

COUNCILLOR PETER STEEN DEPUTY MAYOR

**MINUTES OF: THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF ROSSENDALE**

Date of Meeting: 31st March 2006

**PRESENT: The Deputy Mayor Councillor P. Steen (in the Chair)
Councillors Alcroft, Atkinson, A. Barnes, D. Barnes, L.
Barnes, Challinor, Driver, Entwistle, Farquharson,
Forshaw, Graham, Hancock, Huntbach, Lamb, Neal,
Ormerod, J. Pawson, S. Pawson, Robertson, Ruddick,
Sandiford, Starkey, H. Steen, Thorne and Unsworth**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Wilkins, Chief Executive
Linda Fisher, Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Liz Murphy, Head of Human Resources
Heather Moore, Executive Office Manager**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of The Mayor Councillor Cheetham and Councillors Crosta, Disley, Eaton, McShea, Nicholass and Swain.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Carolyn Wilkins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute Number 4 (Appointment of Chief Executive) and vacated the meeting during consideration of the item.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved:

That consideration of the following item of business be held without the exclusion of the public and press.

N.B. Carolyn Wilkins vacated the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

4. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Leader of the Council presented a verbal report outlining the selection process that had led to the Council being invited to confirm the recommendation made by the Appointments Committee on the appointment of Carolyn Wilkins as the Chief Executive of the Council.

The Leader of the Council requested the right to reserve the members' speeches until confirmation of the appointment had been made.

Resolved:

That the recommendation of the Appointments Committee be approved and Carolyn Wilkins be appointed as Chief Executive of Rossendale Borough Council.

N.B. Carolyn Wilkins was in attendance for the remainder of the meeting.

Following confirmation of the appointment of the Chief Executive, the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Council and Councillor Neal proceeded to make speeches in respect of the appointment and offered their congratulations to the Chief Executive.

(The meeting started at 7.00 pm and concluded at 7.15pm)