

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING Full Council HELD ON Monday, 19th May, 2025, 7.30pm**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Anna Abela, Gina Adamou, Peray Ahmet, Ibrahim Ali, Kaushika Amin, Emily Arkell, Nicola Bartlett, John Bevan, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Cathy Brennan, Lester Buxton, Dana Carlin, Liam Carroll, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Seema Chandwani, Lotte Collett, Pippa Connor, Nick da Costa, Lucia das Neves, Isidoros Diakides, Erdal Dogan, George Dunstall, Sarah Elliott, Ruth Gordon, Mark Grosskopf, Makbule Gunes, Mike Hakata, Emine Ibrahim, Marsha Isilar-Gosling, Thayahlan Iyngkaran, Sue Jameson , Cressida Johnson, Anna Lawton, Ahmed Mahbub(Mayor), Mary Mason, Khaled Moyeed, Sean O'Donovan, Felicia Opoku, Ajda Ovat, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Alessandra Rossetti, Michelle Simmons-Safo, Adam Small, 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 2025/26**

Cllr Jameson, the Mayor, invited nominations for the office of the Mayor of Haringey for the Municipal year 2025- 26.

Councillor Carroll nominated, and Councillor Stennett seconded that Councillor Ahmed Mahbub 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 Ahmed Mahbub as Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

## **RESOLVED**

1. That Councillor Ahmed Mahbub be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2025/26.
2. The Mayor made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by Councillors Carroll and Stennett.
3. The Mayor then addressed the Council and gave thanks for his election.

4. The Mayor's Consorts Asma Mahbub and Tashmi Sara Ahmed were invested with a Badge of Office.

**5. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were noted from:

Cllr Paton

Cllr Barbara Blake

Cllr Emery

Cllr Barnes

*Apologies for lateness were received from:*

*Cllr Brabazon*

**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**

**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 Communities reported that the Mayor had signified in writing the appointment of Councillor Michelle Simmons - Safo as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2025/6

Councillor Simmons - Safo was invested with his Badge of Office.

The Mayor announced that the Deputy Mayor's Consort would be Michael Safo and Monique Abena Safo, 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 24 MARCH 2025**

The Director for Culture, Engagement and Communities asked the Council meeting to agree the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 as a correct record of the meeting.

Cllr Mason raised a point of order in relation to the content of the minutes.

The Mayor responded that he was aware that points on accuracy had been raised with the Democratic Services Manager by the Independent Socialist Group. He advised that these had been responded to by email, earlier during the day but agreed to accept a brief summary of the points raised and would ask for the Democratic Services Manager to also respond in the meeting. Cllr Mason further replied noting that a decision had been made about the points raised on accuracy prior to the meeting and highlighted that the Independent Socialist group had raised a motion at the March meeting which was relevant to thousands of Haringey residents. Cllr Mason continued to express that she had proposed three amendments to the minutes which were rejected and pointed out that the video of the meeting was still available. She added that the Independent Socialist Group had made a formal complaint about the chairing of the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 meeting and asked that this be noted.

## **RESOLVED**

To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 24 of March 2025.

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

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, and consorts was moved by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ahmet, and seconded by Councillor Cawley – Harrison, Leader of the Opposition.

The retiring Mayor was presented with a badge and a framed collage in honour of her municipal year of office. Cllr Jameson addressed the meeting, thanking the Council for the honour of being Mayor.

Cllr Jameson continued to provide a summary of the highlights of her year as mayor. Including the London New Year's Day parade with the Quilt Club Haringey Vox, Pan Nation and Streetz Ahead.

Cllr Jameson expressed gratitude for being welcomed by organisations, businesses, schools, churches, religious groups, sports groups, eco groups and communities and was very proud to celebrate the diversity of the borough

Cllr Jameson highlighted her chosen charity Mind in Haringey and referred to the vital services they provide as well as being experienced fundraisers. Cllr Jameson found working with them a very comfortable partnership. The just giving page for donations to Mind in Haringey was still live for any last-minute donation.

The Mayor continued to thank officers and former mayors for their help and support in her mayoral year.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Council extend its thanks and appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Sue Jameson, and her consorts Mark Jameson and Susan Moyse 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, Cllr Mahbub, welcomed friends, family and distinguished members of the Haringey community to the meeting, and spoke about taking forward his role as Mayor as an honour of a lifetime.

The Mayor spoke about growing up in Haringey and attending local schools as well as participating in local sporting and extracurricular activities. He valued the borough as a place that had given him opportunities and was delighted to give back to the community in his role as first citizen.

The Mayor was excited to work with the borough's many community groups including resident associations, friends of the park's groups and religious institutions.

The Mayor spoke proudly of the boroughs' long standing diverse communities who stood shoulder to shoulder with those who have recently made the borough, their home, showing traditions, cuisine, music and stories that bridged continents and centuries.

The Mayor expressed that the borough held a beautiful mosaic of backgrounds which help makes it resilient, innovative and deeply compassionate. This further provides countless perspectives and solutions, and it was important to ensure that no voice goes unheard and no community feels forgotten.

In his role as first citizen of Haringey, the Mayor emphasised that Haringey borough is open to all. As Mayor he would stand firm with all communities and give broad support to their celebration activities using this year to engage with more communities and broaden the reach of the mayoralty.

The Mayor expressed that he was the first Mayor of Bangladeshi heritage and hoped not to be the last and would be using his mayoral year to encourage more people to put forward themselves for local democratic activities.

The Mayor was proud to announce the Haringey Citizens Advice Bureau as his chosen charity. He outlined that CAB provides support for all Haringey residents on a range of issues. The Mayor was further honoured to raise money and help the profile of this compassionate organisation, especially in the current tough economic climate.

The Mayor concluded by making a pledge to serve with integrity, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to all those who call Haringey their home.

**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**

<b>Leader:</b>	Councillor Ahmet
<b>Deputy Leader:</b>	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, Jameson, Johnson,
<b>Group Treasurer</b>	Councillor Dunstall
<b>Non-Executive members</b>	Councillors B. Blake, Small

### **Councillors:**

Cllr Adamou  
Cllr Amin  
Cllr Arkell  
Cllr Bevan  
Cllr Brabazon  
Cllr Brennan  
Cllr Buxton  
Cllr Carlin  
Cllr Carroll  
Cllr Chandwani  
Cllr Culverwell  
Cllr das Neves  
Cllr Diakides  
Cllr Elliott  
Cllr Grosskopf  
Cllr Gordon  
Cllr Gunes  
Cllr Hakata  
Cllr Harrison – Mullane  
Cllr Ibrahim  
Cllr Iyngkaran  
Cllr Lawton  
Cllr Mahbub

Cllr Moyeed  
Cllr O'Donovan  
Cllr Opoku  
Cllr Ovat  
Cllr Peacock  
Cllr Rice  
Cllr Simmons- Safo  
Cllr Stennett  
Cllr White  
Cllr Worrell

### **The Liberal Democrat Group**

<b>Leader:</b>	Councillor Cawley- Harrison
<b>Deputy Leader:</b>	Councillor Barnes
<b>Chief Whip:</b>	Councillor Emery
<b>Deputy Whip:</b>	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**

Leader: Cllr Collett  
Deputy Leader: Cllr Mason

### **Councillors:**

Cllr M Blake

### **Green Party**

Cllr Ruairidh Paton

### **Independent Member**

Cllr Joy Wallace

## **11. TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENTS PROCEDURE AND TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025/26, 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 da Costa and seconded by Cllr Isilar - Gosling.

Councillor da Costa moved the amendment to Recommendation 4, seconded by Councillor Isilar - Gosling. 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,

42 AGAINST

4 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 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 paragraphs 4.8 to 4.9.
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.

*(Clerks note There was a subsequent minor correction to appendix 1 updating the listing of Cllr Mason as a Labour councillor to be listed as Independent Socialist )*

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

The Director of Culture Strategy and Communities introduced the report setting out the schedule of meetings for the Municipal Year 2025/26 for approval.

## **RESOLVED**

To approve the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2025/26.

**14. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE.**

There were no matters to report.

**15. TO NOTE THE END OF MUNICIPAL YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2024/25**

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

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

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

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....