

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 18TH JULY, 2016, 7.30 - 10.00 pm

PRESENT:

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

18. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Mayor drew the meeting's attention to the notice on the Summons regarding filming at meetings.

19. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clare Bull, Gallagher, Goldberg, McNamara.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Gideon Bull and Hare.

20. 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 that responses to written questions be admitted at item 12 as tabled, explaining they were unavailable earlier given the time required to research and prepare answers.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ross declared a personal interest in item 9, as he was employed by an international gambling company, and the changes to the Constitution included pages referring to the Council's Gambling Policy.

No further declarations of interest were made.

22. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 16 MAY 2016

The minutes were agreed.

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

The Mayor set out some of the 44 events and functions he had attended since his election as Mayor at the Annual Council in May.

On behalf of the Borough, the Mayor congratulated Councillor Kober on her election as Chair of London Councils and thanked Councillor Elliott for her work as the Borough's Disability Champion. The Mayor also led the Council in applauding Chief Superintendent Dr Victor Olisa for his work as Borough Commander over the last three years.

The Mayor set out the Borough's sadness at the death of Jo Cox MP in June, and the recent terror attacks in Nice and Istanbul Airport. He wished former Councillor James Ryan well for the future following his resignation from the Council, and congratulated Councillor Goldberg on the birth of his first child.

The Mayor closed by noting the death in March of Ernie Nice, who had served as councillor and Alderman on Wood Green Council. He invited Councillor Peacock to share her memories of Ernie Nice, who reminded the meeting that his name was on the cornerstone of the Civic Centre as a lasting reminder of his service to the area.

24. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Deputy Chief Executive, attending on behalf of the Chief Executive, had no matters to report.

25. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Monitoring Officer and Assistant Director of Corporate Governance had no matters to report.

26. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES

The Chair of the Corporate Committee, Cllr Barbara Blake, introduced her report and asked Council to agree its recommendations.

The Chair of the Standards Committee, Cllr Amin, introduced her report and asked Council to agree its recommendations. Cllr Ross asked whether the Constitution ought to be further amended to clarify references to the Licensing and Gambling Policies. As this was not part of the Standards Committee's Considerations to date, Cllr Amin undertook to give the matter further consideration.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr Kober, introduced her report on the Capital Strategy, and asked Council to agree its recommendations.

Subsequently, the Council:

RESOLVED

In relation to the report from the Corporate Committee, the Council noted the Treasury Management 2015/16 Outturn report.

In relation to the report from the Standards Committee, the Council agreed:

- 1) In relation to the Pensions Committee and Pensions Board:
 - a) To approve the abolition of the Pensions Committee and the Pensions Board;
 - b) pursuant to Regulation 106(2) of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015, to approve the establishment of a combined Pensions Committee and Board;
 - c) to approve the terms of reference of the new combined Pensions Committee and Board, to be reflected in the Constitution at Part Three Section B;
 - d) to approve the consequential change to the scheme of Members' Allowances at Part Six of the Constitution
 - e) to appoint the following Council members to the new combined Pensions Committee and Board:
 - Councillor C Bull
 - Councillor Bevan
 - Councillor Adamou
 - Councillor Blake
 - Councillor G Bull
 - Councillor Ross
 - f) pursuant to Regulation 107(1), (2) and (4) note:
 - (i) the appointment of the following employer and employee representatives to the new combined Committee and Board:
 - Keith Brown (employer representative)
 - Randy Plowright (employee representative)
 - (ii) the remaining vacant employer and employee seats are to be filled in accordance with the appointment process set out in the terms of reference for the new combined Pensions Board and Committee
- 2) To approve the changes to the terms of reference for the Staffing and Remuneration Committee (as set out in Appendix 2 to the Standards Committee report).
- 3) The following minor amendments to the Constitution:
 - a) amendment to Part Three, Section B3, paragraph 4.2(E) to enable the Council's planning applications to be approved by an officer where the Chair agrees (Appendix 3 of the Standards Committee report);
 - b) amendment to Part Two, Article 4.01 and Part Three, Section B1, paragraph 2, to clearly set out the policy framework as prescribed in law, with any additional policies added by choice set out clearly (Appendix 4a of the Standards Committee report);
 - c) amendment to Part Four, Section F, (Cabinet Procedure Rules) paragraph 1.7. to set out the actual current cabinet start time of 6.30pm;

- d) amendment to Part Four, Section C, paragraph 8 to allow the Statement of Attendances to be presented either at the last meeting of the municipal year or at annual council;
 - e) amendment to Part Two, Article 10.08(a) (ii) (C) to remove the reference to the Haringey Strategic Partnership.
- 4) To note that the Monitoring Officer has removed the words 'members of the Cabinet' from Part Four, Section B paragraph 20, has made further changes to Part Four, Section C paragraph 7 by adding a reference to the attendance requirements for members of the Cabinet, and has replaced 'appointments' with 'nominations' at Part Three, Section E4, paragraph 1.5(h), pursuant to his powers under Article 14.03 of the Constitution.

In relation to the report from Cabinet, the Council agreed:

- 1) The approval of the 10 year capital programme which replaces the current capital programme.
- 2) The programme of schemes being developed for future Business Case approval through the Capital Board be noted.
- 3) The affordability position and proposed capital financing arrangements be noted.
- 4) The proposed Governance and role of Capital Board in developing scrutinising and challenging the programme be noted.

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

The Mayor informed Council that a deputation and two petitions had been received and would be heard at the meeting.

Introducing her deputation on behalf of Refugees Welcome Haringey, Rose Bernstein set out that they were calling on the Council to commit to accepting four refugee families from Syria. Other boroughs had accepted refugees under the Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme, and local residents, landlords and religious groups had shown willingness to accommodate refugees.

Following questions from Councillors Morris and Engert to the deputation, the Leader of the Council responded to the deputation. She set out that the Borough had a strong history of housing refugees and was prepared to accept more refugees but was unable to do so in the absence from greater clarity from the Government on their support to local government hosting refugees, particularly in the current financial context. The Leader committed that these issues would continue to be pursued by the Borough and by her in her new role as Chair of London Councils, and to continue engaging with groups on this agenda.

Introducing his petition on behalf of the Friends of Parkland Walk, Simon Olley welcomed the recent decision to not lift the Council's covenant in relation to Parkland Walk, and thanked the Cabinet Member for Environment, the Council's relevant officers past and present, local ward councillors and supporters of the petition. He encouraged better engagement with stakeholder groups to build confidence in the

Council's decision-making and ensure services could be best delivered at a time when finances were reduced.

Following a brief debate, to which Councillors Carter, Doron and Hearn contributed, Councillor Ahmet, the Cabinet Member for Environment responded to the petition by setting out what the recent decision had entailed.

Introducing his petition on behalf of the Friends of Muswell Hill Library, George Danker asserted that the options put forward for Muswell Hill Library were inadequate and a further option of minor improvements to the current library would enable the current building to be retained at a relatively low cost. He questioned whether the matter was being handled in a way that was consistent with previous Cabinet decisions and according to due process. He called for an independent feasibility study focussed on the improvement of the current library.

Following questions for clarification from Councillors Newton, Kober, Adje, Hearn and Carter there was a short debate, to which Councillors Berryman, Connor, Mark Blake, Newton, Arthur and Bevan contributed. Responding, Councillor Vanier, the Deputy Leader set out that the Council was investing in its library network, though many other councils were closing libraries. She disputed the low costs of improvement put forward, based on the independent advice already received, and explained the proposal for relocating the library being consulted on.

The Mayor thanked the deputation and petitioners for their participation in the meeting.

28. THE HARINGEY DEBATE - TACKLING AIR POLLUTION IN HARINGEY: UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM AND IDENTIFYING NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO COMBAT IT

Councillor Ahmet introduced the Haringey Debate on air pollution, which she referred to as a silent killer of seven million people annually.

The guest speaker, Andrea Lee of public interest and environment law charity Client Earth, presented an overview of the issue to the Council in terms of its effects on people's health, and how the current level of air pollution was above what was legally permissible without the immediate prospect of improvement. Client Earth had successfully brought a legal challenge to the UK Government in the previous year, which resulted in the Supreme Court requiring a clear plan from the Government. Client Earth were soon to challenge those plans produced.

In the subsequent debate, Councillor Engert noted an estimate that 310 people had died in Haringey as a result of air pollution between 2010 and 2013. She set out that air pollution may worsen once the UK leaves the European Union, and her hope that the Mayor of London will take action to alleviate the problem for the city – in particular limiting airport expansion.

Councillor Mallett, as Cycling Champion, set out that using a cycle for short journeys would improve air quality and reduce traffic. She hoped the Cabinet's response to the

recent Overview and Scrutiny report on cycling would help the Council to encourage cycling.

Councillor McShane regretted the recent abolition of the Department of Energy and Climate Change and asked the guest speaker for her view.

Councillor Newton noted the poor air quality on a number of roads across the borough, which had particularly bad effects for younger and older people, and called on the Council to take action.

Councillor Adamou set out that Harringay ward councillors had supported pollution-measurements in Green Lanes, and had called on the Cabinet Member to respond.

Councillor Hare noted that the Archway Road, as a major traffic artery, had a high level of vehicle-derived pollutants, and offered a view of air pollution in central London. He believed the new Mayor of London had an opportunity to take action against air pollution, and that the problem of air pollution would be recalled as smoking is now.

Councillor Wright also referred to the recent scrutiny review on cycling, and put forward specific recommendations that would enable Haringey to be proactive in tackling this issue.

Councillor Doron congratulated Client Earth on its success to date, both legally and in raising the profile of this issue. There was a particular issue in relation of inequality in relation to access to clean air.

Councillor Strickland set out that air pollution would limit the attractiveness of the borough for people considering where to live and raise children. He had been keen for development to limit the amount of car parking spaces, and to increase the amount of green space. Future developments such as Crossrail 2 could help reduce the impact of commuter journeys through the borough.

Councillor Weston noted 25 per cent of London school children were exposed to unsafe levels of air quality. Efforts were underway to ensure children were aware of the issues and could travel to school in a way that minimised air pollution.

Councillor Ejiofor asked when the commitment to a full review of bus services in the borough to make bus usage more effective would be implemented. He also asked whether reduced speed limits had a negative impact on air quality and, if so, whether that off-set the benefits in terms of road safety.

Responding to the debate, Councillor Ahmet thanked members for their contribution and set out some of the work undertaken in Haringey, including the Air Quality Action Plan, development of a parking policy and the Green Lanes Traffic Review underway. She shared the optimism presented by the new Mayor of London's agenda and set out some actions he was consulting on.

The Mayor thanked Members and the guest speaker for their contributions.

29. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10

The Mayor accepted this late item of urgent business, as the answers to questions had needed to be researched and prepared after the summons had been dispatched.

Oral questions one to five were asked and responded to.

Following a request by the Chief Whip, it was agreed unanimously to conclude this item and move immediately to the next item on the agenda, given the level of interest in the issues it raised.

30. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13

Councillor Morris moved Motion B on the agenda, and was pleased that there had been cross-party support for it. Councillor Engert seconded the motion.

On a vote, the motion was agreed unanimously.

The time being 2200, the meeting concluded at this point.

RESOLVED

This Council notes the result of the European Union referendum and the Government's affirmation that this country will leave the European Union.

This Council is concerned about the impact of leaving the EU on Haringey's local residents.

This Council is deeply disturbed by reports from across the country of increases in xenophobic and racist attacks following the referendum.

This Council notes that:

- there are thousands of people from many different countries living in Haringey and contributing to our local economy and culture
- many Haringey residents are from the EU and will be understandably concerned about their future and safety following the referendum
- there are many people who were born in Haringey who now live, study and work in other EU countries who are concerned about their future
- many of Haringey's communities have family and cultural ties with other EU countries

This Council believes that Haringey is enriched by the diversity of its residents.

This Council further believes that people from other EU countries who live and work in Haringey are a boon and not a burden to our borough.

This Council calls on our local MPs to:

- Fight to ensure that EU citizens already settled here can continue to: live, work and study here, and use public services for free, as they currently do.
- Call for negotiations with other EU countries to give the same rights to British Citizens living abroad in EU countries.

This Council affirms its commitment to work with the police and other public services to protect local residents and stamp out xenophobia and racism.

MAYOR ALI GUL OZBEK

Signed by Chair

Date