

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**25 MAY, 2010**

Minutes of the Meeting of Flintshire County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Mold on Tuesday 25 May, 2010.

**PRESENT: Councillor W. O. Thomas (Chairman)**

Councillors: L. A. Aldridge, Eng. K. Armstrong-Braun, J. B. Attridge, G. H. Bateman, M. Bateman, R. C. Bithell, C. S. Carver, J. C. Cattermoul, D. L. Cox, P. J. Curtis, A. J. Davies-Cooke, A. G. Diskin, G. D. Diskin, Q. R. H. Dodd, R. Dolphin, B. Dunn, C. A. Ellis, E. F. Evans, J. E. Falshaw, V. Gay, R. J. T. Guest, A. M. Halford, G. Hardcastle, P. G. Heesom, C. Hinds, H. T. Howorth, R. Hughes, H. D. Hutchinson, H. T. Isherwood, G. James, R. Johnson, C. M. Jones, N. M. Jones, S. Jones, R. P. Macfarlane, D. I. Mackie, D. L. Mackie, N. M. Matthews, D. McFarlane, H. J. McGuill, A. Minshull, W. Mullin, E. W. Owen, M. J. Peers, P. R. Pemberton, N. Phillips, H. G. Roberts, I. B. Roberts, L. A. Sharps, N. R. Steele-Mortimer, D. T. Williams, D. E. Wisinger, A. Woolley, M. G. Wright and H. Yale

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors: S. R. Baker, D. Barratt, E. G. Cooke, R. Davies, C. J. Dolphin, F. Gillmore, R. G. Hampson, N. Humphreys, R. B. Jones, C. Legg, T. Newhouse, M. A. Reece, A. P. Shotton and C. A. Thomas

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development, Team Manager – Committee Services and Committee Officer

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERSHEDES**

Mark Hammerton and Dennis Cooper

**10. PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened with Prayers said by Councillor Neville Phillips.

**11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services explained that the Standard Committee had met the previous evening and had granted dispensation to Councillors A. M. Halford and P. G. Heesom to speak on agenda item number 4 but not to vote.

12. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting as the following item was considered to be exempt by virtue of paragraphs 12, 14 and 16 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

13. **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services introduced the report. He ensured that each Member had a copy of the confidential file and explained that the document was not to be taken out of the meeting. Members had been invited to read the file before the meeting on an appointment basis but due to the privileged nature of the Advice, had not been able to take copies of any of the documents or take the file away.

The Head of Legal and Democratic introduced Mr Mark Hammerton and Mr Dennis Cooper of Eversheds and explained they had been advising the Personnel Committee throughout its duration. Mr. Hammerton provided a comprehensive summary of the legal advice and both he and Mr. Cooper responded to the questions from Members.

The Chairman of the Personnel Committee made a recommendation to the Council which was duly seconded by Councillor Eng. Klaus Armstrong-Braun.

Following a lengthy debate, a recorded vote was requested and the requisite number of Members stood in support of this. On being put to the vote the recommendation of the Personnel Committee was lost with 12 votes for the motion, 22 against, and 11 abstentions.

For the recommendation –

**Councillors:** Eng. K. Armstrong-Braun, R. J. T. Guest, R. Hughes, G. James, D. I. Mackie, D. L. Mackie, H. J. McGuill, M. J. Peers, N. Phillips, H. G. Roberts, L. A. Sharps and A. Woolley.

Against the recommendation –

**Councillors:** J. B. Attridge, G. H. Bateman, M. Bateman, R. C. Bithell, C. S. Carver, J. C. Cattermoul, A. J. Davies-Cooke, B. Dunn, J. E. Falshaw, V. Gay, G. Hardcastle, C. Hinds, H. T. Isherwood, R. Johnson, N. M. Jones, D. McFarlane, E. W. Owen, P. R. Pemberton, N. R. Steele-Mortimer, W. O. Thomas, M. G. Wright and H. Yale.

Abstentions –

**Councillors:** L. A. Aldridge, D. L. Cox, G. D. Diskin, C. A. Ellis, E. F. Evans, C. M. Jones, S. Jones, R. P. Macfarlane, A. Minshull, I. B. Roberts and D. E. Wisinger.

**RESOLVED**

That the recommendation of the Personnel Committee be refused.

**14. DURATION OF MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m. and ended at 1.25 p.m.

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**Chairman**

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT**

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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MIN. NO. REFERS</b>
NONE		