

## TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the Taunton Deane Borough Council held at the Kings Church, Unit 6, Sylvan Road, Wellington on Wednesday 10 May 2006 at 6.30 pm.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Lees)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hindley)

Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Beaven, Mrs Biscoe, Bishop, Bowrah, Mrs Bradley, N Cavill, Clark, Coles, Floyd, Garner, Govier, Hall, Hayward, Henley, C Hill, Mrs Marie Hill, Leighton, Mrs Lewin-Harris, Lisgo, Meikle, Morrell, Paul, Phillips, Slattery, Mrs Smith, P F Smith, Vail, Watson, Wedderkopp, Weston, Mrs Whitmarsh, Williams and Mrs Wilson

### 1. Prayers

The meeting was opened with prayers offered by the Mayor's Chaplin.

### 2. Election of Mayor

On the motion of Councillor Meikle seconded by Councillor Mrs Allgrove it was RESOLVED unanimously:-

that Councillor Kenneth Christopher Hindley be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane for the ensuing year.

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

### 3. Deputy Mayor

On the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Phillips it was RESOLVED:-

that Councillor Kenneth Albert William Hayward be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

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

### 4. Councillor Richard Lees

On the motion of Councillor Floyd seconded by Councillor Mrs Whitmarsh it was RESOLVED:-

that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Richard Lees and Mrs Sue Lees for the manner in which they had discharged the duties of the office of Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough during their term of office.

Councillor Lees replied.

5. Past Mayor Badge

The Mayor presented Councillor Lees with his Past Mayor Badge.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 April 2006, a copy having been circulated to each Member were signed by the Mayor.

7. Apologies

Councillors Bone, Mrs Cluff, Croad, Davies, Denington Edwards, Guerrier, House, Prior-Sankey and Stuart-Thorn.

8. Borough Council By Election 4 May 2006

Reported that Councillor Peter William Frederick Smith had been elected as a Councillor for the Blackbrook and Holway Ward.

9. Election of Leader 2006/2007

RESOLVED that Councillor Williams be elected as Leader of the Executive for the ensuing year.

10. Appointment of Executive 2006/2007

The Membership of the Executive was appointed as follows for the ensuing year:-

Councillor Williams (Leader)  
Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris (Deputy Leader)  
Councillors Bishop, Mrs Bradley, N Cavill, Clark, Garner, Hall and Leighton.

11. Appointment of Review Board 2006/2007

The appointment of the Review Board for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

11 Members, 6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent

(Note the Review Board would be chaired by the Leader of the largest opposition political group on the Council (Councillor Henley)).

12. Appointment of Regulatory Committees and Boards

(a) The appointment of a Planning Committee for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

18 Members, 10 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent, 2 Labour

- (b) The appointment of a Licensing Board for the ensuing year was agreed as follows:-

15 Members, 9 Conservative, 4 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent

- (c) The appointment of a Staffing Board for the ensuing year was agreed with membership to be selected as far as possible on a proportional basis from a pool of Councillors.

13. Appointment of Review Panels

In accordance with the terms of the Council's Constitution the Chairs of the Review Panels had been nominated jointly following consultation between the Leaders of the Political Groups.

- (a) The appointment of the Community Leadership Review Panel was agreed as follows:

11 Members, 6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent (Chair Councillor Denington)

- (b) The appointment of the Housing Review Panel was agreed as follows:-

11 Members, 6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent (Chair Councillor Bowrah)

- (c) The appointment of the Health and Leisure Review Panel was agreed as follows:-

11 Members, 6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent (Chair Councillor Paul)

- (d) The appointment of the Strategic Planning and Transportation and Economic Development Review Panel was agreed as follows:-

11 Members, 6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent (Chair Councillor Hayward)

- (e) The appointment of the Resources Review Panel was agreed as follows:-

11 Members, 6 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour, 1 Independent (Chair Councillor Mrs Whitmarsh)

14. Standards Committee 2006/2007

The appointment of the Standards Committee for the ensuing year was agreed with membership to consist of 7 Independent members of the public (Mr D Baker OBE, Mrs A Elder, Mr J Dewdney, Mr W L Rogers, Mr M Stanbury and two vacancies) and four Councillors (one from each group) and two Parish Members (Parish Councillor Mrs P M A Hawks and Town Councillor Mr E Warren) from whom Panels would be selected when necessary.

15. Intercessional Prayer

The meeting was closed at 8.02 pm with prayers offered by the Mayor's Chaplain the Reverend Bruce Thompson.