

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2015**

Present: Councillor Davis in the Chair.

Councillors Bell, Davey, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Farrell, Ferro, Hanratty, Hayfield, Henney, Humphreys, Jarvis, Jenns, Jones, Lea, Lewis, Morson, Moss, Payne, Phillips, Reilly, Simpson, Singh, Smith, Smitten, E Stanley, M Stanley, Sweet, Waters and A Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chambers, Clews, Watkins and D Wright.

Before the commencement of business Councillor Payne led the Council in Prayer.

**18 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Hayfield declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 19 – Devolution and Combined Authorities by reason of being the Portfolio Holder for Education at Warwickshire County Council.

Councillor Davey declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 20 – High Speed 2 Petitioning by reason of his employment.

**19 Devolution and Combined Authorities**

The Chief Executive submitted a report for the consideration of the Council. Earlier in the evening Members had received a presentation and had the opportunity to take part in a question and answer session on the devolution and combined authorities agenda.

It was proposed by Councillor Humphreys, seconded by Councillor M Stanley and

**Resolved:**

- a That the Council continues to be involved in discussions to explore opportunities to deliver its economic development objectives, both through its continuing involvement in the Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Committee and Shadow EPB and LEP and looking potentially at Devolution arrangements including governance both with the proposed West Midlands Combined Authority, or any other proposed alternatives, and Government;**
- b That Council authorise the Leader and Chief Executive to engage with partners on Combined Authority and Devolution arrangement options;**

- c That the implications for the existing relationship with the Coventry and Warwickshire LEP be considered;
- d That officers prepare a report for consideration by Executive Board on what the Council would seek from Devolution arrangements, including governance; and
- e That monthly meetings of the Special Sub-Group, open to all Members, be arranged to report on progress.

20 **High Speed 2 Petitioning**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council submitted a report for the consideration of the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Hayfield and

**Resolved:**

- a That the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be given delegated authority to submit a petition in respect of the additional provisions to the HS2 Hybrid Bill expected to be deposited on 13 July;
- b That the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council be given delegated authority to submit a consultation response to related environmental statement; and
- c That these delegated powers be exercised in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the HS2 spokesmen.

**Chairman of the next ensuing meeting  
of the Council**