

SALFORD CITY COUNCIL

29th August, 2018

Meeting commenced: 9.30 a.m.
“ ended: 9.55 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ronnie Wilson - Chair of the Council and
Ceremonial Mayor

Mr Paul Dennett - City Mayor

Councillors Derek Antrobus, Samantha Bellamy, Barbara Bentham, Paula Boshell, Adrian Brocklehurst, Bob Clarke, Jillian Collinson, Richard Critchley, Jim Dawson, Stuart Dickman, Laura Edwards, John Ferguson, Bill Hinds, Jimmy Hunt, David Jolley, Roger Jones, Tracy Kelly, Jim King, David Lancaster, Ari Leitner, Kate Lewis, Iain Lindley, Charlie McIntyre, John Merry, Margaret Morris, Wilson Nkurunziza, Mike Pevitt, Gina Reynolds, Neil Reynolds, Brendan Ryan, Arnold Saunders, Robert Sharpe, Peter Taylor, Joan Walsh, John Walsh, John Warmisham Colette Weir, Michael Wheeler and Paul Wilson.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Michele Barnes, Tanya Burch, Christopher Clarkson, Peter Connor, Peter Dobbs, Heather Fletcher, Karen Garrido, Robin Garrido, Stephen Hesling, Ray Mashiter, Stephen Ord, Lisa Stone and Les Turner.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21. BOUNDARY REVIEW - WARDING PATTERNS

(Previous Minute 95 - 16th May 2018)

Councillor John Merry, Deputy City Mayor, submitted a report which detailed Salford City Council's draft submission and in turn would form its formal response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) consultation on Salford's warding pattern. This review had been caused as a result of the number of wards with electoral imbalances across the City, and therefore an unfair representation at local government elections.

Councillor John Merry outlined the reasoning and methodology in formulating the City Council's proposals and commented that, it was hoped these represented a balanced locally devised and influenced solution to the matter, so preventing one being imposed by the LGBCE.

Councillor Iain Lindley announced that the Conservative Group, were unable to support the proposals, now presented, in their entirety and they would instead be making their own submission direct to the LGBCE as part of the wider consultation process. As a result, they would be abstaining from any vote on the draft submission now presented. He went on to express concerns that the draft submission had been published on the Salford City Council website, but giving the impression it had already been agreed, without the need for it to be formally approved by Council. Councillor John Merry apologised for this error and confirmed the draft submission was subject to approval at today's Council meeting.

Councillor John Merry, Councillor Tracy Kelly, Councillor Roger Jones and Councillor Paul Wilson all expressed concerns that the Conservative Group were unable to present their alternative warding pattern proposals at the meeting, or give an indication of those elements of the draft submission, they could not give their support to. In response, Councillor Iain Lindley said this had been in part due to them not having the same officer support and other resources available to them as the Labour Group to do this. Councillor John Merry said this was not the case and they had an identical level of support and resources at their disposal.

Councillor John Merry proposed the endorsement of the proposed warding patterns, which was seconded by Councillor Derek Antrobus. A vote was then taken by a show of hands, following which it was:-

RESOLVED: THAT the Council endorses the draft warding patterns submission now presented and this be forwarded to the LGBCE by the deadline of 3rd September 2018 .

A full audio/visual recording of these proceedings can be found on the Salford City Council website [Council 29 August 2018 Webcast](#)