

COUNCIL

Wednesday 13 April 2016 at 7.00 pm

MINUTES

The Worshipful the Mayor in the Chair

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Councillor Danial Adilypour, Councillor Michelle Agdomar, Councillor Scott Ainslie, Councillor Adedamola Aminu, Councillor David Amos, Councillor Donatus Anyanwu, Councillor Liz Atkins, Councillor Mary Atkins, Councillor Matthew Bennett, Councillor Anna Birley, Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite, Councillor Tim Briggs, Deputy Mayor Marcia Cameron, Councillor Rezina Chowdhury, Councillor Marsha de Cordova, Councillor Edward Davie, Councillor Max Deckers Dowber, Councillor Jacqui Dyer, Councillor Jane Edbrooke, Councillor Annie Gallop, Councillor Adrian Garden, Councillor Bernard Gentry, Councillor Nigel Haselden, Councillor Jack Holborn, Councillor Claire Holland, Councillor Jack Hopkins, Mayor Saleha Jaffer, Councillor John Kazantzis, Councillor Ben Kind, Councillor Vaila McClure, Councillor Paul McGlone, Councillor Jackie Meldrum, Councillor Diana Morris, Councillor Louise Nathanson, Councillor Matt Parr, Councillor Lib Peck, Councillor Guilherme Rosa, Councillor Neil Sabharwal, Councillor Mohammed Seedat, Councillor Iain Simpson, Councillor Joanne Simpson, Councillor Martin Tiedemann, Councillor Amélie Treppass, Councillor Christiana Valcarcel, Councillor Imogen Walker, Councillor Christopher Wellbelove, Councillor Clair Wilcox and Councillor Andrew Wilson

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Alex Bigham, Councillor Malcolm Clark, Councillor Fred Cowell, Councillor Kevin Craig, Councillor Jim Dickson, Councillor Florence Eshalomi, Councillor Niranjana Francis, Councillor Paul Gadsby, Councillor Rachel Heywood, Councillor Robert Hill, Councillor Jennie Mosley, Councillor Jane Pickard, Councillor Sally Prentice and Councillor Sonia Winifred

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Donatus Anyanwu in the Chair

MOVED by Councillor Paul McGlone, SECONDED by Councillor Jo Simpson and:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Saleha Jaffer be elected to the office of the Mayor of the London Borough of Lambeth for the municipal year 2016-17.

The following declaration was made and subscribed before the Chief Executive:

'I, Councillor Saleha Jaffer, having been elected to the office of Mayor of the London Borough of Lambeth hereby declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgement and ability.'

The meeting was adjourned from 7.10pm to 7.22pm to enable the investiture to take place.

Councillor Saleha Jaffer in the Chair

The Mayor invited one of her grandsons to read Koranic verses. She then thanked Councillors for their attendance and addressed Council. She stated that her goal for Mayoralty would be to maintain and grow the bonds between communities, and to help them strengthen their faith and respect for each other. She outlined her work in combating radicalisation as secretary of Families Against Stress and Trauma (FAST), the aim of which was to provide support to the vulnerable and raise awareness of counter-terrorism, bringing faiths together to engage in open dialogue and aid faiths in understanding each other. She also expressed a desire to offer support and aid to the voluntary sector.

In addition, she noted the great challenges faced by the Council, but expressed a desire to work hard to uphold the traditions of free and fair debate and encouraged all Councillors to work decisively to make Lambeth a better place in which to live, work and play. Thanks were given to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Donatus Anyanwu, and the Mayor stated that she looked forward to receiving his advice and support.

The Mayor then invited another one of her grandsons to give a brief speech. He stated that one of his strongest memories was of his grandmother stating that she went into public life in order to invest time in the future of her children and grandchildren.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

MOVED by Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite, SECONDED by Councillor Amelie Trepass and:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Marcia Cameron be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Lambeth for the municipal year 2016-17.

The following declaration was made and subscribed before the Chief Executive:

'I, Marcia Cameron, having been elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Lambeth hereby declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgement and ability.'

3. REPORT ON MAYORAL ACTIVITIES 2015/16

The former Mayor read out his report that highlighted his mayoral activities in 2015-16. He placed special emphasis on his work with schools and on youth disability issues. He also emphasised his work with the Terrence Higgins Trust and the importance of regular HIV testing.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Lib Peck and the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Tim Briggs, both offered their thanks to the outgoing Mayor.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

6. CABINET PORTFOLIOS, OTHER ADMINISTRATION AND OPPOSITION APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED:

(1) That the appointments by Councillor Lib Peck, Leader of the Council, for the municipal year 2016-17 be noted.

(2) That the other Cabinet and group appointments be noted.

7. REVIEW OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS

MOVED by Councillor Paul McGlone, **SECONDED** by Councillor Jo Simpson and:

RESOLVED:

Council

1) That the report of the Chief Executive setting out the recommended allocation of seats to political groups, as set out in the agenda, be adopted.

2) That the Appointments Committee and Licensing Committee be invited to note the constitution of and confirm the sizes of the sub-committees and allocation of seats between political groups on the sub-committee as set out in the agenda.

Appointment Committee and Licensing Committee

1) That the size of sub-committees and allocation of seats between political groups on those sub-committees as set out in the report be confirmed.

8. CONSTITUTION 2016-17

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Tim Briggs, addressed Council. He expressed concern that Special Responsibility Allowances were being paid to Labour councillors for being 'Neighbourhood Leads', 'Lead Members for Community Relations' and 'Special Project Leads', when there was no indication of what these jobs involved beyond a Councillor's ordinary duties. He further expressed the view that this was patronage using taxpayer's money, despite citizens being told that the Council had no money.

Councillor Louise Nathanson addressed Council and questioned the wisdom of payments made to Special Project Leads as outlined in the report. She suggested that expenditure could be better addressed towards tackling homelessness.

Furthermore, she expressed concern at individual Councillors' activity on Twitter, and stated that social media should not be used to mock residents.

Councillor Bernard Gentry addressed Council. He expressed dissatisfaction that there was no amendment to the part of the Constitution stating that five members' signatures were needed in order to call a special meeting of Council; which meant that the entire opposition would be unable to do so. He also stated that there was a perception amongst residents that their concerns were not listened to.

Councillor Imogen Walker addressed Council. She stated that Conservative comments were hypocritical, as it was a Conservative-led central Government which had cut the Council budget by £238 million. The special responsibility and project payments were justified by the need to maximise the use of talent within the Labour Group.

Voting:

For: 43

Against: 3

Abstentions: 1

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Paul McGlone, SECONDED by Councillor Jo Simpson and

RESOLVED:

Council

- (1) To note the table of proposed changes to the Council's Constitution (Appendix 1).
- (2) To approve the Council's Constitution 2016-17 (Appendix 1), including:
 - The responsibility for functions, including the executive, local choice functions and the discharge of functions by way of the joint committees and other bodies
 - Scheme of delegation to Cabinet Members and officers, as set out in the Constitution
 - Establishment of Cabinet, including its terms of reference.
 - Scrutiny arrangements: appointment of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee with the terms of reference, constitution and membership
 - Rules of procedure (Part 3)
 - Codes and protocols (Part 4)
 - Members allowance scheme (Part 5)
 - Management structure (Part 6)
- (3) To approve the Member Allowances scheme as set out in Appendix 2 and detailed in paragraph 2.4 and 2.5 of the report.
- (4) To appoint the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and other members of committees (including substitute members except where such members are excluded by its constitution) (Appendix 3).
- (5) To recommend the Appointments, Corporate, Licensing and Standards Committees to appoint their respective sub-committees with the terms of reference, constitution and membership (including substitute members except where such members are excluded by its constitution).
- (6) To invite Cabinet to appoint the bodies to undertake executive functions as set out in Part 2, Section 2 of the Constitution.
- (7) To invite Cabinet to confirm the renewal of all joint arrangements (whether by way of joint committee or otherwise) as detailed in Part 2, Section 5 of the

Constitution, which, following the adoption by the Council of executive of arrangements, became either the sole responsibility of the Cabinet, or partly the responsibility of the Cabinet and partly the responsibility of the Council.

- (8) To appoint the representatives of the Council on other bodies and outside organisations (Appendix 4).
- (9) To approve the annual schedule of meetings set out in Appendix 5.
- (10) To approve the appointment of Alison McKane (Head of Legal) to the Statutory role of Monitoring Officer to the Council.
- (11) To approve the appointment of Wayne Chandai (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager) to the Statutory role of Scrutiny Officer for the Council.
- (12) To approve the appointment of Helen Charlesworth-May (Strategic Director, Children, Adults and Health) to the Statutory role of Director of Adult Social Services for the Council.

Joint Meeting of Appointments, Corporate, Licensing and Standards Committees

- (1) To appoint the respective sub-committees with the terms of reference, constitution and membership (including substitute members) as detailed in Part 1, Part 2 Section 1, and Part 3 Section 6 of the Constitution and Appendix 3.

Cabinet

- (1) To note the arrangements for the discharge of executive functions and local choice functions set out in Part 2, Sections 2 & 5 of the Constitution.
- (2) To appoint the bodies to undertake executive functions with the terms of reference, constitution and membership (including substitute members) as detailed in Part 2, Section 2 of the Constitution 2014-15 and Appendix 3.
- (3) To note the scheme of delegation to Cabinet Members and officers, in relation to the discharge of executive functions, including the schedules thereto which apply to Cabinet Members, Executive Directors, Assistant Directors, Divisional Directors and Business Unit Managers, as set out in Part 2, Section 4 of the Constitution 2016-17.
- (4) To confirm the renewal of all joint arrangements (whether by way of a joint committee or otherwise) which, following the adoption by the Council of executive arrangements, became either the sole responsibility of the Cabinet, or partly the responsibility of the Cabinet and partly the responsibility of the Council, as set out in Part 2, Section 5 of the Constitution 2015-16.
- (5) To approve the appointment of representatives of the Council on other bodies and outside organisations for which Cabinet is responsible (Appendix 4).

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

MAYOR
Wednesday 18 May 2016

Date of Despatch: Thursday 21 April 2016

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