

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 20TH MAY, 2019, 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Seema Chandwani, Gina Adamou , Charles Adje, Peray Ahmet, Kaushika Amin, Dhiren Basu, Patrick Berryman, John Bevan, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Gideon Bull, Dana Carlin, Vincent Carroll, Nick da Costa, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Sakina Chenot, James Chiriyankandath, Pippa Connor, Eldridge Culverwell, Julie Davies, Mahir Demir, Paul Dennison, Isidoros Diakides, Josh Dixon, Erdal Dogan, Joseph Ejiofor, Scott Emery, Makbule Gunes, Mike Hakata, Bob Hare, Kirsten Hearn, Justin Hinchcliffe, Emine Ibrahim, Sarah James, Adam Jogee, Peter Mitchell, Liz Morris, Khaled Moyeed, Lucia das Neves, Julia Ogiehor, Felicia Opoku, Tammy Palmer, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Viv Ross, Alessandra Rossetti, Yvonne Say, Anne Stennett, Daniel Stone, Preston Tabois, Elin Weston, Noah Tucker, Sarah Williams and Matt White

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Mayor drew attendees' attention to the notice on the summons regarding filming at meetings.

2. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2019/20

The Mayor invited nominations for the office of the Mayor of Haringey for the Municipal Year 2019-20.

Councillor Ahmet nominated, and Councillor Weston seconded that Councillor Sheila Peacock be elected Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor duly announced Councillor Peacock as Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

RESOLVED

1. That Councillor Sheila Peacock be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20
2. The Mayor made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by Councillors Ahmet and Weston.
3. The Mayor then addressed the Council, reflected on her experiences in Haringey, gave thanks for her election and outlined her objectives for her year of office.

4. The Mayor's Consort Mark Grosskopf was invested with a Badge of Office.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were noted from: Councillor Barnes and Councillor Gordon.

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 Chief Executive 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 2018/19; and
- Item 12: Appointments to outside bodies 2019/20:
- Item 13: End of the year financial statement 2018/19 of allowances paid to Members

The first three reports outlined, were not available at the time of dispatch as they included recent changes following party group meetings and the final report outlined required verification of the financial figures.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor asked Members to make any declarations of interest, as shown on the printed summons.

No declarations were made.

6. RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Chief Executive reported that the Mayor had signified in writing the appointment of Councillor Dana Carlin as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

Councillor Carlin was invested with her Badge of Office.

The Mayor announced that the Deputy Mayor's Consort would be Cllr Adam Jogee who was then invested with the Badge of Office.

7. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18 MARCH 2019

The Chief Executive asked whether the minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2019 could be taken as read.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2019 were agreed as a true record.

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 and Consorts was moved by Councillor Ejiolor and seconded by Councillor Morris.

The retiring Mayor was presented with a badge and a framed collage in honour of her year of office. She addressed the Council, thanking the Council for the honour of being Mayor and officers and residents that had supported her in her Mayoral year, outlining some particular highlights of her year in office, and ending with a particular mention of her two charities, Ambitious for Autism and the John Dewy Specialist College, whom she hoped the Council would continue to support in their fantastic work for the community.

RESOLVED

That the Council extend its thanks and appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Gina Adamou, and her consorts Mariam Zaatri and Andreas Adamides 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 announced her charities and chosen causes for the coming year, which were:

- Step by Step
- Parents and Friends of Pembury House Nursery school and Children's Centre
- Lymphoma Action
- The Mayors special fund for disabled and Vulnerable Children

This information was included on the Mayor's webpages along with information about forthcoming events.

The Mayor reported on the sad passing of Iris Woodger a former fellow Councillor and spoke of her wonderful character and prior excellent mayoralty of the borough.

The Mayor announced that following consultation with both Chief Whips, party political leaders and in accordance with Council standing order 3.2, she would be using her discretion as Mayor to vary the agenda to allow item 16, Leader's announcements to be considered prior to item 10. This was to allow the Leader to say a few words in memory of Narendra Makanji, a former long-standing Councillor who had recently passed away.

The Leader of the Council spoke of the sad passing of Narendra Makanji and his tireless work for the borough. He described how Narendra was always on hand to provide advice and support to people in the community. He had a strong belief in equality and was well known for his work in this area. The Leader continued to speak

on Narendra's many roles in the Council and community and had how he had remained constantly in contact for help and advice until his untimely passing.

The Annual Council meeting continued to observe a minute's silence in memory of Iris and Narendra.

10. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE,NOTING THE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY POLITICAL GROUPS, AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE

The Mayor agreed to the admittance of this item as a late report, given that it set out decisions that had been made recently at party meetings.

Councillor Rice, 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 Ejiofor
Deputy Leader:	Councillor Brabazon
Chief Whip:	Councillor Rice
Chair:	Councillor Williams
Vice Chair:	Councillor Carlin
Secretary:	Councillor Berryman
Assistant Whips:	Councillors , Demir, Say, Mitchell
Group Treasurer	Councillor Gordon
Non-Executive members	Councillors , Dogan, Stennett

Councillors:

Adamou
Adje
Ahmet
Amin
Basu
Bevan
M Blake
Bull
Carroll
Chandwani
Chiriyankandath
Culverwell
das Neves
Davies
Diakides
Gunes
Hakata

Hearn
Ibrahim
James
Jogee
Moyeed
Opoku
Peacock
Stone
Tabois
Tucker
Weston
White

The Liberal Democrat Group

Leader:	Councillor Morris
Deputy Leader:	Councillor Dixon
Chief Whip:	Councillor Cawley-Harrison
Deputy Whip:	Councillor Dennison
Group Chair:	Councillor Ross
Deputy Group Chair:	Councillor Palmer

Councillors:

Barnes
Chenot
Connor
Da Costa
Emery
Hare
Hinchliffe
Ogiehor

Rossetti

Independent

Councillor Barbara Blake

11. TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENTS PROCEDURE AND TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20, INCLUDING THE SELECTION OF THE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

The Mayor agreed to the admittance of this item as a late report, given it set out decisions that had been made recently at party meetings.

The Chief Whip moved recommendations 1-3 as detailed in the circulated report.

Councillor Cawley-Harrison moved an amendment to Recommendation 2 and Appendix 1, seconded by Councillor Ross, to the effect that Councillor Connor be appointed Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Rice responded to the amendment.

On a vote, the amendment was lost. On a vote on the original motion, the motion was agreed.

The Leader of the Council highlighted a change to Cllr Hearn's Cabinet portfolio title, attached at Appendix 2, which should read Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Sustainability.

RESOLVED

That Full Council:

1. appoint to the Committees on the "slate" basis.
2. agree the membership of Committees and the appointment of Chairs as detailed at Appendix 1.
3. note the proposed membership of the Cabinet as detailed at Appendix 2, subject to the above amendment.

12. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Mayor agreed to the admittance of this item as tabled, given it set out decisions that had been made recently at party meetings.

The Chief Whip moved the report as tabled,

RESOLVED

That the appointments to outside bodies be approved, as detailed in the schedule attached to the report.

13. TO NOTE THE END OF MUNICIPAL YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2018/19

The Chief Whip moved the report.

RESOLVED

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

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

The Mayor accepted the admittance of the tabled report as late business, given that it had been prepared to include recent meetings.

The Chief Executive introduced the report on Members' attendance, as required by the Council's Constitution.

NOTED.

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

The Deputy Monitoring Officer had no matters to report.

16. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER , AND /OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

As set out at item 9.

17. TO CONSIDER ANY BUSINESS SET OUT IN THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING: TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS

Cllr Cawley-Harrison advised In accordance with Council Standing Order 25.1, moved the suspension of Council Standing Orders: 13.1, 15.6 b [i] and 15.6 b [iii] to allow Motion B to be jointly proposed by Cllr Ejiofor and Cllr Morris and to be jointly seconded by Cllr Chenot and Cllr Moyeed.

This Motion would also allow the proposers to have 5 minutes each to move Motion B, and remove the right of reply.

Cllr Rice seconded the motion.

Cllr Ejiofor and Cllr Morris proceeded to propose Motion B- The All Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims definition of Islamophobia. The Leader of the Council underlined the importance of the motion, which was speaking against hate and for tolerance. The Leader spoke of the strong connections between communities and faiths in Haringey, which was to be celebrated. He highlighted the adoption of the Council motion in 2017 on the definition of anti-

Semitism that this motion followed. He emphasised the importance of challenging anti-Semitism and Islamophobia and continuing to work together as community to achieve this.

Cllr Morris continued to propose the motion by wishing the Muslim community Eid Mubarak, and further spoke about the borough's tradition for tolerance and standing up to hatred. In line with the 2016 Council motion condemning anti-Semitism, it was important to adopt this motion. She highlighted the stark figures for hate crime, which showed that 50% of hate crimes recorded were relating to Islamophobia, further demonstrating the need to oppose this bigotry. She concluded with the assurance of both political party's determination to end Islamophobia.

Cllr Moyeed and Chenot jointly seconded the motion and further spoke about the borough standing together oppose Islamophobia and referred to real-life experiences and personal accounts of Islamophobia. They spoke of the likely underreporting of hate crimes connected with islamophobia and how this situation was getting much worse for the Muslim community. They concluded by asking Councillor colleagues to adopt the motion.

Following a request made by eight Members standing in their place, the Mayor agreed that a named vote be held on the Motion.

54 in FAVOUR [Adamou, Adje, Ahmet, Amin, Basu, Berryman, Bevan, B Blake, M Blake, Brabazon, Bull, Carlin, Carroll, Cawley- Harrison, Chandwani, Chenot, Chiriyankandath, Connor, Culverwell, da Costa, das Neves, Davies, Demir, Dennison, Diakides, Dixon, Dogan, Ejiofor, Emery, Gunes, Hakata, Hare, Hearn, Hinchliffe, Ibrahim, James, Jogee, Mitchell, Morris, Moyeed, Ogiehor, Opoku, Palmer, Rice, Ross, Rossetti, Say, Stennett, Stone, Tabois, Weston, White, Williams, and Peacock.]

NONE against and NO abstentions

The Council RESOLVED

Haringey is home to people of many faith and ethnicities. Amongst them are an estimated 36,130 Muslims. This Council is proud of that diversity and believes Haringey's Muslim residents are an important asset to the borough, have the same rights as all other groups and individuals, and are as worthy of the same respect as any other resident in, and outside of, Haringey.

Haringey has a strong history of fighting racism in all its forms, including adopting the IHRA definition of Anti-Semitism in 2017; and in its most recent Borough Plan, adopted earlier this year, pledging to "develop multi-agency approaches to tackle and reduce Hate Crime based on a zero tolerance approach".

Recent terrorist attacks against the Al Noor Mosque and Linwood Islamic Centre in Christchurch, New Zealand and the Finsbury Park Mosque in Islington have highlighted the severe Islamophobic attacks that Muslim communities around the world are faced with, and the Council wishes to offer its condolences to all those impacted by, and who lost loved ones in these attacks. The Council also acknowledges that Islamophobia is not a recent phenomenon and that we must do more as a society to tackle this rising form of intolerance and persecution.

In light of this, the Council expresses its gratitude for the work done by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims to produce a definition of Islamophobia.

Council notes:

1. That on the 27th November 2018, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims published a report entitled *Islamophobia Defined: the inquiry into a working definition of Islamophobia*. Amongst its conclusions are that:

- a) British Muslims “*have a strong sense of belonging to Britain and of feeling part of British society*” and are “*more likely than the British public as a whole to say that their national identity is important to their sense of who they are*”.
- b) Despite this, negative attitudes towards British Muslims are prevalent among their fellow citizens and that this contributes to multiple forms of discrimination including a “*growing number of Islamophobic hate crimes*”.
- c) That Islamophobia can negatively impact non-Muslims. For example, Sikhs have been targeted with abuse by people who misidentify them as Muslims.
- d) “*adopting a definition of Islamophobia will demonstrate to Britain’s Muslim communities that we, as politicians and we together as a society, recognise the impediments to the flourishing of Muslims in Britain and will take steps to demarcate the healthy preservation of expressions of Muslimness consistent with the law, fundamental freedoms and human rights.*”
- e) “*Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.*”

2. That *Islamophobia Defined* provides the following as examples of Islamophobia in “*public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in encounters between religions and non-religions in the public sphere could, considering the overall context, include, but are not limited to:*

- a) *Calling for, aiding, instigating or justifying the killing or harming of Muslims in the name of a racist/ fascist ideology, or an extremist view of religion.*
- b) *Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Muslims as such, or of Muslims as a collective group, such as, especially but not exclusively, conspiracies about Muslim entryism in politics, government or other societal institutions; the myth of Muslim identity having a unique propensity for terrorism, and claims of a demographic ‘threat’ posed by Muslims or of a ‘Muslim takeover’.*
- c) *Accusing Muslims as a group of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Muslim person or group of Muslim individuals, or even for acts committed by non-Muslims.*
- d) *Accusing Muslims as a group, or Muslim majority states, of inventing or exaggerating Islamophobia, ethnic cleansing or genocide perpetrated against Muslims.*
- e) *Accusing Muslim citizens of being more loyal to the ‘Ummah’ (transnational Muslim community) or to their countries of origin, or to the alleged priorities of Muslims worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.*
- f) *Denying Muslim populations, the right to self-determination e.g., by claiming that the existence of an independent Palestine or Kashmir is a terrorist endeavour.*

- g) *Applying double standards by requiring of Muslims behaviours that are not expected or demanded of any other groups in society, e.g. loyalty tests.*
- h) *Using the symbols and images associated with classic Islamophobia (e.g. Muhammed being a paedophile, claims of Muslims spreading Islam by the sword or subjugating minority groups under their rule) to characterize Muslims as being ‘sex groomers’, inherently violent or incapable of living harmoniously in plural societies.*
- i) *Holding Muslims collectively responsible for the actions of any Muslim majority state, whether secular or constitutionally Islamic.”*

3. That Labour, the Liberal Democrats, the Scottish National Party and Plaid Cymru have already adopted the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims’ definition of Islamophobia at a national level.

Council believes:

- 1. That Muslims are valued members of the community in Haringey and of the United Kingdom.
- 2. That Islamophobia has no place in Haringey, or in our wider society.
- 3. That fears that applying the APPG definition will constrain freedom of speech are misplaced. *Islamophobia Defined* explicitly defends the right of Muslims and non-Muslims to engage in the “criticism, debate and free discussion of Islam as a religion”, whilst setting out criteria to distinguish that from “the victimisation of Muslims through the targeting of expressions of Muslimness to deny or impair their fundamental freedoms and human rights”.

Council resolves:

- 1. To welcome, endorse and adopt the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims’ definition of Islamophobia.
- 2. To contact the Members of Parliament for Tottenham and Hornsey & Wood Green and ask them to lobby the Government to adopt the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims’ definition of Islamophobia.
- 3. To condemn all bigotry and any discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, religion, denomination or any characteristic protected by the Equality Act.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date