

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING

4.30PM – 24 MAY 2007

HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Smith (Mayor for items 1 to 3); Councillor Mrs. C. Theobald (Mayor for items 4 to 9); Councillors Alford, Allen, Mrs. Barnett, Bennett, Mrs. Brown, Carden, Caulfield, Mrs. Cobb, Davey, Davis, Mrs. Drake, Duncan, Elgood, Fallon-Khan, Fryer, Hamilton, Harmer-Strange, Hawkes, Mrs. Hyde, Janio, Kemble, Kennedy, Lainchbury, Lepper, McCaffery, Marsh, Meadows, Mrs. Mears, Mitchell, Morgan, Mrs. A. Norman, K. Norman, Mrs. Older, Oxley, Peltzer Dunn, Pidgeon, Randall, Roy, Rufus, Simpson, Mrs. Simson, Smart, Steedman, Taylor, G.Theobald, Turton, Wakefield-Jarrett, Watkins, Wells, West, Wrighton and Mrs. Young.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 No declarations of interest were made.

2. MAYORAL REPORT 2006-2007

2.1 The Mayor moved that the Mayoral Report for 2006-2007 be received.

2.2 The motion was carried.

3. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008

3.1 The Mayor having invited nominations for the position of Mayor of Brighton & Hove City Council for the municipal year 2007/2008 the following proposal was submitted:-

Councillor Mrs. Carol Theobald proposed by Councillor Mrs. Mears, seconded by Councillor Oxley.

3.2 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Mrs. Carol Theobald be duly elected Mayor of Brighton & Hove City Council for the forthcoming municipal year. Councillor Mrs. Theobald then made and

signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3.3 The Council agreed.

COUNCILLOR MRS CAROL THEOBALD IN THE CHAIR

3.4 The Mayor thanked the Council for her appointment.

3.5 Councillor Theobald moved a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Smith, the retiring Mayor. The Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Oxley, was carried.

3.6 The Mayor presented Councillor Smith and Mrs. Pat Smith with commemorative badges in recognition of their year of office.

3.7 Councillor Smith thanked the Council.

4. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008

4.1 The Mayor moved that the Council appoint Councillor Smith as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Oxley.

4.2 The Mayor declared that, there being no other nominations, Councillor Smith be duly elected as Deputy Mayor of Brighton & Hove City Council for the forthcoming municipal year.

4.3 The Council agreed.

4.4 Councillor Smith made and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor presented the Deputy Mayor with his badge of office.

5. MINUTES

5.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 March 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

6. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 The Mayor informed the Council that Reverend Felix Mascarenhas had consented to be her Chaplain for the forthcoming year and that Reverend David Wostenholm had consented to be her Deputy Chaplain for the forthcoming year.

6.2 The Mayor reported that the Mayoral Charities for her year of office would be the Martletts Hospice, The Pink Dolphin and Whoopsadaisy for physically disabled children.

6.3 The Mayor also brought to council's attention the plight of Madeline McCann and her family and invited all Members to complete a book of personal messages which she would then send to Madeline's family.

6.4 The Mayor invited all Members of the Council to attend the Civic Eucharist Service at All Saints Church, Hove on Sunday, 31 May at 9.30am.

7. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 The Mayor moved that for the municipal year 2007/2008 the following appointments of Councillors be as specified:

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| (a) The Leader of the Council | Councillor Brian Oxley |
| (b) Deputy Leaders of the Council
Brown | Councillor Mrs. Vanessa
Councillor Mrs. Mary Mears |
| (c) The Leader of the Opposition | Councillor Gill Mitchell |
| (d) The Convenor of the Green Group | Councillor Keith Taylor |
| (e) The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group | Councillor David Watkins |

8. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

8.1 The Mayor stated that the next item on the agenda was report of the Chief Executive, concerning the review of the Constitution and proposed changes to the committee structure.

8.2 Councillor Taylor stated that he wished to raise his concern over the proposed changes which resulted in two new sub-committees and the elevation of the Culture & Tourism Sub-Committee into an Executive Committee as the Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee. He believed that such proposals should have been considered fully by the Policy & Resources Committee and proper consultation undertaken rather than simply bringing the matter to council at such a meeting. He suggested that the matter should be deferred and taken to the next Policy & Resources Committee in June. There were anomalies in respect of the size of the various committees and sub-committees which had not been addressed and in his view should be e.g. both the Adult, Social Care & Health Committees had 10 members, whilst Environment, Housing and the new Culture Committee had 11.

8.3 Councillor Watkins stated that he was also concerned about the need for the report to come to the present meeting and the lack of consultation over the

proposals. He noted that a Bill was currently being considered by Parliament which could affect the governance arrangements of the authority and therefore did question the need for additional committees to be established at this point in time. He also agreed with Councillor Taylor in that a report should be considered by the Policy & Resources Committee in the first instance.

- 8.4 Councillor Oxley noted the comments and stated that the new Administration was keen to take the city and the authority forward and a key part of this was highlighted by the establishment of the two sub-committees for Major Projects and Finance Management. He also believed that the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee would indicate to the various partner organisations and those involved in the city's tourism economy the council's commitment to developing this important area. He had contacted the various Group Leaders about the proposals and hoped that they could now be supported and moved that the recommendations be agreed.
- 8.5 Councillor Taylor requested that a recorded vote be taken which was supported by the requisite number of Members and in accordance with Procedural Rule 28.2 a recorded vote was taken on the report's recommendations.

	NAME	For	Against	Abstain
Cllr	Alford	x		
	Allen			x
	Mrs Barnett	x		
	Bennett	x		
	Mrs Brown	x		
	Carden			x
	Mrs. Caulfield	x		
	Mrs Cobb	x		
	Davey		x	
	Davis			x
	Mrs Drake	x		
	Duncan		x	
	Elgood		x	
	Fallon-Khan	x		
	Fryer		x	
	Hamilton			x
	Harmer-Strange	x		
	Hawkes			x

Hyde	x		
Janio	x		
Kemble	x		
Kennedy		x	
Lainchbury	x		
Lepper			x
Marsh			x
McCaffery			x
Meadows			x
Mrs Mears	x		
Mitchell			x
Morgan			x
Mrs Norman	x		
K Norman	x		
Older	x		
Oxley	x		
Peltzer Dunn	x		
Pidgeon	x		
Randall		x	
Roy		x	
Rufus		x	
Simpson			x
Mrs Simson	x		
Smart	x		
Smith	x		
Steedman		x	
Taylor		x	
Mrs Theobald	x		
Theobald	x		
Turton			x
Wakefield-Jarrett		x	
Watkins		x	
Wells	x		
West		x	
Wrighton		x	

	Young	x		
Total		27	14	13

8.6 The recommendations contained in the report were approved.

9. REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

9.1 The Mayor moved that:

- (1) For the municipal year 2007/2008 the following Committees and Sub-Committees be constituted and appointed to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council and the number of Members and allocation of seats to the Party Groups (apart from co-opted Members) be as specified:

Committee/Sub-Committee	Seats	Con	Labour	Green	Lib/Dem	Ind
Policy & Resources	15	7	4	3	1	-
Adult Social Care & Health	10	5	2	3	-	-
Children, Families & Schools	10	5	2	2	-	1
Culture, Recreation & Tourism	10	5	2	2	-	1
Environment	11	5	3	3	-	-
Housing	11	5	3	3	-	-
Licensing*	15	7	4	3	1	-
Planning Applications Sub	12	6	3	3	-	-
Financial Management Sub	10	5	2	2	1	-
Major Projects Sub	10	5	3	2	-	-
Housing Management Sub	9	5	2	2	-	-
Licensing Sub	3	1	1	1	-	-
Overview & Scrutiny Organisation	11	5	3	2	1	-
Children & Young People's Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10	5	2	2	1	-
Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	10	5	2	2	1	-
<i>Licensing 2003 Act*</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>
Total	157	76	38	35	6	2

Other Bodies						
Standards	6	3	2	1	-	-
Community Safety Forum	10	5	3	2	-	-
Equalities Forum	10	5	3	2	-	-
Sustainability Commission	10	5	3	2	-	-
Audit Panel	4	2	1	1	-	-
Personnel Appeals Sub (from a pool of Members)	3	1	1	1	-	-

Note: * Both Committees have the same membership and the Licensing 2003 Act Committee does not count towards the total number seats that are taken into consideration in allocating the number of seats to each Group in accordance with the regulations governing political balance.

(2) That with regard to the appointment of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Opposition Spokespersons of the various committees and sub-committees listed, the Chief Executive be authorised to receive and give effect to the wishes of the Groups as expressed to him in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;

Committees/Sub-Committees	Chairman	Deputy Chairman / Opposition Spokesperson
Policy & Resources	Brian Oxley	Vanessa Brown and Mary Mears Gill Mitchell
Adult Social Care & Health	Ken Norman	Ann Norman Anne Meadows
Children, Families & Schools	Vanessa Brown	Ted Kemble Pat Hawkes
Culture, Recreation & Tourism	David Smith	Averil Older Melanie David
Environment	Geoffrey Theobald	Pat Drake Gill Mitchell
Housing	Mary Mears	Geoff Wells Kevin Allen
Licensing & Licensing 2003	Dee Simson	Lynda Hyde Jeane Lepper

Planning Applications Sub	Ted Kemble	Lynda Hyde Bob Carden
Finance Management Sub	Ann Norman	Jan Young Les Hamilton
Major Projects Sub	Garry Peltzer Dunn	David Smith Pat Hawkes
Housing Management Sub	Mary Mears	Geoff Wells Christine Simpson
Licensing Sub	Dee Simson	Pat Hawkes (OS)
Overview & Scrutiny Organisation	Jan Young	Dawn Barnett Christine Simpson
Children & Young People's Overview & Scrutiny	Jan Young	Garry Peltzer Dunn Kevin Allen
Health Overview & Scrutiny	Jan Young	Kevin Allen (OS)
Standards	<i>Independent</i>	
Community Safety Forum	Brian Oxley	Geoffrey Theobald Warren Morgan
Equalities Forum	Brian Oxley	Brian Pidgeon Juliet McCaffery
Sustainability Commission	Denise Cobb	Gill Mitchell (OS)
Audit Panel	Jan Young	Christine Simpson

- (3) That the Membership of the Committees and Sub-committees as detailed in appendix 1 to the minutes for the municipal year 2007/08 be approved, subject to the Chief Executive being authorised to receive and give effect to the wishes of the Groups as expressed to him in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;
- (4) That subject to (a) and (b) below all Members of the Council be appointed as substitute Members of each Committee and Sub-Committee of the Council in accordance with the Constitution, but:
- (a) No Member may act as a substitute Member of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee or the Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee unless he/she is one of the panels of trained substitute Members nominated for that Committee or Sub-Committee.

- (b) There are restrictions on membership of the Overview & Scrutiny Organisation Committee and Panels as set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules.
- (5) That the existing co-optees and independent members of the sub-committees and panels be reappointed as co-opted Members of the Housing Management Sub-Committee, the Planning Applications Sub-Committee, the Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the Standards Committee respectively providing that the Overview and Scrutiny Organisation Committee may appoint additional non-voting co-optees to the Children and Young Peoples and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- (6) That the following appointments of representatives to outside bodies for 2007/2008 be approved:

Name of Organisation	Term of office	Proportionality	Nominations 2007/08
Arts Commission	Annual	3 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Green 1 Lib Dem	Drake, Older, Smith Davis Fryer David Watkins
B & H Economic Partnership	Annual	1 Conservative 1 Labour	Oxley Mitchell
B & H Regeneration Partnership	Annual	2 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Green	Mears, Peltzer Dunn McCaffery Taylor
Brighton Dome & Festival Limited	Annual	1 Conservative 1 Labour	Brown Marsh
Citizen's Advice Bureau	Annual	2 Reps	Barnett Davis
East Sussex Fire Authority	Annual	3 Conservative 2 Labour 1 Green	Kemble, Pidgeon, G. Theobald Carden, Simpson Rufus
Joint Waste Committee	Annual	2 Conservative 1 Labour	Peltzer Dunn, G. Theobald Mitchell

Local Government Association	Annual	2 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Green	Brown, G. Theobald Mitchell Taylor
Local Strategic Partnership	Bi-Annual 2006/08	1 Conservative 1 Labour 1 Green	Oxley Mitchell Wrighton
Race Ground Trustees	Annual	4 Conservative 2 Labour 2 Green	Mears, Smith (Board), Mrs. Theobald, Wells Hawkes (Board), Mitchell Kennedy, West
South East England Employers	Annual	2 Conservative 1 Labour	Pidgeon, Simson Marsh
South East England Regional Assembly	Annual	1 Conservative	Oxley
Sussex Police Authority Joint Appointments Committee	Bi-Annual 31/05/07	1 Conservative 1 Labour	Oxley Morgan

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

- 10.1 The Mayor closed the meeting and invited the assembled company to join her at the Brighton Museum & Art Gallery for refreshments.

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm.

Signed

Mayor

Dated this

day of

2007

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND FORUMS 2007/2008

POLICY & RESOURCES (15)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Brian Oxley (Chairman) Vanessa Brown (Deputy Chairman) Mary Mears (Deputy Chairman) Ted Kemble Ann Norman Garry Peltzer Dunn Geoffrey Theobald	Cllr Gill Mitchell (OS) Les Hamilton Pat Hawkes Anne Meadows	Cllr Randall Taylor Wrighton	Cllr Paul Elgood	

ENVIRONMENT (11)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Geoffrey Theobald (Chairman) Pat Drake (Deputy Chairman) Tony Janio Ken Norman Garry Peltzer Dunn	Cllr Gill Mitchell (OS) Melanie Davis Craig Turton	Cllr Davey Rufus Wrighton		

HOUSING (11)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Mary Mears (Chairman) Geoff Wells (Deputy Chairman) Paul Lainchbury Brian Pidgeon Dee Simson	Cllr Kevin Allen (OS) Mo Marsh Christine Simpson	Cllr Randall Steedman Taylor		

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Ken Norman (Chairman) Ann Norman (Deputy Chairman) Maria Caulfield Denise Cobb Ayas Fallon-Khan	Cllr Anne Meadows (OS) Jeane Lepper	Cllr Fryer Taylor Wakefield-Jarrett		

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & SCHOOLS (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Vanessa Brown (Chairman) Ken Norman (Deputy Chairman) Steve Harmer-Strange Lynda Hyde Ted Kemble	Cllr Pat Hawkes (OS) Juliet McCaffery	Cllr Duncan Roy		Cllr Jayne Bennett

CULTURE, TOURISM & RECREATION (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr David Smith (Chairman) Averil Older (Deputy Chairman) Vanessa Brown Pat Drake Ted Kemble	Cllr Melanie Davis (OS) Mo Marsh	Cllr Kennedy West		Cllr Jayne Bennett

FINANCE MANAGEMENT SUB (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Ann Norman (Chairman) Jan Young (Deputy Chairman) Paul Lainchbury Brian Oxley Dee Simson	Cllr Les Hamilton (OS) Gill Mitchell	Cllr Duncan West	Cllr Paul Elgood	

MAJOR PROJECTS SUB (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Garry Peltzer Dunn (Chairman) David Smith (Deputy Chairman) Mary Mears Brian Oxley Jan Young	Cllr Pat Hawkes (OS) Gill Mitchell Warren Morgan	Cllr Kennedy Rufus		

LICENSING (15)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Dee Simson (Chairman) Lynda Hyde (Deputy Chairman) Brian Pidgeon (Deputy Chairman) Denise Cobb Averil Older David Smart Geoffrey Theobald	Cllr Jeane Lepper (OS) Bob Carden Pat Hawkes Mo Marsh	Cllr Davey Fryer West	Cllr David Watkins	

LICENSING 2003 (15)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Dee Simson (Chairman) Lynda Hyde (Deputy Chairman) Brian Pidgeon (Deputy Chairman) Denise Cobb Averil Older David Smart Geoffrey Theobald	Cllr Jeane Lepper (OS) Bob Carden Pat Hawkes Mo Marsh	Cllr Davey Fryer West	Cllr David Watkins	

PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUB (12)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Ted Kemble (Chairman) Lynda Hyde (Deputy Chairman) Dawn Barnett Ken Norman Averil Older Geoff Wells	Cllr Bob Carden (OS) Les Hamilton Juliet McCaffery	Cllr Davey Kennedy Steedman		

HOUSING MANAGEMENT SUB (9)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Mrs. Mears (Chairman) Geoff Wells (Deputy Chairman) Maria Caulfield Brian Pidgeon Dee Simson	Cllr Christine Simpson (OS) Kevin Allen	Cllr Fryer Randall		

LICENSING 2003 SUB

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Dee Simson (Chairman)	Cllr Jeane Lepper (OS)	Cllr Fryer	Cllr David Watkins	

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY ORGANISATION (11)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Jan Young (Chairman) Dawn Barnett (Deputy Chairman) Trevor Alford Tony Janio Steve Harmer-Strange	Cllr Christine Simpson (OS) Kevin Allen Melanie Davis	Cllr Duncan Steedman	Cllr David Watkins	

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Jan Young (Chairman) Garry Peltzer Dunn (Deputy Chairman) Trevor Alford Denise Cobb David Smart	Cllr Kevin Allen (OS) Melanie Davis	Cllr Fryer Wakefield-Jarrett	Cllr David Watkins	

HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Jan Young (Chairman) Trevor Alford Dawn Barnett Steve Harmer-Strange Brian Pidgeon	Cllr Kevin Allen (OS) Craig Turton	Cllr Roy Rufus	Cllr David Watkins	

Committees and Forums not included in the political balance calculations, but where the proportional balance is applied:

STANDARDS (10 with 6 Councillors and 4 Independent Members)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent Members
Cllr Pat Drake Dee Simson	Cllr Jeane Lepper (OS) Bob Carden	Cllr Roy	Cllr David Watkins	Dr M B Wilkinson (Chair) Ms M Carter Mr G Rhodes Mrs H Scott

PERSONNEL APPEALS SUB (3) (from a pool of Members)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr To be advised	Cllr To be advised	Cllr To be advised	Cllr To be advised	

AUDIT PANEL (4 – one from each Group)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Jan Young	Cllr Christine Simpson (OS)	Cllr Randall	Cllr David Watkins	

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Brian Oxley (Chairman) Geoffrey Theobald (Deputy Chairman) Paul Lainchbury David Smart Dee Simson	Cllr Warren Morgan (OS) Bob Carden Mo Marsh	Cllr Kennedy Roy		

EQUALITIES FORUM (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Brian Oxley (Chairman) Brian Pidgeon (Deputy Chairman) Ayas Fallon-Khan Paul Lainchbury Ann Norman	Cllr Juliet McCaffery (OS) Jeane Lepper Craig Turton	Cllr Duncan Wakefield-Jarrett		

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (10)

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Green Group	Lib/Dem Group	Independent
Cllr Denise Cobb (Convenor) Maria Caulfield Steve Harmer-Strange Tony Janio Geoff Wells	Cllr Gill Mitchell (OS) Pat Hawkes Warren Morgan	Cllr Steedman Wakefield-Jarrett		

COUNCIL

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