

BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Bolton on Wednesday next 28th February, 2007 at 7.00 pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:-

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 21st February, 2007 (to be tabled).

2. Constitution

(a) Motion to be moved by Councillor Morris:-

That Mr. Sean Harriss be appointed Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for Bolton with effect from 1st April 2007 as a consequence of the retirement of Mr. B. Knight as Chief Executive.

(b) Motion to be moved by Councillor Morris:-

That the Council approves the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel with regards to the review of the current Scheme of Members' Allowances, as detailed in the report now circulated to members.

3. Recommendations to Council

Motion to be moved by Councillor Adia:-

That the Statement of Community Involvement Submission Document be approved and submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

4. Changes in Committee Membership and Appointments to Other Bodies

5. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(a)

6. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(c)

7. Committee Proceedings

To approve the proceedings of the following Committees:

Planning and Highways Committee (See Section B)

Licensing and Environmental Regulations Committee (See Section C)

8. Scrutiny Committees

To receive and consider the proceedings of the undermentioned Scrutiny Committees: -

Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D)

Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (See Section E)

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)

Adult Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section H)

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (See Section J) (submitted for information only)

9. Items referred to Council from Scrutiny Committees

To consider the following motions in the name of the Councillors named below referred to the Council by (a) Councillors Critchley, Lever and A.S. Walsh and (b) Councillors Critchley, Lever and J. Walsh at the meeting of the Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee on 7th February, 2007:-

(a) Motion in the name of Councillor A. S. Walsh:-

Deane Church Lane – Proposed Traffic Calming – Objections

That the implementation of the Traffic Calming Scheme is premature pending the outcome of the work of the Road Safety Issues Scrutiny

Panel and that, consequently, the matter be referred back to the Executive Member with a recommendation that consideration be deferred until after the Panel's recommendations have been considered.

(B) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh:-

Crompton Way – Route Management – Objections

That the implementation of the Traffic Calming Scheme is premature pending the outcome of the work of the Road Safety Issues Scrutiny Panel and that, consequently, the matter be referred back to the Executive Member with a recommendation that consideration be deferred until after the Panel's recommendations have been considered.

10. Area Forums

To approve the proceedings of the following Area Forums:-

Westhoughton with Chew Moor Area Forum (See Section K)

Heaton and Lostock and Hulton Area Forum (See Section L)

Astley Bridge and Smithills Area Forum (See Section M)

Farnworth and Kearsley Area Forum (See Section N)

Crompton and Halliwell Area Forum (See Section P)

South Area Forum (See Section Q)

South Turton Area Forum (See Section R)

Two Towns Area Forum (See Section S)

Leverhulme Area Forum (See Section T)

11. Audit Committee

To approve the proceedings of the Audit Committee (See Section U).

12. Motions under Standing Order No. 4

- (A) Motion to be moved by Councillor R. Ronson:-

That this Council restates its previous position that fluoride should not be added to the drinking water without full consultation with the people of the Borough.

- (B) Motion to be moved by Councillor Rushton:-

That this Council determines to hold a referendum to ascertain the views of the people of Bolton as to the addition of fluoride to drinking water.

- (C) Motion to be moved by Councillors Morris, Rushton and Mrs. Ronson:-

Mr. Bernard Knight, M.A.(Cantab); M.Sc; MRTPI; ARICS


“That, in order to mark his retirement as Chief Executive of the Metropolitan Borough Council of Bolton on 8th April, 2007, this Council records its appreciation of the eminent services rendered to local government in general and Bolton in particular by Mr. Bernard Knight.

Mr. Knight was educated at Cambridge and Edinburgh Universities gaining an MA in Economics and M.Sc in Regional Planning and began his local government career with Manchester City Council in 1971 in the Planning Department. His career brought him via Greater Manchester County Council, where he played a major role in the regeneration of the City Centre; as a Consultant for Coopers and Lybrand to Bolton where he became Assistant Chief Executive in 1988 for two years before taking up the post of Chief Executive at West Lancashire Council.

Bernard Knight was appointed Chief Executive of the Council on 5th May, 1997. Since that time he has been a major influence in steering the Council through a series of significant changes and achievements, including achieving Four Star Status for the Council and has greatly assisted the Council in developing a number of fruitful relationships with various organisations via the Local Strategic Partnership and through his work with AGMA, together with overseeing the continued development and regeneration of the Borough.

Bernard Knight is well known for his dedication, honesty, integrity and innovation. In fulfilling his roles, the Council acknowledge and appreciate the significant support he has received from his wife Helen and family.

The Council extends sincere best wishes to Bernard Knight for a long, happy and healthy retirement”.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Knight', written over a horizontal line.

Chief Executive
Town Hall, Bolton

21st February, 2007

N.B. Executive Member Meetings

The proceedings of the Executive and of Executive Member Portfolio meetings from 5th December, 2006 to 12th February, 2007 are included, for information only, in a separate volume.

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