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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on

Thursday, 27th May 2010

At

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CIVIC HALL, LEEDS

In the Chair:

THE LORD MAYOR
(Councillor J Elliott)
(Councillor J McKenna)

VERBATIM REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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(In the Chair - the Lord Mayor, Councillor Judith Elliott)

THE LORD MAYOR: May I ask, please, that all mobile telephones and other electrical equipment be switched off whilst you are here in this Chamber?

I have some announcements to make. First of all I would like to welcome those newly elected Members to this meeting and wish them well for the future. *(hear hear) (Applause)*

As you will know by now, the city gained a Gold Medal for its stunning elite show garden entry. *(Applause)*. The Hesco Garden 2010 produced by the Council's Parks and Countryside staff with the engineering design and support from sponsors Hesco Bastion Ltd, the show garden was absolutely stunning and impressed judges and visitors alike to earn the highest ranking level of award at this prestigious event.

This is a wonderful achievement for the city of Leeds and, of course, for the Parks and Countryside team, as well as our sponsors, Hesco Bastion.

The theme of the garden is to celebrate the green links which connect the city to the countryside in and around Leeds, as well as protecting the local environment and raising awareness of the health benefits that green spaces provide.

When I visited the garden earlier this week I was delighted to meet a pupil from St Mary's School, Middleton, who was the winner of the postcard competition. Children from local schools have taken part in a special education project and competition to help them learn about the value and importance of protecting green spaces. I am sure you will join me in congratulating all concerned on this magnificent achievement for Leeds. *(Applause)*

Tonight marks the end of what has been a wonderful year for me. I have considered it to be a great honour in the last year to have been the First Citizen of our great city, a role which I have never in my wildest dreams imagined I would be undertaking.

I have seen the role as that of being an ambassador for Leeds and this belief has been the guiding influence in how I have sought to carry out my work both at home and abroad. An illustration of just how ambassadorial this role can be was that whilst I was acting as a Returning Officer in the recent General Elections, the son of friends of ours who was at that time in China rang to tell his parents that at that very moment he was watching me live on TV. It makes you think, doesn't it?

It would have been impossible for me to carry out the number of functions which I have done or represented Leeds as I have tried to do were it not for the support and professionalism of the Lord Mayor's Office. Steven McCue and his staff and John Wilson and his team have been tremendous and I thank them most sincerely for the help and support which they have provided during the year.

I was delighted when Councillor Andy Barker indicated that he and his wife, Diane, would be pleased to take on the role of Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress. They have proved to be naturals in representing this Council and this city and I thank them most sincerely for this.

When I began the year's work I was advised to say that Leeds was a vibrant, diverse, progressive and inclusive city. Unusually, I did as I was advised and what good advice it turned out to be, for that is exactly how I have found the city to be.

Travelling the length and breadth of Leeds, I have quickly grown to appreciate just how large it is and to appreciate also the great number of volunteers who work day in and day out and week in and week out to ensure that the various sections and age groups within our community are helped, developed and protected.

Many of these individuals have emerged wearing different hats in more than one area of work volunteering. They make such a difference to our community and the quality of life which is so improved as a result of their efforts. I have also been extremely fortunate in the number of major events which have fallen during my year of office, including several which had national and international significance. I have enjoyed them all and it has been a tremendous pleasure to meet so many people from within and outside Leeds who I would otherwise not have met; in the process, I must add, also coming across others who I have not met for years.

I have also been extremely fortunate that my year has coincided with one of the years in office of a very remarkable lady – I am referring here to Dr Ingrid Roscoe, our Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, who has done, is doing and I know will continue to do such sterling work in our area on behalf of the Queen.

Jeremy Burton, as High Sheriff, has also been charming and accommodating and supportive, for which I am very grateful.

One of the real pluses for me during the last twelve months has been the number of confident, alert, friendly and welcoming young people that I have met. These young people are the future of our society and, judging by my experience of them, our future is in good hands. Aided by a multitude of paid and unpaid teachers, trainers and supporters, our talented youngsters are ready to take on the world, and a delight it is to see, too.

Cities like Leeds do not just happen to grow into great cities and great communities. They do so because of the efforts, time and expertise put into them and by the vision of those within the area.

As you will mostly be aware – perhaps too well aware at times – I am from Morley and I am well familiar with what goes on there. Do you know what? Pretty much the same is going on in all parts of Leeds with the same effort, time, expertise and commitment being in evidence in every part which I have visited and we as a Council need to be continually aware of this and supportive of these activities whenever we possibly can.

I would like to conclude with a few big, sincere thank yous. Due to the efforts of a great number of individuals, departments of Leeds City Council and other organisations, orchestrated and guided by the Lord Mayor's Charity Committee, approximately £50,000 has been raised in this year's Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal. *(Applause)* Create, the Samaritans and Riding for the Disabled will benefit greatly from this and I am very grateful to all who have helped in the raising of this sum.

My thanks also to Councillors Andrew Carter and Richard Brett for supporting my nomination at the last AGM, and to all of my Morley Borough Independent colleagues who have backed me and been there for me during that period.

Councillor Robert Finnigan is the person who made this happen and I shall be everlastingly grateful to him and to Lisa for what has been a wonderful experience.

To all who have supported me in any way whatsoever a big, big thank you and what a note to go out on, the result that I, along with many others, was willing to happen – a Gold at Chelsea. Thank you. *(Applause)*

I would like now to indicate that, following the dispatch of the Summons together with a complete set of initial schedules on 19th May 2010 further and revised papers were admitted to the agenda as follows:

- (1) Revised schedules 8(b)(i) and 8(c) together with a revised first two pages of item 10 were issued on 21st May.
- (2) Labour Group amendments to items 6, 7, 8 and 10 and a revised schedule 11 were issued on 25th May.
- (3) Final versions of schedules and alternative schedules (Labour amendments 8(b)(i), (ii) and (iii)) have been admitted to the agenda as attachments to the Order Paper for this meeting.

ITEM 1 – ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

THE LORD MAYOR: I now come to item 1 on the agenda and I would call on Councillor Keith Wakefield.

COUNCILLOR WAKEFIELD: Thank you, Lord Mayor. Before I do can I, on behalf of the Labour Group, thank you for your chairing of the Council in the last twelve months, which I always thought you have done with fairness and firmness and, above all, objectivity. *(Applause)*

There will be a few words later on from Councillor Atha but I would like to say that on behalf of the Labour Group.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you.

COUNCILLOR WAKEFIELD: Now I have great pleasure in moving that Councillor James McKenna – as he likes to be called – be moved as the next Lord Mayor of Leeds within the terms of the Notice. Thank you, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you, Councillor Wakefield. I now call on Councillor Andrew Carter to second.

COUNCILLOR A CARTER: My Lord Mayor, I have pleasure in seconding the nomination of Councillor James McKenna to be Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds in the coming year.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. We will go straight to the vote, please. *(A vote was taken)* This is CARRIED. *(Applause)*

May I congratulate you, Councillor McKenna, on becoming Lord Mayor and your wife, Councillor McKenna, on becoming the Lady Mayoress for the forthcoming year and wish you all the best for that.

We are now going to leave for a brief adjournment of the meeting and leave the Council Chamber with the newly elected Lord Mayor.

(The Sergeant at Mace escorted the outgoing Lord Mayor, Chief

*Executive and Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)
from the Chamber.*

The newly elected Lord Mayor left the Chamber.

*The newly elected Lord Mayor entered the Chamber, occupied the
Chair and the meeting recommenced.)*

(In the Chair – the Lord Mayor, Councillor James McKenna)

THE LORD MAYOR: I know it is a very important meeting that we have before us and I do not intend to say too much. There will be an opportunity for that later on. Can I just thank you all for doing me and my family the very great honour of electing me Lord Mayor of Leeds. Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

ITEM 2 – VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we go on to Item 2, please, Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Lord Mayor. May I call on Robert Finnigan, please, Councillor Finnigan.

COUNCILLOR FINNIGAN: Thank you, Lord Mayor. It is a pleasure and a privilege to propose a vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor, Councillor Judith Elliott.

Although Judith's elevation was not without controversy, there is no doubt that her stewardship has been a roaring success, bringing communities together, unifying the city and promoting Leeds in a positive way across the country and world.

When Morley agreed to lend Judith to the city of Leeds, we knew that Leeds was gaining a real asset - a genuine jewel in the crown. Judith's ambassadorial skills, her ability to bring together communities and to relate to everyone, regardless of whether they are a prince or a pauper, was legendary and it was a skill we believed would help to positively promote our great city.

Judith has tirelessly campaigned on behalf of Leeds and all its surrounding communities. She has backed the bid to bring the World Cup to our city, has promoted better business links with Europe and China and is at her best when she is working a room to bring more jobs and business into the city.

Judith is the first woman Lord Mayor of Leeds for many years and has brought a certain style and glamour to the role. We regard her as Morley's version of Audrey Hepburn! Her dress sense can often be seen as flamboyant – indeed her husband, Terry, claims that the recent banking crisis in Britain resulted from the regular withdrawals Judith was making from his account to support her wardrobe! Her style and elegance adds to the role of the Lord Mayor and her image became an iconic symbol of Englishness when she visited China.

Judith's chairing of full Council meetings has also been a eye-opener for us all. Let's face it, full Council meetings are about controlling the rabble that we all degenerate into, especially close to election time. Judith has been firm but fair, has helped us all to avoid spiralling downwards into the political mire which does little to enhance our reputation across Leeds.

Indeed, the highlight for many of us over the last municipal year was the Great Twitter Scandal of 2010 *(laughter)* when a debate in the Council Chamber was

being broadcast live by a Twitterer who, thankfully, is no longer with us. (*hear, hear*)
(*Applause*)

We were all fascinated when Judith, with her most formal school ma'am look and voice, demanded to know who had breached this protocol in the Council Chamber and the Chamber erupted when the wrong culprit accepted the blame.
(*laughter*)

One of the final engagements Judith undertook was to attend Chelsea Flower Show and it was a pleasure for her to be attending as our First Citizen when Leeds took a Gold Award. I asked Judith about her impressions of the day and she told me she had a pleasurable time promoting the excellent work the Leeds team had undertaken and spent a good part of her day waving regally at people as they passed by. Indeed, it was rumoured that the Queen claimed she had learned all there was to know about waving from Judith Elliott!

To conclude, Lord Mayor, it has been a great year for Judith Elliott and a great year for Leeds. The city's reputation has been enhanced and the role of Lord Mayor has again been confirmed as a unifying one which brings all our diverse communities together.

We have missed her over the last year but we warmly welcome her back to her home town of Morley. Her year has been a good year which has enhanced the reputation of the town of Morley and the city of Leeds. We all owe her our gratitude and thanks. Thank you, Lord Mayor. (*Applause*)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Bernard Atha, please.

COUNCILLOR ATHA: I defer to Councillor Carter.

THE LORD MAYOR: I apologise, Councillor Andrew Carter, please.

COUNCILLOR A CARTER: It's more difficult than it looks, isn't it, Lord Mayor! (*laughter*) On that note, can I begin by wishing you and the Lady Mayoress a very happy, successful and healthy year. I know that being Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress can bring its strains and tribulations so I do hope you have an excellent year.

My Lord Mayor, it is a pleasure for me to be able to second the vote of thanks to Judith and I want to couple with that Terry and, indeed, the rest of the civic team, Andy and Diane, for doing such a terrific job.

There actually is a lot of team work involved because the number of engagements that Lord Mayors get is very large indeed and without the team that is committed to actually seeing the job through, it must be very difficult indeed, so thanks to all of you.

When we were in Chelsea this last few days I said to Terry, "You must be looking forward to getting back to normal" and he said, very ruefully, "I don't think we will ever get back to normal!" I am sure you will. It has been a great year and if anyone ever had any doubts, Judith, they were very quickly dispelled by the way in which you conducted everything you did on behalf of this city.

As has already been said, the problem with seconding – and even more when you follow on from the seconder in thanking somebody – everything has already been said, but I will repeat again, your chairing of Council meetings was exemplary and often, Lord Mayors are remembered particularly by the way in which they chaired

Council meetings, particularly by their colleagues, and all of us, I am sure, agree that you were firm but very fair indeed.

The Council meetings actually, despite the derogatory but very correct comments that Councillor Finnigan made about the rest of us, you did manage to keep us in better order than has sometimes been the case with other Lord Mayors – I mention no names.

It is also the work, of course, that the Lord Mayor does promoting the city within its boundaries and around the world. I have had the great pleasure of working with you on a number of occasions and it is absolutely amazing the way in which you – I think the term is – ‘work a room’ because when we were in Barcelona we had a lot of guests there – pretty important guests – and there were a lot of people at this particular event and the Lord Mayor not only went round once and spoke to every single person in that room, but then went round a second time and did it again. I can tell you, the impression that was given to the people we had invited there to whom we were promoting our city was exceptional. I know that you did that repeatedly wherever you went, whether it was here or whether it was when you were promoting our city abroad.

For it, it has been a huge privilege and pleasure to work with you as Lord Mayor of our great city. I have seen you at numerous events, sporting events where you were cheering loudly for Leeds Rhinos. Those of you who were present last year when Judith became Lord Mayor will perhaps recall I made a comment about her being very fortunate because she would be able to go and see an Ashes match and she looked at me very quizzically when I said “Ashes” and I very rudely suggested that the civilised English game had obviously not quite reached Morley. *(Laughter)* I was pretty much disabused of that because at the Test Match she was extremely disappointed to find England were pretty roundly thumped and the match lasted, I think, two days. Indeed, the Leader of the Opposition had tickets for the Sunday and found himself with nothing to watch at all! Anyway, better luck this coming year.

Can I just conclude by saying, you have mentioned the Gold Medal at Chelsea which was truly great but, Judith, you have been our golden girl. Thank you very much for all you have done. *(Applause)*

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call on Councillor Atha now, please.

COUNCILLOR ATHA: Lord Mayor, may I initially thank you for being in that chair and hope that you will be able to follow the very good example of your immediate predecessor who, as two people have said from the opposing benches, how fair and reasonable you were with the Council, even when they were being highly unreasonable.

The other reason I think we hold you in great affection – and I can say that without affectation – is the fact that your year started with a certain amount of disharmony but immediately achieved a harmonious level. I, like Councillor Carter, have seen you on many an occasion and the grace, the kindness and the generosity and, of all, the warmth that you exude has made you extraordinarily popular wherever you go. Certainly my own ward of Kirkstall, where you had some of the Kirkstall children from a deprived estate in this Chamber playing the part of the Councillors, and I may say with a lot better form and better manners than we ever displayed, those children still remember it as something quite memorable.

We know you have been forced into having a consort who has been a kindred spirit. Wherever he goes he seems to affect people similarly with that warmth and pleasure at meeting people. To you both, thank you very much on behalf of all of us,

not just the Labour Party. You have done a fine job – one of the best Lord Mayors I think we have known. Only lack of modesty permits me to say who was best.
(Applause) (Laughter)

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call on Councillor Richard Brett now, please.

COUNCILLOR BRETT: Thank you, Lord Mayor. Can I too start by wishing the new Lord Mayor well and the Lady Mayoress. I am sure you will enjoy your year.

On behalf of my party in particular and, of course, everyone, I want to associate myself with some of the things that have already been said, Judith, but I want to pick out three things that have particularly impressed me.

In my book we do not have bad Lord Mayors. There are really only two categories. There are good Lord Mayors and there are outstanding Lord Mayors and you, Judith, have been absolutely outstanding.

As evidence I want to point to three things. First of all, the organisations that you have chosen to help. I thought I knew about Create until I went to visit them and if there is anyone here who has not been to visit Create in Holbeck, please go. You will be surprised how inventive they are in the things that they do.

The second thing has already been touched on but it is strong in my memory because on 24th July there was a huge event out front where we were welcoming returning troops home from Afghanistan and the Yorkshire Regiment were parading. Many of us were here on that day, it was a beautiful day and there was a surprisingly large crowd. After the troops had started their 30 minute march around the city, most of us just started talking among ourselves, but not the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor immediately sense that her position was to cross over the area where the march past was taking place and to begin to talk to family members and others in the thousand crowd who were there and talk to them about why they were there and what they were doing, and that is typical of the sixth sense that Judith has in dealing with a crowd.

I thought this was going to be mentioned by a previous speaker but one of the things that has happened this year, of course, has been the Piano Competition. I have to say that when Councillor Carter and I were involved with meeting Dame Fanny, we could not stop her singing your praises for the way in which you had dealt with many of the people involved in that competition.

I must, of course, thank Andy Barker and Diane for the work that they have done as the Deputy Lord Mayor and a final confession. I confess, Judith, that I misled you because I had been led to believe that the Lord Mayor's team and the Leaders' team did their best to maximise the Leaders and Lord Mayors going to different events so, as you recall, shortly after you became Lord Mayor I said to you, "I am not going to see much of you in this year because we normally try and make sure that we do not have events where Leaders and Lord Mayors go there at the same time, it is unnecessarily doubling up." I have to say to you that I was completely wrong over that. There have been quite a number of events where we have been together, many of them extremely memorable, and it has been an enormous pleasure for me to work with such a class act. Thank you indeed. (Applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I now call on Councillor Ann Blackburn.

COUNCILLOR A BLACKBURN: Thank you, Lord Mayor. I think that, as has been said before, as I am the last one, of course, it has all been said, but not quite. Of course I support the vote of thanks to Judith Elliott, our retiring Lord Mayor, but I

also know that Judith with one of her charities, Create, has actually made a Green Mark on the city because Create opened a charity shop in St John's Centre and it is an upmarket charity shop – if anyone has not been I do urge you to go. I have called in on quite a few occasions there and I think it is the way that charity shops will probably be going because it really is an upmarket one and thank you very much for encouraging Create and helping Create to do that.

Also on a more local note for me, one of the first engagements that Judith carried out was actually in my ward, I am pleased to say, and it was when she came to unveil one of the Civic Trust's Blue Plaques, the first one in Wortley, that is on an old building that is now offices but actually it was in bygone times the old Wortley Grammar School and Judith joined myself and my colleagues afterwards and she really mingled again, as Judith does, with everybody that was gathered there and I know with being on her Lord Mayor's Committee as well what a fantastic job she has done and she really has been a fantastic Lord Mayor. Thank you. (*Applause*)

ITEM 3 – DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Could we now move on to Item 3, please?
Councillor Wakefield.

COUNCILLOR WAKEFIELD: Thank you, Lord Mayor. I am delighted to move that Councillor Patrick Davey be the next Deputy Lord Mayor within the terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor. (*Applause*)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Carter?

COUNCILLOR A CARTER: I second, my Lord Mayor, in the terms of the Notice.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we vote? (*A vote was taken*) Thank you, that is clearly CARRIED.

ITEM 4 – MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st April 2010

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we move on to item 4? Councillor Bentley, please.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: Thank you, Lord Mayor, and may I offer you my congratulations too for the future year. I move in terms of the Notice.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call on Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR GRUEN: And I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call for a vote on the minutes? (*A vote was taken*) That is CARRIED, thank you.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we go on to Declarations of Interest? I would like to announce that the list of written declarations submitted by members is on display in the ante-room, on deposit in the public galleries and has been circulated to each member's place in the Chamber.

Can I invite any further individual declarations or corrections to those notified on the list? None. Can we agree that we have all read these declarations, please? (*Show of hands*) That is clearly CARRIED. Thank you.

ITEM 6 – ELECTION OF LEADER

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we now go on to Item 6, Election of Leader. Councillor Sue Bentley, please.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: Thank you, Lord Mayor. I move that Councillor Stewart Golton be elected as Leader of the Council.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Seconded, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call on Councillor Gruen to move an amendment.

COUNCILLOR GRUEN: I move the amendment that Councillor Keith Wakefield be elected as Leader of the Council.

COUNCILLOR NASH: Lord Mayor, I second.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we therefore go to the vote on the amendment?

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Lord Mayor, can I request a recorded vote please?

COUNCILLOR: Seconded.

COUNCILLOR ATHA: Lord Mayor, you have a right to vote on this.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Councillor Atkinson is at the back of the room and therefore is unable to get access to her machine, so we will be taking her votes verbally.

Can I just confirm, Councillor Atkinson, that you wish to vote in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the amendment)

THE LORD MAYOR: There are 99 Members present. The “Yes” vote is 50 and the “No” vote is 49. (*Applause*)

This, of course, means that the amendment becomes the substantive motion. Can we now vote on that, please?

COUNCILLOR J L CARTER: Recorded vote, please Lord Mayor.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Again, Councillor Atkinson, can I confirm that you wish to vote in favour of the substantive motion?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE):
Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion)

THE LORD MAYOR: Again there are 99 Councillors present. The “Yes” vote in favour of the substantive motion in the name of Peter Gruen is 50 and the “No” vote is 49. That means the motion is CARRIED. *(Applause)*

ITEM 7 – RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we go on to Item 7, Recommendations of the General Purposes Committee.

Can I invite any individual members of the Council to indicate if they would wish a separate vote to be held in relation to any individual recommendation of the General Purposes Committee before Council proceeds to consideration of the whole motion and amendments thereto? No. Thank you.

I call on Councillor Andrew Carter.

COUNCILLOR A CARTER: Thank you, my Lord Mayor. I move the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee in the terms of the Notice.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Wakefield.

COUNCILLOR WAKEFIELD: Can I move the amendment in terms of the Notice, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR GRUEN: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call for the vote on the amendment?

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Lord Mayor, may I request a recorded vote?

THE LORD MAYOR: You are voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Wakefield.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE):
Again, can I just confirm with Councillor Atkinson that she wishes to vote in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Wakefield?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE):
Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the amendment)

THE LORD MAYOR: Members of Council, the vote is the same. 99 Members present, 50 in favour of the amendment, 49 against, so the amendment now becomes the substantive motion.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Lord Mayor, may I request a recorded vote, please?

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Again, can I confirm with Councillor Atkinson that she wishes to vote in favour of the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Wakefield?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion)

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I announce again, Members, that the vote is the same. 99 Members present, 50 in favour and 49 against, so therefore the substantive motion is CARRIED.

ITEM 8 – ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPROPRIATE TERMS OF REFERENCE

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we move on to item 8. Councillor Bentley?

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: I move in terms of the Order Paper, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Gruen to move the amendment.

COUNCILLOR GRUEN: I move the amendment for the Labour Group.

COUNCILLOR NASH: Lord Mayor, I second.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we call for the vote in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Lord Mayor, can I request a recorded vote, please?

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Again, can I confirm with Councillor Atkinson that she would wish to vote in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the amendment)

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I announce to Members that the vote again is the same, 99 Members present, 50 in favour of the amendment, 49 against. That means the amendment becomes the substantive motion.

Can we now vote on the substantive motion?

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Lord Mayor, can I request a recorded vote, please?

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Again, can I confirm with Councillor Atkinson that she wishes to vote in favour of the substantive motion the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion)

THE LORD MAYOR: Again, members, there are 99 Councillors present, there are 50 votes in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen and 49 against. I therefore declare Councillor Gruen's amendment CARRIED.

ITEM 8(b)(i) – MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS/PANELS

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we go on to item 8(b), membership of Committees, Boards and Panels. Councillor Bentley.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: I move in terms of the Order Paper, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR GRUEN: I move the Labour amendment again.

COUNCILLOR NASH: I second.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call for a vote on the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: I request a recorded vote, Lord Mayor.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Again, can I confirm with Councillor Atkinson that she wishes to vote in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the amendment)

THE LORD MAYOR: Members, can I announce again, there are 99 Members present, 50 votes in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen and 49 votes against. I therefore declare the amendment CARRIED and is now the substantive motion.

Can we vote for the substantive motion? *(A vote was taken)* The substantive motion is therefore CARRIED.

ITEM 8(b)(ii) MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS AND LICENSING COMMITTEES

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call on Councillor Bentley to move Item 8(b), please, Membership of the Standards and Licensing Committees.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: I move in terms of the Order Paper, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Gruen.

COUNCILLOR GRUEN: Move, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR NASH: My Lord Mayor, I second.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Lord Mayor, can I request a recorded vote.

THE LORD MAYOR: OK.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Again, can I please confirm with Councillor Atkinson that you wish to vote in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE): Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the amendment)

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I inform members there are 99 members present, 50 are in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen and 49 against, therefore the amendment becomes the substantive motion.

Can I ask for a vote on the substantive motion, please? *(A vote was taken)* That is CARRIED, thank you.

ITEM 8(b)(iii) MEMBERSHIP OF AREA COMMITTEES

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we move on to 8(b)(ii). Councillor Bentley?

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: I move in terms of the Order Paper, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call for a vote on that one? *(A vote was taken)*
That is CARRIED.

ITEM 8(c) – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we move on to 8(c), Appointment of Chairs.
Councillor Sue Bentley, please.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: I move in terms of the Order Paper, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR GRUEN: I move the Labour amendment.

COUNCILLOR NASH: My Lord Mayor, I second.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Can we call for a vote in favour of the amendment? Can we call for a vote on the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Recorded vote please, Lord Mayor.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE):
Councillor Atkinson, can I please confirm that you wish to vote in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE):
Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the amendment)

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I announce the result of the vote? It is 99 members present, 50 in favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen and 49 against. That means that it becomes the substantive motion. Can we move to the vote on the substantive motion? *(A vote was taken)* That is CARRIED.

ITEM 8(d) APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we move on to 8(d), please? Councillor Bentley.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: I move in terms of the Order Paper, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call for a vote on the motion? *(A vote was taken)*
That is clearly CARRIED, thank you.

ITEM 9 – SCHEME OF DELEGATION (COUNCIL FUNCTIONS)

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we go on to Item 9, Scheme of Delegation.
Councillor Bentley?

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: I move in terms of the Order Paper, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we call for a vote on the motion? (*A vote was taken*) That is CARRIED.

ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we go to Item 10, Executive Arrangements.
Councillor Bentley.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: I move in terms of the Order Paper, Lord Mayor.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Gruen.

COUNCILLOR GRUEN: I move the Labour amendment.

COUNCILLOR NASH: My Lord Mayor, I second.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we move to a vote on Councillor Gruen's
amendment.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: Recorded vote, Lord Mayor.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE):
Councillor Atkinson, can I confirm, please, that you wish to vote in favour of the
amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen?

COUNCILLOR ATKINSON: Yes.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE):
Thank you.

(A recorded vote was taken on the amendment)

THE LORD MAYOR: The vote is the same again, 99 Members present, 50 in
favour of the amendment in the name of Councillor Gruen and 49 against.

That now becomes the substantive motion. Can we move to the vote on that,
please? (*A vote was taken*) The substantive motion is therefore CARRIED.

ITEM 11 – PROPOSED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

THE LORD MAYOR: Can we come to Item 11, Proposed Calendar of
Meetings. Councillor Bentley.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: Thank you, Lord Mayor. For the last time I move in terms of the Order Paper.

COUNCILLOR J PROCTER: I second, Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call for a vote on the motion? *(A vote was taken)* That is clearly CARRIED. Thank you.

Members, that concludes the business for this evening. Thank you very much for your patience. We have got through it and, please, I will see you all in the Museum fairly shortly. Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

(The meeting closed at 7.07pm)