

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 22 MAY 2006**

Councillors: \*The Mayor (Councillor Adamou), \*The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Thompson); Councillors \*Adje, \*Aitken, \*Alexander, \*Amin, \*Baker, \*Basu, \*Beacham, \*Bevan, \*Beynon, \*Bloch, \*Bull, \*Butcher, \*Canver, \*Cooke, \*Davies, \*Demirci, \*Diakides, \*Dobbie, \*Dodds, \*Dogus, Edge, \*Egan, \*Engert, \*Gorrie, \*Griffith, \*Haley, \*Hare, \*Bob Harris, \*Catherine Harris, \*Hoban, \*Jones, \*GMMH Rahman Khan, \*Knight, \*Kober, \*Lister, \*Mallett, \*Meehan, \*Mughal, \*Newton, \*Oakes, \*Oatway, \*Patel, \*Peacock, \*Portess, \*Rainger, \*Reid, \*Reith, \*Santry, \*Stanton, \*Vanier, \*Weber, \*Whyte, \*Williams, \*Wilson and \*Winskill.

\* Members present

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR:** The Mayor called for Nominations for the Office of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/07.

Councillor George Meehan moved and Councillor Sheila Peacock seconded that Councillor Gina Adamou be elected Mayor.

Councillor Matt Davies moved and Councillor Wayne Hoban seconded that Councillor Susan Oatway be elected Mayor.

Having put the vote to the meeting there being 29 votes for Councillor Adamou, and 26 for Councillor Oatway, the Council:

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That Councillor Gina Adamou be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/07.
2. The Mayor made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by Councillors Meehan and Peacock.
3. The Mayor then addressed the Council, gave thanks for her election and outlined her objectives for her year of office.
4. The Mayor's escort, Andreas Adamides, was then invested with his Badge of Office.

2. **LATE/URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS:** See Minutes 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Members were asked by the Mayor to declare any personal interest in respect of items on the agenda. In accordance with Part 2 of the Members Code of Conduct set out in the Council Constitution, any Member disclosing a personal interest which was also prejudicial would be asked to withdraw from the Chamber during consideration of the item and neither were they to seek to improperly influence a decision on the said item.

No declarations were made.

4. **MINUTES:**

Copies of the Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were taken as read.

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**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 March 2006 be signed as a true record.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR:**

The Chief Executive reported that the Mayor had signified in writing the appointment of Councillor Sheik Thompson as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Thompson was invested with his Badge of Office. The Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Kyoko Thompson was then invested with her badge of office.

**6. VOTE OF THANKS:**

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress and the retiring Deputy Mayor and Escort was moved by Councillor George Meehan and seconded by Councillor Neil Williams.

The retiring Mayor was presented with a badge marking his year of office. The Leader also presented the retiring Mayor with an album.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council extend to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Eddie Griffith, the retiring Mayoress Hazel Griffith, the retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gina Adamou, and the retiring Deputy Mayor's escort, Andreas Adamides, its sincere thanks and appreciation for the services they had rendered to the Borough during the past year.

The retiring Mayor addressed the Council.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Mayor thanked the flower children: Hannah Richardson, Eleanor Richardson and Kaya-Marie Nelson from St Michael's Primary School in Bounds Green Road, and also the parents and staff at St Michael's for all their support.

The Mayor announced that this year her chosen charity was the "Building for Babies" appeal at the Whittington Hospital in Highgate. The Mayor advised that the appeal aimed to raise £3 million to expand and refurbish the intensive care unit where sick and premature babies were treated. The current facilities were cramped and the hospital needed to be able to deal with the increasing number of babies admitted.

The Mayor advised that she would be making further announcements about fundraising events at a later date.

**8. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:**

Councillor Reith proposed that Councillor George Meehan be elected Leader of the Council. Councillor Dobbie seconded.

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Councillor Hoban proposed that Councillor Neil Williams be elected Leader of the Council. Councillor Aitken seconded.

Having put the vote to the meeting there being 30 votes for Councillor Meehan, and 26 for Councillor Williams, the Council

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor George Meehan be elected Leader of the Council.

#### **9. PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE, COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2006/07, INCLUDING SELECTION OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTIES** (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda item 10).

The Mayor agreed to the admission of this report as urgent business. Appointments had only recently been finalised at Party Group Meetings and needed approval to permit committees to be convened.

It was moved by Councillor Dobbie that recommendations 1 – 3 as detailed be adopted.

Councillor Williams moved an amendment in respect of recommendation 3, that Councillor Hare be appointed Chair of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee. Councillor Aitken seconded.

In respect of recommendation 3 and the proposed nomination for the Chair of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee there being 30 votes for Councillor Peacock, and 26 for Councillor Hare, the Council

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the process for appointing to the Executive, Committees, Sub-Committees and Chairs be approved on the "slate" basis prescribed.
2. That the membership of the Executive be agreed as attached at Appendix 1.
3. That the membership of committees, sub-committees and appointment of Chairs be agreed as attached at Appendix 1.

#### **10. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES** (Report Of The Chief Executive – Agenda item 11):

The Mayor agreed to the admission of this report as urgent business. Appointments had only recently been finalised at Party Group Meetings and needed approval to permit appointments to outside organisations to be made.

It was moved by Councillor Dobbie and duly seconded and,

### **RESOLVED:**

That the appointments to outside bodies be approved, as detailed at Appendix 2.

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**11. APPOINTMENTS MADE BY POLITICAL GROUPS** (Report Of The Chief Executive – Agenda item 12):

The Mayor agreed to the admission of this report as urgent business as it dealt with matters considered at Party Group meetings within the last few days.

**RESOLVED:**

That the composition of the following political groups be noted:

The Labour Group

Leader: Councillor George Meehan  
Deputy Leader: Councillor Lorna Reith  
Chief Whip: Councillor Alan Dobbie  
Chair: Councillor Claire Kober  
Vice Chair: Councillor Emma Jones

Secretary: Councillor GMMH Rahman Khan  
Assistant Whips: Councillors Jayanti Patel & Councillor Dilek Dogus

Councillors:

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| Adamou   | Dodds    | Santry   |
| Adje     | Egan     | Stanton  |
| Amin     | Griffith | Thompson |
| Basu     | Haley    | Vanier   |
| Bevan    | B.Harris |          |
| Bull     | Knight   |          |
| Canver   | Lister   |          |
| Cooke    | Mallett  |          |
| Diakides | Peacock  |          |

The Liberal Democrat Group

Leader: Councillor Neil Williams  
Deputy Leader: Councillor Wayne Hoban  
Councillor Chief Whip: Councillor Ron Aitken  
Group Chair: Councillor Susan Oatway

Councillors:

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| Alexander | Engert   | Reid     |
| Baker     | Gorrie   | Weber    |
| Beacham   | Hare     | Whyte    |
| Beynon    | C Harris | Wilson   |
| Bloch     | Mughal   | Winskill |
| Butcher   | Newton   |          |
| Davies    | Oakes    |          |
| Demirci   | Portess  |          |
| Edge      | Rainger  |          |

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**12. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER**  
(Agenda item 13):

It was moved by Councillor Dobbie and duly seconded and,

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the Standards Committee that Carol Sykes be appointed to serve as independent Member on the Standards Committee from May 2006 for a period of four years, be endorsed.

**13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2006/07** (Report Of The Chief Executive – Agenda item 14):

The Mayor agreed to the admission of this report as urgent business. The schedule had only recently been finalised at Party Group Meetings and needed approval to permit publication of forthcoming meeting dates.

It was moved by Councillor Dobbie and duly seconded and,

**RESOLVED:**

That the schedule of meetings for 2006/07, be approved.

**14. STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE** (Report Of The Chief Executive – Agenda item 15):

The Mayor agreed to the admission of this report as urgent business. The statement was not available at the time of despatch as recent information was still being gathered.

It was moved by Councillor Dobbie and duly seconded and,

**RESOLVED:**

That the statement of members' attendance be approved.

**15. END OF MUNICIPAL YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2005/06** (Report Of The Chief Executive – Agenda item 16):

The Mayor agreed to the admission of this report as urgent business. The statement was not available at the time of despatch as information on recent expenditure incurred was still being gathered.

It was moved by Councillor Dobbie and duly seconded and,

**RESOLVED:**

That the allowances paid to each Member for 2005/06 be noted.

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**16. MOTION A (2006/07):**

It was moved by Councillor Meehan and seconded by Councillor Reith that:

“This Council welcomes the re-election of a Labour administration and adopts the Haringey Labour Party 2006 Manifesto as its policy for the next 4 years, and instructs the Chief Executive to incorporate the Haringey Labour Party 2006 Manifesto into the Haringey Community Strategy and all other Borough plans as appropriate.”

An Amendment to the Motion, notice of which had been given prior to the proceedings and TABLED was withdrawn.

The Motion was then put to the meeting and on a vote there being 30 for and 26 against, the MOTION was declared CARRIED.

Councillor Adamou  
Mayor