

ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 7 September 2005
(7:00 - 7:36 pm)

PRESENT

Councillor J Davis (Chair)
Councillor W F L Barns (Deputy Chair)

Councillor A Agrawal
Councillor Ms M G Baker
Councillor G J Bramley
Councillor Mrs J E Bruce
Councillor H J Collins
Councillor Mrs J Conyard
Councillor R J Curtis
Councillor C J Fairbrass
Councillor Mrs K J Flint
Councillor A Gibbs
Councillor Mrs D Hunt
Councillor F C Jones
Councillor R C Little
Councillor M E McKenzie
Councillor D O'Brien
Councillor Mrs C T Osborn
Councillor J W Porter
Councillor Mrs V M Rush
Councillor A G Thomas
Councillor T G W Wade

Councillor J L Alexander
Councillor Mrs E E Bradley
Councillor Mrs J Blake
Councillor Mrs D Challis
Councillor L A Collins
Councillor B Cook
Councillor W C Dale
Councillor M A R Fani
Councillor C Geddes
Councillor D Hemmett
Councillor I S Jamu
Councillor T J Justice
Councillor M A McCarthy
Councillor W Northover
Councillor B M Osborn
Councillor R B Parkin
Councillor Mrs J E Rawlinson
Councillor Miss N E Smith
Councillor Mrs P A Twomey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor A C Clark
Councillor Mrs J E Cooper
Councillor S Kallar
Councillor L A Smith
Councillor P Waker

Councillor A H G Cooper
Councillor J R Denyer
Councillor D S Miles
Councillor L R Waker
Councillor Mrs M M West

44. Minutes (27 July 2005)

Agreed.

45. Petition: Condition of Public Highway - Whitebarn Lane, Dagenham

Received a petition from about the condition of the road and footpath in Whitebarn Lane requesting that the road be resurfaced at the earliest possible time.

Noted that the programme of works had commenced with estimated completion by the beginning of October 2005.

46. Local Issue - Presentation on Housing Futures

Received a presentation by Ken Jones, Head of Housing Strategy, outlining how the Council will achieve the Government's decent homes target and meet tenants' / leaseholders' aspirations. The presentation also outlined how the Housing Futures programme can be achieved in terms of capital and revenue resourcing by the mixed and localised approach adopted by the Council.

47. Appointments

Agreed the following appointment:

Parsloes, Becontree and Valence Community Forum – Councillor Mrs Bruce as Chair.

48. Customer Services Report

Received a presentation by Steven Forbes, Head of Older People's Services on Customer Care in the Social Services Department.

49. Report of the Community Forums

Noted a report on the work of the Community Forums, summarising their activities during June and July 2005.

50. Report of the BAD Youth Forum

Noted a report on the work of the BAD Youth Forum, summarising the activities of the Youth Forum in July 2005.

Agreed to:

1. Receive future annual reports on the work of the BAD Youth Forum at the Assembly meeting following the last BAD Youth Forum meeting each year; and
2. To amend the Council's Constitution accordingly.

51. * Borough's Sporting Legends

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Fairbrass, announced that discussions have been held with an artist to produce a design for a monument to the Borough's sporting legends. The monument could include England Football Captain Booby Moore, England Football Manager Alf Ramsey, England Rugby player Jason Leonard, Paralympian Beverly Gull, Marathon Runner Jim Peters and England Netball Captain Pat Watson amongst others. The art work could also feature the image of a child as an inspiration to young people to become involved in sport especially bearing in mind the London Olympics in 2012.

Councillor Fairbrass also announced that two further pieces of art work were being discussed which could be sited at key 'gateways' into the Borough.

* Item considered as a matter of urgency with the consent of the Chair under Section 100B (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.