

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 24TH JULY, 2017, 7.30 - 10.00 pm**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Stephen Mann (Mayor), Gina Adamou, Charles Adje, Peray Ahmet, Kaushika Amin, Eugene Ayisi, Dhiren Basu, David Beacham, John Bevan, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Clive Carter, Joanna Christophides, Pippa Connor, Natan Doron, Joseph Ejiofor, Sarah Elliott, Gail Engert, Tim Gallagher, Joe Goldberg, Eddie Griffith, Bob Hare, Emine Ibrahim, Claire Kober, Toni Mallett, Jennifer Mann, Liz McShane, Peter Mitchell, Liz Morris, Martin Newton, Felicia Opoku, Ali Gul Ozbek, James Patterson, Sheila Peacock, Lorna Reith, Reg Rice, Viv Ross, Raj Sahota, Anne Stennett, Alan Strickland, Noah Tucker, Bernice Vanier, Ann Waters, Elin Weston and Charles Wright**

## **17. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Mayor drew attendees' attention to the notice on the summons regarding filming at meetings.

## **18. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Arthur, Berryman, Clare Bull, Gideon Bull, Carroll, Demirci, Diakides, Gunes, Hearn, Jogee and McNamara.

## **19. TO ASK THE MAYOR TO CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

The interim Chief Executive requested that responses to written questions be admitted at item 13 as tabled, explaining they were unavailable earlier given the time required to research and prepare answers.

## **20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **21. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 22 MAY 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 May 2017 were agreed.

## **22. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor drew the meeting's attention to information tabled at the meeting about some of the sixty engagements he had undertaken since his inauguration as Mayor. He drew particular attention to the celebrations of success at schools held recently, and congratulated all those that participated in the General Election in June, where he had declared the results for the borough's two parliamentary constituencies.

The Mayor welcomed the family and loved ones of Leon Joseph, who had served as an officer of the Council for many years and had passed away in March. Councillors Kober, Engert, Rice, Reith, J Mann, Basu, Ibrahim, Ahmet Vanier shared their memories of Leon, and spoke of his contribution to the Council and the communities of Haringey. The Mayor then led the Council in a round of applause in tribute to Leon Joseph.

## **23. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The interim Chief Executive referred the Council to two decisions taken between meetings, one relating to the temporary arrangements for the Council's section 151 officer, and the second making appointments to outside bodies.

She then drew Members' attention to the recommendations in the report on the Designation of the Council's Chief Finance Office, which were then moved by the Chief Whip and agreed by Council.

### **RESOLVED**

That Full Council:

- 1) Note the previous urgent action of the interim Chief Executive in consultation with the Mayor, in accordance with Part 3 Section E, Section 1 of the Constitution, to designate the interim Deputy Chief Executive as s151 officer from 12th June 2017 to 24th July 2017, being this meeting of the Full Council
- 2) In accordance with Article 11.01 (d), agree that the interim Deputy Chief Executive be designated as the Council's section 151 officer pursuant to s 151 Local Government Act 1972 with immediate and continuing effect and until such time as the post of Chief Finance Officer is recruited to in accordance with 3 below, expected to be during August 2017
- 3) Agree that upon appointment to the post of Chief Finance Officer by a suitably qualified accountant (expected to be during August 2017), that the post of Chief Finance Officer be designated as the Council's section 151 officer pursuant to s 151 Local Government Act 1972 and article 11.01 (d) of the Constitution. The Monitoring Officer, in accordance with Article 14 of the Constitution, will make all necessary changes to the Constitution to give this effect.

- 4) Agree that in the event that the Chief Finance Officer recruitment is delayed, the interim Deputy Chief Executive will continue to be designated as the Council's s151 officer.

**24. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Monitoring Officer and Assistant Director – Corporate Governance had no matters to report.

**25. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM**

No deputations or petitions had been accepted for this meeting.

**26. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES**

**27. REPORT FROM STANDARDS COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

Cllr Amin, Chair of the Standards Committee, moved that her Committee's recommendations be agreed.

RESOLVED

That Full Council:

- 1) Note the establishment of a joint sub-committee of the Health and Wellbeing Board with Islington Council and consequently, agree the following amendments to the Constitution:
  - a) Part 2, 'Articles' at paragraph 4.02 (v) and 10.09 (Appendix 6 of the report);
  - b) Part 3, Section B 'Responsibility for functions: Full Council and Non-Executive Bodies' at Section 1 paragraph 1(v) and Section 2 paragraph 8.1 (Appendix 1)
- 2) Note the removal of the Council and Employees Joint Consultative Committee at Part 3, Section B 'Responsibility for functions: Full Council and Non-Executive Bodies' at Section 3 paragraph 1 (Appendix 1); and associated amendment at Part 4, Section B 'Committee Procedure Rules' rule 58 (Appendix 7), following the decision of the Staffing and Remuneration Committee to dissolve this sub-committee;
- 3) Approve changes to Statutory, Proper and Specified Officer functions within the Officer Scheme of Delegation together with minor amendments, for clarification purposes, as set out at:
  - a) Part 3, Section E Officer Scheme of Delegation at Section 3 'Delegations to the Chief Executive and Statutory Officers' (Appendix 2);
  - b) Part 3, Section E Officer Scheme of Delegation at Section 4 'Proper Officer and Specified Officer Functions' (Appendix 3);
- 4) Approve minor amendments to the Constitution for clarification purposes, as set out at:
  - a) Part 2, 'Articles' (Appendix 6);
  - b) Part 3, Section B 'Responsibility for functions: Full Council and Non-Executive Bodies' at Section 1 paragraph 1(g) and Section 3 (Appendix 1);

- c) Part 3, Section D 'Responsibility for functions: Local Choice Functions' at point 16 (Appendix 4);
- d) Part 3, New Section DA 'Responsibility for functions: Joint Committees and arrangements', to record such arrangements entered into by the Council where these joint committees carry out functions on behalf of the authority (Appendix 5);
- e) Part 4, Section B 'Committee Procedure Rules' (Appendix 7)

## **28. REPORT FROM CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ASPIRE PLEDGE**

Cllr Weston, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, moved a report as Chair of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, recommending the Council adopt a pledge in respect of looked after children and care leavers. The Cabinet Member introduced two members of the Aspire group, who had led on the drafting of the Corporate Parenting Pledge, to set out some background for Councillors.

RESOLVED

That Councillors and the Council as corporate parent endorse and adopt the Corporate Parenting Pledge attached as Appendix 1 in respect of looked after children and care leavers.

## **29. REPORT FROM CABINET - ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL PLAN**

The Leader moved the report from Cabinet on the Local Plan, and drew Members' attention to the changes made in the current version of the current plan and the letter from the Assistant Director of Planning that had been tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That Full Council:

- 1) Notes the outcome of the independent Examination in Public of the Alterations to the Strategic Policies 2013, the Site Allocations DPD, the Development Management DPD, and the Tottenham AAP, as set out in the Inspector's Report and its corresponding schedules of modifications (attached at Appendices A-E).
- 2) Notes that non-material clerical amendments are still to be made to the desktop versions of the Local Plan documents to ensure they are fully consistent with the Inspector's schedule of recommended main modifications (as set out in Appendices B-E) and other minor modifications (i.e. editorial). This includes amending pages 66 and 67 of the Tottenham AAP to appropriately reflect extant/lapsed planning permissions (as per Appendix H and Appendix J).
- 3) Adopts the Local Plan Documents (Alterations to the Strategic Policies 2013, the Site Allocations DPD, the Development Management DPD, and the Tottenham AAP) incorporating non-material clerical amendments and the changes recommended by the Planning Inspector (attached at Appendices F-I) and the changes to pages 66-67 of the Tottenham AAP set out in Appendix H and Appendix J.

### **30. REPORT FROM CORPORATE COMMITTEE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT**

Cllr Barbara Blake, Chair of the Corporate Committee, moved her Committee's report and the recommendations that it contained.

RESOLVED

That Full Council:

- 1) Notes the Treasury Management activity undertaken during the year to 31st March 2017 and the performance achieved; and
- 2) Notes that all treasury activities were undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy: in particular the prudential indicators with fixed limits shown in Appendix 1 of the appended report.

### **31. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

The Chief Whip moved a report containing recommendations on the membership of committees.

RESOLVED

That councillor Mallett be replaced on the Corporate Committee by Councillor Ali Gul Ozbek

### **32. HARINGEY DEBATE: VIOLENT CRIME: EFFECTS ON YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Mayor invited Councillor Ayisi, Cabinet Member for Communities, to introduce the topic of the debate.

After setting out the importance of the issue of violent crime and its effects on young people, Cllr Ayisi introduced his three speakers. The first, Detective Superintendent Des Fahy, Deputy Borough Commander, gave the Council information on the nature and extent of violent crime involving youth, and the action being taken by the Metropolitan Police. The second, Yvonne Lawson of the Godwin Lawson Foundation, set out her personal experience and the work of the foundation that she had established in memory of her son that had been killed in 2010. Finally, Ricky of Project Future, gave his perspective as a young person previously involved in crime who had benefited from the work of Project Future, who he now volunteered for.

The Mayor then introduced the debate. Cllr Elliott gave her views as a parent, and about the long-term effects that victims of crime can face.

Cllr Newton stressed the high risk of young people being victims of crime or participating in crime locally, and the borough's high rate of reoffending and the importance of an accessible police presence, which could be threatened by the potential closure of police counters that he urged Council to resist.

Cllr Sahota outlined a recent experience of a young person that residents had apprehended on the street, and the need to think about why young people reached

the point of committing crime to tackle causes rather than just the symptoms. He also felt centres for young offenders should be considered, following a recent report on their conditions.

Cllr Morris mentioned the recent work of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel, including the issue of automatic exclusion from school for young people if discovered with knives, which could have detrimental effects for young people, and the alternative approach taken by Gladesmore School. She urged support for the continuation of Project Future.

Cllr Wright also mentioned the issue of exclusions and his experience of youth offending centres as an employee of the National Offender Management Service. He mentioned how a young person's experience of crime can lead to long-term alienation.

Cllr Ross recently saw a knife amnesty bin being emptied, and felt his shock at the number of knives being collected was perhaps misplaced, given that Haringey had the fourth largest stabbings in London. He hoped action would be taken by the Council to tackle knife crime.

Cllr Weston felt the various causes of crime and loss of opportunity for young people had to be considered needed to be borne in mind. The Pupil Referral Unit had had a positive Ofsted inspection recently, and work was underway with schools to reduce exclusions. She hoped partnership working could help reduce incidence of youth crime.

Cllr Mark Blake set out that stop and search was not a successful approach to tackling crime, and felt there was a need to build consensus on the social determinants of youth crime, and increase opportunities for young people.

Cllr Barbara Blake thanked the speakers, and regretted that young people lived inhibited lives because of the fear of crime and asked what councillors could do to help reduce young people's fear of crime and enhance community courage.

Cllr Bevan noted that there were now fewer youth projects running in the borough as a consequence of reduced funding, which he hoped could be reversed in the future.

Responding to the debate, Cllr Ayisi thanked all Members for their participation in the debate. He reflected on the relationship between deprivation and crime, and the fact that fear of crime often encouraged criminality. He noted the issue had been exacerbated by the reduction in public expenditure, and argued that engagement with young people was key to tackling it.

### **33. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10**

The Mayor accepted the admission of responses to written questions as late items of business, as the answers to questions had needed to be researched and prepared after the summons had been dispatched.

Oral questions one to six were then asked and responded to.

**34. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13**

The Mayor invited Cllr Hare to propose his motion, who gave some information on the requirements for adequate fire suppression in tower blocks, the situation in Haringey and neighbouring boroughs and some actions that the Council could take to given the concerns of residents about fire safety.

Cllr Morris formally seconded the motion, and welcomed that there were broad areas of agreement between the two parties. She was keen that there be retrofitting of sprinkler systems in high rise buildings, as would be required for new buildings.

Moving an amendment to the motion, Cllr Strickland referred to recent updates circulated on fire safety provided to Members and the desire in the amendment to thank officers for their efforts following the Grenfell fire and to consider fire safety measures in a broader sense.

Following Cllr Jennifer Mann's formal seconding of the amendment, Cllr Reith moved that the motion be now put, which was agreed.

Following a vote, where there were 39 votes in favour and 8 abstentions, the amendment was CARRIED.

The motion as amended was then put to the vote, where it was AGREED unanimously.

The Mayor then invited Cllr Kober to move the second motion. In so doing, Cllr Kober referred to the Government's encouragement of authorities adopting this definition, which had been done by other neighbouring boroughs. She felt the motion was timely given the recent rise in hate crime.

In seconding the motion, Cllr Engert set out that she was satisfied that the motion did not impinge on free speech, which she knew was a concern of some people.

Cllr Reith moved that the motion be now put, given the late hour. This was agreed, and the motion put to the vote where it was AGREED unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

**MOTION B – GRENFELL TOWER AND FIRE SAFETY IN HARINGEY**

This Council is very concerned by the events at Grenfell Tower and offers it condolences to those who lost family members and loved ones in the fire.

This Council notes that since the fire, the cladding in many tower blocks across the county have failed fire safety and flammability tests.

This Council notes that testing of the 12 council owned high-rise blocks with external cladding has shown that all have fire resistant cladding

This Council further notes that at least five tower blocks in Haringey do have faulty cladding and welcomes the steps taken by Newlon Housing Association to make the buildings safe for residents.

This Council further notes and commends the rapid work of Homes for Haringey staff in conducting checks of all Council blocks of six stories or more, within 24 hours, to ensure they were in full compliance with fire safety requirements

This Council recognises that reassuring tenants and leaseholders at this distressing time is key and welcomes Homes for Haringey's work to provide advice and listen to concerns, including holding drop-in sessions in high rise blocks, meeting with 60 resident champions and providing additional fire safety information

This Council commits to acting promptly to implement any relevant recommendations from the forthcoming public inquiry into the Grenfell Tower fire.

This Council also commits to ensuring that every building built and maintained by the Council, Homes for Haringey and the Haringey Development Vehicle:

- Does not have flammable cladding
- Meets all fire safety requirements and building regulations
- Has working fire and smoke alarms
- Has appropriate fire safety measures, in accordance with the updated regulations

This Council also commits to ensuring that all schools in the borough have the appropriate range of fire safety and fire fighting equipment.

This Council calls on the Conservative Government to strengthen building and fire regulations and to ensure that in future, fire checks of buildings are completed by the Fire Brigade.

#### MOTION C: INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

This Council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism in recent years across the UK. This includes incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using antisemitic tropes. Criticism of Israel can be legitimate, but not if it employs the tropes and imagery of antisemitism.

This Council therefore welcomes the UK Government's announcement on December 11th 2016 that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism thus:

This Council notes that:

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred



toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations:

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for —why things go wrong. It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Antisemitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of antisemitic materials in some countries). Criminal acts are antisemitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property — such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries — are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.

This Council welcomes the cross-party support within the Council for combating antisemitism in all its manifestations.

This Council hereby resolves to adopt the above definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and pledges to combat this pernicious form of racism.

This Council also condemns all forms of racism, islamophobia, homophobia and sexism and we commit to fighting against them.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....