

SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 2001

PRESENT:- The Worshipful the Mayor in the Chair; Councillors Andy Albinson, Steve Allsopp, Arthur Archer, John Archer, Carolyn Arkell, Bernard Baker, Michael Barnes, Sue Bates, Mike Bawden, Anne Baxter, Derek Benfield, Peter Brown, Maureen Caton, Mavis Childs, Brenda Craven, Jim D'Avila, Doreen Dart, Michael Dickinson, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, Pambos Economides, Chris Eley, Mike Every, Maurice Fanning, Brian Ford, David Glaholm, Gunter Gussefeld, Lisa Hawkes, Wendy Johnson, Charles Lister, Caroline Martin, Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Glen McAllister, Jemima Milton, Derique Montaut, Stan Pajak, Judith Peppitt, Garry Perkins, Geraldine Robertson, Keith Small, Kevin Small, Bert Smith, Philip Steele, Douglas Stewart, Peter Stoddart, John Taylor, Barrie Thompson, Justin Tomlinson, Steve Wakefield and Richard Young.

62. Notice Convening the Meeting

The Chief Executive read the notice convening the meeting.

63. Media Recording

The Worshipful the Mayor advised the meeting that the proceedings would be recorded by BBC Wiltshire Sound and videoed by Ms. Martha Parry.

64. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Couch, Phillip Demmen, Fionuala Foley, Kelvin King and Teresa Page.

65. Section 100B(4)(b), Local Government Act 1972

In accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Worshipful the Mayor determined that an additional item concerning changes to appointments to Outside Bodies should be considered as a matter of urgency in order to avoid any disruption to Council representation to Outside Bodies

66. Questions by Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 11.

67. Communications etc.

The Chief Executive reported the receipt of a letter from Lord Faulkner, Minister for Housing, Planning and Regeneration dated 28th September, 2001, inviting the Leader of the Council to the inaugural meeting of the Urban White Paper "Working With Towns And Cities" Initiative. The Chief Executive reported that he and Councillor Sue Bates had attended the inaugural meeting in London earlier in the day and had raised the issues of difficulties caused by Government Grant aid through the "single capital pot" and difficulties arising from Borrowing Restrictions due to the level

of the Council's capital receipts. He also reported that a decision regarding Urban Regeneration Company status should be known shortly.

68. Questions

The Borough Solicitor reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 15.

69. Appointment of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

Councillor Doreen Dart moved and Councillor Peter Stoddart seconded:
"That Councillor Mike Bawden be Leader of the Council and that Councillor Brian Ford be Deputy Leader of the Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year, 2001/02".

The motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

70. Appointment of Cabinet Members

Councillor Mike Bawden moved and Councillor Brian Ford seconded:

"That, in addition to the Leader and Deputy Leader, Councillors Andy Albinson, Carolyn Arkell, Sue Bates, Ian Dobie, Nick Martin, Jemima Milton and Garry Perkins be Members of the Cabinet for the remainder of the Municipal Year, 2001/02".

The motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

71. Number of Members to Serve on Committees and Commissions

Councillor Mike Bawden moved and Councillor Brian Ford seconded:

"That the number of Members to serve on Committees and Commissions for the remainder of the Municipal Year, 2001/02, be as followed:-

Ratification Committee – 5 Members.
Standards Committee – 3 Members.
Planning Committee – 19 Members.
Appeals and Licensing Committee – 24 Members (Pool).
Appointments Committee – 17 Members (Pool).
Special Committee – 5 Members.

Policy Development Commissions

Education and Culture Commission – 7 Members.
Transport, Environment and Neighbourhood Services Commission – 8 Members.
Housing, Social Services and Inclusion Commission – 7 Members.
Equalities, Community, Health and Recreation Committee – 7 Members.
Resources Commission – 7 Members.

Scrutiny Commission – 15 Members.
Joint Commissioning Committee – 3 Members.

In addition to the three Members of the Council, the Standards Committee will include three Lay Members with voting rights:-

Mr. Keith Carby, Mr. Trevor Davis and Mrs. Angela Finlay.

In addition to the 7 Members of the Council, the Education and Culture Commission will include:-

- (a) Two Diocesan Board Representatives.
- (b) Two Parent Representatives (selected by ballot of Parent Governors of Local Education Authority to Maintain Schools in the Borough).

These additional Members will be entitled to speak and vote only in relation to matters concerning education

In addition to the 15 Members of the Council, the Scrutiny Commission will include:-

- (a) Two Diocesan Board Representatives.
- (b) Two Parent Representatives (selected by ballot of Parent Governors of Local Education Authority to Maintain Schools in the Borough).

These additional Members will be entitled to vote only in relation to matters concerning education. They must not be the same Diocesan Board Representatives as those serving on the Education and Culture Commission.

Note: Members of the Policy Commissions may also include non-voting Representatives from appropriate partner organisations, to be determined by the Commissions.

Each Political Group may nominate a substitute for any Member of their Group on the above Commissions if required. Substitutes must not be Members of the Scrutiny Commission.”

The motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

72. Appointment to Commissions, Area Panels, Committees and Other Bodies

Councillor Mike Bawden moved and Councillor Brian Ford seconded.

“(1) That, having carried out a review under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council continue to apply the political balance provisions under the Act.

(2) That Committees be reminded of their duty to carry out a review under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and recommend that, having carried out the review, they continue to apply the political balance provisions.

(3) That the Membership of Commissions, Area Forums, Committees and Other Bodies be as set out below:

Ratification Committee

Councillors Sue Bates, Mike Bawden, Derek Benfield, Mike Evemy and Brian Ford.

Deputies: Councillors Steve Allsopp, Mavis Childs, Jim D'Avila, Maureen Dilley, Chris Eley and Keith Small for the Labour Group, Councillors Andy Albinson, Carolyn Arkell, Ian Dobie, Nick Martin, Jemima Milton and Garry Perkins for the Conservative Group and Councillors Stan Pajak, Anne Baxter and Geraldine Robertson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Standards Committee

Councillors Michael Dickinson, Glen McAllister and Teresa Page.

Deputies: Councillor Arthur Archer for the Labour Group, Councillor Mary Martin for the Conservative Group, and Councillor Wendy Johnson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Lay Members: Mr. Keith Carby, Mr. Trevor Davies and Mrs. Angela Findlay.

Planning Committee

Councillors Arthur Archer, John Archer, Bernard Baker, Anne Baxter, Maureen Caton, Doreen Dart, Phillip Demmen, Maurice Fanning, Fionuala Foley, Gunter Gussefeld, Lisa Hawkes, Wendy Johnson, Charles Lister, Teresa Page, Geraldine Robertson, Keith Small, Philip Steele, Douglas Stewart and Richard Young.

Appeals and Licensing Committee

Councillors Arthur Archer, John Archer, Ray Ballman, Bernard Baker, Peter Brown, Maureen Caton, Doreen Dart, Michael Dickinson, Maureen Dilley, Melanie Duff, Maurice Fanning, Fionuala Foley, David Glaholm, Wendy Johnson, Caroline Martin, Glen McAllister, Teresa Page, Bert Smith, Douglas Stewart, John Taylor, Justin Tomlinson and Richard Young.

Appointments Committee

Councillors Andy Albinson, Steve Allsopp, Bernard Baker, Sue Bates, Derek Benfield, Mavis Childs, Jim D'Avila, Doreen Dart, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Chris Eley, Mike Evemy, Lisa Hawkes, Wendy Johnson, Keith Small and Barrie Thompson.

Special Committee

Councillors Sue Bates, Mike Bawden, Derek Benfield, Mike Evemy and Brian Ford.

Deputies: Councillors Steve Allsopp, Mavis Childs, Jim D'Avila, Maureen Dilley, Chris Eley and Keith Small for the Labour Group, Councillors Andy Albinson, Carolyn Arkell, Ian Dobie, Nick Martin, Jemima Milton and Garry Perkins for the Conservative Group, and Councillors Wendy Johnson, Stan Pajak and Anne Baxter for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Joint Commissioning Committee

Councillors Ray Ballman, Charles Lister and John Taylor.

Education and Culture Commission

Councillors Bernard Baker, Brenda Craven, Chris Eley, Charles Lister, Derique Montaut, Geraldine Robertson and Kevin Small.

Deputies: Councillors Mike Evey, Stan Pajak, Anne Baxter, Pambos Economides and Judith Peppitt for the Liberal Democrat Group.

(In addition to the 7 Members of the Council the Education and Culture Commission will include two Diocesan Board Representatives and two Parent Representatives (selected by a ballot of Parent Governors of LEA Maintained Schools in the Borough). These additional Members will be entitled to speak and vote only in relation to matters concerning education.)

Transport, Environment and Neighbourhood Services Commission

Councillors Peter Brown, Phillip Demmen, Maureen Dilley, Melanie Duff, Gunter Gussefeld, Lisa Hawkes, Stan Pajak and Keith Small.

Deputies: Councillors Judith Peppitt, Anne Baxter, Pambos Economides, Geraldine Robertson and Mike Evey for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Housing, Social Services and Inclusion Commission

Councillors Ray Ballman, Michael Barnes, Anne Baxter, Jim D'Avila, Melanie Duff, Charles Lister and Steve Wakefield.

Deputies: Councillors Judith Peppitt, Pambos Economides, Mike Evey, Geraldine Robertson and Stan Pajak for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Equalities, Community, Health and Recreation Commission

Councillors Steve Allsopp, Bernard Baker, Brenda Craven, Pambos Economides, David Glaholm, Derique Montaut and Peter Stoddart.

Deputies: Councillors Judith Peppitt, Geraldine Robertson, Mike Evey, Anne Baxter and Stan Pajak for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Resources Commission

Councillors Derek Benfield, Maureen Caton, Mike Evey, Maurice Fanning, Lisa Hawkes, Peter Stoddart and Steve Wakefield.

Deputies: Councillors Geraldine Robertson, Anne Baxter, Stan Pajak, Pambos Economides and Judith Peppitt.

(Membership of the Policy Development Commissions may also include non-voting Representatives from appropriate partner organisations, as determined by the Commission.)

Each Political Group may nominate a substitute for any Member of their Group on the above Commissions if required. Substitutes must not be Members of the Scrutiny Commission.

Scrutiny Commission

Councillors Mavis Childs, David Cox, Doreen Dart, Michael Dickinson, Fionuala Foley, Wendy Johnson, Mary Martin, Glen McAllister, Bert Smith, Philip Steele, Douglas Stewart, John Taylor, Barrie Thompson, Justin Tomlinson and Richard Young.

Scrutiny Commission Review Board

Councillors Fionuala Foley, Wendy Johnson, Glen McAllister, Philip Steele, John Taylor, Barrie Thompson and Justin Tomlinson.

Deputies: Councillors Bert Smith and Richard Young for the Labour Group, Councillors Doreen Dart and Douglas Stewart for the Conservative Group and Councillor Michael Dickinson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Scrutiny Commission Management Board

Councillors Fionuala Foley, Wendy Johnson, Mary Martin, Philip Steele and Richard Young.

Deputies: Councillors Mavis Childs and Bert Smith for the Labour Group, Councillors Doreen Dart and Glen McAllister for the Conservative Group, and Councillor Michael Dickinson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Scrutiny Commission Best Value Board

Councillors Mavis Childs, Doreen Dart, Michael Dickinson, Douglas Stewart and John Taylor.

Deputies: Councillors Philip Steele, Bert Smith and Richard Young for the Labour Group, Councillors Mary Martin, Glen McAllister and Justin Tomlinson for the Conservative Group, and Councillor Wendy Johnson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Councillors John Archer, Doreen Dart, David Glaholm and Stan Pajak.

Joint Structure Plan Working Party

Councillors Michael Barnes, Mike Bawden, Doreen Dart, Jemima Milton, Teresa Page, Stan Pajak and Richard Young.

Deputies: Councillors Phillip Demman, Keith Small and John Taylor for the Labour Group, Councillor Gunter Gussefeld for the Conservative Group, and Councillor Anne Baxter for the Liberal Democrat Group.

School Organisation Committee

Councillors Bernard Baker, Brenda Craven, Chris Eley, Garry Perkins, Geraldine Robinson, Kevin Small and Barrie Thompson.

Deputies: Councillors Steve Allsopp, Ray Ballman, and Philip Steele for the Labour Group, Councillors Andy Albinson, Ian Dobie and Gunter Gussefeld for the Conservative Group and Councillor Wendy Johnson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Councillors Brenda Craven, Maurice Fanning, Fionuala Foley, Geraldine Robertson and Philip Steele.

Deputies: Councillors Arthur Archer and Chris Eley for the Labour Group, and Councillor Mike Evemy for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Council Consultative Committee

Councillors Carolyn Arkell, Sue Bates, Mike Bawden, Derek Benfield, Mavis Childs, Doreen Dart, Maureen Dilley, Mike Evemy, Jemima Milton, Keith Small, Douglas Stewart and Barrie Thompson.

Deputies: Councillors Steve Allsopp, Jim D'Avila and Chris Eley for the Labour Group, Councillors Andy Albinson and Ian Dobie for the Conservative Group. Councillor Wendy Johnson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Staff Joint Committee

Councillors Carolyn Arkell, Sue Bates, Mike Bawden, Derek Benfield, Mavis Childs, Brenda Craven, Doreen Dart, Maureen Dilley, Mike Evemy, Fionuala Foley, Keith Small and Barrie Thompson.

Deputies: Councillors Steve Allsopp, Jim D'Avila and Chris Eley for the Labour Group, Councillors Lisa Hawkes and Peter Stoddart for the Conservative Group and Councillor Wendy Johnson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Joint Safety Committee

Councillors Mike Bawden, Derek Benfield, Maureen Dilley, Mike Evemy and Fionuala Foley.

Deputies: Councillors Steve Allsopp and Mavis Childs for the Labour Group, Councillors Ian Dobie and Douglas Stewart for the Conservative Group and Councillor Wendy Johnson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Equal Opportunities Committee

Councillors Steve Allsopp, Mavis Childs, Brenda Craven, Doreen Dart and Pambos Economides.

Deputies:

Councillors Chris Eley and Kevin Small for the Labour Group, Councillors Andy Albinson and Jemima Milton for the Conservative Group, and Councillor Mike Every for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Housing Advisory Forum

Councillors Ray Ballman, Anne Baxter, Brenda Craven, Jim D'Avila, Melanie Duff, Maurice Fanning and Fionuala Foley.

Deputies: Councillors Michael Barnes, Peter Brown and Carolyn Martin for the Labour Group, Councillors Doreen Dart and Glen McAllister for the Conservative Group and Judith Peppitt for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Community Organisations Advisory Forum

Councillors Steve Allsopp, Ian Dobie, Pambos Economides, Fionuala Foley and Barrie Thompson.

Deputies: Sue Bates, Maureen Dilley and Derique Montaut for the Labour Group, Councillor Jemima Milton for the Conservative Group and Councillor Judith Peppitt for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Teachers Advisory Group

Councillors Brenda Craven, Chris Eley, Garry Perkins, Geraldine Robertson and Kevin Small.

Deputies: Councillors Maureen Caton and Philip Steele for the Labour Group, Councillor Doreen Dart for the Conservative Group and Councillor Mike Every for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Local Plan Review Working Party

Councillors Doreen Dart, Jemima Milton, Stan Pajak, Barrie Thompson and Richard Young.

Deputies: Councillors Teresa Page and Keith Small for the Labour Group, Councillor Gunter Gussefeld for the Conservative Group and Councillor Anne Baxter for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Modernising Local Government Working Party

Councillors Michael Barnes, Sue Bates, Mike Every, Brian Ford, Lisa Hawkes, Kevin Small and Peter Stoddart.

Deputies: Councillors Derek Benfield, Kelvin King and Barrie Thompson of the Labour Group, Councillor Jemima Milton for the Conservative Group and Councillor Wendy Johnson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

30 Year Vision for Swindon Working Party

Councillors Sue Bates, Derek Benfield, Brenda Craven, Jim D'Avila, Mike Evely, Gunter Gussefeld, Jemima Milton and Keith Small.

Deputies: Councillors Kevin Small, Barrie Thompson and Richard Young for the Labour Group, Councillors Mike Bawden and Brian Ford for the Conservative Group and Councillor Stan Pajak for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Waste Strategy Management Task Group

Councillors Gunter Gussefeld, Wendy Johnson and Keith Small.

Deputies: Councillor Derek Benfield for the Labour Group and Councillor Lisa Hawkes for the Conservative Group.

Development in Foster Care Task Group

Councillors Carolyn Arkell, Ray Ballman, Anne Baxter, Brenda Craven, Maureen Dilley, Maurice Fanning and Fionuala Foley.

Deputies: Councillors Sue Bates, Caroline Martin and Derique Montaut for the Labour Group and Councillors Melanie Duff, Charles Lister and Steve Wakefield for the Conservative Group.

Local Transport Plan Focus Group

Councillors Melanie Duff, Maurice Fanning, Gunter Gussefeld, Stan Pajak and Teresa Page.

Deputies: Councillors John Archer and Maureen Dilley for the Labour Group and Councillor Lisa Hawkes for the Conservative Group.

Recruitment and Retention of Teachers Task Group

Councillors Bernard Baker, Geraldine Robinson and Kevin Small.

Deputies: Councillor Chris Eley for the Labour Group, Councillors Brenda Craven and Charles Lister for the Conservative Group and Councillor Mike Evely for the Liberal Democrat Group.

Special Needs Transport Review Task Group

Councillors Brenda Craven, Maureen Dilley and Wendy Johnson.

Deputies: Councillor Keith Small for the Labour Group, Councillors Bernard Baker, Charles Lister for the Conservative Group and Councillor Geraldine Robertson for the Liberal Democrat Group.

That the Council confirms the Membership of the six Area Panels. The Area Panels will be made up of all Councillors from within the Wards comprising that Panel's area. These are as follows:-

Area Panel (East)

Covingham and Nythe, Ridgeway, St. Margaret and St. Phillip Wards (Councillors Andy Albinson, Bernard Baker, Ray Ballman, Derek Benfield, David Couch, Maureen Dilley, Caroline Martin, Glen McAllister, Teresa Page and Philip Steele).

Area Panel (South East)

Central, Dorcan, Parks and Walcot Wards (Councillors Steve Allsopp, Peter Brown, Mavis Childs, Phillip Demmen, Chris Eley, Gunter Gussefeld, Garry Perkins, Bert Smith, John Taylor, Barrie Thompson and Richard Young).

Area Panel (South)

Eastcott, Old Town, Lawn, Wroughton and Chiseldon Wards (Councillors Mike Bawden, Anne Baxter, Pambos Economides, Mike Every, Fionuala Foley, Brian Ford, Wendy Johnson, Jemima Milton and Stan Pajak).

Area Panel (West)

Freshbrook and Grange Park, Shaw, Nine Elms, Toothill and Westlea Wards (Councillors David Cox, Michael Dickinson, Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Judith Peppitt, Geraldine Robertson, Douglas Stewart and Steve Wakefield).

Area Panel (North Central)

Gorsehill, Pinehurst, Moredon and Western Wards (Councillors Arthur Archer, Michael Barnes, Sue Bates, Maureen Caton, Jim D'Avila, Maurice Fanning, Derique Montaut, Keith Small and Kevin Small).

Area Panel (Northern)

Abbey Meads, Blunsdon, Haydon Wick, Highworth and Penhill Wards (Councillors John Archer, Carolyn Arkell, Brenda Craven, Doreen Dart, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, David Glaholm, Lisa Hawkes, Kelvin King, Charles Lister, Peter Stoddart and Justin Tomlinson).

(Membership of the Area Panels will also include non-voting representatives from the local community and partner organisations to be determined by the Area Panels from time to time subject to confirmation by the Cabinet)".

The motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

It was noted that the leaders of the Council's three political groups would meet to discuss any outstanding representation issues and on future arrangements for determining representation on Council bodies.

73.

**Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs
of Committees and Commissions**

Councillor Mike Bawden moved and Councillor Brian Ford seconded:

“That the following be appointed Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Commissions and Committees set out below:

<u>Commission/Committee</u>	<u>Chair/Vice-Chair</u>	<u>Councillors/Other Persons</u>
Ratification Committee	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Mike Bawden Councillor Brian Ford
Standards Committee	Chair Vice-Chair	Mr. Keith Carby Councillor Teresa Page
Planning Committee	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Doreen Dart Councillor Richard Young
Appeals and Licensing Committee	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Maureen Dilley Councillor Doreen Dart
Appointments Committee	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Doreen Dart Councillor Sue Bates
Special Committee	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Mike Bawden Councillor Brian Ford
Joint Commissioning Committee	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Charles Lister Councillor Ray Ballman
Education and Culture Commission	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Bernard Baker Councillor Kevin Small
Transport, Environment and Neighbourhood Services Commission	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Stan Pajak Councillor Phillip Demman
Housing Social Services Inclusion Commission	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Steve Wakefield Councillor Michael Barnes
Equalities, Community, Health and Recreation Commission	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Steve Allsopp Councillor Brenda Craven
Resources Commission	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Derek Benfield Councillor Peter Stoddart
Scrutiny Commission	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Barrie Thompson Councillor Fionuala Foley

The motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

74.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Councillor Mike Bawden moved and Councillor Brian Ford seconded that changes to appointments to Outside Bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year, 2001/2002, be as set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Year 2001/02

OUTSIDE ORGANISATION	APPOINTMENT	NOMINATIONS
Association of Direct Labour Organisations	One Member and Deputy	Councillor Ian Dobie (Deputy: Councillor Andy Albinson)
Centre for Local Economic Strategies – Board	One Member and Deputy	Councillor Lisa Hawkes (Deputy: Jim D'Avila)
Great Western Commerce and Enterprise Ltd.	Two Members (normally includes one Officer)	Councillor Brian Ford and One Officer
South West Chairs and Chief Education Officers Group	One Member	Councillor Garry Perkins
South West Regional Committee of ROOM, the National Council for Housing and Planning	One Member and Deputy	Councillor Andy Albinson (Deputy: Councillor Doreen Dart)
South Western Provisional Joint Council for Local Government Services	Two Members	Councillor Brian Ford (Deputy: Councillor Mike Bawden)
Swindon Development Partnership	One Member	Councillor Lisa Hawkes
Swindon Railway Heritage Centre Trust	Two Members (to include the Leader of the Council)	Councillors Mike Bawen and Brian Ford
Wiltshire and Swindon Economic Partnership Board	One Member and Deputy	Councillor Lisa Hawkes Deputy: Mike Bawden)
Wiltshire and Swindon Lifelong Learning Partnership	One Member	Councillor Brenda Craven (Deputy: Councillor John Taylor)