

COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 2 June 2021 at 7.00 pm

The Kia Oval (England Suite), Surrey County Cricket Club, Kennington, London, SE11
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The Worshipful the Mayor in the Chair

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Councillors Councillor Danial Adilypour, Councillor David Amos, Councillor Donatus Anyanwu, Councillor Liz Atkins, Councillor Mary Atkins, Councillor Matthew Bennett, Councillor Linda Bray, Councillor Tim Briggs, Councillor Lucy Caldicott, Councillor Marcia Cameron, Councillor Rezina Chowdhury, Councillor Malcolm Clark, Councillor Fred Cowell, Councillor Edward Davie, Councillor Jon Davies, Councillor Jim Dickson, Councillor Ibrahim Dogus, Councillor Stephen Donnelly, Councillor Jacqui Dyer, Councillor Peter Ely, Councillor Paul Gadsby, Mayor, Councillor Annie Gallop, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pauline George, Councillor Nigel Haselden, Councillor Dr. Mahamed Hashi, Councillor Claire Holland, Councillor Mohamed Jaser, Councillor Maria Kay, Councillor John Kazantzis, Councillor Jessica Leigh, Councillor Joshua Lindsey, Councillor Nanda Manley-Browne, Councillor Marianna Masters, Councillor Jackie Meldrum, Councillor Philip Normal, Councillor Joanna Reynolds, Councillor Mohammed Seedat, Councillor Joanne Simpson, Councillor Tina Valcarcel, Councillor Christopher Wellbelove, Councillor Clair Wilcox, Councillor Timothy Windle and Councillor Sonia Winifred

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Scott Ainslie, Councillor Jonathan Bartley, Councillor Anna Birley, Councillor Scarlett O'Hara, Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite, Councillor Joe Corry-Roake, Councillor Kevin Craig, Councillor Pete Elliott, Councillor Adrian Garden, Councillor Nicole Griffiths, Councillor Jack Hopkins, Councillor Ben Kind, Councillor Irfan Mohammed, Councillor Jennie Mosley, Councillor Emma Nye, Councillor Jane Pickard, Councillor Iain Simpson, Councillor Becca Thackray, Councillor Martin Tiedemann and Councillor Andy Wilson

1 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests.

2 Appointment of Leader of the Council

The Mayor paid tribute to the outgoing Leader, Councillor Jack Hopkins, and thanked him for his work during the last year where he had led the borough through some very difficult and challenging times due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Mayor also thanked the outgoing Leader on behalf of all councillors, officers and residents for his service.

Councillor Briggs challenged the new Leader to ensure appropriate action was taken following the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. Councillor Briggs also asked the new Leader to ensure full and proper public consultation took place before decisions were made and that more should be done to address structural racism.

Councillor Dyer applauded Councillor Holland's commitment to improving the lives of residents, and for her efforts towards tackling climate change. Councillor Dyer thanked Councillor Holland for her support, and pledged to provide safety, employment, and training opportunities for young residents.

Councillor Normal congratulated the new Leader as a passionate campaigner for equality, and applauded her dedication to serving Lambeth's diverse community.

Councillor Bennett mentioned the disruptions to people's mental health, children's education, the climate crisis, and homelessness caused by the pandemic, and that he was looking forward to working with Councillor Holland to address these challenges.

Councillor Holland thanked the Mayor for her work in the borough and colleagues for their kind words and welcomed the new Cabinet members. She said she was humbled and honoured to be elected to lead the Council. Councillor Holland recalled that she had first entered politics to tackle unfairness in society, and that she wanted to ensure Lambeth was the best place for children and young people to grow up with opportunities for further education and employment, as well as housing and climate justice. Councillor Holland said she wanted to create powerful, resilient communities and would explicitly lead on tackling climate change.

RESOLVED unanimously:

1. To appoint Councillor Claire Holland as Leader of the Council.
2. To note the Cabinet appointments, as made by the Leader of the Council, and other administration appointments set out at Appendix 1.

The meeting ended at 7.26 pm

MAYOR
Wednesday 21 July 2021

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