

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY,
KIDDERMINSTER**

2ND APRIL 2014 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: F M Oborski (Chairman), J Aston, G W Ballinger, R Bishop, C Brewer, J-P Campion, S J M Clee, E Davies, N J Desmond, H E Dyke, N Gale, B T Glass, D R Godwin, J Greener, I Hardiman, P B Harrison, J A Hart, M J Hart, P V Hayward, A T Hingley, M B Kelly, N Knowles, H J Martin, D C H McCann, B McFarland, C D Nicholls, T L Onslow, J W Parish, J Phillips, M Price, M Rayner, C Rogers, M A Salter, A M Sewell, D R Sheppard, N J Thomas, S J Williams and G C Yarranton.

C.88 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Dyke, V Higgs, T Ingham and J A Shaw.

C.89 Declarations of Interests by Members

There were no declarations of interests.

C.90 Appointment of Leader of the Council

Council considered a report from the Chief Executive which asked Members to appoint the Leader of the Council.

Councillor J-P Campion addressed Members and nominated Councillor M J Hart for the position of Leader of the Council. He stated that it was an honour to hold such a position and Councillor Hart had the relevant skill set to deal with the significant challenges ahead.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor N J Desmond who stated that Councillor Hart had a wealth of understanding about local government and the authority would be in safe hands with him as Leader.

There were no other nominations and following a vote Councillor M J Hart was elected as Leader of the Council.

The newly appointed Leader thanked Members for their support and paid tribute to Councillor J-P Campion for the outstanding work he had done for the District during his time as Leader.

He added that he would formally announce his Cabinet on 3rd April 2014 and would be appointing Councillor N J Desmond as the Deputy Leader of the Council.

Agenda Item No. 12

The Chairman, Councillor F M Oborski led the tributes to Councillor J-P Champion from the opposition groups regarding his leadership skills. Members felt that Councillor Champion had worked hard to listen and engage with the group leaders and include them in the decision making process.

Decision: Councillor M J Hart be elected to the position of Leader of the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.25pm.