

# **MINUTES OF MEETING FULL Council HELD ON Monday, 20th May, 2024, 7:30PM**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Anna Abela, Gina Adamou , Peray Ahmet, Ibrahim Ali, Kaushika Amin, Emily Arkell, Dawn Barnes, Nicola Bartlett, John Bevan, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Lester Buxton, Dana Carlin, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Seema Chandwani, Lotte Collett, Pippa Connor, Eldridge Culverwell, Nick da Costa, Lucia das Neves, Isidoros Diakides, Erdal Dogan, Sarah Elliott, Scott Emery, Ruth Gordon, Mark Grosskopf, Makbule Gunes, Mike Hakata, Tammy Hymas, Emine Ibrahim, Marsha Isilar-Gosling, Thayahlan Iyngkaran, Sue Jameson, Adam Jogee, Cressida Johnson, Anna Lawton, Ahmed Mahbub, Mary Mason, Khaled Moyeed, Sean O'Donovan, Felicia Opoku, Ajda Ovat, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Michelle Simmons-Safo, Anne Stennett, Joy Wallace, 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 2024/25**

Cllr Buxton, the Mayor, invited nominations for the office of the Mayor of Haringey for the municipal year 2024- 25.

Councillor Ali nominated, and Councillor Dogan seconded that Councillor Sue Jameson 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 Sue Jameson as Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

## **RESOLVED**

1. That Councillor Sue Jameson be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/25.
2. The Mayor made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by Councillors Ali and Dogan.
3. The Mayor then addressed the Council and gave thanks for her election.

4. The Mayor's Consorts Mark Jameson & Susan Moyse were invested with a Badge of Office.

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

Apologies for absence were noted from:

1. Cllr Dunstall
2. Cllr Carroll
3. Cllr Rossetti
4. Cllr Brennan

Apologies for lateness were noted from:

1. Cllr da Costa

### **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 Director for Culture Strategy and Engagement 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 2024/25
- Item 12 Appointments to outside bodies 2024/25
- Item 13 Report of the Chief Executive
- Item 15 End of the year financial statement 2023/24 of allowances paid to Members
- Item 16 Attendance of councillors at meetings for 2023/24

The first four reports outlined, were not available at the time of dispatch as they included recent changes following party group meetings and the final two reports 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 Director for Culture Strategy and Engagement reported that the Mayor had signified in writing the appointment of Councillor Ahmed Mahbub as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

Councillor Mahbub was invested with his Badge of Office.

The Mayor announced that the Deputy Mayor's Consort would be Asma Mahbub and Tashmi Sara Ahmed Chowdhury who were then invested with the Badge of Office.

**7. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14 MARCH 2024**

**RESOLVED**

To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

**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 his municipal year of office. Cllr Buxton addressed the meeting, thanking the Council for the honour of being Mayor. Councillor Buxton recalled meeting many incredible people and attending many wonderful events. He advised the Council that it had been an incredible worldwind journey.

Councillor Buxton thanked his predecessors, Councillor Adam Jogee and Councillor Gina Adamu. He recalled Councillor Adamou showing him the ropes and how her experience and knowledge had been priceless. He also thanked all the former Mayors who had helped him along the way.

Councillor Buxton recalled being told two things during his mayoral training. The first was that the number one role of the Mayor was to chair council meetings. The second was to spread cohesion and happiness throughout the borough. He hoped that he had chaired the council meetings fairly and efficiently. Councillor Buxton thanked the Deputy Mayor, the Leader and the Labour Group for the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

Councillor Buxton thanked his ward colleagues and Lieutenant Peter Barker, the multifaith forum and the religious and community leaders, he also thanked officers and residents who had supported him in his Mayoral year. Finally, Councillor Buxton thanked his family, friends and his partner Sascha.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council extend its thanks and appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Lester Buxton, and his consorts Claire Buxton and Sascha Ritchie 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 spoke about her past work with SEND families and the lives of people who experience extreme difficulties. She noted how having others who feel for them and offer care and support made a great difference in their lives and emotional well-being. The Mayor advised the Council that her chosen charity for his mayoral year was 'Mind in Haringey'. She informed the Council that Mind in Haringey was a wonderful charity that offered a range of services to Haringey residents including a safe haven, hub counselling and suicide prevention advice.

The Mayor advised the Council that Mind in Haringey, like many other mental health charities, endured financial insecurity and funding was not guaranteed, yet they provided invaluable services. She confirmed that she intended to highlight their achievements and challenges.

The Mayor advised the Council that as a ward councillor, she had met hundreds of good people and seen their many wonderful achievements. She confirmed that she would seek to discover, understand and embrace all that the people of Haringey had to offer. The Mayor advised the Council that she sought to serve all Haringey residents and humbly thanked the Council for the opportunity and its support as she fulfils the role as the first citizen of Haringey.

In accordance with Council's standing Order, 1.1 and paragraph 13 the Leader took the opportunity to speak about changes in the Cabinet. The Leader thanked Councillor Hakata for his work as Deputy Leader over the past three years and welcomed Councillor Williams as the new Deputy Leader. The Leader noted Councillor Hakata's energy and optimism which was always inspiring and thanked him for his support over the years and for steering the ship on the Climate Action agenda.

The Leader also thanked Councillor Jogee who was stepping down from the Cabinet and welcomed Councillor Ovat who was now the Cabinet Member for Communities. The Leader made mention of Councillor Jogee's achievements, such as becoming a councillor at the tender age of 22 and later became one of Haringey's youngest ever Mayor's. The Leader noted his work on the Community Safety Strategy, and his special talent for people, communities and engagement.

**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 Williams

<b>Chief Whip:</b>	Councillor Weston
<b>Chair:</b>	Councillor Abela
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Councillor Bartlett
<b>Secretary:</b>	Councillor Ali
<b>Assistant Whips:</b>	Councillors: Dogan, Johnson, Worrell,
<b>Group Treasurer</b>	Councillor Dunstall
<b>Non-Executive members</b>	Councillors B. Blake Mahbub

### **Councillors**

Adamou

Amin

Arkell

Bevan

Brabazon

Brennan

Buxton

Carlin

Carroll

Chandwani

Culverwell

das Neves

Diakides

Elliott

Grosskopf

Gordon

Gunes

Hakata

Harrison – Mullane

Hymas

Ibrahim

Iyngkaran

Jameson

Jogee

Lawton

Moyeed

O'Donovan

Opoku

Ovat

Peacock

Rice

Simmons- Safo

Stennett

White

### **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

Cllr Luke Cawley-Harrison, Leader of the Opposition, Spokesperson for Corporate Strategy & Finance

Cllr Dawn Barnes, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Spokesperson for Housing & Regeneration

Cllr Scott Emery, Opposition Chief Whip, Spokesperson for the Environment & Transport

Cllr Nick da Costa, Group Chair, Spokesperson for Crime & Communities

Cllr Pippa Connor, Vice-Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Spokesperson for Adults, Health & Social Care

Cllr Marsha Isilar-Gosling, Group Deputy Chair, Spokesperson for Education, Youth, Children & Families

Cllr Alessandra Rossetti, Opposition Deputy Chief Whip, Spokesperson for Council & Customer Services

### **Independent Socialist Group**

Cllr Collett – Leader  
Cllr Mason – Deputy Leader  
Cllr M Blake

### **Independent Member**

Cllr Joy Wallace

- 11. TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENTS PROCEDURE AND TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/25, 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:

6 in FAVOUR,

42 AGAINST

3 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 Director of Culture Strategy and Engagement introduced the report setting out the schedule of meetings for the municipal Year 2024/25 for approval.

**RESOLVED**

To approve the schedule of meetings for the municipal Year 2024/25

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

There were no matters to report.

**15. TO NOTE THE END OF MUNICIPAL YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2023/24**

**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 .....