

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON Monday, 22nd February, 2016**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Charles Wright, Eugene Ayisi, Patrick Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Clare Bull, Clive Carter, Pippa Connor, Natan Doron, Sarah Elliott, Tim Gallagher, Makbule Gunes, Kirsten Hearn, Peray Ahmet, Adam Jogee, Jennifer Mann (Mayor), Liz McShane, Liz Morris, Peter Morton, Felicia Opoku, Ali Gul Ozbek, James Patterson, Viv Ross, James Ryan, Raj Sahota, Elin Weston, Charles Adje, Kaushika Amin, Dhiren Basu, David Beacham, John Bevan, Joanna Christophides, Ali Demirci, Isidoros Diakides, Gail Engert, Joe Goldberg, Eddie Griffith, Bob Hare, Claire Kober, Toni Mallett, Martin Newton, Sheila Peacock, Lorna Reith, Reg Rice, Alan Strickland, Bernice Vanier, Ann Waters, Emine Ibrahim, Jason Arthur, Vincent Carroll, Stephen Mann and Peter Mitchell**

## **137. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Mayor referred to the details as shown on the summons in relation to filming at meetings.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adamou, Gideon Bull, Ejiofor, Stennett, Opoku, and McNamara.

Apologies for lateness were received from Cllr Adje and Cllr Mark Blake.

## **139. 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**

There were no items of urgent business to consider.

## **140. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chief Executive advised that an advanced personal interest declaration had been received from Cllr Adje. This was in relation to item 12 as he was an employee of the London Fire Brigade and a trade union representative.

Councillor Ahmet declared a personal interest in respect of item 12 by virtue of her employment as a UNISON representative at Merton Council.

Councillor Stephen Mann declared a personal interest in respect of item 12 by virtue of his employment as a trade union representative for the Communications Workers Union.

Councillor Emine Ibrahim, later in the meeting, and before the vote on the Budget amendments at item 12, declared a personal interest in respect of item 12 by virtue of her employment as a UNISON trade union representative at Redbridge Council.

**141. TO ASK MEMBERS WHETHER THEY NEED TO MAKE A DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 IN RELATION TO UNPAID COMMUNITY CHARGE OR COUNCIL TAX LIABILITY WHICH IS TWO MONTHS OR MORE OUTSTANDING.**

Members were reminded to consider whether they needed to make a declaration in accordance with section 106 of the local Government Finance Act 1992 in relation to unpaid community charge or council tax liability which was two months or more outstanding.

No such declarations were made.

**142. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2015**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

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

The Mayor reported to full Council the events and functions she had attended and participated in, representing the borough, since November 2015.

The Mayor had spoken at Haringey's Holocaust Memorial at Bruce Castle Museum on 24<sup>th</sup> January 24. The theme of the multi-faith event was "learning lessons from the past to create a safer, better future".

On 27<sup>th</sup> January – the UK's national commemoration day, the Mayor had attended LB Southwark's Holocaust memorial where wreaths were laid in the Garden of Imperial War Museum (IWM) – including one from the Russian Ambassador. It was noted that the IWM has a permanent Holocaust Memorial Exhibition.

**Celebrating Success in Education in Haringey**

The Mayor had celebrated success in Education in Haringey by:

- Welcoming the student council of Woodside High School on 7 January to her parlour as part of their visit to the civic centre and their Q&A session with the Leader of the Council Claire Kober.

- Visiting, on 26 January, Holy Trinity primary school celebrations marking the school being ranked first in the league tables for Haringey and also included in the top Ten London Schools.
- By visiting The Mulberry School on 1 February, visiting all classrooms, sharing a science based assembly which explained climate change, and congratulating pupils and staff on being one of the first schools in the borough to have solar panels installed.

It was noted that Chinese New Year had been celebrated across London and the Mayor had attended and will attend these celebrations in Camden, Islington, Westminster and Haringey.

On the auspicious first day of Chinese New Year the Mayor briefly met some of the borough's traders at the Haringey Business Alliance meeting.

The Mayor sadly reported on attending two funeral services of Former Haringey Councillors:

Former Mayor and Councillor Lawrence Bains died on 5th December, after a short illness. Lawrence was born and grew up in Hornsey. He was elected as Councillor for Hornsey Borough Council in 1949 at the young age of 29. He served as member and then chairman of a number of committees of the council, and was Hornsey Borough Council's last mayor in 1964 before its merger when Haringey Council was formed. He continued to serve on Haringey Council until 1971. He also served on the GLC and the health authority. The Mayor attended his funeral service out of respect for such a lengthy career in public service.

The Mayor also spoke of the sad passing of Former Councillor Chris Hannington, who had died on 21 January 2016.

The Mayor first got to know Chris Hannington in the 90s when involved in a Justice and Peace project related to a global perspective on asylum seekers at their parish church.

Chris Hannington was elected to Haringey Council in 1964 representing Stroud Green Ward and was a Haringey Councillor for 22 years. He became chair of the Housing Committee. Whilst in that post he initiated the policy of partnership with housing associations and this led to the building of many, many homes.

Chris Hannington later worked for housing associations and played a major role in the creation of many thousands of homes for social housing and later when working with the LB of Hammersmith & Fulham, devoting time to major improvements of council estates.

Chris Hannington was a great advocate of fairness in policing and well respected across the political spectrum

Chris was awarded an OBE for political and public service in 1989.

Chris Hannington was Chair of the Haringey Police Consultative Group for some time.

The meeting noted that Chris Hannington was a proud and steadfast supporter of multi-racial harmony through the Haringey Community Relations Council and later the Haringey Race and Equality Council and represented this body and laid a wreath on behalf of it at the Borough Remembrance Service in Wood Green on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The Mayor had last seen Chris a few weeks later in St Peter in Chains Church making a strong appeal for a CAFOD project to support farmers whose land and livelihood is threatened by climate change.

Although Chris did not share the same political views as the Mayor, he had been supportive and encouraging when the Mayor stood as a councillor for Hornsey Ward in 2014.

The Mayor reported that she was privileged to represent Haringey Council at his Funeral Mass in their parish church on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

The Mayor further called on Councillors Peacock and Rice to speak in memory of Chris Hannington. They shared similar warm memories of Chris Hannington and spoke fondly of his character and his significant work for the borough, lasting over 50 years. This included: his hard work for the Haringey Race Equality Council, leading with the borough's well known collective voices in speaking against apartheid in South Africa in the 80's and 90's and locally as a member of the Police Consultative Committee with a firm belief in the importance of maintaining good trusting ,working relationships between the Community and Police.

All Councillors stood for a minute's silence in a mark of respect of former Councillors Lawrence Bains and Chris Hannington.

**144. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

There were no matters to consider.

**145. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & MONITORING OFFICER**

The purpose of the report was to inform Full Council of the changes the Corporate Governance and Monitoring officer had made to the Contract Procedure Rules in Part 4 Section J of the Constitution following the enactment of the new Public Contracts Regulations 2015 under delegated Authority and as allowed under Article 14.03 of the Constitution.

The Chief Whip moved and it was:

**RESOLVED**

To note the changes to part 4 section J Contract Procedures Rules in the Constitution which was attached as appendix 1.

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

There were no deputations and petitions to consider.

#### **147. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES**

##### **Corporate Committee - Report No 2 /2015/16**

Councillor Barbara Blake **MOVED** the recommendations contained in Corporate Committee Report number 2 2015/16.

##### **RESOLVED**

That the Corporate Committee report number 2 2015/16 be received in respect of the Treasury Management Strategy [TMSS] for 2016/17 and Full Council approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2016/17 to 2018/19 as attached at appendix 4 of the 2016/17 Budget report to Full Council.

#### **148. FINANCIAL PLANNING 2016/17**

The Mayor advised the meeting that the Assistant Director for Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer would provide some advice on the voting requirements for budget votes.

It was noted that the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, and the Council's Standing Orders require the Council to record in the minutes how each Councillor voted (including any abstentions) when determining the Council's Budget and the level of Council Tax to be levied.

The only requirement was to record in the minutes of the meeting how each member voted, and given that there were 4 amendments and a substantive motion to be voted on, it could be recorded in the minutes of the meeting how each member voted, including any who have abstained, by a show of hands.

Councillor Arthur then **MOVED** the budget report – Financial Planning 2016/17 and moved the recommendations contained at page 75 to page 76 of the agenda pack, section 3.1, items [a] to [o]. Councillor Kober seconded the MOTION and reserved her right to speak during the debate.

Councillor Engert **MOVED** 4 budget amendments as set out in the tabled papers and to be considered as part of the item 12. Councillor Morris seconded the amendments and reserved her right to speak during the debate.

A debate ensued and members contributed to the discussion.

Councillor Engert and then Cllr Arthur responded to the proposals.

[Councillor Mark Blake arrived at this juncture of the meeting – 8.30pm]

Councillor Emine Ibrahim declared a personal interest in the report by virtue of her employment as a UNISON trade union representative at Redbridge Council.

The 4 amendments to the Motions were then voted on individually.

### **Budget Amendment 1**

On being put to a vote:

There were 9 in favour of the amendment (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Elliott, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross)

And 41 against (Councillors Adje, Ahmet, Akwasi-Ayisi, Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, B Blake, M Blake, C Bull, Carroll, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, J Mann, S Mann, McShane, Mitchell, Morton, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Reith, Rice, Ryan, Sahota, Strickland, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright.

and 1 abstention - Councillor Berryman.

Amendment 1 was declared **LOST**.

### **Budget amendment 2 -**

On being put to a vote:

There were 9 in favour of the amendment (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Elliott, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross)

and

42 against (Councillors Adje, Ahmet, Akwasi-Ayisi, Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Blake, M Blake, C Bull, Carroll, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, J Mann, S Mann, ,McShane, Mitchell, Morton, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Reith, Rice, Ryan, Sahota, Strickland, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright.

and no abstentions.

Amendment 2 was declared **LOST**.

### **Budget amendment 3**

On being put to a vote:

There were 9 in favour of the amendment (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Elliott, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross)

42 against (Councillors Adje, Ahmet, Akwasi-Ayisi, Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Blake, M Blake, C Bull, Carroll, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron,

Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, J Mann, S Mann, ,McShane, Mitchell, Morton, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Reith, Rice, Ryan, Sahota, Strickland, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright.

and no abstentions.

Amendment 3 was declared **LOST**

#### **Budget amendment 4**

On being put to a vote:

There were 9 in favour of the amendment (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Elliott, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross)

42 against(Councillors Adje, Ahmet, Akwasi-Ayisi,Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Blake, M Blake, C Bull, Carroll, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, J Mann, S Mann, ,McShane, Mitchell, Morton, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Reith, Rice, Ryan, Sahota, Strickland, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright.

and no abstentions.

Amendment 4 was declared **LOST**.

In respect of the substantive recommendations contained at section 3.1 of the Financial Planning 2016/17 report as **MOVED** by Councillor Arthur:

On a vote:

There being 42 **for** (Councillors Adje, Ahmet, Akwasi-Ayisi,Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Blake, M Blake, C Bull, Carroll, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, J Mann, S Mann, ,McShane, Mitchell, Morton, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Reith, Rice, Ryan, Sahota, Strickland, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright.

and 9 **against** (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Elliott, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross)

and no abstentions it was:

#### **RESOLVED**

1. To note the proposed Budget package agreed by Cabinet on 9th February 2016, including the outcomes from the budget consultation processes, which is attached as Annex 1.

2. To note the Budget Scrutiny recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the response of the Cabinet set out in Appendix 6 to the Cabinet budget report (Annex 1)
3. To approve the increase in the Haringey Council tax of 2% relating to the Adult Social Care precept;
4. To approve the Cash Limits 2016/17 as set out in Annex 2;
5. To approve the General Fund budget requirement for 2016/17 of £255.627m, net of Dedicated Schools Grant, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet budget report (Annex 1);
6. To approve the 2016/17 General Fund capital programme set out in Appendix 3 to the Cabinet budget report (Annex 1);
7. To approve the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 2 to the Cabinet budget report (Annex 1);
8. To approve the 2016/17 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme set out in Appendix 4 to the Cabinet budget report (Annex 1);
9. To note the Greater London Authority (GLA) proposed precept (para. 7.8);
10. To delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Culture, to reflect any final changes to the level of the GLA precept in the Council's Council tax billing information set out in Annex 5;
11. To approve the reserves policy including the Chief Finance Officer's (CFO) assessment of risk and her assessment of the adequacy of current and projected reserves, as set out in Annex 3 (a – c);
12. To approve the estimated level of un-earmarked General Fund reserves over the medium term financial planning period (2015 – 2018) and the specific and other reserves as set out in Annex 3b;
13. To note the report of the Chief Finance Officer under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of proposed reserves set out in section 9;
14. To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2016/17 set out in Annex 4; and
15. To pass the budget resolution including the level of Council tax, in the specified format and to determine that the Council's relevant basic amount of Council tax for the year is not excessive as set out in Annex 5.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....



Date .....