

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**

**4th June, 2019 at 6.00pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Dr Jaron);
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hartwell);

Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Akhter, Ali, Allcock, Allen, Ashman, Bawa, Carmichael, Cherrington, Chidley, Costigan, Crumpton, S Davies, Y Davies, Dhallu, Downing, Eaves, Edwards, Gavan, E A Giles, E M Giles, L Giles, G Gill, M Gill, Hackett, Hadley, Hevican, P M Hughes, P Hughes, M Hussain, M Y Hussain, Z Hussain, Jarvis, I Jones, O Jones, R Jones, S Jones, Khatun, Lewis, Mabena, McVittie, Melia, Millar, Millard, Moore, Padda, Phillips, Piper, Preece, Rollins, Rouf, Sandars, Shaeen, Simms, Singh, Taylor, Trow, Underhill, White and Worsey.

Apologies: Councillors Bostan, Crompton, Horton, Kausar, Lloyd, Shackleton, Tagger, Tranter and Webb.

58/19 Minute Silence

The Council stood in silent tribute to mark the passing of former serving councillor Robert Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd had served Princes End ward from 1979 to 1993.

Members joined the Mayor in extending their condolences to the family.

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59/19 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 21st May, 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

60/19 **Appointment to Committees, Boards and Other Fora 2019/20**

The Council, at its Annual Meeting on 21st May 2019, considered and approved the political balance of committees, boards and other fora for the 2019/2020 Municipal Year and assigned members to a number of roles and bodies for the ensuing year.

Approval was now sought for Council to make the requisite appointments to those outstanding vacant positions.

The Leader moved the Labour Group nominations and amendments, which had been circulated at the meeting, and made reference to two additions; Councillor Costigan be added as the Fostering Panel nomination and Councillor L Giles be added to the membership of the Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board. Councillor Khatun seconded the motion.

Reference was made to the appointments to scrutiny bodies and the need to adhere to statutory guidance in relation to overview and scrutiny and Cabinet Advisors sitting on Scrutiny Boards. In addition, concern was raised in relation to the Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance sitting on the West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee contradicting statutory guidance. The Leader confirmed that the guidance would inform the forthcoming review of the scrutiny function. The Leader also confirmed that Cabinet Advisors were not executive portfolio holders, however, was open to changes, based on best practice, through the review. Guidance would also be looked at in respect of the Chair of Audit and Risk Assurance and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The nominations were moved, seconded and approved, with the exception of two elected members against.

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The Leader of the Opposition sought to propose appointments including to the Chair of Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board that had been settled by Council by the preceding vote.

(Meeting adjourned)

Following an adjournment between 6.13pm and 6.24pm, the Leader of the Opposition revised her Group nominations by deleting reference to the position of Chair of Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board. The Leader of the Opposition moved the United Sandwell nominations. The motion was seconded by Councillor Cherrington.

An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Ali that the appointments to the positions of second Vice Chair in relation to Scrutiny Boards be deferred, pending the proposed Scrutiny Review to be undertaken as part of the wider Governance Review. The amendment was seconded.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried (with the exception of one against and one abstention).

Clarification was provided that the United Sandwell nominations to the scrutiny boards were in relation to seats on the boards and not Chair/Vice Chair positions.

The substantive motion, as amended, was put to the vote and, with the exception of two elected members against and one abstention:-

Resolved that members be appointed to the positions, committees, boards and other fora established by the Council, as set out in Appendix A.

61/19 **Appointment of Representatives to Other Bodies**

The Council considered the appointment or nomination of representatives to serve on outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2019/20. A schedule of nominations was circulated at the meeting.

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The Leader of the Council moved the Labour Group nominations to outside bodies. The motion was seconded and approved, with the exception of two abstentions.

The Leader of the Opposition moved the United Sandwell nominations to outside/other bodies. The motion was seconded and approved.

Resolved that the persons listed in Appendix B be appointed or nominated, as the case may be, as the Council's representatives on the bodies referred to.

(The meeting ended at 6.34pm,
with an adjournment between 6.13pm and 6.24pm)

This meeting was webcast live and is available to view on the Council's website (<http://sandwell.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>).

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