finch, Foster, Hale, Hanif, Harley, Harris, Hemingsley, Herbert, Hill, Islam, James, J Jones, L Jones, Jordan, Kettle, Lowe, Marrey, J Martin, Mrs P Martin, Miller, Ms Nicholls, Partridge, Perks, Ridney, Roberts, Mrs Rogers, Russell, Mrs Shakespeare, Mrs Simms, Sparks, Taylor, Mrs H Turner, K Turner, S Turner, Tyler, Vickers, Mrs Walker, Waltho, Mrs Westwood, C Wilson, M Wilson, Wood and Wright, together with the Chief Executive and other Officers.

30 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Attwood, Mrs Billingham, Body, Knowles, Woodall and Zada.

31 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interests were made in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

32 **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.

The recommendations, as set out in the report, were moved by Councillor Sparks and duly seconded by Councillor Ali.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor L Jones and seconded by Councillor Wright:-

“That the motion be deferred to a later date so that a small cross party members working group can be formed to draw up a list of criteria for the conferring of the title Freeman. This should be done in time for the next ordinary meeting of the Council after tonight and brought to Council for approval.”

With the consent of the mover of the original motion, and of the meeting, the amendment was accepted and it was

RESOLVED

That the motion be deferred to a later date so that a small cross party members working group can be formed to draw up a list of criteria for the conferring of the title Freeman. This should be done in time for the next ordinary meeting of the Council after tonight and brought to Council for approval.

The meeting ended at 5.50 p.m.

MAYOR