

DEMOCRACY & ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 29 April 2010 commencing at 12 noon and finishing at 12.20 pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Neil Owen – in the Chair

Councillor Alyas Ahmed
Councillor Lynda Atkins
Councillor Mike Badcock
Councillor Iain Brown
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Ray Jelf (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor A.M. Lovatt
Councillor Anne Purse
Councillor G.A. Reynolds
Councillor Roz Smith
Councillor Richard Stevens
Councillor Alan Thompson

Officers:

Whole of meeting Rachel Dunn and Geoff Malcolm (Corporate Core)

The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

1/10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2010/11 COUNCIL YEAR

(Agenda No. 1)

Councillor Purse moved and Councillor Roz Smith seconded that Councillor Roz Smith be elected Chairman for the 2010/11 Council Year.

Councillor Lovatt then moved and Councillor Billington seconded that Councillor Owen be elected Chairman for the 2010/11 Council Year.

RESOLVED: (Councillor Roz Smith having received 2 votes and Councillor Owen having received 7 votes) that Councillor Owen be elected Chairman for the 2010/11 Council Year.

2/10 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2010/11 COUNCIL YEAR

(Agenda No. 2)

Councillor Purse moved and Councillor Roz Smith seconded that Councillor Roz Smith be elected Deputy Chairman for the 2010/11 Council Year.

Councillor Badcock then moved and Councillor Gibbard seconded that Councillor Lovatt be elected Deputy Chairman for the 2010/11 Council Year.

RESOLVED: (Councillor Roz Smith having received 2 votes and Councillor Lovatt having received 7 votes) that Councillor Lovatt be elected Deputy Chairman for the 2010/11 Council Year.

3/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

(Agenda No. 3)

Apologies for Absence	Temporary Appointments
Councillor Maurice Billington	-
Councillor Liz Brighthouse OBE	-

4/10 MINUTES

(Agenda No. 5)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2009 (DO5) were approved and signed subject to the commencement time being amended to 2.00pm and the list of those present amended to show apologies for absence from Councillor Lynda Atkins.

5/10 SUBORDINATE BODIES

(Agenda No. 7)

RESOLVED: to note that the existing subordinate bodies as set out in the Agenda fell within the responsibility of this Committee.

6/10 SCALE OF FEES FOR COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA 2010/11

(Agenda No. 8)

Each year the Council set a scale of expenditure for the holding of elections of county councillors. The Committee considered the proposed Scale of Expenditure as set out for any by-elections of County Councillors that may be held during the financial year 2010/11 (DO8).

Ms Dunn introduced the report and responded to questions and comments. The proposed fees for 2010/11 were based on a 0.5 per cent increase on the previous year's scale. The mileage rate was linked to the national authorised 'all car' rate.

There was no indication that this national rate would change for 2010, so it was proposed that the mileage rate for elections in 2010/11 remained unchanged.

Also included was the Scale of Expenditure for any referendum or mayoral election required to be held under the Local Government Act 2000. These varied from the scale for elections only to the extent that the fees for some elements could not be based on individual electoral divisions, but the County as a whole.

RESOLVED: (unanimously) to

(a) approve the Scale of Expenditure for the financial year 2010/2011 for the election of County Councillors; and

(b) approve the Scale of Expenditure for the financial year 2010/2011 for a referendum or mayoral election required under the Local Government Act 2000.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing