



COUNCIL

— MINUTES —

(ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2006



PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Minnie Scott Russell)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Andrew Johnson)

Councillors:

Michael Adam
Colin Aherne
Mrs Adronie Alford
Jeanette Bentley
Will Bethell
Helen Binmore
Nicholas Botterill
Paul Bristow
Victoria Brocklebank -
Fowler
Aidan Burley
Jean Campbell
Michael Cartwright
Alex Chalk
Stephen Cowan

Gill Dickenson
Belinda Donovan
Gavin Donovan
Caroline Ffiske
Rachel Ford
Stephen Greenhalgh
Lucy Gugen
Steve Hamilton
Wesley Harcourt
Lisa Homan
Robert Iggulden
Lucy Ivimy
Donald Johnson
Alex Karmel
Jane Law

Antony Lillis
Mark Loveday
Reg McLaughlin
Lisa Nandy
Ed Owen
Harry Phibbs
Dame Sally Powell
Alexandra Robson
Greg Smith
Frances Stainton
Mercy Umeh
Rory Vaughan
Eugenie White

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2006/07

7.00pm – Former Councillor Charlie Treloggan, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

The Chief Whip, Councillor Frances Stainton, proposed, seconded by the Deputy Chief Whip, Councillor Donald Johnson, that Councillor Minnie Scott Russell be elected as Mayor of the Borough for the 2006/07 Municipal year.

There being no further nominations, the proposal was formally put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

Councillor Minnie Scott Russell was duly declared elected as Mayor of the Borough for the 2006/07 Municipal Year, following which she made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the statutory undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

The Mayor announced that she had decided to appoint Mr. Harry Spencer Smith as Mayor's Consort for the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

The Mayor then announced that she had appointed Councillor Andrew Johnson as Deputy Mayor for the 2006/07 Municipal Year, and that he had asked Councillor Rachel Ford to be his Deputy Mayoress.

The Mayor then called on the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, to speak on the presentation of the Past Mayor's badge. Councillor Greenhalgh paid fulsome tribute to former councillor Charlie Treloggan, who had served as Mayor of the Borough for the past three consecutive terms. The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Stephen Cowan, also paid fulsome tribute to former councillor Charlie Treloggan, before he was presented by the Leader of the Council with his Past Mayor's badge.

The Leader of the Council then moved, on behalf of the Council, a Vote of Thanks to the past Mayoress, Ms. Eleanor Carlson; the past Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mercy Umeh; and the past Deputy Mayor's Consort, Mr. Maxwell Umeh, for their work in supporting the past Mayor in carrying out his civic functions, before they were each presented with tokens of appreciation.

2. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2006/7

The Returning Officer's report as to the persons elected as Councillors at the Local Government Elections held on 4 May 2006 was duly noted, with the following correction to the entry for College Park & Old Oak, which should have read:

“Wesley Harcourt, 16 Lytten Court, 55 Becklow Road, London W12 9HN”

3. MINUTES – 22 FEBRUARY 2006

7.15pm - The minutes of the Budget Council Meeting held on 22 February 2006 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sarah Gore and Peter Tobias.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting of the Council

6 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayor's Announcements circulated at this meeting of the Council.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT OF APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE PARTY GROUPS FOR 2006/07

The report of the Chief Executive on the various appointments made by the Party Groups on the Council for 2006/07 was duly noted, with the following correction :

“Deputy Opposition Whip – Councillor Jean Campbell” (not Councillor Lisa Homan as printed in the Council agenda.)

8. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION 2006/07

7.19pm - Noted the addenda to the Constitution (previously marked “to follow”) and errata sheet circulated to all Councillors and tabled at the meeting. [Copies attached at **Appendix 1** to these minutes].

The report of the Monitoring Officer on the Council's Constitution was moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Frances Stainton, Chief Whip.

Councillor Colin Aherne, Opposition Whip moved, seconded by Councillor Michael Cartwright, Deputy Opposition Leader, that under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (ix), the meeting be adjourned for a short period in order to give the opposition time to study the Overview & Scrutiny Committees' terms of reference and an amendment to the Leader's Portfolio, only recently circulated to all Councillors.

The Chief Whip, Councillor Frances Stainton, on behalf of the Administration, agreed the opposition request for a short adjournment of the meeting for a period of 10 – 15 minutes.

[7.22pm - The meeting was adjourned at this point. 7.32pm – The meeting reconvened.]

The Monitoring Officer report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendations, including the addenda and errata, were declared **CARRIED.**

7.33pm **RESOLVED:**

1. That the minor updates, amendments and corrections, including the addenda and errata tabled at the meeting and as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be agreed.
2. That the Council's Constitution be re-approved and re-adopted for the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

9. BUSINESS SPECIAL MOTIONS

Special Motion No.1 – Appointment of a Leader, Deputy Leader & Executive Cabinet members, and Chairs & Memberships of Regulatory & Scrutiny Committees .

7.34pm – Noted revised copies of Annexes 2 & 3 to the Special Motion circulated to all Councillors and tabled at the meeting [copies attached as **Appendix 2 & 3** to these minutes].

Councillor Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Botterill, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council agrees the following appointments under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2006/07:

- a) The Leader and Executive cabinet members (Annex 1)
- b) Chairmen and memberships of Regulatory and other Committees (Annex 2)
- c) Chairmen and memberships of Overview & Scrutiny Committees (Annex 3)

and notes their respective Portfolios / Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution”.

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

7.35pm – **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the following appointments under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2006/07:

- a) The Leader and Executive cabinet members (Annex 1)
- b) Chairmen and memberships of Regulatory and other Committees (Annex 2)
- c) Chairmen and memberships of Overview & Scrutiny Committees (Annex 3)

and notes their respective Portfolios / Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution.

Special Motion No.2 – Council Appointments to Outside Organisations

7.36pm - Councillor Greenhalgh, moved, seconded by Councillor Stainton, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council agrees the Council's appointments to Outside Organisations for 2006/07, as set out in the Schedule”.

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

7.37 pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the Council's appointments to Outside Organisations for 2006/07, as set out in the Schedule printed in the Council agenda.

Special Motion No.3 – Council Calendar 2006/07

7.38pm - Councillor Stainton, moved, seconded by Councillor D Johnson, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council agrees that, for the Municipal Year 2006/07, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified as set out in the Council Calendar, as circulated to all councillors and tabled at the meeting.”

Councillor Colin Aherne, Opposition Whip moved, seconded by Councillor Cartwright, an amendment to the motion under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), that the council *provisionally* agree the calendar, with a revised version being brought back to the June Council meeting for ratification, due to the fact Councillors had only just received copies

of the proposed calendar dates and were already aware of various clashes of membership.

The amendment to the motion was put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

The amendment to the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

7.39 pm - **RESOLVED**:

That the Calendar of meetings for 2006/07, as tabled, be provisionally agreed, with a revised version being brought back to the June Council meeting for ratification.

10. ADMINISTRATION'S MANIFESTO FOR 2006 - 2010

7.40pm - The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, outlined the new Conservative Administration's manifesto for the Council for 2006 -2010, which was based on the five principal aims of :

- Lowering Council Tax and providing quality, value for money, services;
- Improving markedly the local environment;
- Cutting crime in the Borough;
- Improving educational standards, and
- Supporting the most vulnerable in society

In speaking to the item, Councillor Greenhalgh also unveiled the new corporate identity logo for the Council, and its new mission statement - "putting residents first".

Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Opposition, made a speech in reply, before the item was duly noted.

7.50pm – **RESOLVED**

That the new Conservative Administration's manifesto for the Council for 2006 – 2010 be duly noted and adopted.

11. REVISED LOCAL AUTHORITIES “GOLD” RESOLUTION

7.51pm - The report of the Chief Executive on the adoption of a revised Local Authority “Gold” resolution, vesting the “Gold” Chief Executive with the power to act on behalf of all London Authorities in the event of a catastrophic disaster or emergency was put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

7.52pm – **RESOLVED**

That the revised Local Authority “Gold” Resolution, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be duly agreed.

12. COUNCILLORS’ ANNUAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

The Council received and noted the Annual Scrutiny Chairs’ report of the work undertaken by Scrutiny Panels during the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

* * * * * CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS * * * * *

Meeting ended:7.53p.m. - Wednesday, 24 May 2006.

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