

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2015**

Present: Councillor Smitten in the Chair.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chambers, Clews, Davis, Jenns, Simpson and Singh

28 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared by Councillors at the meeting.

29 Devolution and Combined Authorities

At this point in the meeting the Mayor suspended Standing Orders in accordance with Standing Order No 43(1).

The Chief Executive reported on progress since the meeting on 15 July 2015 and the Special Sub-Group on 16 September 2015 and Members were invited to consider the Council's options for Devolution and Combined Authorities.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Humphreys and seconded by Councillor Hayfield

“That the Council does not seek to join the West Midlands Combined Authority at this time because of uncertainty about its functions and responsibilities, particularly the role that Non-Constituent Members would play in it, including voting rights.

This does not rule out the possibility of joining at some future date, but the Council is of the view that there is insufficient information to reach a conclusion within current timescales.”

Upon being put to the meeting the Deputy Mayor declared the motion to be carried.

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