

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 16th November, 2010

Present:- **Councillors** Simon Allen, Rob Appleyard, Sharon Ball, Tim Ball, Colin Barrett, Gabriel Batt, Cherry Beath, David Bellotti, John Bull, Neil Butters, Bryan Chalker, Anthony Clarke, Victor Clarke, Nicholas Coombes, Chris Cray, Paul Crossley, Gerry Curran, Colin Darracott, Sally Davis, Douglas Deacon, Ian Dewey, David Dixon, Armand Edwards, Peter Edwards, Andrew Furse, Terry Gazzard, Charles Gerrish, Ian Gilchrist, Francine Haerberling, Alan Hale, Malcolm Hanney, Nathan Hartley, David Hawkins, Adrian Inker, Eleanor Jackson, Les Kew, Malcolm Lees, Marie Longstaff, Barry Macrae, Shaun McGall, Marian McNeir MBE, Bryan Organ, Carol Paradise, Vic Pritchard, Caroline Roberts, Nigel Roberts, Dine Romero, Will Sandry, Brian Simmons, David Speirs, Shirley Steel, Roger Symonds, Martin Veal, Tim Warren, Chris Watt, Brook Whelan, John Whittock, Stephen Willcox and Gordon Wood

Apologies for absence: Councillors Loraine Brinkhurst MBE, Lynda Hedges, Steve Hedges and Richard Maybury

31 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including the members of the public seated in the overflow facility in the Banqueting Room and drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure on the agenda which was read out.

The Chairman asked the Council's consent to allow the BBC to film for a short period at the beginning of the meeting. The Council agreed.

The Chairman explained that this special meeting of the Council was required by law to consider the agenda item on the Future Executive Leadership Model and that it would be followed by the ordinary meeting. She asked members of the public waiting for items later on that agenda to be patient whilst the earlier business was conducted.

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this special meeting.

33 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman:

1. Invited the Council to join her in congratulating Prince William and Miss Kate Middleton on the announcement of their engagement to be married which had been made today and indicated that she would write to them conveying the Council's good wishes.

2. Informed Council of the recent death of Tony Morgan, father of Councillor Loraine Morgan-Brinkhurst. She paid tribute to his service as Chairman`s Consort to Councillor Morgan-Brinkhurst in 2006/07 and asked the Council to place on record condolences to Councillor Morgan-Brinkhurst and her family.

3. Informed Council that the pledge she had made when taking office in May for official recognition to be given to North East Somerset Towns, Parishes and Communities through a display at the Guildhall had now been fulfilled. The display was now on view at the Guildhall and material from the remaining parishes yet to contribute would be added as it was received.

4. Asked everyone to turn off their mobile phone or switch it to silent to avoid disrupting the meeting and because of the possibility that if they remained switched on they might interfere with the sound system.

5. Referred to the agenda item timings on the briefing sheets for this meeting and the ordinary meeting which had been agreed with the Group Leaders and, in view of the large number of members of the public speaking at the ordinary meeting, asked Councillors to keep contributions to debate brief and relevant and not to repeat what had already been said by colleagues.

6. Indicated that for both meetings she proposed to waive Council Rule 37 so as not to permit Councillors seconding motions or amendments being able to reserve their right to speak until later in the debate, but to require all seconders if they wished to speak to do so when they second the motion or amendment. The Council indicated its agreement.

7. Reminded Councillors that the next Full Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 2nd December.

8. Indicated that she would announce a comfort break during the ordinary meeting at an appropriate point after 8pm.

34 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business for this meeting.

35 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no statements or questions from members of the public about the business of this special meeting.

36 FUTURE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP MODEL OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered a report on the outcome of the consultation in relation to the Executive arrangements of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

On a motion from Councillor Francine Haeberling seconded by Councillor Paul Crossley it was **RESOLVED** that the Leader and Cabinet model of governance be adopted as outlined in Option 2 in the report pending the forthcoming publication of the Localism Parliamentary Bill.

37 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no statements or questions from Members of the Council about the business of this special meeting.

The meeting ended at 6.45 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

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