

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 20 MAY 2008

Present: Councillor Maskell (Mayor);

Councillors Ayub, Ballsdon, Bayes, Beard, Benson, Chowdhary, Cumpsty, Duveen, Edwards, Ennis, Epps, Gittings, Goodall, Hanley, C Harris, T Harris, Hartley, Hoskin, Hussain, Janjua, P Jones, T Jones, Khan, Lovelock, Luckett, Merriott, Orton, Page, Pugh, Ralph, Ruhemann, Rynn, Singleton-White, Skeats, Stainthorp, Stanway, Steele, Stevens, Swaine, Tickner, Townend, Warman, Watson and Willis.

Apologies: Councillor Byrne.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor referred to the recent death of Joachim Erwin, the Lord Mayor of Dusseldorf. The Council then stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business to be transacted being the election of the Mayor, it was **MOVED** by Councillor Duveen and **SECONDED** by Councillor Bayes and **CARRIED**:

“That Councillor P Beard be elected Mayor of this Borough.”

No other candidate having been nominated, Councillor Beard was duly declared elected.

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The following Councillors were nominated to be Deputy Mayor:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Mover</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Councillor Edwards	Councillor Hoskin	Councillor Tickner
Councillor Pugh	Councillor Cumpsty	Councillor Steele

Following a vote, Councillor Pugh was appointed Deputy Mayor.

3. ADDRESS BY MAYOR

Councillor Beard addressed the Council.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

5. ADDRESS BY RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Maskell addressed the Council.

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6. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The Chief Executive submitted a report on the results of the Municipal Elections held on 1 May 2008. He also reported that all those elected had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7. CONSTITUTION, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES; EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS; AND STANDING ORDERS

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report making recommendations for the Municipal Year 2008/09 to:

- (1) appoint the Committees of the Council, including Overview and Scrutiny Panels (the allocation of seats between Groups had to be calculated in accordance with Sections 15-17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and details had been circulated to Group Leaders before the meeting);
- (2) appoint the Standards Committee for the authority;
- (3) appoint the Leader of the Council;
- (4) appoint the Deputy Leader and Lead Councillors who would form the Cabinet of the Council, and agree their portfolios under Part 3 of the Constitution;
- (5) agree the powers and duties of Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and consultative Working Parties;
- (6) agree changes to Standing Orders;
- (7) agree changes to the Cabinet Procedure Rules;
- (8) confirm those Councillors who met the definition of Members having significant responsibilities in relation to the discharge of the Council's functions in terms of entitlement to Special Responsibility Allowance at Tier Three (currently £1,217 a year) for the remainder of the financial year 2008/09;
- (9) re-establish the Remuneration Panel for the Municipal Year 2008/09;

Attached to the report were:

Appendix A: The powers and duties of the Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

Appendix B The portfolios for Lead Councillors for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

The recommendations set out in the report were:

"A. Constitution

- 2.1 That the Constitution for the authority be amended to include the action set out below.

B. General Reservation of Powers to the Council

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2.2 That the following matters be reserved to the Council, in line with Article 4 of the Constitution, and any decisions of the Cabinet and Committees in relation to them shall be submitted to the Council as recommendations:

- (a) changing the Constitution;
- (b) approving or adopting the policy framework, the budget and any application to the Secretary of State in respect of any Housing Land Transfer;

The policy framework means the following plans and strategies:

(i) those required by the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 and regulations proposed under Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000 to be adopted by the Council. These currently are:

- Annual Library Position Statement;
- Best Value Performance Plan/Corporate Plan;
- Children and Young People's Plan;
- Licensing Authority Policy Statement;
- Local Transport Plan;
- Plans and strategies which together comprise the Local Development Framework;
- Statement of Gambling Licensing Principles;
- Sustainable Community Strategy;
- Youth Justice Plan.

(ii) those other plans and strategies which the Council and the Cabinet consider should be adopted by the Council as a matter of local choice but in accordance with Government guidance.

- Adult Learning Plan;
- Food Law Enforcement Service Plan;
- The plan and strategy which comprise the Housing Investment Programme;
- Local Agenda 21 Strategy;
- Local Area Agreement;
- Special Education Needs Strategy;

(iii) Other Local Plans etc

- 14-19 Strategy;
- Access to Services Strategy;
- Allotments Management Plan;
- Asset Management Plan;
- Biodiversity Action Plan;
- Capital Strategy;
- City Centre Strategy;
- Community Development Strategy;
- Corporate Procurement Strategy;

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- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan 2008-11;
- Cultural Strategy;
- Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy;
- Domiciliary and Intermediate care Strategy;
- Emergency Plan;
- Environment Strategy;
- Equalities Strategy;
- Graffiti Removal Policy
- Housing Allocations Policy;
- Local Preventative Strategy;
- Open Spaces Strategy
- Participation Strategy and Framework;
- Play Strategy;
- Public Art Strategy for Reading;
- Reading “Ageing Well” Strategy;
- Reading 2020;
- Reading Mental Health Strategy;
- Reading Supporting People Commissioning Strategy;
- Risk Management Strategy/Policy Statement;
- Sports Facilities Strategy;
- Sustainable Economic Development Strategy;
- Thames Parks Plan;
- Treasury Management Strategy.

The budget framework is as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution

- (c) subject to the urgency procedure contained in the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution, making decisions about any matter in the discharge of an executive function which is covered by the policy framework or the budget where the decision-maker is minded to make it in a manner which would be contrary to the policy framework or contrary to/or not wholly in accordance with the budget;
- (d) appointing the Leader and Members of the Cabinet;
- (e) agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees appointed by the Council, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them;
- (f) adopting a Members’ allowances scheme under Article 2.5 of the Constitution;
- (g) changing the name of the area, conferring the title of freedom or freeman of the Borough;
- (h) confirming the appointment of the Head of Paid Service;
- (i) making, amending, revoking, re-enacting or adopting bylaws and promoting or opposing the making of local legislation or personal Bills;

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- (j) all local choice functions set out in Part 3 of the Constitution which the Council decides should be undertaken by itself rather than the Cabinet, unless the function has been delegated by the Council to a Committee or an officer;

These local choice matters are as follows:

- Any function under a local Act other than a function specified or referred to in Regulation 2 or Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000
- Appeals, in conjunction with the Appeals Panel, including:
 - The determination of an appeal against any decision made by or on behalf of the authority
 - The appointment of review boards to determine claims under regulations under Section 34 of the Social Security Act 1998
 - The making of arrangements in relation to appeals against the exclusion of pupils from maintained schools (see Section 52 of Education Act 2002 and subordinate legislation)
 - The making of arrangements pursuant to Section 94(1), (1A) and (4) of the 1998 (Schools Standards and Framework) Act (admission appeals)
 - The making of arrangements pursuant to Section 95(2) of the 1998 Act (children to whom Section 87 applies; appeals by governing bodies).
- The making of arrangements to enable questions to be put on the discharge of the functions of the Police Authority under Section 20 of the Police Act 1996
- Any function related to contaminated land
- The discharge of any function relating to the control of pollution or the management of air quality
- The service of an abatement notice in respect of a statutory nuisance
- The passing of a resolution that Schedule 2 to the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 should apply in the authority's area

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- The investigation of any complaint as to the existence of a statutory nuisance
 - The obtaining of information under Section 330 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 as to interests in land
 - Functions relating to local area agreements
- (k) setting the strategic vision and corporate objectives of the Council;
- (l) agreeing the Council's capital strategy and asset management plan;
- (m) determining and resolving the Council's position on planning, strategic minerals and waste, and other matters under consideration by the Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Planning Committee;
- (n) those matters assigned to the Council in Part 3 of the Constitution;
- (o) all other matters which, by law, must be reserved to Council.

C. Powers and Duties of Committees

2.3 Subject to the Schemes of Delegation to Officers

- a) the Committees listed in 2.4 shall have delegated authority to exercise and perform the Powers and Duties of the Council in relation to the functions set out in Appendix A to this report.
- b) the Overview and Scrutiny Panels listed in 2.4 below shall undertake the overview and scrutiny functions of the authority, as set out in Article 6 and Part 4 of the Constitution, in relation to the functions set out in Appendix A to this report

D. Constitution of Committees and Overview & Scrutiny Panels

2.4. That for the Municipal Year 2008/09 there be constituted three Committees, and five Overview and Scrutiny Panels, as set out below:

Licensing Applications Committee
Personnel Committee
Planning Applications Committee
Corporate, Community and External Affairs (CCEA) Scrutiny Panel
Culture and Sport Scrutiny Panel
Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel
Environment Scrutiny Panel
Housing, Health & Community Care (HHCC) Scrutiny Panel

E. Standards Committee

2.5 That the Standards Committee be reappointed for the Municipal Year 2008/09 to exercise the functions conferred on it by the Local Government Act 2000; that the Committee consist of Councillors and Independent Members (who must comprise at least one quarter of the Committee's

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membership), namely Mrs A Lee, MBE, Mr J Hicks and Reverend Canon B Shenton; and that the independent membership of the Committee be reviewed during the forthcoming Municipal Year.

F. Establishment of Appeals and Complaints Panels

2.6 That for the Municipal Year 2008/09, the following bodies be set up to handle appeals against decisions made by or on behalf of the authority:

- a) an Appeals Panel from which trained Councillors will be drawn to hear appeals on matters considered by the following bodies, as required by regulation:
 - Curriculum Complaints Panel
 - Removal of Early Years Providers Appeals Panel
- b) a Panel to hear appeals on School Transport and Awards.
- c) an Education Appeals Panel to deal with schools admission and school exclusion appeals in line with the provisions of the School Standards Framework Act, 1998, to which Councillors may not be appointed.
- d) a Social Services Complaints Review Panel to hear individual complaints which reach the third stage of the Council's Social Services Complaints process, to which Councillors may not be appointed.
- e) a Secure Accommodation Panel.
- f) a Discretionary Parking Permits Appeals Panel to consider and determine appeals against decisions made by the Head of Transport to refuse applications for discretionary parking permits.

G. Partnership Bodies

2.7 That for the Municipal Year 2008/09, the Council will continue to participate in the following joint consultative partnership bodies:

- Healthier Reading Partnership
- Safer Reading Campaign
- Reading Compact Group
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
- Children and Young Peoples' Strategic Partnership Board

H. Education Bodies

2.8 That for the Municipal Year 2008/09 the following Education bodies be set up:

- SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education)
- School Admissions Forum
- School Improvement Panel
- Parenting Panel

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I. Advisory and Consultative Working Parties, Panels and Forums

2.9 That for the Municipal Year 2008/09 the following consultative bodies be set up, to report to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels as indicated:

Corporate, Community and External Affairs (CCEA)

- Access Forum
- Ethnic Minorities Forum
- Pensioners' Working Group

Culture and Sport

- Arts Forum
- Sports Development Forum
- Town Twinning Group

Education and Children's Services

Environment

- Transport Users' Forum
- Green City and Open Spaces Forum

Housing, Health and Community Care (HHCC)

Member:Officer Working Parties

2.10 That for the Municipal Year 2008/09 the following advisory Member:Officer consultative Working Parties be established, to report to the bodies set out below:

CABINET

- Traffic Management Advisory Panel

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Local Joint Forum

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Planning Management Panel

2.11 That, for each of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Panels, a Management Panel be appointed to agree the business to be considered at each meeting, the Management Panel to comprise:

- The Chair of the Scrutiny Panel;
- The Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Panel;
- One other Councillor drawn from the third political group's membership of the Scrutiny Panel;

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The meetings also to be attended by the relevant Corporate Director and, by invitation, the relevant Lead Councillor(s).

Safer Community Forums

- 2.12 That Safer Community Forums be set up for the Borough (the areas of the Forums to be based on a combination of ward and police sector boundaries), to meet quarterly and comprising one Councillor from each of the wards/parts of wards specified in each case:

Oxford Road	- Abbey (part), Battle and Norcot (part);
Caversham	- Caversham, Mapledurham, Peppard and Thames;
East	- Abbey (part), Park, and Redlands (part);
South	- Church, Katesgrove, Redlands (part) and Whitley;
Southcote and Norcot	- Norcot (part) and Southcote;
Minster	- Minster;
Kentwood and Tilehurst	- Kentwood and Tilehurst.

- 2.13 That the powers and duties of the above bodies for the Municipal Year 2008/09 be as set out in Appendix A to this report.

J. Leader, Deputy Leader and Lead Councillors

- 2.14 That for the Municipal Year 2008/09:

- a) The following Councillor be appointed as Leader of the Council, on the nomination of the Labour group:

Leader	Councillor Lovelock
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- b) The following Councillor be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council, on the nomination of the Labour group:

Deputy Leader	Councillor Page
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- c) The following Councillors be appointed to the Cabinet as Lead Councillors for the services listed below, on the nomination of the Labour Group:

• Children's Services	Councillor Ruhemann
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• Communities and Neighbourhoods	Councillor Tickner
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• Community Care & Health	Councillor Orton
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- Culture Councillor Hoskin
& Sport
- Education & Lifelong Learning Councillor Hartley
- Environment & Sustainability Councillor Gittings
- Housing Councillor Ennis
- Planning & Transport Councillor Page

- d) That the portfolio responsibilities of Lead Councillors set out in Part 3 of the Constitution (Lead Councillor Portfolios) for the Municipal Year 2008/09 be as set out in Appendix B.

K. Scrutiny Panels

- 2.15 That the two Church and two Parent Governor representatives which the Council, by law, is required to appoint to serve as voting members of bodies dealing with education matters will serve on the Education & Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel, where they may vote on matters which relate directly to functions which the Council exercises as local education authority; they may attend as co-opted members for discussion of non-education matters if invited to do so by the Panel (see also Part 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, and Standing Order 40)

L. Standing Orders

- 2.16 That the procedural Standing Orders for the Council and Committees be as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution (Council Procedure Rules), subject to the following amendment:

Standing Order 5 - Order of Business

In Paragraph (2), insert a new section (i) as follows:

“To receive presentations on matters for which there are reports from officers”

Re-letter existing sections (i) to (m) accordingly.

- 2.17 That the procedural Standing Orders for the Cabinet be as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution (Cabinet Procedure Rules), subject to the following amendment:

Re-word Standing Order 1.8 as follows:

“The quorum for a meeting of the Cabinet shall be four, one of whom shall be the Leader or the Deputy Leader.”

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2.18 That the procedural Standing Orders for the Overview and Scrutiny Panels be as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution (Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules).

2.19 That the procedural Standing Orders for the Standards Committee be as set out in Part 2, Article 9 of the Constitution.

M. Scheme of Members' Allowances

2.20 That, further to Minute 60 of the meeting of Council on 19 February 2008 the following Councillors shall be regarded as "other Councillors carrying out other activities in relation to the discharge of the authority's functions as require the commitment of equivalent time and effort as for other categories of activity which would qualify for Special Responsibility Allowance" at Tier Three (currently £1,217 a year) for the remainder of the financial year 2008/09 (and subject to no Councillor receiving more than one Special Responsibility Allowance):

- Vice-Chairs of Planning Applications and Licensing Applications Committees
- Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Panels
- Other Councillors appointed to serve on Overview and Scrutiny Management Panels under 2.11 above.

2.21 That the Remuneration Panel be re-established for 2008/09 with the same terms of reference as agreed at Minute 51 of the Council meeting on 13 November 2001; that its membership be Paul Briggs, Janet Brown, Helen Hathaway and Brian Revell."

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Lovelock and **SECONDED** by Councillor Page and **CARRIED**:

Resolved -

That recommendations 2.1 to 2.21 in the report by the Monitoring Officer be approved.

8. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES, SCRUTINY PANELS AND OTHER BODIES

Motions appointing Councillors to committees, scrutiny panels and other bodies, were moved, seconded and **CARRIED** as follows:

Resolved -

- (1) That, subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, and Regulations made thereunder, the following Councillors be appointed to serve on Committees and Scrutiny Panels in the Municipal Year 2008/09:

COMMITTEES

Licensing Applications Committee (6:6:2)

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<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillors</u>
Edwards	Byrne	Beard
Ennis	Chowdhary	Duveen
Hanley	T Harris	
P Jones	Skeats	
Stainthorp	Stevens	
Tickner	Willis	

Planning Applications Committee (6:6:2)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillors</u>
Edwards	Ballsdon	Bayes
Hanley	Chaudhri	C Harris
Page	Janjua	
Ruhemann	Pugh	
Stainthorp	Rynn	
Watson	Steele	

Personnel Committee (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hanley	Chowdhary	Bayes
Lovelock	Steele	
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(or nominees)

Standards Committee (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Maskell	Byrne	Beard
Tickner	Skeats	
Watson		

Together with the following independent member:

A. Lee MBE
Mr J Hicks
Revd. Canon B Shenton

Named Substitutes (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hartley	Steele	Bayes

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SCRUTINY PANELS

Corporate, Community & External Affairs Scrutiny Panel (5:5:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillors</u>	<u>Independent Councillor</u>
Edwards	Byrne	Bayes	T Jones
Hanley	Chowdhary	Epps	
P Jones	Cumpsty		
Singleton-White	Stevens		
Stainthorp	Townend		

Named Substitutes (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Merriott	Willis	Benson

Culture and Sport Scrutiny Panel (4:4:2)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillors</u>
Hanley	T Harris	Beard
Merriott	Rynn	Swaine
Stainthorp	Skeats	
Watson	Stanway	

Named Substitutes (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
P Jones	Stevens	Bayes

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel (4:4:2)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillors</u>
P Jones	Ballsdon	Bayes
Khan	Lockett	C Harris
Stainthorp	Ralph	
Watson	Warman	

Named Substitutes (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Edwards	Pugh	Epps

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Environment Scrutiny Panel (4:4:2)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillors</u>
Ayub Edwards Khan Maskell	Hussain Stanway Warman Willis	Duveen Goodall

Named Substitutes (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Watson	Luckett	Beard

Housing, Health & Community Care Scrutiny Panel (4:4:2)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillors</u>
Ayub Hanley Merriott Singleton-White	Byrne T Harris Janjua Ralph	Beard Benson

Named Substitutes (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Khan	Rynn	C Harris

- (2) That, further to Minute 7(1) of the Education Committee on 7 July 1998, and Minute 141 of the Policy and Implementation Committee on 8 February 2000, one nominee from the Church of England Diocese of Oxford and one nominee from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth be co-opted in the capacity of Church Governors and two parent governors be co-opted, as non-Councillor members of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel, for the Municipal Year 2008/09, and with the right to vote on education matters only as set out in Standing Order 40 and in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution.
- (3) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on Appeals and Complaints Panels in the Municipal Year 2008/09:

Appeals Pool from which Members will be drawn to serve on the Curriculum Complaints Panel or the Removal of Early Years Providers Appeals Panel, as required by regulation.

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>
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	<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Councillors</u>
Hoskin	Byrne	Bayes
P Jones	Cumpsty	
Lovelock	Lockett	
	Pugh	
	Ralph	
	Skeats	

School Transport and Awards Appeals Panel (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Councillor</u>	<u>Democrat</u>
Edwards	Lockett	Bayes	
Gittings	Ralph		
P Jones			

or nominees

Secure Accommodation Panel

Councillor Ruhemann
(Standing Deputy: Councillor Gittings)

Discretionary Parking Permits Appeals Panel (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Councillor</u>	<u>Democrat</u>
Ayub	Townend	Duveen	
Merriott	Willis		
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- (4) That the following Councillors be appointed to represent the Borough Council on the partnership bodies listed below for the Municipal Year 2008/09:

Healthier Reading Partnership (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Councillor</u>	<u>Democrat</u>
Orton	T Harris	Benson	
Merriott	Ralph		
Watson			

Safer Reading Campaign (3:2:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Councillor</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent Councillor</u>
Ayub	Chowdhary	Benson		T Jones
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Tickner				

Reading Compact Group (3:2:1)

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<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Khan Ruhemann Tickner	Lockett Townend	Goodall

- (5) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on education bodies in the Municipal Year 2008/09:

SACRE (2:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hartley Khan	Ballsdon Janjua	Swaine

School Admissions Forum (2:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hartley P Jones	Ballsdon Ralph	Bayes

School Improvement Panel (2:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hartley P Jones	Ralph Warman	Bayes

Parenting Panel (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Edwards Ennis Ruhemann	Ballsdon Lockett	C Harris

- (6) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on Advisory and Consultative Working Parties, Panels and Forums in the Municipal Year 2008/09:

Access Forum (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Ayub Khan Orton	Byrne Hussain	Beard

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Ethnic Minorities Forum (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Ayub Ruhemann Tickner	Hussain Townend	Swaine

Pensioners' Working Group (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hoskin Khan Orton	Janjua Ralph	Beard

Arts Forum (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hoskin Stainthorp Watson	Rynn Stanway	Swaine

Sports Development Forum (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Gittings Hoskin Tickner	T Harris Lockett	Beard

Town Twinning Group (2:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Maskell Tickner	Cumpsty Skeats	C Harris

Mayor - ex-officio

Transport Users' Forum (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Ayub Merriott	Warman Willis	Duveen

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Green City and Open Spaces Forum (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Ayub Gittings Khan	Pugh Stanway	Goodall

- (7) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on Member:Officer Working Parties in the Municipal Year 2008/09:

Planning Management Panel (2:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hanley Watson	Ballsdon Pugh	Bayes

or nominees

Traffic Management Advisory Panel (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Ayub Merriott Page	Townend Willis	Duveen

Local Joint Forum (3:2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u>	<u>Conservative Councillors</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hanley Lovelock Page	Hussain Willis	Bayes

Corporate, Community and External Affairs Management Panel (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Hanley	Stevens	Epps

or nominees

Culture and Sport Management Panel (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Stainthorp	Stanway	Swaine

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or nominees

Education and Children's Services Management Panel (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
P Jones	Ralph	Bayes

or nominees

Environment Management Panel (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Edwards	Willis	Duveen

or nominees

Housing, Health and Community Care Management Panel (1:1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u>	<u>Conservative Councillor</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Councillor</u>
Singleton-White	Byrne	Benson

or nominees

- (8) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on Safer Community Forums in the Municipal Year 2008-09:

Oxford Road	Councillors Ayub, Hoskin and Maskell
Caversham	Councillors Ballsdon, Pugh, Ralph and Stanway
East	Councillors Goodall, Hartley and Tickner
South	Councillors Benson, Hanley, Swaine and Townend
Southcote & Norcot	Councillors Ennis and Lovelock
Minster	Councillor Watson
Kentwood & Tilehurst	Councillors Duveen and Rynn

- (9) That the terms of reference of the above bodies be as set out in Appendix A to the Monitoring Officer's report on the Powers and Duties of the Council and Committees etc.

- (10) That the following Councillors be appointed as Chair (and, where indicated, Vice-Chair) of the Council's consultative and advisory Working Parties, Panels and Forums, or as the Council's Lead Councillors on partnership bodies:

<u>Working Party etc</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Access Forum	Councillor Orton
Arts Forum	Councillor Hoskin
Discretionary Parking Permits Appeals Panel	Councillor Page

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Ethnic Minorities Forum	Councillor Tickner
Green City and Open Spaces Forum	Councillor Gittings
Healthier Reading Partnership	Non-Councillor
Local Joint Forum	Non-Councillor
Parenting Panel	Councillor Ruhemann
Pensioners Working Group	Councillor Orton
Reading Compact Group	Non-Councillor
SACRE	Councillor Hartley (nominee)
Safer Reading Campaign	Councillor Tickner
School Admissions Forum	Councillor Hartley
School Improvement Panel	Councillor Hartley
School Transport & Awards Appeals Panel	Councillor P Jones
Sports Development Forum	Councillor Gittings
Town Twinning Group	To be agreed
Traffic Management Advisory Panel	Councillor Page (Vice-Chair, Councillor Merriott)
Transport Users Forum	Councillor Page

(11) That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Safer Community Forums be as follows:

<u>Forum</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>
Oxford Road	Councillor Maskell	Non-Councillor
Caversham	Non-Councillor	Councillor Stanway
East	Non-Councillor	Councillor Tickner
South	Councillor Benson	Non-Councillor
Southcote and Norcot	Councillor Ennis	Non-Councillor
Minster	Councillor Watson	Non-Councillor
Kentwood and Tilehurst	Councillor Rynn	Non-Councillor

9. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS/VICE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND SCRUTINY PANELS

It was MOVED by Councillor Lovelock and SECONDED by Councillor Page and CARRIED:

Resolved -

That the Councillors named below be appointed Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following Committees and Scrutiny Panels for the Municipal Year 2008/09:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Licensing Applications	Councillor Skeats	Councillor P Jones
Planning Applications	Councillor Hanley	Councillor Bayes
Personnel	Councillor Lovelock	Councillor Steele
Standards	Mr J Hicks	Councillor Maskell

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Scrutiny Panel	Chair	Vice-Chair
Corporate, Community & External Affairs	Councillor Stevens	Councillor Epps
Culture & Sport	Councillor Stanway	Councillor Swaine
Education & Children's Services	Councillor Ralph	Councillor Bayes
Environment	Councillor Duveen	Councillor Willis
Housing, Health & Community Care	Councillor Benson	Councillor Byrne

10. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2008/2009

It was **MOVED** by the Mayor and **SECONDED** by the Deputy Mayor and **CARRIED**:

Resolved -

That, before the day of the Annual Meeting in 2009, meetings of the Council be held at half-past six o'clock in the afternoon on 24 June, 14 October and 18 November 2008, and 27 January, 24 February and 31 March 2009, unless the Mayor shall specify some other date and time.

(The meeting closed at 7.14pm).