

**MINUTES of the meeting of COUNCIL held at Shirehall,  
Hereford on Friday, 12th May, 2006 at 10.30 a.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs. P.A. Andrews, B.F. Ashton, Mrs. W.U. Attfield, Mrs. L.O. Barnett, Mrs. E.M. Bew, W.L.S. Bowen, H. Bramer, R.B.A. Burke, A.C.R. Chappell, M.R. Cunningham, Mrs. S.P.A. Daniels, P.J. Dauncey, N.J.J. Davies, Mrs. C.J. Davis, G.W. Davis, P.J. Edwards, D.J. Fleet, Mrs. J.P. French, J.H.R. Goodwin, K.G. Grumbley, P.E. Harling, J.W. Hope MBE, B. Hunt, T.W. Hunt, Mrs. J.A. Hyde, T.M. James, Brig. P. Jones CBE, Mrs. M.D. Lloyd-Hayes, G. Lucas, R.M. Manning, R.I. Matthews, J.C. Mayson, R. Mills, J.W. Newman, Mrs. J.E. Pemberton, R.J. Phillips, R. Preece, Mrs. S.J. Robertson, D.W. Rule MBE, Miss F. Short, R.V. Stockton, D.C. Taylor, Mrs E.A. Taylor, J.P. Thomas, W.J.S. Thomas, Ms. A.M. Toon, P.G. Turpin, D.B. Wilcox, A.L. Williams, J.B. Williams and R.M. Wilson

**1. CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Chairman of the Council, Councillor J. Stone, the Vice-Chairman took the Chair and called for nominations to the office of Chairman. Councillor R.I. Matthews, the Leader of the Independent Group, nominated Councillor J.W. Edwards. This was seconded by Councillor T.M. James, the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor J.W. Edwards, be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Edwards made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Edwards took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**2. PRAYERS**

In the absence of the Chaplain, the Very Reverend Peter Haynes led the Council in prayer.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. A.E. Gray, J.G.S. Guthrie, Ms G.A. Powell and W.J. Walling.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman, Councillor J.W. Edwards, declared a personal interest in Item 10 - Questions from Members of the Public.

He also reminded Members of their obligation to notify the Head of Legal and Democratic Services of any changes affecting their Declaration of Financial and Other Interests within 28 days of any changes taking place. He asked them to complete and return the necessary forms to the Members Support office as soon as possible.

**5. VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED: That Councillor J. Stone be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**

Councillor J. Stone made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**6. MINUTES**

The Chairman proposed the following amendment to the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March, 2006:

At Minute 77 - In relation to Item 1.2 - Revenue Budget 2006/07 - the second sentence be amended to read: "The proposals had been endorsed by the Budget Panel, Strategic Monitoring Committee and Cabinet and commented on by Union representatives."

**RESOLVED: That, subject to that amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March, 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**7. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED: That Councillor R.J. Phillips be appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.**

**8. APPOINTMENT TO OFFICES RESERVED TO COUNCIL, ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES (Pages 1 - 2)**

The Chief Executive presented the report. He asked for authorisation to await the result of the Kerne Bridge by-election before recasting the political proportionality of the Council, which would be done in consultation with the Group Leaders.

He proposed that existing office holders be confirmed until the Council meeting on 28th July, 2006. He advised that a report from the Constitutional Review Working Group picking up recommendations from the Corporate Assessment would be available at that meeting.

He reminded Council that in order to maintain the status quo in relation to seats held on the Strategic Monitoring Committee, it would have to approve alternative arrangements to strict proportionality for appointments to committees in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. This could only be carried if a resolution was passed without anyone voting against it. If there was any vote against it, it would be necessary to re-cast the proportionality across all bodies covered by the Regulation.

The Leader of the Council advised that Councillor D.W. Rule, MBE would continue as Deputy Leader and that the members of the Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee had agreed the Councillor H. Bramer be appointed Vice-Chairman of that committee.

**RESOLVED (unanimously)**

- That (a) the arrangements for appointments to committees and other bodies be agreed;
- (b) that existing office holders of the offices described in Appendix 1, and including Councillor H. Bramer as Vice-Chairman of the Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee, be confirmed until the Council meeting on 28th July 2006 when it is anticipated that the report of the Constitutional Review Working Group will be available; and
- (c) the Chief Executive be requested to exercise his delegated powers to make, following consultation with the political group leaders, any adjustment to the number and allocation of seats to give effect to the rules on proportionality and to make appointments, as necessary, in accordance with the nominations of the political group leaders, including any changes that will be necessary following the by-election for the Kerne Bridge ward.

**9. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Members and guests to the annual meeting of Council and advised that lunch would be served at the Town Hall at the end of the meeting.

He thanked the Very Reverend Peter Haynes for officiating at the meeting in place of the Dean, who was unable to attend.

He paid tribute to Mrs. Ruth Lincoln who had recently resigned from the Council due to ill health. He thanked her for her many years of service to the community including serving on the South Herefordshire District Council prior to being elected to Herefordshire Council and for her work on the Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee which she chaired for a number of years. The four political group leaders echoed his sentiments.

He announced that Herefordshire had become the first county in the Midlands to achieve Fair Trade status, awarded by the Fair Trade Foundation.

He presented a Renewable Energy Certificate to Councillor P.J. Edwards, Cabinet Member (Environment). The certificate had been awarded to the Council by npower in recognition of its use of green electricity.

**10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Under the Constitution a member of the public can ask a Cabinet Member or Chairman of a Committee any question relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties, or which affects the County, as long as a copy of the question is deposited with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services more than six clear working days before the meeting.

The following question had been received from M Bucknell, J Barton, T Heath and K Worsley, Hereford

*"It has come to our notice following the recent Canoe Club planning application that the Hereford and District Angling Association (HDAA) claimed to own riparian rights that will not only affect riverside property owners but also the rights of all citizens to access the River Wye.*

*Is Hereford Council supporting the HDAA in pursuit of their claim?"*

Councillor D.B. Wilcox, Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation) said that a planning application in respect of a proposal to construct a landing stage in the River Wye close to the Old Wye Bridge had been withdrawn by the British Canoe Union on 30 January 2006 and had not been re-submitted. Prior to the withdrawal of the application the Planning Services section had received a letter from solicitors acting on behalf of the Hereford & District Angling Association. This was accompanied by a photocopy of a lease purportedly granted to them by the Church Commissioners and dated 15 December 1999 for a period of 28 years granting a right to fish in the vicinity of the proposed landing stage.

He stated that Council was not in a position to adjudicate either in support of or against any claim which the Hereford & District Angling Association may raise.

He advised that, separately, the Council is engaged in litigation with the Hereford & District Angling Association, the Church Commissioners for England and others in connection with a variety of issues relating to the River and it would be inappropriate for him to comment further with regard to those matters currently before the Courts.

#### **11. QUESTIONS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Councillors may ask questions of Cabinet Members and Chairmen of Committees so long as a copy of the question is deposited with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A list of questions, set out in the order in which they had been received, was circulated at the beginning of the meeting.

##### **Councillor J. Stone asked:**

*"On Thursday April 20th 2006 a young man was killed in a horrific road accident on the A49 at Ashton. Does the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation welcome the recent report commissioned by the Highways Agency and will he request them to implement the recommendations as a matter of urgency?"*

Councillor Wilcox, Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation) expressed his sadness at learning of yet another death on the A49 at Ashton. He said that the Council had informed the Highways Agency many times about the need for improvements at this site to safeguard the public. He referred to a report commissioned by the Highways Agency which recommended a range of safety improvements at Ashton but said that there was, as yet, still no commitment as to when the full range of improvements would be introduced. The position remained that the Highways Agency would be considering the recommendations in the report as part of its overall "value management" process and could make no commitment as to when and whether all the recommended actions would be delivered. He said he would continue to make further representations to the Highways Agency to seek assurances that this work would receive priority attention.

The recommendations included proposals for a 40mph speed limit, a vehicle activated sign, resurfacing and improved signing and lining. He reported that, despite the lack of a clear decision on these measures, the Highways Agency had provided some anti-skid surfacing at the site very recently, but sadly too late for the victim of the latest accident.

In response to a further question, Councillor Wilcox said he would continue to press the Highways Authority for a definite timetable for urgent implementation of safety measures.

**Councillor D.J. Fleet asked three questions:**

A *"Further to my question in March, is the refurbishment of Eign Gate now complete? Has the anti-stick surface to the paving been applied, and are the promised final total project costings available yet?"*

Councillor Wilcox replied that some minor remedial works to the paving at Eign Gate were currently being carried out by the contractor and the protective coating would be laid as soon as those works were finished. He said that there were some unresolved concerns about the jointing to some of the slabs and, the final costs would not be available until these were resolved. However, there had been no significant change to the costs reported at the last meeting of Council.

In response to a further question, Councillor Wilcox said that the problems had been aggravated by the May Fair, but that he had issued instructions for the area to be thoroughly cleaned. Some paving need to be replaced and jointed before the final "snagging" was undertaken. The anti-stick surface would be applied once the preparatory work had been completed.

B *"Does the Leader stand by his previous statement that in recognising a reduction of the SLA funding from Hereford City Council: "There would be no adverse impact on this year's Three Choirs Festival."*

The Leader confirmed that no funding has been provided through the Service Level Agreement in respect of the Three Choirs Festival but that Herefordshire Council continued to support the Festival which he felt would be as successful this year as in previous years.

Councillor Fleet was concerned that the budget for the Festival had been reduced from £10,000 to £4,000 and by the suggestion that ticket prices would be increased to make up the shortfall. He felt that this would discourage those on lower incomes from attending the Festival which would become an occasion solely for the elite. As the Festival brought in revenue in excess of £500,000 he was disappointed by this reduction in funding.

Councillor Phillips said that the grant, over three years, amounted to £24,000 and the reduction followed the trend set by Worcestershire County Council. He advised that, in addition to direct funding for the Festival, the Council provides additional assistance in a number of different ways. The Council has ensured that maintenance work was undertaken at the Shire Hall including decoration work and work in the kitchen area and the stage area to ensure that the Shire Hall is clean and tidy and available for use during the Festival. Arrangements are in place for the cleaning of the yard and additional waste containers will be provided for the duration of the Festival. The Council has also assisted the Festival by facilitating and ensuring compliance with the new Licensing Act.

He said that the Council should be advising both Members of Parliament of the adverse impact the new licensing laws were having on events such as the Festival.

C *"Is it the policy of this Council to engage in relevant consultation with affected residents and Local Members before the implementation of traffic orders?"*

Councillor Wilcox, Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation) replied that he had established a protocol for the processing of traffic regulation orders which provides for local consultation in the preparation of a traffic scheme.

In general schemes are introduced using a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The local Member and local Parish or Town Council are consulted during the preparation of the scheme, before the details of the formal TRO are published for public consideration. Depending on the scale of the scheme, wider consultation may be undertaken with the local community.

He advised that there were differences in the case of an Experimental Traffic Scheme. Where a TRO is to be made for an experimental scheme, the formal right of objection takes place during the first six months of the experimental period of operation.

Councillor Fleet referred to a letter in the Hereford Times regarding yellow lines on Commercial Road, where local residents were not consulted. He said he had been consulted about this in 2001. A letter sent by residents on 24 April, 2006 had not been answered.

Councillor Wilcox agreed that a delay between 2001 and 2006 was not acceptable and he would ensure a reply to the letter was sent.

#### **Question from Councillor Mrs. E.A. Taylor**

"What is the policy of this Council regarding the kerbside recycling programme in the Tupsley ward?"

Councillor P.J. Edwards, Cabinet Member (Environment) advised that Tupsley Ward was included in the kerbside recycling scheme for domestic premises. Residents of those dwellings, where domestic refuse is presented for collection using the sack system, are provided with the appropriate coloured sacks to facilitate the separation of textiles, paper, plastics and cans. The recycling sacks are then collected on alternate weeks along with the black refuse sacks using a split-bodied vehicle. He said that the facility was not currently available to those residents whose refuse was presented in bulk containers and any review of the collection service would need to address this anomaly.

Councillor Mrs Taylor said that some residents were unable to avail themselves of the recycling service because the areas were inaccessible to the lorries. As the contract was being extended to include Market Towns - when would the facility be extended to include all residents of Tupsley.

Councillor Edwards referred her to a written response that had already been sent to Councillor Mrs. Taylor and said he would be happy to discuss it further with her.

#### **Questions from Councillor W.L.S. Bowen**

*"Why is it that Herefordshire Council is not taking advantage of World Environment Day (June 11th) to reinforce the Council's messages on sustainability and care for the environment?"*

*Can we be sure that sensible, practical and far reaching measures are being put in place to embody sustainable practices throughout the Council and Herefordshire?"*

*Can you please give us some examples?"*

Councillor P.J. Edwards, Cabinet Member (Environment) replied that very little would be done on 11th June as it fell on a Sunday. However, World Environment Day (5th June) had not been forgotten. It had featured at the last Herefordshire Environmental Education Forum and schools were being encouraged to produce a Promise Tree. Also on the day, the Council would be running an in-house training session on environmental awareness.

He advised that the Council was focusing on impacts on the environment through energy and resource use, transport and waste. It would also be looking ahead - at biofuels and potential renewable energy resource for the county.

This year the Sustainability Unit would be focusing on working with Council managers to complete a longstanding commitment to roll out certification to ISO 14001, the international environmental management standard, to all Council services.

He also said that the Council continued to give a high priority to engaging the public on environmental and sustainable issues through a number of initiatives.

In response to a further question Councillor Edwards advised that he would be happy to investigate any suggestions by Councillor Bowen as to how the Council could improve its energy efficiency.

#### **Question from Councillor Mrs. M.D. Lloyd-Hayes**

*"Who was responsible for the shoddy work during the refurbishment of Eign Gate resulting in a member of the public and her dog receiving an electric shock? As I understand it the pavement overheated and the coating of a lighting column cable melted when hot aggregate was laid on the lighting cable."*

Councillor Wilcox, Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation) said that the Council had been alerted to an incident in Hereford's High Street earlier in the week after a dog and its owner received an electric shock from the pavement. It was understood that the dog was checked by a local vet and given a clean bill of health.

Central Networks, the local electricity distribution company, carried out an initial inspection which confirmed that the pavement and the wall of an adjacent shop were discharging an electrical current equivalent to 25 volts. The inspection identified the cause of the discharge as minor damage to an underground street lighting cable which had combined with heavy rain to cause the discharge of electricity. The area was made safe by Central Networks and the cable has been repaired. He stated that the incident had been registered with the Health and Safety Executive and an investigation to establish the causes of the original damage would be carried out, initially by Central Networks.

Councillor Mrs. Lloyd-Hayes asked for an assurance that there wouldn't be similar shoddy workmanship in the renovations in High Town.

Councillor Wilcox replied that there could not at this stage be any assumption of shoddy workmanship and he would await the results of the report of the investigation.

#### **12. NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

There were no Notices of Motion.

**13. CABINET**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor R.J. Phillips, presented the report of the meetings of Cabinet held on 16th and 30th March and 20th and 27th April, 2006.

**In relation to Item 1.1 - Review of the Herefordshire Plan (Community Strategy)**

- In response to a question about the role of the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority, the Leader agreed that the authority provided essential services not just in emergencies but also in its preventative role and felt that needed to be taken into account in the Community Strategy. He also agreed to take up the point about failing to reflect the ethnic diversity in Herefordshire in the photographs.

**In relation to Item 2.1 - Proposed use of Former Denco Car Park at Holmer Road, Hereford**

- the Leader agreed with a comment that the £10,000 opportunity cost lost to the Council by making the site available for the provision of a skate park was outweighed by the advantages the park would provide to the young people of Hereford.

**In relation to Item 4.1(i) - Consultations on new Strategic Health Authority, Primary Care Trust and Ambulance Service Arrangements**

- Councillor W.J.S. Thomas, Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee, wished to register his satisfaction over the agreed joint response from the Cabinet and the Health Scrutiny Committee supporting a West Midlands Strategic Health Authority, the continuation of an independent Herefordshire Primary Care Trust and a single Ambulance Trust for the West Midlands.

In response to concerns about regionalisation of services, the Leader advised that the Hereford and Worcester Ambulance Service would cease on 1 July 2006, and the Primary Care Trust would be fully operational from 1 April 2007. He spoke of the deficit in funding being faced nationally in Social Services, as a result of patients being transferred from PCTs to local councils. He said that this was something the government would need to address. He also said that rural areas would have to fight hard to make themselves heard above the demands from the metropolitan authorities who tended to dominate the economic agenda.

**In relation to Item 5.1(i) - Joint Area Review - Improvement Plan**

- In response to a query about school attendance and in particular about excluded children the Leader urged Councillors to approach the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) or himself if they knew of any cases causing concern. Councillor Rule, Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) informed Council that the absence figures for pupils in Herefordshire was below the national average and for looked after children well below the national average, but also urged Councillors to contact him direct if they had concerns about any aspect of pupil behaviour.

**In relation to Item 5.1(ii) - Review of the Provision of School Places**

- In response to a query, Councillor D.W. Rule, MBE advised that special schools would be subject to a separate review, as the issue there was with increasing demand rather than falling rolls.

**In relation to Item 6.1(i) Halo Leisure Trust** - The Leader agreed to meet with Councillors Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Robertson, the Council's representatives on Halo's Board, to discuss any concerns they might have.

**In relation to Item 11.1(i) - EU Funding Programmes 2007-2013** - In response to comments about the reduction in European funding, the Leader warned that the situation could deteriorate even further as urban areas were now able to claim



funding.

**In relation to Item 12.1(i) - Integrated Community Equipment Service** - In response to a query about thresholds for loan of equipment, Councillor Mrs Barnett, Cabinet Member (Social Care Adults and Health) said that this could be included in the review but, she would be happy to look at individual cases immediately.

**In relation to Item 12.2(i) - Homelessness Update** - The Leader acknowledged that improved communications between Herefordshire Housing Ltd and the Council was a key factor in the Improvement Plan.

In response to a query Councillor Mrs. Barnett advised that, in order to prevent "intentional homelessness" officers were able to offer advice to keep families together as well as helping out with debt problems.

In response to a query on additional financial assistance to the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) which was having to close its offices in Ross due to cuts in funding, and the potential impact this would have on the community, the Leader advised that the Council continued to provide the CAB with its agreed level of funding, the reduction in funding was due to cuts elsewhere.

**Cabinet Report to Council** - Councillor James, Leader of the Liberal Democrats, noted that most of the reports contained in the report were in response to demands from central government with only three or four being concerned with specific local issues. He was also saddened by the lack of interest from the press and public.

**RESOLVED: That the reports from the meetings of Cabinet held on 16th and 30th March and 20th and 27th April, 2006 be received and the recommendations set out below be adopted:**

- That (a) the Community Strategy be approved;
- (b) the Children and Young People's Plan be approved; and
- (c) the Statement of Community Involvement be approved for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State and publication for consultation purposes.

#### 14. STRATEGIC MONITORING COMMITTEE

Councillor T.M. James presented the report of the meeting of the Strategic Monitoring Committee held on 10th April, 2006.

**RESOLVED: That the report of the meeting of the Strategic Monitoring Committee held on 10th April, 2006 be received.**

#### 15. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

In the absence of Mr. Robert Rogers, Councillor J.W. Edwards presented the report of the meetings of the Standards Committee held on 17th February and 21st April, 2006 and the Hearing held on 10th March, 2006.

**RESOLVED: That the report of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 17th February and 21st April, 2006 and the Hearing held on 10th March, 2006 be received.**

**16. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillor A.C.R. Chappell presented the report of the meetings of the Audit Committee held on 20th February and 7th April, 2006.

**RESOLVED: That the report of the meetings of the Audit Committee held on 20th February and 7th April, 2006 be received.**

**17. REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

Councillor R.I. Mathews presented the report of the meetings of the Regulatory Committee held on 28th February and 18th April, 2006

**RESOLVED: That the report of the meetings of the Regulatory Committee held on 28th February and 18th April, 2006 be received.**

**18. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor T.W. Hunt presented the report of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 3rd March and 21st April, 2006.

**RESOLVED: That the report of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 3rd March and 21st April, 2006 be received.**

**19. CASUAL VACANCY IN THE KERNE BRIDGE WARD**

Council noted the report of the Returning Officer about the arrangements for a by-election in the Kerne Bridge Ward following the resignation of Mrs. R.F. Lincoln.

**20. WEST MERCIA POLICE AUTHORITY**

Councillor B Hunt presented the report of the extraordinary meeting of the West Mercia Police Authority held on 21st March, 2006 to respond to the Home Secretary's proposal to amalgamate the Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Mercia and West Midlands police areas. At the meeting it was unanimously decided to continue to oppose the Home Secretary's plans to force a merger.

The Leader advised that Herefordshire Council, together with Shropshire and Worcestershire County Councils were also opposed to the merger and would be responding to the consultation - that view was endorsed by Council.

One Member suggested that the Parish Councils could be contacted to lend their support to the opposition of the proposals.

The Council paid tribute to Mr Paul Deneen, the Chairman of the West Mercia Police Authority, for his efforts in opposing the merger.

**RESOLVED: That the report of the meeting of the West Mercia Police Authority held on 21st March, 2006 be received.**

**21. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the dates for Council meetings in 2006/07 be confirmed as follows:

**Friday, 28th July, 2006**

**Friday, 10th November, 2006**

**Friday, 9th February, 2007**

**Friday, 9th March, 2007 (To set the Council Tax) (Shirehall)**

**Friday, 27th April 2007**

**Friday, 25th May, 2007 Annual Council (Shirehall)**

**All meetings will commence at 10.30 a.m. and will be held in the Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford unless advised otherwise.**

The meeting ended at 12.20 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN**



**MINUTE ITEM 8**

**APPENDIX 1**

Cabinet Member (Children and Young People)	D W Rule, MBE	Ind
Cabinet Member (Community Services)	RVS Stockton	Con
Cabinet Member (Corporate and Customer Services and Human Resources)	Mrs. JP French	Con
Cabinet Member (Economic Development)	Vacant	
Cabinet Member (Environment)	PJ Edwards	Ind
Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation)	DB Wilcox	Con
Cabinet Member (Resources)	RM Wilson	Ind
Cabinet Member (Rural Regeneration and Strategy)	JC Mayson	Ind
Cabinet Member (Social Care Adults and Health)	Mrs LO Barnett	Con
Chairman of Audit Committee	A.C.R. Chappell	Lab
Vice-Chairman of Audit Committee	Vacant	
Chairman of Planning Committee	TW Hunt	Con
Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee	JB Williams	Ind
Chairman of Regulatory Committee (and Regulatory Sub-Committee)	RI Matthews	Ind
Vice-Chairman of Regulatory Committee (and Regulatory Sub-Committee)	Brig P Jones, CBE	Con
Chairman of Strategic Monitoring Committee	TM James	Lib Dem
Vice-Chairman of Strategic Monitoring Committee	Mrs P A Andrews	Lib Dem
Chairman of Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Committee	Mrs MD Lloyd-Hayes	Lib Dem
Vice-Chairman of Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Committee	Mrs PA Andrews	Lib Dem
Chairman of Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	BF Ashton	Lib Dem
Vice-Chairman of Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	JP Thomas	Lab
Chairman of Community Services Scrutiny Committee	ACR Chappell	Lab
Vice-Chairman of Community Services Scrutiny Committee	H Bramer	Con
Chairman of Environment Scrutiny Committee	JHR Goodwin	Con
Vice-Chairman of Environment Scrutiny Committee	WLS Bowen	Ind
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee	WJS Thomas	Lib Dem
Vice-Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee	TM James	Lib Dem
Chairman of Central Area Planning Sub-Committee	DJ Fleet	Lib Dem
Vice-Chairman of Central Area Planning Sub-Committee	R Preece	Lab
Chairman of Northern Area Planning Sub-Committee	JW Hope, MBE	Con
Vice-Chairman of Northern Area Planning Sub-Committee	K Grumbley	Con
Chairman of Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee	PG Turpin	Ind
Vice-Chairman of Southern Area Planning Sub-Committee	H Bramer	Con

