MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

held at the Council House, Nottingham,

on Monday 9 January 2006 at 2.00 pm

ATTENDANCES

Councillor Munir	Lord Mayor
Councillor Akhtar	Councillor G N Khan
Councillor Aslam	Councillor Klein
Councillor Bloomfield	Councillor Lee
Councillor Bull	Councillor Liversidge
Councillor Campbell	Councillor Long
Councillor Chapman	Councillor Malcolm
Councillor Charlesworth	Councillor Markin
Councillor A Clark	Councillor Marshall
Councillor C A Clarke	Councillor Mathews
Councillor B Clarke-Smith	Councillor Mir
Councillor Cobb	Councillor Morris
Councillor Collins	Councillor Packer
Councillor Cowan	Councillor Palmer
Councillor Cresswell	Councillor Parbutt
Councillor Culley	Councillor Price
Councillor Dewinton	Councillor Shaw
Councillor Edwards	Councillor J W E Smith
Councillor Foster	Councillor Spencer
Councillor Gibson	Councillor Stapleton
Councillor Griggs	Councillor Stephenson
Councillor Grocock	Councillor Sutton
Councillor Hartshorne	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Haymes	Councillor Trimble
Councillor Heppell	Councillor Unczur
Councillor Ibrahim	Councillor Urquhart
Councillor James	Councillor Wilson
Councillor A Khan	Councillor Wood

57 CHAIR OF THE MEETING

In the absence of the Lord Mayor, the Chair was taken by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Wilson.

58 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

In respect of agenda item 7 – Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Structure Plan (JSP), the following members declared interests:-

Councillor Gibson declared a personal interest in relation to the proposals affecting NET lines 2 and 3 as a City Council appointed director of Nottingham City Transport Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Grocock declared a personal interest in relation to the proposals affecting NET lines 2 and 3 as a City Council appointed director of Nottingham City Transport Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Edwards declared a personal interest in relation to the proposals affecting NET lines 2 and 3 as a City Council appointed member of NET Development Board and director of Greater Nottingham Rapid Transit Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Haymes declared a personal interest in relation to the proposals affecting NET lines 2 and 3 as a City Council appointed director of Nottingham City Transport Limited, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

Councillor Taylor declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed member of NET Development Board and director of Greater Nottingham Rapid Transit Limited and Nottingham Regeneration Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor James declared a personal interest in relation to the proposals affecting NET lines 2 and 3 as a City Council appointed member of NET Development Board and director of Greater Nottingham Rapid Transit Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting. Councillor Parbutt declared a personal interest in relation to the proposals affecting NET lines 2 and 3 as a City Council appointed director of Nottingham City Transport Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Long declared a personal interest in relation to the proposals affecting NET lines 2 and 3 as a City Council appointed member of NET Development Board, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Clarke-Smith declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed director of Greater Nottingham Rapid Transit Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Urquhart declared a personal interest in relation to the proposals affecting NET lines 2 and 3 as a City Council appointed member of NET Development Board, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

In respect of agenda item 9 – Motion in the name of Councillor Clark on Building Balanced Communities, the following members declared interests:-

Councillor Long declared a personal and prejudicial interest as his wife's parents owned a property in the city and rented it to students, and left the Chamber prior to the item being discussed and voted upon.

Councillor Culley declared a personal interest as her husband let a property in the city, but not to students, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

Councillor A Khan declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he worked for a property-letting company and left the Chamber prior to the item being discussed and voted upon.

Councillor Aslam declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he owned and rented out property to students in the city and left the Chamber prior to the item being discussed and voted upon.

Councillor G Khan declared a personal and prejudicial interest as his son let out a property in the city to students and left the Chamber prior to the item being discussed and voted upon.

59 PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(a) <u>Petitions</u>

Councillor Liversidge submitted a petition to the Lord Mayor on behalf of the residents of Wray Close, Stonebridge Road, Magson Close and St Matthias Road, St Anns, Nottingham. As a result of development proposals in the Stonebridge Farm area, St Ann's, the residents were opposed to any demolition because they wished to continue living where they were currently.

(b) <u>Questions</u>

Generation of a Gay village/quarter in the City of Nottingham

The Deputy Lord Mayor asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Development, Land and Regeneration, on behalf of Mr Matthews:-

Would the Council consider the generation of a gay village/quarter in the City of Nottingham (perhaps to be included in the City's Eastside developments)?

There is a currently very little choice in terms of gay-friendly amenities in Nottingham. The existing gay-friendly businesses are very spread out with no focal point. The areas that link these venues are fairly intimidating with little vibrancy. A gay village/quarter centred around a square or around one or two streets (like the gay village in Manchester centred around Canal Street), would create a vibrant and safe area for Lesbians, Gays, Bi-sexual, Transgender (LGBT) and LGBT-friendly people to enjoy.

In order to generate this, a Gay Village Business Association could be established, like the one that has been developed by Liverpool City Council recently. This association could consist of Councillors, owners of existing and potential gay-friendly businesses, members of the City's Police, and City Planners. As well as working together on the development of such an area, the association could develop organised strategies attract tourists residents marketing to and to the village/quarter. Manchester's gay village contributes millions of pounds to the city's economy each year. A similar area in Nottingham could do the same for Nottingham's economy by targeting the valuable 'pink pound'. It would also send out the message to both tourists and residents that Nottingham is a diverse and tolerant city.

Councillor Clark replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor. Nottingham City Council is committed to supporting its diverse communities to thrive and play an active part in the city's life.

The regeneration of the Eastside offers a further chance to bring investment and prosperity to the city. The development of any site for housing, especially housing for sale, would be linked to how the market views opportunities for profit and whether developers identify that in Nottingham there is a particular market for another housing development which would be worth marketing at the lesbian and gay community.

National research has identified that a proportion of lesbians and gay men have more disposable income and that increasingly the pink pound exercises some influence.

In other cities like Manchester the development of the Gay Village has come out of regeneration in an area of the City where there were already gay-friendly social and other venues. Whilst in Birmingham many of the City's gay social venues are located in the same area, significant housing development, then popular with the community, has not followed.

Nottingham already has a number of areas where gay businesses cluster, the Lace Market, Lower Parliament Street and some areas of housing where gay men and lesbians have chosen to live in numbers, the Lace Market and Victoria Centre flats.

The City Council is committed to supporting its lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, as recently illustrated by the Council's commitment and enthusiasm to conduct civil partnerships and through its work with the local LGBT Forum supported by our Action on Diversity Team. However, our influence and ability to develop a specific village is more limited and planning law does not currently permit us to zone an area for a specific community. The current Equality Bill will bring some long overdue protection for LGBT people in service delivery, preventing landlords and others from excluding LGBT people from consuming services, but it does not extend to specific positive action of the kind that would be needed to develop a neighbourhood primarily for the LGBT community.

If the community itself were to seek to purchase new housing units in the same neighbourhood, as the new housing in the Eastside is developed, then over time, it would be possible for the community to develop a strong neighbourhood. But, in the meantime, we will continue to support, whenever we can, opportunities for LGBT people to have access to gay-friendly venues and services through our development and planning policies.

60 <u>MINUTES</u>

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Deputy Lord Mayor.

61 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Chief Executive reported that Mrs Helen Marcia Puckey, former Head Teacher of Hempshill Hall Primary School, Bulwell had been awarded the OBE, in recognition of her 'services to education' in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

The Chief Executive further reported with regret the recent death of Phillip Whitehead MEP.

Phillip Whitehead had sat as a Labour MP for Derby North from 1970 to 1983. In 1981 he became the shadow spokesperson for higher education. He was elected to the European Parliament in 1994 for Staffordshire East and Derby and, when constituency boundaries were changed, for the East Midlands, which he represented until his death.

The Council stood in silence in tribute to his memory.

62 <u>QUESTIONS</u>

Police Stations- Reception Cover

Councillor Haymes asked the following question of the Chair of the Police Authority:-

Could the Chair of the Police Authority clarify the hours per day when reception, in the form of telephone and front desk service cover, should be available at any police station like Bulwell?

Mr Street (in the absence of County Councillor Clarke) replied as follows:-

Thank you, my Deputy Lord Mayor.

May I apologise for the absence of my Chairman who is, unfortunately, still recovering from illness but will be back with you very shortly. May I also thank Councillor Haymes for her question.

A receptionist is on duty from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday at Bulwell Police Station.

A phone is positioned outside for use when the station is un-staffed. This connects to a central switchboard from which calls are diverted to the relevant department.

Addresses, telephone numbers and opening times of police stations in Nottinghamshire are published on the police website which is <u>www.nottinghamshire.police.uk</u> as are the mobile phone numbers for police beat officers.

The opening hours are currently under review.

Thank you, Deputy Lord Mayor.

Key Stage 2 Results

Councillor Sutton asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Education and Training:-

Will the Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services confirm that he still believes that the recent poor results at Key Stage 2 were because the Council "took its eye off the ball"? Does this indicate a lack of capacity in the LEA and if so, what is he intending to do about it?

In the absence of Councillor Chapman, Councillor Collins replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor Sutton for his question and apologise for not being Councillor Chapman.

First, can I suggest that it's always a bit of a mistake to take too much notice of what is said in the press, at least that's what Simon Hughes MP was arguing in a somewhat different context on the TV this morning.

I must say that I haven't seen much evidence of the Council or the Education Department taking its eye off the ball or of the LEA being hindered by a lack of officer or financial capacity. Indeed, financially, next year's national settlement for schools looks likely to be particularly of benefit for Nottingham.

However, it is true that this year's Key Stage 2 English results were disappointing, in that we lost the ground we made up last year. Even though, with a 4% increase since 2001, the rate of improvement remains in line with that seen across all authorities nationally.

Furthermore, across the LEA, the improvement in performance generally matched or more often exceeded that achieved nationally. So, for example:-

 while since 2001, improvement in Key Stage 1 results had matched that seen nationally, the percentage achieving level 3 in Nottingham has increased by 1½%, while nationally it's fallen by 2%;

- at Key Stage 2, the increase in the percentage of pupils achieving Level 4 in maths has been 5% over the same period, and that again has been faster than the national rate of improvement;
- at Key Stage 3, the percentage increase in the number of pupils achieving level 5 in English since 2001 has been 14% compared to 9% nationally, and in Maths the increase has been 13% compared to 8% nationally;
- at GCSE the percentage of pupils gaining five or more GCSE A-C grades has increased from 26% in 1998 to around 42% this year. Since 2001 there has been an increase of more than 10% compared to a national increase of around 6% meaning that, in actual terms, for an average class of 30 pupils in the City, five more children a year are achieving five or more GCSE A-C grades than was the case in 2001.

In addition, we have seen:-

- year on year improvements in attendance;
- a reduction in surplus secondary school places from 21% in 1999 to 11% this year;
- no schools in special measures;
- a major programme of investment in primary and secondary school buildings.

Overall I believe that this is a good record of achievement but not one that anybody can be at all complacent about.

We must continue to be clear that as an Authority and as councillors we have the highest possible expectations for the achievements of our children in schools and that we are looking to achieve a rate of improvement that more rapidly closes the gap between pupil attainment in Nottingham and that achieved elsewhere nationally.

More specifically and in the light of this year's results, the Education Department will closely focus on Key Stage 2 performance and look to provide extra support, particularly to those schools where the results have either levelled off or started to fall back. The department will also be looking to see whether there is scope to increase the rate at which surplus places within primary schools can be removed through reorganisation to allow growing resources to be more effectively targeted.

Deputy Lord Mayor, education has been this Council's biggest priority over the last few years and will remain so until performance more closely matches that achieved by schools elsewhere in the country. I remain confident, however that within the LEA we have the capacity and the leadership to achieve this.

Peer Review

Councillor Long asked the following question of the Leader of the Council:-

Does the Leader recall the Peer Review's "Concern that the political and officer agendas are not fully aligned"? Would he tell us what he can't get the officers to do?

Councillor Collins replied as follows:-

Thank you, Deputy Lord Mayor. Can I thank Councillor Long for his question.

The comment he refers to is taken from the Peer Review Team's feedback presentation I believe, and in full the slide says, and perhaps if I quote:-

- "Political leadership is clear;
- the Leader of the Council is committed to improving the city, its services and is leading on the social inclusion agenda;
- the Chief Executive and SMT have moved the change agenda forward;
- senior political and management teams are working together;
- good working relationships with some strategic partners.

However, there was concern that the political and officer agendas are not fully aligned".

The straight answer to Gary's question is nothing that immediately springs to mind, but as he has already recognised and graciously conceded the full Peer Review report is only available as an early draft at the moment and personally, I am happy to wait for it to be published, rather than perhaps, draw too many conclusions from the slides and the themes feedback.

Having said that, what is clear, is that corporately there can only be one agenda for any local authority and that is the one set and agreed by its members. In this respect, the role of members is to develop, agree and monitor the authority's policy agenda and the role of officers is to implement that agenda and to be held accountable for doing so. That's the way it works, I believe, in authorities of whatever political control up and down the country and that's the way it works here too.

Parking Review

Councillor Foster asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Street Services:-

Will the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Street Services update Council as to the progress of the Parking review? Which scrutiny body does he intend to involve before making a decision?

Councillor Grocock replied as follows:-

Thank you, my Deputy Lord Mayor. Can I thank Councillor Foster for his question.

I believe that Councillor Foster's question is referring to the current review in resident parking permits. Thanks for that, because if it isn't, I have made a mess of it.

Members will recall that after a range of concerns were expressed about the operation of residents' parking areas in the city, extensive work has been carried out to identify what alternative arrangements might be more acceptable.

This subject has been discussed at length with Members, in Area Committees and various public meetings and has previously received considerable media coverage. The city's residents' parking areas are provided to give people living in an area the best opportunity to be able to park near their homes on a basis that is shared as fairly as possible within the community. Each area has differing local factors but in many areas these are compact localities with narrow streets which are occupied by households which often include multiple car owners but where there is at best kerbside space for just one vehicle per property on average. In addition, residents' areas are often necessary because they have City Centre prime shopping locations or other nearby facilities which attract other motorists from further afield who would otherwise take up parking spaces outside the residents' homes in the daytime.

Detailed consultation was undertaken in 2004 seeking views on a wide range of options for permits, scratch cards and other systems to control parking in residents' areas. The results were inconclusive with no single option being clearly favoured.

It was therefore decided to undertake a second consultation exercise on just three options and this was sent out in August and September of last year.

2,190 responses were received representing a response rate of 44%. The returns have now been fully analysed and are as follows:-

- 35.2% favoured a new system with 2 permits (either resident's or visitor's or one of each) being allocated to each eligible household;
- 35% favoured a system closest to the previous arrangement with 2 resident's permits plus one visitor's permit being allocated to each household;
- 29.8% favoured 2 resident's permits plus an opportunity to purchase scratch cards for visitors.

At the same time other aspects of the residents' parking scheme were being developed in order to deal with some of the more selective matters which have previously been cause for concern:-

- a professional carers' dispensation scheme has been introduced to assist doctors, district nurses, health visitors etc calling at houses in these areas;
- a family carers' scheme is proposed;
- tighter restrictions on vehicle documentation are being considered before permits are issued in whichever future scheme is determined.

Council Members, residents and media have been openly engaged with this process over many months and two extensive consultations completed. I think it would have been preferable if one single option had emerged clearly as a favoured choice but I do not feel that this matter requires any further scrutiny. I therefore propose to refer this to the Council's Executive Board in the coming weeks for a final decision.

I am sure, however, that Members who have any further points to make to me about this will do so either today or soon afterwards.

Thank you, Deputy Lord Mayor.

Greater Nottingham Local Transport Plan

Councillor Urquhart asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Street Services:-

Could the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Street Services update Council on the Government's assessment of our progress in implementing the Greater Nottingham Local Transport Plan?

Councillor Grocock replied as follows:-

Thank you, Deputy Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor Urquhart for her question.

I am delighted to be able to inform Council that last month the Government has awarded the City Council the highest score of any highway authority in the country in its annual assessment of our transport delivery. I believe this recognition reflects and rewards a lot of hard work across this Authority, from the policy development through to a strong track record in delivery on the ground. It also reflects the strong support and contributions from our partners, the County Council, top performing bus and tram operators and the Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership. As well as being the only Core City designated as a Centre of Excellence for Local Transport Delivery, we were recently nominated Public Transport Authority of the Year at the national UK Bus Awards. I think this latest Government assessment proves that our successful track record in receiving transport awards is thoroughly and well deserved.

Lord Mayor, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our Transport Team for their excellent dedicatory work and efforts over a long period of time culminating in these latest accolades.

Thank you, Deputy Lord Mayor.

63 <u>CIVIL CONTINGENCY PLANS</u>

The report of Councillor Edwards (as set out on page 196 of the agenda) was submitted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Malcolm, that the 'Managing an Emergency' Major Incident Plan and Pipeline Plan be approved.

64 <u>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM JOINT STRUCTURE</u> <u>PLAN (JSP) – APPROVAL FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE</u> <u>ADOPTION PROCESS</u>

The report of Councillor Clark (as set out on page 199 of the agenda) was submitted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Gibson that:-

- (1) the draft adoption version of the JSP be approved;
- (2) the commencement of the adoption process for the JSP Written Statement and Explanatory Memorandum be approved;

(3) subject to no intervention from the Secretary of State, the JSP Written Statement and Explanatory Memorandum be adopted by the City Council on 16 February 2006.

65 <u>MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR STEPHENSON –</u> <u>NATIONAL IDENDITY CARD</u>

MOVED by Councillor Stephenson, seconded by Councillor Sutton:-

This Council believes that the disadvantages of the ID Cards Bill outweigh the advantages to the people of Nottingham and that the cards will do little, if anything, to prevent terrorism, crime or fraud.

This Council resolves to take no part in any pilot scheme in relation to the introduction of the National Identity Card.

After discussion the motion was put to the vote and was not carried.

66 <u>MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CLARK – BUILDING</u> BALANCED COMMUNITIES

With the consent of the meeting, Councillor Clark MOVED his original motion with the following amendment and it was seconded by Councillor Trimble:-

Insert at the end of the motion:-

"In order to develop the policies in and underlying the current supplementary planning document on a stronger legal basis Council requests the Development Control Committee to prepare and consult on a strengthened proposal to be submitted to the Council for early adoption as a Local Development Document."

The amended motion to read:-

This Council welcomes the role of the Building Balanced Communities Supplementary Planning Document, to be adopted by Executive Board later this month.

It notes that the lack of planning controls over changes of use from family housing to shared student housing are hampering efforts to maintain balanced communities in some parts of the city. However it welcomes the contribution new purpose built student accommodation is making to bringing student housing back into the open market.

In order to develop the policies in and underlying the current supplementary planning document on a stronger legal basis Council requests the Development Control Committee to prepare and consult on a strengthened proposal to be submitted to the Council for early adoption as a Local Development Document.

After discussion the amended motion was put to the vote and was carried and the Council RESOLVED accordingly.

67 <u>MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CULLEY –</u> <u>AUDIT COMMISSION COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE</u> <u>ASSESSMENT (CPA) 2005</u>

MOVED by Councillor Culley, seconded by Councillor Cowan:-

The recent Audit Commission Comprehensive Performance Assessment for 2005 is a disappointment which reflects poorly on the political management of the Council and puts us in the bottom quartile of major local authorities both for performance and for improvement.

MOVED by Councillor Collins by way of amendment and seconded by Councillor Edwards:-

"Before the words "recent audit commission" on line one delete "The" and insert "This Council notes the";

"After "2005" on line two insert "welcomes the recognition of improvement in the assessment and the progress of the Council in many areas including transport, housing benefits, educational attainment, financial management, debt collection, anti-social behaviour, street and environmental cleanliness and the wider recognition of progress in equalities, strong partnerships and leadership of the city, but accepts that the overall rating which puts the Council in the bottom quarter of a league table for major local authorities both for performance and for improvement." "Delete all after "is a disappointment" on line two and insert after "is a disappointment" on line two "and therefore resolves to improve further performance by a range of measures, including –

- completing the 'Senior Leadership and Management Group' reforms of the roles and responsibilities for senior managers which explicitly target performance improvement;
- implementing the 'Performance Plus' system that will streamline the recording and reporting of performance against indicators and actions;
- adopting an updated 'Performance Management Framework' that will clarify how performance is managed in the Council and with its partners;
- applying further attention to detail and effectiveness of performance management at a service and team manager level, including a new emphasis on in-year comparisons with similar authorities;
- improving the corporate programming of the Council's work and projects;
- planning for a further programme of service improvement, including improved ways of accessing Council services.

The Council further condemns the hypocrisy of political groups that condemn inspection systems such as CPA and then take parts of the findings of CPA for narrow advantage."

After discussion the amendment was put to the vote and was carried and the Council RESOLVED that:-

This Council Audit Commission notes the recent **Comprehensive Performance Assessment for 2005 welcomes** the recognition of improvement in the assessment and the progress of the Council in many areas including transport, educational housina benefits, attainment. financial management, debt collection, anti-social behaviour, street and environmental cleanliness and the wider recognition of progress in equalities, strong partnerships and leadership of the city, but accepts that the overall rating which puts the Council in the bottom quarter of a league table for major local authorities both for performance and for improvement is a disappointment and therefore resolves to improve further performance by a range of measures, including:-

- completing the 'Senior Leadership and Management Group' reforms of the roles and responsibilities for senior managers which explicitly target performance improvement;
- implementing the 'Performance Plus' system that will streamline the recording and reporting of performance against indicators and actions;
- adopting an updated 'Performance Management Framework' that will clarify how performance is managed in the Council and with its partners;
- applying further attention to detail and effectiveness of performance management at a service and team manager level, including a new emphasis on in-year comparisons with similar authorities;
- improving the corporate programming of the Council's work and projects;
- planning for a further programme of service improvement, including improved ways of accessing Council services.

The Council further condemns the hypocrisy of political groups that condemn inspection systems such as CPA and then take parts of the findings of CPA for narrow advantage.

68 <u>MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR PRICE –</u> INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR BUDGETS

MOVED by Councillor Price, seconded by Councillor Clarke-Smith:-

That the Executive Board be invited to make provision in the Council's 2006/07 budget for expenditure of £1,000 per councillor to be spent within their ward on the recommendation of each councillor on the promotion or improvement of the economic, social and environmental well-being of their ward including grants to individual ward residents or local ward or area organisations subject to such general restrictions as the Chief Executive shall direct and that the cost of this provision shall be a first charge against the general funds of the area committee.

After discussion the motion was put to the vote and was not carried.

69 <u>IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHILDREN ACT 2004 –</u> <u>CORPORATE DIRECTOR ACCOUNTABILITY</u> <u>ARRANGEMENTS</u>

The report of Councillor Wilson (as set out on page 204 of the agenda) was submitted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Campbell, that the decisions of the Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee in respect of:-

- (1) the establishment of the post of Corporate Director of Adult Services, Housing and Health from 1 April 2006, which would include responsibility for the residual housing functions of the authority on a permanent basis as well as adult social services and lead responsibility for Health/NHS partnership working and the designation of Sallyanne Johnson as the Corporate Director of Adult Services, Housing and Health from 1 April 2006 be noted and endorsed;
- (2) amending Appendix 6 (G) of the City Council Constitution as at 1 April 2006 to capture revised accountability arrangements, as shown on appendix 1 to the report be approved.

The meeting concluded at 9.07 pm.