

**COUNCIL MEETING  
12th September, 2012**

Present:- The Mayor (Councillor Dave Pickering) (in the Chair); Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Andrews, Astbury, Atkin, Barron, Beaumont, Beck, Buckley, Burton, Clark, Currie, Dalton, Dodson, Doyle, Ellis, Foden, Godfrey, Goulty, J. Hamilton, N. Hamilton, Hoddinott, Hussain, Jepson, Lakin, Lelliott, McNeely, Middleton, Pitchley, Read, Robinson, Roche, Roddison, Rushforth, G. A. Russell, Sangster, Sharman, Sims, Smith, Steele, Stone, Swift, Wallis, Watson, Whysall, Wootton, Wright and Wyatt.

**A29 COUNCIL MINUTES**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 be approved for signature by the Mayor.

Mover:- Councillor Stone

Seconder:- Councillor Akhtar

**A30 COMMUNICATIONS**

[1] The Chief Executive submitted the following petitions which had been referred to the appropriate Directorate for consideration:-

- Containing one hundred and forty-six signatures objecting to the possible closure of Kimberworth Library.
- Containing three hundred and five signatures objecting to the possible closure of Kimberworth Park Library.

[2] The Chief Executive submitted apologies for absence from Councillors Ali, Donaldson, Falvey, Gilding, Gosling, Havenhand, Johnston, Kaye, License, Mannion, P. A. Russell, R. S. Russell and Whelbourn.

**A31 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public pointed out that for the second successive Council Meeting "incorrect" minutes have been passed despite the anomalies being raised, this showed the selective practices being used. We should not have to depend on the accuracy of the local press.

For the benefit of democracy cannot record equipment be used?

The Leader apologised for having referred to six occasions flag issues had been raised, when actually it had been seven. Reference had been made to cameras and recording equipment in the Chamber previously similarly to that used by the Joint Authorities. It had been decided then that the use of cameras and recording equipment would not be allowed and that the practice of minutes of Council meetings considered by Council at the following meeting and any potential inaccuracies discussed and resolved would continue. The Council had, therefore, no plans to use recording equipment to supplement the current minute taking procedure.

The request to ask a supplementary question by the member of the public was refused by the Mayor.

**A32 CABINET MINUTES**

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet (Section C) (pages 25C to 31C) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Stone

Seconder:- Councillor Akhtar

**A33 DELEGATED POWERS MINUTES**

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meetings of Cabinet Members as listed below be adopted:-

- Children, Young People and Families Services – Pages 13D to 18D (Section D)
- Communities and Cohesion – Pages 8E to 9E (Section E)
- Culture and Tourism – Pages 8F to 9F (Section F)
- Regeneration and Development – Pages 23G to 30G (Section G)
- Adult Social Care – Pages 13H to 20H (Section H)
- Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods – Pages 17J to 20J (Section J)
- Health and Wellbeing – Pages 11K to 12K (Section K)
- Waste and Emergency Planning – Pages 12L to 19L (Section L)

Mover:- Councillor Stone

Seconder:- Councillor Akhtar

**A34 AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee (Section P) (pages 11P to 15P) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Sangster

Seconder:- Councillor Sims

**A35 LICENSING BOARD**

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board (Section Q) (pages 7Q to 10Q) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Wootton

Seconder:- Councillor Barron

**A36 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board (Section S) (pages 6S to 11S) be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Wyatt

Seconder:- Councillor Doyle

**A37 PLANNING BOARD**

Resolved:- That the reports and minutes of the meetings of the Planning Board (Section T) (pages 46T to 53T) be adopted.

Mover:- The Mayor (Councillor Pickering)      Second:- Councillor Dodson

**A38 QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN**

There were none.

**A39 QUESTIONS TO SPOKESPERSONS**

There were none.

**A40 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER AND DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER**

Consideration was given to the report which detailed the need to transfer the roles of Deputy Returning Officer and Deputy Electoral Registration Officer following the permanent appointment to the post of Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the retirement of the temporary Senior Manager, Legal and Electoral Services.

Resolved:- (1) That the appointment of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services as Deputy Returning Officer by the Chief Executive in his capacity as Returning Officer be noted.

(2) That the appointment of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer be approved.

Mover:- Councillor Stone

Second:- Councillor Akhtar

**A41 ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL AND APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

Consideration was given to the report which detailed the arrangements for the establishment of a South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel (SYPCP) including the appointment of two nominations to the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel.

Resolved:- That the following arrangements for the establishment of a South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel be approved: -

- (a) That the Police and Crime Panel consist of ten Elected Members and two independent co-optees.
- (b) That Councillors Akhtar and Sharman be appointed to the Panel in accordance with the balanced objective criteria.
- (c) That the appointment of Police and Crime Panel members be for one year terms.

- (d) That future meetings of the Mayor and South Yorkshire Leaders be convened to consider the allocation of seats to the Police and Crime Panel in South Yorkshire as and when required.
- (e) That the appointment of co-optees to the Police and Crime Panel be considered once the political membership of the Panel has been determined. The appointment of co-optee Members to be determined by the Police and Crime Panel.
- (f) That Panel Members be paid £920 per Member per year (as directed by the Home Office) for the first 12 months and as the Host Authority the Council arranges for its Remuneration Panel to review the role of Panel Members in twelve months time.
- (g) That the Police and Crime Panel initially operates to the minimum of four meetings per year, with sufficient flexibility for additional meetings if required.
- (h) That Rotherham MBC be identified as the Lead Authority to host the Police and Crime Panel and be delegated the Government funding to cover the cost of supporting the Police and Crime Panel.
- (i) That the Task and Finish Officer Group continue to meet to provide the necessary sub-regional officer support to the Panel to ensure its establishment including detailed work on the Panel arrangements and Rules of Procedure.

Mover:- Councillor Stone

Seconder:- Councillor Smith

## A42

### THE LOCALISM ACT AND THE STANDARDS REGIME

Consideration was given to the report which detailed matters which required resolution following the approval of the revised Code of Conduct, the establishment of a new Standards Committee and other arrangements to support the standards regime introduced by the Localism Act 2011 (the Act).

Resolved:- (1) That the new Code of Conduct as revised by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and the Leader of the Opposition be noted.

(2) That the nominations for the eight seats on the Standards Committee namely Councillors Beck, Gilding, Gosling, Middleton, Pitchley, P. A. Russell, Sims and Tweed be approved.

(3) That the appointment of Mrs. A. Bingham, Mr. I. Daines, Mr. P. Edler, Dr. G. Musson and Ms. J. Porter as Independent Members of the Standards Committee, for a period of four years be approved.

(4) That the appointment of Mr. P. Beavers as the interim Independent Person, pending the formal appointment of an Independent Person, be approved.

(5) That the paying of an allowance of £3,500 p.a. to the Chair of the Standards Committee and an allowance of £2,500 p.a. to the Vice Chair of the Committee, be approved.

[6] That the paying of travel and subsistence to the independent members of the Committee, in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme for Co-opted Members, be approved.

[7] That the paying of an allowance of £710 p.a. (inclusive of travel and subsistence) to the Independent Person be approved.

Mover:- Councillor Stone

Seconder:- Councillor Akhtar

**(THE MAYOR AUTHORISED CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO PROGRESS THE URGENT MATTER WITHOUT DELAY)**

**A43 MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

Consideration was given to a request by Councillor Donaldson to be removed from the membership of the Self Regulation Select Commission and join the Improving Lives Select Commission.

Resolved:- That Councillor Donaldson be removed from the membership of the Self Regulation Selection Commission and be appointed to the Improving Lives Select Commission.

Mover:- Councillor Stone

Seconder:- Councillor Akhtar