

COUNCIL MINUTES

(EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007



PRESENT:

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

Councillors:

Michael Adam

Colin Aherne

Mrs Adronie Alford

Nicholas Botterill

Paul Bristow

Victoria Brocklebank -

Fowler

Aidan Burley

Jean Campbell

Michael Cartwright

Alex Chalk

Stephen Cowan

Gill Dickenson

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

Lisa Nandy

Ed Owen

Harry Phibbs

Dame Sally Powell

Alexandra Robson

Greg Smith

Frances Stainton

Peter Tobias

Mercy Umeh

Rory Vaughan

Eugenie White

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bentley, Bethell, Binmore, Burley, Donovan (B), Gore and McLaughlin.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

23. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayor's Announcements.

24. REPORTS & MOTIONS

The Mayor announced that the Extraordinary Meeting had been called in accordance with Schedule 12 Part I paragraph (3) (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 and Council Procedure Rule 3 (c) to discuss 3 Special Motions, as set out below:

10.40pm – **Special Motion No.1 – Hurlingham & Chelsea School**

Councillor Aherne moved (in lieu of Councillor McLaughlin), seconded by Councillor Cowan, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council welcomes the decision taken to withdraw the application to close Hurlingham and Chelsea Secondary School and it regrets that the deeply flawed process behind the Council's plan to close the school has caused immense disruption to its students, parents and teachers.

The Council further regrets the waste of public money in pursuing the school closure and recognises that the people of this borough can have no confidence in the Cabinet Members for Education and Community & Children's Services following recent events.

The Council agrees to set up a Borough Commission that involves all of the LEA's Heads, Teachers and local parents. This should be set up instead of the so called Independent Commission and it should look to develop a well thought out secondary school strategy for the whole borough.”

With the consent of the Council, the motion was withdrawn.

10.41pm - **RESOLVED:** Accordingly

10.42pm – **Special Motion No.2 – Funding to Voluntary Sector Groups**

Councillor Vaughan moved, seconded by Councillor Cartwright, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council calls on the Administration to reverse the cuts in funding to the following voluntary sector groups, who have suffered loss of all or a significant part of their grant.

- Hammersmith and Fulham Community Law Centre
- Third Age Foundation
- Hammersmith and Fulham Caring for Carers Association
- Shape London
- Horn of Africa Community Group
- Broadway Project
- Community Interpreting and Translation
- Domestic Violence Intervention Project
- Iraqi Association
- Kurdish Association
- Shanti
- Threshold Housing Advice
- Turning Point/ Druglink
- Vietnamese Association

The six groups who had a deputation to the Cabinet Meeting - held on the 16th April 2007 - were clearly ignored. Not one member of the cabinet was prepared to ask any questions of any of them which demonstrates that the cabinet was closed minded to the views being put forward by the voluntary sector and this is to be regretted.”

With the consent of the Council, the motion was withdrawn.

10.43pm - **RESOLVED:** Accordingly.

10.44pm – **Special Motion No.3 – Safer Neighbourhoods Police Teams**

Councillor Cowan moved , seconded by Councillor Homan, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council resolves to permanently reverse the 25% cut in the Hammersmith Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and regrets that this cut was made by the Council while the ward has the highest rate of crime in the whole of the Borough and at a time of increased anxiety about crime in the ward. It further resolves to reverse the cuts in the Safer Neighbourhood Police Teams in other wards.”

With the consent of the Council, the motion was withdrawn.

10.45pm - **RESOLVED:** Accordingly

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Meeting ended: 10.45p.m. - Wednesday, 27 June 2007.

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MAYOR