

COUNCIL MEETING

Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham **Date: Wednesday, 17 January 2007**
Time: 2.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. To submit for approval the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd November, 2006 - Pages 40A to 51A (Section A)
2. To consider any communication received by the Mayor or the Chief Executive and to pass a resolution or resolutions thereon.
3. To consider any questions from the Public.
4. To receive a report from the Leader and to consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Cabinet - Pages 115B to 148B (Section B)
5. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Standards Committee - Pages 14C to 17C (Section C)
6. To put questions, if any, to Cabinet Members and Chairmen (or their representatives) under Standing Order No. 7(1) and 7(3).
7. To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police Authority, South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Standing Order No. 7(5).
8. Appointment of Members to the Standards Committee - report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services attached (Pages 1 - 3)
9. To consider the following motion :-
That this Council resolves to introduce a byelaw prohibiting the sale of beers and lagers in exact measure pint and half pint glasses, stipulating that beers and lagers be sold in oversize glasses, marked with pint and half pint levels so that the men and women of Yorkshire can enjoy a pint with a head without paying through the nose for it.

Mover: Councillor A. Mannion

Seconder: Councillor J. M. Clarke

10. To consider the following motion :-

This Council resolves that while we welcome genuine and affordable, green taxes to help the environment, we oppose any attempt by the Government to introduce taxes by stealth, using the public's fear of global warming to increase taxes.

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11. To determine any item which the Mayor is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency

T. C. MUMFORD

Director of Legal and Democratic Services

9th January, 2007

ROtherham BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Council
2.	Date:	17 th January 2007
3.	Title:	Appointment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee
4.	Programme Area:	Corporate Services

5. Summary

The Council advertised three vacant posts for Independent Members of the Standards Committee. The applications were considered and applicants interviewed by an Independent Panel comprising Mr. Don Latham, Independent Chairman, The Reverend Canon Jane Sinclair, the Vicar of Rotherham and Mr. George Trow, Principal of Rotherham College of Arts and Technology. The Panel recommended that the three vacant posts be filled.

6. Recommendations

1. **That Mrs. A. Bingham and Messrs. I. Daines and J. Maric be appointed as an Independent Members of the Standards Committee for a term of four years.**
2. **That the Council extends its thanks to Messrs. M. Shelton and A. Stanley as retiring Independent Members of the Committee, for their time and valuable contributions whilst acting as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.**

7. Proposals and Details

The Council's Standards Committee comprises six Independent Members, four elected members of the Council and one Parish Council representative.

The appointment of Independent Members must be approved by a majority of the Council. The posts must be advertised in at least one newspaper and be of persons who submitted an application to the Council, have not within the previous five years been a Member or Officer of the Council, and who are not relatives or close friends of Members or Officers.

The retiring Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee were appointed for a term of office which expired in August 2006. There is also a casual vacancy for a third Member. Following an unsuccessful attempt to recruit last Summer, the Council agreed to extend the terms of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman until 31st December 2006. The three vacancies were advertised again in the Autumn.

Applications have now been considered by Members of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel, as previously, and interviews were held on 6th December 2006 and 8th January 2007.

The Panel has recommended the appointment of Mrs. A. Bingham and Messrs. I. Daines and J. Maric. Brief details of the three Independent Members proposed are attached as an appendix to this report.

It is recommended that the proposed new Independent Members be appointed for a term of four years. The remaining three Independent Members are due to retire during 2008, when their posts will be advertised. This enables the Council to continue to seek expressions of interest in performing the role on a fairly regular basis.

8. Finance

The Independent Members will be eligible for travel and subsistence in accordance with the Council's scheme.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The appointment of Independent Members is a statutory requirement.

Training will be provided for those Independent Members sitting on the Committee for the first time, to cover the Committee's roles and responsibilities.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The advertisement specified that the Independent Members should broadly represent the local community in terms of gender, race and age. It stated that applications from women and members of the ethnic minority communities were particularly welcome.

The inclusion of Independent Members on the Committee increases public participation in the Council's affairs. It supports democracy by upholding the high standards of conduct that the public expects from the Council.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001.

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Mrs. A. Bingham

Mrs. Bingham currently works as a self-employed research/management consultant and is a former higher executive officer at the Telephone Managers Office in Sheffield. She has previously served on the Parochial Church Council at All Saints, Rotherham, was a Trustee of Rotherham Crossroads and until recently acted in a voluntary capacity as a Director of Rotherham Community Resource Programme and formerly represented the voluntary sector on Rotherham's Children and Young People's Board. In November she was appointed as Chair of the Steering Committee of Risky Business. She is currently an Independent Member of South Yorkshire Police Authority's Standards Committee.

Mr. I. Daines

Mr. Daines has recently retired as Assistant Chief Constable with South Yorkshire Police. He has been with South Yorkshire Police for ten years and previously worked for Northumbria Police for 20 years. He was formerly a Parent Governor of his local school, Secretary of Thorpe Salvin Village in Bloom Group and Chair of Great Britain Police Life Saving Committee.

Mr. J. Maric

Mr. Maric is Corporate Development Manager with the Music Factory Entertainment Group. He has a background in commercial and human resources management. He sits on the Representation Council of Rotherham Chamber of Commerce and on various working groups of the Chamber. He works closely with several schools and is Chair of a forum to raise additional funds for Macmillan Cancer Relief within the South Yorkshire Coalfields area.