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## MINUTES

OF

MEETING OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON 18 JUNE 2009  
AT 10.00 AM

### PRESENT:

Mr P Adams  
Mr P V Andrews  
Mrs B J Baker  
Mr T Barker  
Mrs J B Barrow  
Mr K R Barrow  
Mr J T Bebb  
Mr M Bennett  
Mr W Benyon  
Mr T H Biggins  
Mrs K Burgoyne  
Mr V Bushell JP  
Mr G Butler  
Mrs K D Calder  
Mrs A Caesar Homden  
Mr S Charmley  
Mrs A M Chebsey  
Mr J E Clarke  
Mr G L Dakin  
Mr S Davenport  
Mr A B Davies  
Mr T Davies  
Mrs P A Dee  
Mr A Durnell

Mr D W Evans  
Mr R A Evans  
Mr E J Overall  
Mr J A Gibson  
Mr J B Gillow OBE  
Mr N J Hartin  
Mrs E A Hartley  
Mr R Hughes  
Mr V J Hunt  
Mr J Hurst-Knight  
Dr J E Jones  
Mrs J Jones  
Mr S P A Jones  
Mr J M W Kenny  
Mrs H M Kidd  
Mr C J Lea  
Mr D G Lloyd MBE  
Mr C J Mellings  
Mr D J Minnery  
Mr A N Mosley  
Mrs C M A Motley  
Mrs M R Mullock  
Mrs E M Nicholls  
Mr P A Nutting

Mr M J Owen JP  
Mr W M Parr  
Mrs E A Parsons  
Mr M G Pate  
Mr P F Phillips  
Mr M T Price  
Mr D L Roberts  
Mr K Roberts  
Mrs D M Shingleton  
Mr J Tandy  
Mr M Taylor-Smith  
Mrs R T D Taylor-Smith  
Mr R S Tindall  
Mr G F Tonkinson  
Mr A E Walpole  
Mr S J West  
Mr M Whiteman OBE  
Mrs C Wild  
Mr B B Williams RD  
Dr M Winchester  
Mr L Winwood  
Mr M L Wood  
Mr P A D Wynn

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## **1. ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

The Retiring Speaker, Mr B B Williams, took the chair for this item and called for nominations for the election of Speaker and Vice Chairman of Shropshire Council.

It was proposed by Mr M G Pate and seconded by Mr K R Barrow that Mr D G Lloyd be elected Speaker and Vice Chairman of Shropshire County Council.

### **RESOLVED:**

That Mr D G Lloyd be elected Speaker and Vice Chairman to hold office until the Annual Meeting scheduled to be held on 29 April 2010.

The Speaker then subscribed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Badge of Office. He thanked the Council for electing him and welcomed all members who had been newly elected to the Council, adding that he sincerely hoped that all would find membership a rewarding and worthwhile experience and pledged to perform his duties with due regard to all Councillors. Mr Lloyd concluded by thanking the Retiring Speaker, Mr B B Williams, for his previous service and the part he had played in the smooth transition to the election of the inaugural assembly.

The Speaker then took the Chair.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chief Executive reported apologies for absence had been received from Mrs T Huffer, Mr J M Williams and Mrs T Woodward.

## **3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY SPEAKER**

It was proposed by Mr K R Barrow and seconded by Mr P A Nutting that Mr M G Pate be elected Chairman and Deputy Speaker of the Council to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on 29 April 2010.

### **RESOLVED:**

Mr M G Pate be duly elected Chairman and Deputy Speaker of the Council and hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on 29 April 2010.

The Chairman and Deputy Speaker then subscribed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Chairman's Badge of Office.

After thanking the Council for the honour it had bestowed on him, he stated that he would act as an ambassador for Shropshire and hoped that the many local, regional and national contacts that he had made during his time as Leader of Shropshire County Council would assist in this regard.

He thanked his predecessor, Mr J B Gillow OBE, for the unstinting work that he had undertaken in the role during the past four years.

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## 5. MINUTES

### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2009 be approved and confirmed as a correct record, subject to the 9<sup>th</sup> word of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of minute 143 (Statement of Group Leaders) reading quangoes.

## 6. RETURN OF ELECTION OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic Services, as Returning Officer, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes, was received and agreed.

### RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 7.1 Chairman's Engagements

The Speaker referred members to the list of official engagements carried out by the former Chairman as well as the Speaker and Vice Chairman, between 26 March and 4 June 2009 which was circulated at the meeting.

### 7.2 HM Queen's 2009 Birthday Honours List

The Speaker congratulated the following Shropshire people on receiving an award in the Queen's 2009 Birthday Honours List:

#### **Commanders of the Order of the British Empire**

Professor Quentin John Leiper	For services to the Sustainability Agenda
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#### **Members of the Order of the British Empire**

Malcolm Derek Davies	For services to Children and Families
Mrs Patricia Jean Davies	For services to Children and Families
Mrs Vanda Maureen Dawson	For services to the community in Craven Arms, Shropshire
John Francis Henderson	For services to the Community in Rushbury, Shropshire
John Henry Hughes	For services to Local Government and the Community in Powys
Michael Jarrett Children's Centre County Manager Shropshire County Council	For services to Local Government

Christopher John Thomas

For services to Heritage and to the  
Community in Shropshire

Miss Carolyn Jayne Vaughan

Grade C1, Ministry of Defence

He reported that the Chairman would be writing to each of the recipients on behalf of the Council offering all members warmest congratulations.

### 7.3 **Meetings of Scrutiny, Standing and Regulatory Committees**

The Speaker announced that meetings of the Scrutiny, Standing and Regulatory Committees would take place after the Council meeting. This was to enable them to elect their Chairmen and Vice Chairmen so it was essential that all members remained in the Chamber for that purpose.

### 7.4 **Presentation of Past Chairman's Pendent**

The new Chairman presented Mr J B Gillow OBE, the retiring and former Chairman of Shropshire County Council, with the Past Chairman's Pendent to the acclamation of all members and officers and thanked him for the manner in which he had undertaken his duties during his four years in office.

Mr Gillow thanked the Council and stated that it had been an honour to undertake a role which he had thoroughly enjoyed performing and he hoped that his actions had helped put Shropshire on the political map.

## 8. **ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Mr P A Nutting and seconded by Mrs C M A Motley: That Mr K R Barrow be elected Leader of the Council to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2013.

### **RESOLVED:**

That Mr K R Barrow be duly elected Leader of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2013.

The Leader subscribed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then thanked the Council for the honour and for their confidence and support. He stated that this assembly marked the new beginning of governance in Shropshire about which he was both excited and very optimistic. His intentions were to follow the course set by the former Administration, in that the philosophy would be to strive to improve efficiency and the quality of services for the people of Shropshire, whilst also maintaining low council tax levels.

He added that, following early discussions with other group leaders, it was evident that there was much common ground between all of the political groups and it was his intention to continue working in a fair and equitable manner at all times.

The Speaker then invited each of the political group leaders to comment.

For the Liberal Democrat Group, Mr P F Phillips remarked that on this historic occasion he was particularly pleased to see that the new Leader was a person who

had supported the Unitary case throughout, but it was also fitting that the Council had recognised the contribution and steadfastness of the former Leader, Mr M G Pate, by electing him as its first Chairman.

He stated that the elections on 4 June had resulted in the departure of a number of well respected and committed Councillors including Mrs M E C Winckler, for the Conservatives, Mr P J Corston from his own group and Mr P D Box from the Labour Group, all of whom had made important contributions in the past. The Chamber would in his opinion be the poorer for their departure.

Mr Phillips expressed his regret at the Administration's recent decision not to continue with acknowledged best practice of allocating all of the Scrutiny Committee chairs to non administration members. But despite this he was heartened by the Leader's recent statements regarding rural schools, which were in line with the Liberal Democrats' position on this topic. He concluded by pointing to perceived shortcomings in the manner in which the public had been treated in the past when attempting to inform or participate in the decision making processes and suggested that the new Council should act differently if it was to live up to its claim of being open, transparent and a listening organisation.

For the Labour Group, Mr A N Mosley stated that today was not a cause for nostalgia or regret over the demise of the former Districts or Boroughs. It was a day for celebration because something of considerable value had come to fruition. Members were charged with the responsibility of delivering the business case and thereby improving efficiencies, whilst at the same time improving services for all local residents.

He congratulated the Leader on his election and thanked the former Leader for the fine job he had done in advancing the case for local government in Shropshire during his four years in office.

Mr Mosley said that he was grateful for the early contacts which had been made between the political groups. While there would doubtless be hearty debate in the Chamber during the next four years, it was important that all Groups were realistic about what was achievable. He concluded by echoing the sentiments expressed by the Liberal Democrat Leader with regard to the Chairs of the Scrutiny Panels, adding that it was important to remember the maxim "do as you would be done by", as things tended to be cyclical.

The Independent Group Leader, Mrs P A Dee, warmly congratulated Mr Barrow on his election as Leader of the Council and expressed the hope that all Groups would be able to work together to ensure that Shropshire remained one of the best local authorities in the country. She also asked that every effort be made to work with the Parish and Town Councils through SALC, so that their overall importance in Local Government could be both enhanced and recognised.

Responding, the Leader stated with regard to the comments made about best practice in the allocation of Scrutiny chairs he had not been able to find any examples of Labour or Liberal Democrat led administrations which adhered to the model being suggested. He was delighted by the early comments of other Groups in relation to declining primary schools rolls. Nevertheless, this would not solve the problem of funding and the Council must fight to redress the issue at a national level. As for the role of Parishes, he was a great believer in the newly established Local Joint Committees and confirmed that, where practicable, he would genuinely support delegation to the lower tier.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS AND THEIR PORTFOLIOS**

The Leader presented for information his report setting out the Cabinet appointments, the allocation of portfolio titles and remits and the extent of delegated powers, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes.

Members noted:

- a) the Cabinet appointments and the allocation of titles and remits of portfolios, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- b) that the discharge of the functions of the Council in relation to West Mercia Supplies would continue through the Joint Committee and that the Council would be represented by Mrs A Caesar-Homden, Mrs C M A Motley and Mr P A Nutting.
- c) that the discharge of the functions of the Council would continue through the Joint Member Board of the Shropshire Primary Care Trust and that the Council would be represented by Mr K R Barrow, Mr S P A Jones and Mr P A Nutting.

**10. MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by Mrs C M A Motley, that the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes, be received and agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council reaffirms the decision of the Implementation Executive to appoint the following Member Champions:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Champion for Older People             | - Mr A E Davies   |
| Champion for Young People             | - Mr V N Hunt     |
| Champion for Business Sector          | - Mr P Andrews    |
| Champion for Affordable Housing       | - Mr N J Hartin   |
| Champion for Equalities and Diversity | - Mrs E A Parsons |
| Champion for the Third Sector         | - Mr M Bennett    |

**11. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS**

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by Mr PA Nutting that the updated report, tabled at the meeting, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes, be received and agreed.

Referring to Appendix 1 to the report, the Leader announced that the reference to Dr J E Jones in relation to the Health Overview and Crime Reduction Scrutiny Committee in Appendix 2 was incorrect and should read Mrs J Jones. Also the reference to Mr R Hughes in relation to the North Regulatory Committee should read Mrs M Mullock.

Mr A N Mosley advised that the Labour Group vacancy on the Central Licensing Committee would be taken by Mr V Bushell and the three Labour Group representatives on the Central Regulatory Committee would be Mr V Bushell, Mr J E Clarke and Mrs E A Parsons.

**RESOLVED:**

a) that, subject to the foregoing additions and amendments, the constitution of Committees and the allocation of seats to each of the political groups for 2009/10 municipal year be agreed.

b) that the membership of the Panel to appoint the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council be as follows:

Mrs J B Barrow, Mr K B Barrow, Mr C J Mellings, Mr A N Mosley  
Mrs C M A Motley, Mr P A Nutting, Mr M Taylor-Smith

c) that the composition of the Cross Party Reference Group on Primary School Organisation in Shropshire be as follows:

Mr T Barker, Mr K R Barrow, Mr G Butler, Mrs A Caesar-Homden,  
Mr R A Evans, Mrs C M A Motley and 1 Labour representative

d) that determination of the Council's representatives on the West Mercia Police Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

e) that Procedure Rule 7.3 (Appointment of Substitute Members of Committees and Sub Committees) be amended to allow substitutes to be appointed on the Area Regulatory and Area Licensing Committees, subject to them first receiving the necessary training.

**Health Overview and Crime Reduction Scrutiny Committee (10)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mrs K D Calder Mr G L Dakin Mrs E A Hartley Mrs J Jones Mr D J Minnery Mr G F Tonkinson Mr M Whiteman, OBE Mrs T Woodward	Mrs E A Parsons	Mrs T Huffer	
<b>TOTAL 8</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr T H Biggins Ms K Burgoyne Mr J B Gillow OBE Mr M J Owen JP +4	Mr V T Bushell	Mrs A M Chebsey	
<b>TOTAL 8</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Strategic Overview & Scrutiny Committee (10)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr P V Andrews Mr T Barker Mr V J Hunt Mr D G Lloyd, MBE Ms M R Mullock Mr B B Williams, RD Dr M Winchester	Mr J Tandy	Mr P F Phillips	Mrs D M Shingleton
<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr J Hurst-Knight Mrs R T D Taylor-Smith Mr R S Tindall Mr G A Tonkinson +3	Mr A N Mosley	Mr C J Mellings	Mrs P A Dee
<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>



**Community Services Scrutiny Committee (10)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr P Adams Mr J A Gibson Mr J B Gillow, OBE Mr R Hughes Mr M J Owen, JP Mr R S Tindall Mr L Winwood	Mr J E Clarke	Mrs B J Baker Mrs H M Kidd	
<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Ms M R Mullock Mr A E Walpole Mrs T Woodward Mr P A D Wynn +3	Mr J M Williams	Mrs A M Chebsey Mr N J Hartin	
<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Development Services Scrutiny Committee (10)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr T Bebb Mr S Davenport Mr D W Evans Mr E J Overall Mr C J Lea Mr W M Parr Mr S J West	Mr A N Mosley	Mr T Davies	Mrs P A Dee
<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mrs J B Barrow Mr W Benyon Ms K Burgoyne Mrs K D Calder +3	Mr J E Clarke	Mrs A M Chebsey	Mrs D M Shineton
<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>

**Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee (10)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mrs J B Barrow Ms K Burgoyne Mr T Durnell Mr C J Lea Mr K R Roberts Mr A E Walpole Mrs C M Wild	Dr J E Jones	Mr R A Evans Mrs H M Kidd	
<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr T Durnell Mrs J Jones Mr W M Parr Mr P A D Wynn +3	Mrs E A Parsons	Mr N J Hartin Mr P F Phillips	
<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Audit Committee (5)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr P Adams Mr M Whiteman OBE Mr B B Williams, RD Mr M L Wood		Mr C J Mellings	
<b>TOTAL 4</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr K R Roberts Mr R S Tindall Mr J B Gillow OBE +1		Vacant	
<b>TOTAL 4</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Human Resources Committee (7)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mrs J B Barrow Mr K R Barrow Mr P A Nutting Ms C M Motley Dr M Winchester	Mr A N Mosley	Mrs B J Baker	
<b>TOTAL 5</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Economic Recession Committee (9)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr K R Barrow Mr E J Everall Ms C M Motley Mr P A Nutting Mr D W L Roberts Mr M A Taylor-Smith Dr M Winchester	Mr A N Mosley	Mr T Davies	
<b>TOTAL 7</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Strategic Licensing Committee (11)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr P Adams Mr W Benyon Mr A B Davies Mr T Durnell Mr S P A Jones Mr K R Roberts Mrs R T D Taylor-Smith Mr R S Tindall	Mr J Tandy	Mrs T Huffer	Mrs D M Shingleton
<b>TOTAL 8*</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>

(\* includes 6 ex-officio seats for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Area Committees)

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
<b>TOTAL 8*</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>

**Central Licensing Committee (5)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr P Adams Mr M J Owen, JP Mr K R Roberts	Mr V Bushell	Mr R A Evans	
<b>TOTAL 3</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
	Mrs E A Parsons		
<b>TOTAL 3</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**North Licensing Committee (5)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr W Benyon Mr A B Davies Mr R Hughes Mr S P A Jones		Mr C J Mellings	
<b>TOTAL 4</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
<b>TOTAL 4</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**South Licensing Committee (5)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr G H L Butler Mrs R T D Taylor-Smith Mr R Tindall Mrs T Woodward		Mrs E M Nicholls	
<b>TOTAL 4</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
<b>TOTAL 4</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Strategic Regulatory Committee (11)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr P V Andrews Mr T Bebb Mrs K D Calder Mr T Durnell Mr D A Evans Mr E J Everall Mr A E Walpole Mr S J West	Mr J M Williams	Mr N J Hartin Mrs T Huffer	
<b>TOTAL 8*</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

(\* includes 6 ex-officio seats for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Area Committees)

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
<b>TOTAL 8*</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Central Regulatory Committee (11)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr T Barker Mr T Bebb Mr T Durnell Mr E J Everall Mr M T Price Mrs C M Wild	Mr V Bushell Mr J E Clarke Mrs E A Parsons	Mr R A Evans Mr J M W Kenny	
<b>TOTAL 6</b>	<b>TOTAL 3</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
	Mr A N Mosley Mr J Tandy Mr J M Williams		
<b>TOTAL 6</b>	<b>TOTAL 3</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**South Regulatory Committee (11)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr P V Andrews Mr D W Evans Mr J Hurst-Knight Mr W M Parr Mrs R T D Taylor-Smith Mr S J West Mr M Whiteman, OBE Mr L Winwood		Mr N J Hartin Mrs E M Nicholls	Mrs D M Shingleton
<b>TOTAL 8</b>	<b>TOTAL *</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>

\* No entitlement under political balance but need to determine which group will be represented on the Committee.

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
<b>TOTAL 8</b>	<b>TOTAL *</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL *</b>

**North Regulatory Committee (11)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr M Bennett Mr W Benyon Mrs K D Calder Mr G L Dakin Mr S Davenport Mrs M Mullock Mr V J Hunt Mr D J Minnery Mr A E Walpole Mr P R D Wynn		Mr T Davies	
<b>TOTAL 10</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
<b>TOTAL 10</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

**Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Fire Authority**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
Mr P Adams Mrs J B Barrow Mr A B Davies Mr D J Minnery Mr M T Price Mr K R Roberts Mr S J West Dr M Winchester	Dr J E Jones	Mr N J Hartin Mr C J Mellings	
<b>TOTAL 8</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>



## 12. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES, GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by Mr P A Nutting that the list of nominations of members and substitute members to serve on Committees and other bodies, as set out in the Appendices contained within the report and/or tabled at the meeting, copies of which are attached to the signed minutes be received and agreed, subject to the following:

### RESOLVED:

- a) that the urgent appointments to Committees, Groups and Outside bodies, listed in Appendix 1 of the report as follows:-

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Required Representation</b>
<b>County Council Network Council</b>	K R Barrow, Mrs C M A Motley, P A Nutting and Mr P F Phillips
<b>Gorsuch Langley and Prynse Charity (covering the Parishes of Holy Cross and St Giles, Shrewsbury)</b>	Mrs J Jones
<b>Local Government Association</b>	K R Barrow, R A Evans, A N Mosley and P A Nutting
<b>Local Government Information Unit</b>	K R Barrow
<b>LGA Rural Commission</b>	Mrs C M A Motley and TBC
<b>LGA Urban Commission</b>	P A Nutting and M J Owen
<b>West Midlands Local Government Association (now merged with Leaders Board)</b>	Leader of Council Alternate – Mrs C M A Motley
<b>West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Assembly</b>	K R Barrow, Mrs H M Kidd, A N Mosley Alternates – Dr J E Jones, Mrs E M Nicholls, P A Nutting

<b>Strategic Advisory Group</b> (has replaced Regional Planning Partnership and Regional Housing Partnership)	Mr M Whiteman and Mr M T Price Mrs J B Barrow and Mr E J Overall
<b>West Mercia Police Authority Joint Committee</b> (meets to appoint Councillor members to serve on Police Authority)	Leader of the Council
<b>West Mercia Police Authority</b>	M L Wood, J M W Kenny
<b>Local Strategic Partnership Leadership Board</b>	Leader
<b>Central Area Partnership (3)</b>	Mr T Barker, Mr D Roberts and Mr A N Mosley
<b>Northern Area Partnership (3)</b>	Mr M Bennett, Mr G L Dakin, Mr A E Walpole
<b>Southern Area Partnership (3)</b>	Mr G Butler, Mr J Hurst-Knight and Mrs H M Kidd

- b) That the Council's membership of the Standards and Pensions Committees, referred to in Appendix 2 of the report be as follows:-

**Standards Committee (6)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
M Bennett V J Hunt	Dr J E Jones	R A Evans C J Mellings	Mrs P A Dee
<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 2</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>

**Pensions Committee (4)**

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
T H Biggins A B Davies M G Pate		Mrs A M Chebsey	
<b>TOTAL 3</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

## Substitutes

Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Independent
		Mrs E M Nicholls	
<b>TOTAL 3</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>TOTAL 1</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

- c) that a small working group comprising all Group Leaders and the two Deputy Leaders of the Council with delegated powers be established to appoint the Committees and Groups listed in Appendix 2 and the Outside Bodies listed in Appendix 3 and that any bodies where agreement cannot be reached by that Group be referred back to the Council for determination,
- d) that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the appropriate Group Leaders, be authorised to agree any other appointment that may be required as a matter of urgency.

### **13. SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by Mr P A Nutting that the Scheme of Delegation, as set out in Part 8 of the Constitution, be agreed.

Mr P A Nutting advised members that this scheme was more generous than those that former Borough and District Councillors would be used to and suggested that the entire Scheme is to be reviewed during its first 12 months in operation, so that members were fully aware of the extent and implications of such delegations.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Scheme of Delegation, as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, be agreed.

### **14. FORMAL ADOPTION OF THE NAME OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Speaker that the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes, be received and agreed.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That, in accordance with the decision of the Shropshire County Council of 27 February 2009 relating to the Constitution of the Shropshire Council, it is formally agreed that the word "County" shall be omitted from the Councils name and that in future the Authority be known as Shropshire Council.

## 15. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was proposed by the Speaker and seconded by the Chairman that the programme of dates for meetings of the Shropshire Council be held on the following Thursdays, commencing at 10am:

16 July 2009  
24 September 2009  
5 November 2009  
10 December 2009  
21 January 2010  
25 February 2010  
29 April 2010

## 16. REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE WEST MERCIA POLICE AUTHORITY

It was proposed by the Speaker and seconded by the Chairman and resolved that the report of the West Mercia Police Authority, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes be received and noted.

## 17. REPORT OF THE SHROPSHIRE AND WREKIN COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

It was proposed by Mr S J West and seconded by the Speaker and resolved that the reports of the meetings of the Shropshire and Telford Fire Authority held on 11 February and 29 April 2009, copies of which are attached to the signed minutes be received and noted.

Deleted:

**SPEAKER**

**DATE**

The meeting closed at 11.30pm