

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

22 June 2009 at 7.30 pm

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor P B Tuley) in the Chair

Members of the
Council present:

Councillors A Alderson, J R Ashmore, Mrs P I Broadhead, J Broadhead, M J Brown, C Chapman, D A Cotty, A J Davis, Mrs R M Denby, R J Edis, J M Edwards, P A Francis, J R Furey, Mrs C E Gant, Mrs E Gill, Mrs L M Gillham, Mrs M T Harnden, R N Jones, C Knight, M T Kusneraitis, Mrs Y P Lay, C J Norman, D W Parr, L C Pouyanne, A S T Ridge-Newman, Mrs M Roberts, P I Roberts, N Stewert, P Taylor, A P Tollett, P B Tuley, P J Waddell, Mrs G Warner, J J Wilson and G B Woodger

Members of the
Council absent:

Councillors Mrs F J Barden, H A Butterfield, D R Hamilton, Miss M N Heath, Mrs G M Kingerley, H W V Meares and Prof A M Moore

114. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Mayor read out the Fire Procedure.

115. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual meeting of Council held on 20 May 2009 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

116. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that his first 30 days as Mayor had been very busy with many events attended. The highlight so far had been the Civic Service at which the Sir William Perkins School Choir had sung very well. The Mayor had attended the Runnymede Scouts AGM at which former Mayor J Broadhead had been elected president. The Mayor had attended the Flying the Flag ceremony earlier in the day where two signalmen from the TA had assisted in the raising of the Armed Forces flag.

The Mayor looked forward to attending the New Haw and Woodham Community Association 60th Anniversary reception (2 July) and the Freedom of Entry to the Borough Ceremony for 94 (Berkshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron (25 July).

117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Barden, Butterfield, Hamilton, Miss Heath, Mrs Kingerley, Meares and Moore.

118. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By resolution of Council, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of this matter under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the discussion would be likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in para 1 of Schedule 12A to Part 1 of the Act.

The Council received the report of the Appointment Sub-Committee and considered the Sub-Committee's recommendation for appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer.

The Leader summarised the recruitment process which had been undertaken and commended Paul Turrell for the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Turrell currently worked as Deputy Chief Executive of Wokingham Council and had previously occupied senior posts at London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, Hammersmith and Fulham and Lambeth.

During the last six months, Mr Turrell had held the position of Acting Chief Executive at Wokingham. Mr Turrell had a record of achievement at both strategic and operational levels.

Councillor Woodger duly seconded the recommendation of Mr Turrell and commented that there was a strong consensus among the Appointment Sub-Committee for Mr Turrell.

The Council unanimously –

RESOLVED that –

- i) subject to the usual references and medical checks, and to the usual probationary period of six months, the post of Chief Executive Officer be offered to Mr Paul Turrell, currently Deputy Chief Executive and General Manager Strategic Priorities at Wokingham Borough Council;**
- ii) subject to suitable clearances having been obtained Mr Turrell take up the post on 1 September 2009; and**
- iii) Mr Turrell's starting salary be £105,000 per annum, within the range £100,000 to £110,000 per annum, subject to the Council's arrangements from time to time for Performance Related Pay and future annual adjustments.**

Mr Turrell having previously indicated his willingness to accept the post if approved by the Council, was then asked by Council to enter the room, and addressed the meeting.

Mr Turrell thanked the Mayor and Members of the Council for his appointment and said that he looked forward to working with them.

Mr Turrell gave a brief resumé of his 30 years career and experience in local government.

Mr Turrell acknowledged the high standing of Runnymede as an excellent Council and its reputation for the delivery of high levels of service to the residents of the Borough. Mr Turrell referred to the challenges which faced the Council and looked forward to building upon the current good standing of the Council.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 7.50 pm)