

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 15th July 2003 at 6.00 p.m.
At The Town Hall Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



**Haverhill
 Town Council**
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PRESENT: Deputy Mayor: Cllr Jacqueline Rudd
 Town Councillors: R Avallone, M Dane, E Goody, S Fanning,
 M Graham, G Kiernan (except items 1-4),
 Maggie Lee, Mrs Mary Martin and L Robinson.

Also present: Sixteen members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Cullum, Daniel-Ward, Samples, Thomas, Warwick and Whelan.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Goody, Maggie Lee, and Mrs Mary Martin declared an interest as Members of St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Trustees of the Town Hall Arts Centre Charity. Cllr Maggie Lee declared an interest as a Member of Suffolk County Council.

3. To Agree Revised Committee Memberships

Cllr Fanning proposed that Standing Orders be amended to permit the inclusion of non-grouped Members to have Committee Places, and that the Committee Seat allocations be:-

Committee	Finance	Arts & Leisure	Personnel	Planning	Community First	Appeals
Labour Group	3	3	2	3	3	3
Independent Group	3	3	2	3	3	1
Non-Grouped Members	1	2	1	2	2	1
Total	7	8	5	8	8	5

Cllr Mrs Mary Martin seconded the proposal, which was carried by a majority. Cllrs Dane and Graham asked that their opposition be recorded.

4. **To Temporarily Amend Standing Orders and Financial Regulations that Existing Cheque Signatories remain as such until 15th August 2003**

The Deputy Mayor advised that as Committee membership had changed, so would cheque signatories, and this resolution would enable cheques to continue to be signed during the transitional phase.. Cllr Dane asked that he be removed from the list of existing cheque signatories. Cllr Maggie proposed that the Council temporarily amend Standing Orders and Financial Regulations that existing cheque signatories, with the exception of Cllr Dane, remain as such until 15th August 2003. Cllr Mrs Mary Martin seconded the proposal, which was carried.

5. **To Reaffirm The Town Council's Intent to Take on the Trusteeship of the Town Hall Arts Centre**

Cllr Kiernan, who had now joined the meeting declared an interest as a Member of St Edmundsbury Borough Council, a Trustee of the Town Hall Arts Centre Charity and a Member of Suffolk County Council. Cllr Kiernan proposed and Cllr Mrs Mary Martin seconded that the Town Council reaffirm, to the Trustees of the Arts Centre, the Town Council's intent to take on the Trusteeship of the Arts Centre. The proposal was carried.

6. **Closure**

The meeting was closed at 6.35 p.m.