

MINUTES OF MEETING EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2019, 7.30PM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Sheila Peacock, Gina Adamou, Charles Adje, Kaushika Amin, Dhiren Basu, Patrick Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Gideon Bull, Vincent Carroll, Seema Chandwani, Sakina Chenot, James Chiriyankandath, Pippa Connor, Eldridge Culverwell, Mahir Demir, Paul Dennison, Isidoros Diakides, Erdal Dogan, Joseph Ejiofor, Ruth Gordon, Makbule Gunes, Mike Hakata, Justin Hinchcliffe, Emine Ibrahim, Sarah James, Adam Jogee, Peter Mitchell, Liz Morris, Khaled Moyeed, Felicia Opoku, Tammy Palmer, Reg Rice, Yvonne Say, Anne Stennett, Daniel Stone, Preston Tabois, Elin Weston, Noah Tucker and Matt White

ALSO ATTENDING:

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

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

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:

Cawley – Harrison
Rossetti
Das Neves
Carlin
Bevan
Dixon
Da Costa
Emery
Hare
Barnes
Ogiehor
Ross
Hearn
Ahmet

Apologies for lateness were noted for Councillors: Ejiofor, Stennett, and Tucker.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest put forward.

4. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive had no matters to report.

5. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

The Monitoring Officer had no matters to report.

6. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Labour Chief Whip moved the report, which sought agreement to the Cabinet Member for Local Investment, and Economic Growth replacing the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategic Regeneration as the Council's Cabinet representative on Newable (formerly Greater London Enterprise) until appointments to outside bodies were due for renewal in May 2020.

A point of clarification was raised the Deputy Chief Whip of the Liberal Democrat group in relation to paragraph 4.1 and suitability of the Cabinet Member for Local Investment and Economic Growth to this role considering his public admission of the use of an anti-semitic term. Clarification was sought on why he was not removed from the Cabinet and why he was considered as the right person to be the representative of the Council, on this outside body, at this time.

In response, it was noted that this role falls within the Cabinet Member for local investment and Economic Growth's portfolio and this was the reason for placement on this body.

Following a vote, where there were six against and four abstentions,

AGREED

That the Cabinet Member for Local Investment and Economic Growth replaces the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategic Regeneration as the Council's Cabinet representative on Newable (formerly Greater London Enterprise) until appointments to outside bodies are due for renewal in May 2020.

7. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM

There were no deputations related to items on the agenda.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES

The meeting continued to consider reports from: Standards Committee, Cabinet and Corporate Committee.

9. REPORT FROM STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORTING UP CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS AND MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chair of Standards Committee moved the report which set out proposed changes to the Council Constitution. These were concerning:

1. The Council's Financial Regulations - Part 4 Section I
2. Associated amendment at Part 4, Section E, Budget and Policy Framework
3. Part 5 Section A – Members' Code of Conduct – Part 1
4. Part 5 Section A – Members' Code of Conduct – Part 2
5. Council Procedure rules - Part 4 Section A
6. Committee Procedure Rules – Part 4 Section B

AGREED

1. To approve the changes to the Financial Regulations Part 4 Section I and associated amendment at Part 4, Section E, Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules set out in track changes at Appendix 2 and Appendix 3.
2. To note the best practice points and recommendations in the report on Local Government Ethical Standards from the Committee on Standards in Public Life set out at Appendix 5.
3. To approve the amendments to the Constitution - Part 5 Section A – Members' Code of Conduct – Part 1 set out in track changes Appendix 6.
4. Part 5 Section A – Members' Code of Conduct – Part 2 – Process for handling complaints set out in track changes Appendix 7.
5. To approve amendments and additions to Council Procedure Rules as set out in track changes at Appendix 9.

10. CABINET REPORT ON ADDITIONAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SPEND ON NEW BUILD PROPERTIES AND TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION ACQUISITIONS.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategic Regeneration moved the report, which proposed increasing the Housing Revenue Account's (HRA) Capital Programme funding envelope to finance the construction of new build properties; the acquisition of new build properties for affordable housing and the acquisition of existing properties to house homeless households.

In response to a question from Cllr Morris on the alteration of this budget and allowing room for potential large additional costs arise that may arise in the future i.e. if phase two of Grenfell inquiry requires sprinklers to be fitted to tower blocks, there was a separate contingency in respect of ongoing repairs connected with the HRA. This

decision was mainly to acquire properties that were bought in RTB to bring them back into use and to enable new build.

AGREED

Approval of the additions to the 2019/20 HRA capital programme of £70.4m to finance: the construction of new build properties (£4.1m); the acquisition of new build properties for affordable housing (£8.7m) and the acquisition of existing properties to house homeless households (£57.6m) as set out in Appendix 1.

11. CORPORATE COMMITTEE REPORT TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2018/19 OUTTURN,

The Chair of Corporate Committee moved the report which provided an update on the Council's treasury management activities and performance in the year to 31st March 2019 in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice.

AGREED

To note the Treasury Management 2018/19 Outturn as attached.

12. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME FOR 2020/21

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategic Regeneration moved the report which set out details of the review of Haringey's current Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) 2019/20 and recommended that it continued unchanged for 2020/21. It was noted that the Council must approve the final scheme by 11th March 2020, even if the scheme remained unchanged ready for implementation on the 1st April 2020.

AGREED

1. To note that an Equalities Impact Assessment (**Appendix 4**) has been undertaken in relation to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and that the findings of this EIA must be taken into account when making a decision regarding the Scheme for 2020/21.
2. To adopt the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2020/21 as contained in Appendix 3 and therefore retains the same Scheme agreed for 2019/20. This means that from 01st April 2020;
 - I. That pensioners continue to receive support for the payment of Council Tax.
 - II. That working age claimants in receipt of certain disability benefits continue to receive support for the payment of Council Tax up to 100%.
 - III. That working age claimants with children continue to receive support for the payment for Council Tax up to 100%.
 - IV. For all other working age claimants, the extent of Council Tax Support available will continue to be capped at 80.2% of Council Tax liability.

3. To give authority to the Director of Finance, the Director of Customer, Transformation and Resources and Assistant Director of Corporate and Customer Services to make any required minor amendments to the Scheme, prior to publication and take all appropriate steps to implement and administer the Scheme.

13. DOCKLESS BICYCLES - PAN LONDON BYLAW

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods moved the report which sought to agree in principle to the making of a pan-London Bylaw that will regulate the use of Dockless Bicycles and to delegate the function of making the Bylaw to London Councils TEC.

AGREED

1. In principle to the making of a pan-London bylaw to regulate dockless vehicles on the highway and/or public places (including making it an offence for a dockless vehicle operator to cause or permit their dockless vehicle to be left on the highway or public place other than in an approved location in the Borough);
2. To delegate the Council's functions (as referred to in paragraph 8.3.5 below) to the London Councils TEC to make a bylaw to regulate dockless vehicles in the Borough; and
3. To authorise the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance to sign any necessary documents to give effect to the above recommendations, including authorising changes to the London Councils TEC Governing Agreement dated 13 December 2001 (as amended).

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date