

# **MINUTES OF MEETING Full Council HELD ON Monday, 15th May, 2023, 7.30pm**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Anna Abela, Gina Adamou, Peray Ahmet, Ibrahim Ali, Kaushika Amin, Nicola Bartlett, John Bevan, Barbara Blake, Zena Brabazon, Cathy Brennan, Lester Buxton, Dana Carlin, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Lotte Collett, Pippa Connor, Eldridge Culverwell, Nick da Costa, Lucia das Neves, Isidoros Diakides, Erdal Dogan, Sarah Elliott, Scott Emery, Ruth Gordon, Makbule Gunes, Mike Hakata, Tammy Hymas, Emine Ibrahim, Marsha Isilar-Gosling, Thayahlan Iyngkaran, Sue Jameson, Adam Jogee, Cressida Johnson, Ahmed Mahbub, Mary Mason, Khaled Moyeed, Sean O'Donovan, Felicia Opoku, Ajda Ovat, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Simmons-Safo, Anne Stennett, Elin Weston, Matt White, Sarah Williams and Alexandra Worrell**

## **1. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Mayor welcomed Members to the Annual Meeting of Full Council and notified attendees that it was being recorded for publication on the Council's website.

## **2. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2023/24**

Cllr Adamou, the Mayor, invited nominations for the office of the Mayor of Haringey for the municipal year 2023- 24.

Councillor Jogee nominated, and Councillor Johnson seconded that Councillor Lester Buxton be elected Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

There being no other nominations, and further to adherence to Council Order 17.3, the Mayor duly announced Councillor Lester Buxton as Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

## **RESOLVED**

1. That Councillor Lester Buxton be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/24.
2. The Mayor made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by Councillors Jogee and Johnson.
3. The Mayor then addressed the Council and gave thanks for his election.

4. The Mayor's Consorts Sascha Ritchie & Claire Buxton were invested with a Badge of Office.

**3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were noted from:

Cllr Barnes  
Cllr Rossetti  
Cllr Adje  
Cllr Dunstall  
Cllr Harrison – Mullane  
Cllr Arkell  
Cllr M Blake  
Cllr Chandwani  
Cllr Wallace

**4. 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 Chief Executive asked the Mayor to agree the admission of the following late items of business that could not be available earlier, and needed to be dealt with at this meeting.

Item 10 Appointments made by the political groups  
Item 11 Appointments of Committees for the Municipal Year 2023/24  
Item 12 Appointments to outside bodies 2023/24  
Item 14 Report of the Monitoring Officer  
Item 15 Attendance of councillors at meetings for 2022/23  
Item 16 End of the year financial statement 2022/23 of allowances paid to Members

The first three reports outlined, were not available at the time of dispatch as they included recent changes following party group meetings and the final three report outlined required verification of information.

The Mayor accepted these items as late items of business.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**6. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Chief Executive reported that the Mayor had signified in writing the appointment of Councillor Ajda Ovat as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

Councillor Ovat was invested with her Badge of Office.

The Mayor announced that the Deputy Mayor's Consort would be Yasemin Ozturk who was then invested with the Badge of Office.

**7. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 27TH OF MARCH 2023**

**RESOLVED**

To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.

**8. TO PASS A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYOR'S CONSORTS ,AND THE RETIRING DEPUTY MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S CONSORTS**

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Consorts was moved by Councillor Ahmet and seconded by Councillor Cawley – Harrison.

The retiring Mayor was presented with a badge and a framed collage in honour of her municipal year of office. Cllr Adamou addressed the meeting, thanking the Council for the honour of being Mayor. She thanked officers and residents that had supported her in her Mayoral year, outlining the key moments in history she had led on as the Civic Head such as the Queen's Jubilee, the sad passing of the Queen and Coronation celebrations.

Cllr Adamou spoke about the unique perspective that the mayoral office provided and the opportunity to see every part of Haringey and meet many wonderful talented people.

Cllr Adamou described some of the many highlights to her mayoral year including: meeting children and young people in schools, visiting cultural religious institutions, community groups and voluntary organisations who were all doing great work and were the vital backbone of the community.

There was special mention made of the outgoing Mayor's charity Mind in Haringey whom Cllr Adamou hoped that Councillors would continue to support in their work for the community.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council extend its thanks and appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Gina Adamou, and her consorts Andreas Adamides and Jonathan Vellapah for the services they had rendered to the Borough during the past municipal year.

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

The Mayor advised that this agenda item would be utilised to:

- Pay tribute to Cllr Julie Davies.
- Mayor's chosen charity for the coming year.

The Mayor reported the sad passing of Cllr Julie Davies, on Thursday, 27 April 2023. Julie was first elected in 2018 to St Ann's ward and before being elected to the council, Julie worked as an English teacher in Haringey schools, where she also served as branch secretary for the National Union of Teachers. Her passion for improving outcomes for young people inspired Cllr Davies to serve as a school governor for five different Haringey schools.

The Mayor invited the Leader of the Council, Cllr Brabazon and Cllr Williams to pay tribute to Cllr Julie Davies.

Cllr Ahmet remembered Julie as a loyal friend, and expressed her personal sense of loss, and commented on the overwhelming mixture of pride and sorrow at the messages from colleagues, community groups and residents. Julie had held a significant role in the community as: a knowledgeable, experienced and effective trade unionist, Cabinet member and also advocate for children. She outlined that Julie had worked and campaigned for Haringey since 1983, becoming a councillor in 2018. As an English teacher Julie worked across five different schools, striving to improve outcomes for young people. She was also a branch secretary for the National Union of Teachers demonstrating her commitment to education. Cllr Ahmet described her as hardworking, sharp-witted and politically brilliant. Julie was committed to preserving, developing and celebrating the borough's heritage and civic resources. Cllr Ahmet offered her personal condolences to Julie's family particularly her children Harry and Ted, as well as her close friends. Julie would be missed by everyone.

Cllr Brabazon spoke of Julie as a friend of twenty-five years. She felt shock and great sadness of her death which she would endure for a long time. She recalled Julie's generosity and kindness. She highlighted Julie's significant contribution as a trade unionist representative. She described how Julie had played a pivotal role in the NEU and acted as a vital link between the schools and the union. Her influence was widely recognised and respected. Cllr Brabazon also continued to share an experience during a women's history month event. In this event Julie captivated the audience with stories and photographs from her time spent in Tehran during the 1979 revolution. Cllr Brabazon concluded that Julie was a fearless and an admired person, who would be personally missed by her and by many.

Cllr Williams spoke about her friendship with Julie, which began when they first crossed paths during a campaign against the forced academisation of the primary school attended by Cllr Williams' children. She spoke about being impressed with Julie's tenacious approach to the cause. She described Julie as a compassionate person, who was unwavering in her commitment to fighting for the rights and well-being of her friends and Haringey residents. She referred to Julie as a true fighter, someone who took on challenges and left an impact on those around her, and who would be missed by all.

The Mayor thanked councillors for their tributes.

The Mayor asked and the Council stood for a 1 minute silence in memory of Councillor Julie Davies.

The Mayor advised the Council that his chosen charity for his mayoral year was 'Open Door' . This was a local charity that provided mental health support to young people and their families. The Mayor outlined that many young people were living with poor mental health and were really struggling to manage in this very difficult time. The Mayor outlined that Open Door treats young people from ages 12 to 24 in Haringey and he would aim to raise much needed funds for this organisation and raise their profile in his mayoral year.

The Council noted that Open Door had branches in Crouch End and in Tottenham and the Technical Director, director was available to speak to at the end of meeting to provide more information about the provision and support needed.

The Mayor advised that his priority for the coming year was to listen to the voices of young people in our borough, also encouraging them to register to vote, and ensuring that they know how to get appropriate forms of ID to be able to vote.

The Mayor aimed to establish and have an active presence on social media, and would work with officers to set this up.

**10. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NOTING THE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE POLITICAL GROUPS, AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE**

Councillor Weston, as Chief Whip, introduced the paper that outlined appointments made by Political Groups in their recent annual meetings.

**RESOLVED**

That the constitution of the political groups be noted:

The Labour Group

Leader:	Councillor Ahmet
Deputy Leader:	Councillor Hakata
Chief Whip:	Councillor Weston
Chair:	Councillor Abela
Vice Chair:	Councillor Bartlett
Secretary:	Councillor Ali
Assistant Whips:	Councillors , Dogan, Johnson, Worrell,
Group Treasurer	Councillor Dunstall
Non-Executive members	Councillors B. Blake Mahbub

Councillors

Adamou

Adje  
Amin  
Arkell  
Bevan  
M Blake  
Brabazon  
Brennan  
Buxton  
Carlin  
Chandwani  
Collett  
Culverwell  
das Neves  
Diakides  
Elliott  
Gordon  
Gunes  
Harrison – Mullane  
Hymas  
Ibrahim  
Iyngkaran  
Jameson  
Jogee  
Mason  
Moyeed  
O'Donovan  
Opoku  
Ovat  
Peacock  
Rice  
Say  
Simmons- Safo  
Stennett  
White  
Williams

The Liberal Democrat Group

Leader:	Councillor Cawley- Harrison
Deputy Leader:	Councillor Barnes
Chief Whip:	Councillor Emery
Deputy Whip:	Councillor Rossetti

Councillors:

Cllr Connor  
Cllr da Costa  
Cllr Isilar-Gosling

Independent Member

Cllr Joy Wallace

**11. TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENTS PROCEDURE AND TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24, INCLUDING THE SELECTION OF THE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS**

The Chief Whip MOVED recommendation 1, as detailed in the circulated report and this was AGREED.

The Chief Whip MOVED recommendation 2, as detailed in the circulated report and this was AGREED.

The Chief Whip MOVED recommendation 3, as detailed in the circulated report and this was AGREED.

The Mayor had received an amendment to recommendation 4. This was in accordance with Council Standing Order, 15.8 (a) and 15(b) from Cllr Emery and seconded by Cllr da Costa

Councillor Emery moved the amendment to Recommendation 4, seconded by Councillor da Costa. This was to agree the membership of Committees and the appointment of Chairs as detailed at Appendix 1 subject to Cllr Connor being made the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Weston responded to the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment to Recommendation 4, as follows:

5 in FAVOUR,

41 AGAINST

NO abstentions

The amendment was LOST On a vote on the original motion, this was AGREED.

The Chief Whip MOVED recommendation 5, as detailed in the circulated report and this was AGREED.

**RESOLVED**

1. To note the changes to the political composition set out at paragraph 4.2.
2. To appoint to the Committees on the "slate" basis.
3. To agree the allocation of seats on Committees and appointments in accordance with paragraph 4.6.

4. To agree the membership of Committees and the appointment of Chairs as detailed at Appendix 1 giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.
5. To note the proposed membership of the Cabinet as detailed at Appendix 2 appointed by the Leader in accordance with Article 7 paragraph 7.05 ii of the Council Constitution.

## **12. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chief Whip moved the report, as tabled.

### **RESOLVED**

1. To note the appointments to the Partnership and Association bodies which mainly exercise 'executive' functions set out at Appendix 1 and in accordance with article 10.8b(i)
2. To approve the appointments to the remainder of outside bodies set out at Appendix 1.

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

The Chief Executive had no matters to report on.

## **14. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL & GOVERNANCE SERVICES**

The Monitoring Officer outlined that at the 27th of March full Council Meeting, changes were agreed to the Committee structure of the Council and set out in Part 3 Section B of the Constitution which sets out the terms of reference for non-executive bodies of the Council.

Following these agreed changes, there was a need to update the remaining parts of the Council's Constitution to reflect these changes. This meant deletion of the reference to Corporate Committee and replacement with reference to the Audit Committee or General Purposes Committee where applicable. This also entailed updating Part 4 Section K employment procedures to reflect the deletion of the Staffing and Remuneration Committee and establishment of an Appointments Panel and Disciplinary Grievance and Dismissal Panel.

When updating these sections, officer postholder descriptions had also been updated to reflect changes to the Council Officer structure that have taken place over the last year.

These changes are in accordance with the delegations provided in the Constitution at Part 2 section 14.03 and resolutions made at the 27<sup>th</sup> of March meeting.



These changes were set out in appendices 1 to 7 and the final version of these appendices as set out in appendices 8 to 14 would be published on the 16th of May.

The Chief Whip continued to MOVE the recommendations and was,

**RESOLVED**

To receive the report and for the changes to be noted.

**15. TO NOTE THE END OF MUNICIPAL YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2022/23**

**RESOLVED**

That the allowances paid to each Member, as set out at Appendix 1, be noted.

**16. TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT OF COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, AND SUB COMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

**RESOLVED**

That the statement of attendance, as attached, be noted.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....