

**BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH****2009/2010**

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**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL****2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2009**

Present - Councillors Critchley (Mayor), Connell ( Deputy Mayor), Adia, P. Allen, R. Allen, Ashcroft, Ayub, P. Barrow, R. Barrow, Bashir-Ismail, P. Brierley, Burrows, J. Byrne, L. Byrne, Chadwick, Cottam, Mrs. Fairclough, Greenhalgh, Hall, Hayes, Higson, Hollick, Hornby, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Kay, Lord, Mistry, Morgan, Morris, Murray, Norris, Peel, Rock, Mrs. Ronson, R. Ronson, Mrs. Rothwell, Rushton, Scowcroft, Sherrington, J. Silvester, R. Silvester, Spencer, Mrs. Swarbrick, Mrs. Thomas, J. Walsh, White, A. Wilkinson, D. Wilkinson, Williamson and Woodward.

**26 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS****(a) Mr Steve Arnfield, Director of Corporate Resources**

The Council passed on their best wishes to Mr Steve Arnfield for a full and speedy recovery.

**(b) Bolton's Food and Drink Festival**

The Council passed on its congratulations to all those involved in organising a successful Food and Drink Festival

**(c) Councillor John Rothwell**

The Council passed on their best wishes to Councillor John Rothwell for a full and speedy recovery.

**26. PETITION**

A petition was received from the residents of Claypool Road regarding parking issues in the area which was referred to the Executive Member for Environmental Services.

**27. MINUTES**

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

**28. CONSTITUTION - QUARTERLY REPORT ON EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

It as moved by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Thomas and resolved –

That the quarterly report on Executive decisions made under the special urgency provisions of the Access to Information Regulations be noted.

**29. CONSTITUTION -NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

It was moved by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Thomas and resolved –

That the Council agrees the report and timetable for consultation arrangements and implementation of the new Executive arrangements as contained in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

**30. POLICY FRAMEWORK - FOOD SERVICE PLAN**

It was moved by Councillor Peel, seconded by Councillor Morris and resolved –

That the Food Service Plan 2009/10 be approved.

**31. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES**

It was moved by Councillor Ibrahim, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved -

That Councillor Spencer replace Councillor Williamson on the Rishton and Seddons Charity

**32. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(a)**

The following questions were asked under Standing Order 9(a):-

- (i) by Councillor J. Silvester relating to Pre School Children and the condition of their teeth

The Executive Member for Children's Services replied to this question.

- (ii) by Councillor Chadwick relating to school places in Westhoughton and the Borough

The Executive Member for Children's Services replied to this question.

- (iii) by Councillor Chadwick relating to the improvement rates in exam results

The Executive Member for Children's Services replied to this question.

- (iv) by Councillor Chadwick relating to fly posting

The Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer replied to this question.

- (v) by Councillor Hayes relating to the defects in the Borough's roads and pavements and the amounts paid to claimants

The Executive Member for Environmental Services replied to this question.

- (vi) by Councillor Chadwick relating to the Homebuy Direct Scheme

The Executive Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regulations replied to this question.

- (vii) by Councillor Chadwick relating to TPO's relating to trees on Cricketers Way

The Chairman of the Planning Committee replied to this question.

- (viii) by Councillor Hayes relating to Holodomore

The Leader of the Council replied to this question

- (ix) by Councillor J Walsh relating to Council Policy on Enforcement and Prosecutions

The Executive Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regulations replied to this question.

### **33. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(c)**

A question was asked under Standing Order 9(c) by Councillor J Silvester relating to Fire Stations – DDA Compatibility which was answered by the spokesperson for Greater Manchester Fire and Civil Defence Authority.

### **34. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Connell, seconded by Councillor Woodward and approved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July and 20

<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 be approved.

### **35. LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough, seconded by Councillor Lord and resolved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2009 be approved.

### **36. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

It was moved by Councillor Greenhalgh and seconded by Councillor Hall –

That the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees be approved:-

Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

Development, Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 29<sup>th</sup> July and 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

Adults and Community Services Scrutiny Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

External Organisations Scrutiny Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2009

Whereupon as an amendment it was moved by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor P. Brierley that Minute 13,

resolution (ii) of the proceedings of the Development, Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee be amended by the addition of the following:-

"delete all words after "Committee" and add "next meeting of the Committee setting out why in 2004/2005 for the first time the levels of unemployment in Bolton exceeded the rates for the North West and why unemployment in Bolton has consistently remained above the North West rate since then".

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared carried.

Whereupon as a second amendment it was moved by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ashcroft that Minute 15 (a) of the proceedings be amended by the addition of the following:-

(ii) That the report to be considered at a future meeting of the Committee on examination results, as requested in the Work Programme, also addresses issues including why, at KS4, including English and Maths, as few as 1 pupil in 6 achieved 5 A\*-C passes and why results in other schools have fallen from previous years

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared carried.

With respect to Minute 18 of the Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee a question was asked under Standing Order 9(b) by Councillor R. Silvester relating to Members' Business.

The Executive Member for Environmental Services replied to the question.

The original motion, as amended, was put to the meeting and agreed.

### **37. AREA FORUMS**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and resolved –

That the minutes of the meetings of the Area Forums, now submitted, be approved

(The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 8.10 p.m.)