

Decision Summary

Committee: Annual Council
Date: 24 May 2006
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1. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year

To note.

Decision: Mayoral Announcement (prior to 'election' of Mayor)

Councillor Fearnley referred to the death on 22 May 2006 of Councillor Annie Smith. The Mayor and Group Leaders offered condolences to her family and paid tribute to the work undertaken by Councillor Annie Smith on behalf of the Council, the community and the electorate of the Greenhead Ward since her election to the Council in 1991. A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect to her memory.

Councillor Donald Firth was elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

2. To appoint a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year

To note.

Decision: Councillor Jean Calvert was appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

3. To approve as a correct record and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5 April 2006

Please see detailed report.

Decision: The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

4. Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

To note.

(Please see detailed report)

Decision: The Chief Executive reported that the official return of the election of Councillors held on 4 May 2006 had been circulated to all Members, that Members elected were due to retire in 2010 and that all new Members had made and subscribed to the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. To receive any apologies for absence from Elected Members

To note.

Decision: An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ken Smith.

6. Constitution of Kirklees Metropolitan Council

To consider and determine amendments to the Constitution of Kirklees Metropolitan Council.

Decision: (See 7 and 8)

7. Report of the Solicitor to the Council headed 'Review of the Council's Constitution'

Please see detailed report.

Decision: Agreed - That the amendments to the Constitution, set out or referred to in the report circulated at item 6A be approved and adopted and that the Solicitor to the Council and Head of Democratic Support Service be authorised to finalise and implement the drafting required to give effect to the amendments.

8. Report headed 'Review of Council Constitution - Additional issues Raised' considered by Council Business on 11 May 2006

The Committee agreed in relation to the issues raised:

(i) To refer the issues re the Area Committee structure for 2006/07 to Annual Council for determination

(ii) To recommend the Annual Meeting that membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be changed from 4 to 5 Members

(iii) To recommend the Annual Meeting to appoint an Audit Committee to have the same membership as the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

(Please see summary (Item 90) & detailed report)

Decision: Agreed as follows:

(1) That the proposed Area Committee structure for 2006/07 indicated at part 1 of the submitted report be approved and adopted.

(2) That Membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be increased from 4 to 6 Members as follows: Conservative (1), Labour (1), Liberal Democrat (1), Green (1), BNP (1), and Independent (1).

(3) That Membership of the Audit Committee have the same Membership as the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (see above).

(4) Noted that the current Cabinet Committees would not be re-established for 2006/07 with the exception of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Committee.

(5) That the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to finalise and implement the drafting required to give effect to the above mentioned proposals.

9. Report of the Director of Finance headed 'Revisions to Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Procedure Rules'

Please see detailed report.

Decision: Agreed - That amendments to Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Procedure Rules referred to in the report circulated at item 6C be approved and adopted and the Director of Finance authorised to finalise and implement the drafting required to give effect to the amendments.

10. To approve the dates and times of Ordinary Meetings of the Council for the Municipal year 2006/07 as proposed by Council Business Committee on 11 May 2006

Please see summary report.

Decision: Agreed - that Ordinary Meetings of the Council be held on:

28 June 2006
27 September 2006
29 November 2006
17 January 2007 and
21 March 2007.

'Budget' Council Meeting - 28 February 2007

Annual Council - 23 May 2007 (Provisional)

All meetings to commence at 2.00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Huddersfield, unless notified to the contrary.

11. To provide an opportunity for Group Leaders to outline their Groups approach to the formation of the administration for the 2006/07 Municipal Year

To note.

Decision: Councillors Robert Light, Kath Pinnock, Mehboob Khan and Andrew Cooper spoke on this item.

12. To elect the Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

To determine.

Decision: Councillor Robert Light was elected Leader of the Council.

13. To determine for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

The number of Members to be appointed to the Cabinet, approve their portfolios and appoint Members thereto and appoint one Member to be Deputy Leader of the Council.

(To be tabled)

Decision: The following Members were appointed to the Cabinet with the Portfolios indicated. Councillor K Sims was appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2006/07 Municipal Year:

Councillor Robert Light - Leader of the Council
Councillor K Sims - Regeneration Portfolio
Councillor J Dodds - Children's Services Portfolio
Councillor M Bates - Adult Services Portfolio
Councillor M Bolt - Highways and Environment Portfolio
Councillor K Iqbal - Safer Communities Portfolio
Councillor A Palfreeman - Policy Development Portfolio
Councillor D Hall - Corporate Finance Portfolio
Councillor M Hemingway - Devolution and Partnerships Portfolio.

14. To determine for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

The Committees of the Council.

(Please see summary report)

Decision: Agreed - That the Committees of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year be as set out in the report circulated at item 10b of the Council Agenda (together with the additional Area Committees referred to at item 8).

15. To determine for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

The allocation of seats on Committees to any Political Groups formed under the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 or any substituted regulations and the allocation of seats to any Members of the Council who are not members of any such Political Groups.

(To be tabled)

Please see summary report.

Decision: Agreed -

(1) That the requirements of Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 shall not apply to the Audit Committee, Council Business Committee, Personnel Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Area Committees Advisory Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

(2) That the number of proportions of Members of Committees and Panels be in accordance with the schedule market 10c as circulated at the meeting subject to the allocation of a place to the Independent Party on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Audit Committee.

(Please see Detailed Report)

16. To determine for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

The dates and times of meetings of Cabinet, Cabinet Committees, other Committees and Appeals Panels

(To be tabled)

Please see DRAFT summary report.

Decision: Agreed - that the dates and times of meetings be in accordance with the schedule market 10D circulated at the meeting.

(Please see Summary Report)

17. To determine for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

The Council Member of the Board of Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing and the Council Member of Kirklees Active Leisure nominated to reply to oral questions at Council Meetings upon any service provided by those organisations (Council Procedure Rule 12(1)(v) refers)

(Please see summary report)

Decision: Agreed - That Councillor Walton be nominated to reply to oral questions on behalf of Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing and Councillor G Grailey to reply to oral questions on behalf of Kirklees Active Leisure.

18. To determine for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

The Membership of the Committees and the Appointments Panel in accordance with nominations from Group Business Managers and the ratio of the Panel of Substitute Members for each Political Group.

(To be tabled)

Decision: Please see attached Summary and Detailed Reports.

19. To determine for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

The appointment of representatives to other Committees, outside bodies etc. except where appointment to those bodies has been delegated by the Council or is exercisable only by the Cabinet.

(Please see detailed report)

Decision: Agreed -

1. The appointments to the Joint Authorities as outlined in the report circulated at item 10G be approved.

2. The Group Business Managers' forward names of the Members to be appointed to the Joint Authorities to the Head of Democratic Support Service.

3. That pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1985 the Head of Democratic Support Service terminate the appointment(s) of any Members appointed to a Joint Authority(ies) who have been replaced pursuant to resolution (2) above & that he give notice of the new appointment(s) & the termination of the previous appointment(s) to the Joint Authority(ies) concerned.

4. That nominations/appointments to the remainder of the Outside Bodies etc, be referred to the Business Managers' Sub-Committee for determination & that the Group Business Managers' be empowered to forward to the Head of Democratic Support Service the name or names of Members nominated to fill vacancies, including changes in the representation.

20. To appoint the Chairs and if considered appropriate the Deputy Chairs of the following Committees etc. for the Municipal Year 2006/2007

Please see summary report.

Decision: Agreed - the following Chairs were appointed for the 2006/07 Municipal Year:

Please see detailed report.