

# COUNCIL MINUTES

(ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2009



PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Alex Karmel)  
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Adronie Alford)

Councillors:

Mike Adam  
Colin Aherne  
Will Bethell  
Helen Binmore  
Nicholas Botterill  
Paul Bristow  
Victoria Brocklebank-  
Fowler  
Aidan Burley  
Jean Campbell  
Michael Cartwright  
Stephen Cowan  
Ali de Lisle  
Gill Dickenson

Belinda Donovan  
Gavin Donovan  
Rachel Ford  
Sarah Gore  
Stephen Greenhalgh  
Lucy Gugen  
Steve Hamilton  
Wesley Harcourt  
Lisa Homan  
Robert Iggulden  
Andrew Johnson  
Donald Johnson  
Lucy Ivimy  
Jane Law

Antony Lillis  
Mark Loveday  
Reg McLaughlin  
Ed Owen  
Harry Phibbs  
Alexandra Robson  
Minnie Scott Russell  
Greg Smith  
Frances Stainton  
Peter Tobias  
Mercy Umeh  
Rory Vaughan  
Eugenie White

## 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2009/10

7.00 pm – Councillor Andrew Johnson, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillor Mark Loveday, proposed, seconded by Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler, that Councillor Alex Karmel be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

Councillor Alex Karmel was duly declared Mayor of the Borough for the 2009/10 Municipal Year, following which he made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the statutory undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Under Standing Order 21 (d), the Mayor suspended the meeting while he put on the Mayor's robes.

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

(The meeting was adjourned until 7.14pm)

The Mayor announced that he had decided to appoint Councillor Jane Law as the Mayoress for the 2009/10 Municipal Year. The Mayor then announced that he had appointed Councillor Mrs Adronie Alford as Deputy Mayor for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, proposed, seconded by Councillor Mark Loveday, that the past Mayor's badge be presented to Councillor Andrew Johnson in recognition of his service to the Council in undertaking the office of Mayor, and in carrying out other associated civic duties as a Councillor.

The Leader then made a speech about the excellent work the outgoing Mayor had undertaken during his term of office. Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Opposition, also thanked the outgoing Mayor for his work. Councillor Andrew Johnson then accepted his badge and made a brief speech.

The Leader of the Council then moved, on behalf of the Council, seconded by Councillor Mark Loveday, a vote of thanks to the past Mayoress, Ms Joanna Richardson, and the past Deputy Mayoress, Councillor Jane Law, for their work in supporting the past Mayor in carrying out his civic functions. Ms Joanna Richardson then came forward to receive her past Mayoress' badge.

## 2. MINUTES – 25 FEBRUARY 2009

7.23 pm - The minutes of the Budget Council Meeting held on 25 February 2009 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record subject to an amendment to page 8, paragraph 39 to read '...former Councillor Mr Thomas *Lipscomb*'.

### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alex Chalk, Caroline Ffiske, Dame Sally Powell and Lisa Nandy.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

7.23 pm - The Mayor advised Councillors that, in relation to agenda item 8 – Councillors' Allowances Scheme: Revision', the Standards Board had advised that it was necessary for all Councillors to declare their allowances as personal interests under the Code of Conduct. In order to manage this with the minimum of disruption, all Councillors present in the Chamber would be deemed as having declared a personal interest in this item (unless the Councillor objects), and this fact would be duly noted and recorded in the Minutes. This was agreed unanimously.

### 5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.24 pm - The Past Mayor's announcements were circulated and noted. (Copy attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes).

The Mayor announced that the Mayoral Charity for 2009/10 was "Help the Heroes" which looked after the welfare of Army Forces personnel. He was also pleased to announce that the Council had won two awards and came runner-up in a third in the LG Comms/LGA Communication Awards the previous Thursday. The authority won the:

- (1) **Reputation Award** for "the authority that best demonstrates how they have enhanced the Council brand";
- (2) **Value for Money Award** for "the most effective communication of the value for money of local services"; and
- (3) Runner-up in the **Media Relations Award** for "the authority that provides the best strategy and consistent implementation of actions to promote and defend the council through media engagement."

Simon Jones, Head of Communications, was invited to receive the trophies and certificate.

### 6. PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR 2009/10 MUNICIPAL YEAR

7.26 pm - The report of the Chief Executive on the various appointments made by the Party Groups on the Council for 2009/10 was noted.

## 7. ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

7.27 pm - The report of the Monitoring Officer on the Council's Constitution was moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

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

FOR	30
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	11

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

7.28 pm **RESOLVED**:

1. That the minor updates, amendments and corrections proposed to the Council's Constitution, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be agreed.
2. That subject to agreement of the above, that the Council's Constitution be re-approved and re-adopted for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

## 8. COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME: REVISION

7.28 pm - The report and recommendation was formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

7.29 pm **RESOLVED**:

That the revised Councillors' Allowances Scheme 2009/10, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

## 9. CHANGING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

7.30 pm - The report and recommendation was formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

It was noted that the reference to 'July' on the final paragraph of p.36 of the report should be amended to read 'June'.

The report, as amended, and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	30
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	11

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

7.31 pm **RESOLVED**:

That:-

- (i) officers consult on the two options available to change its governance arrangements to either:-
  - A new style Leader and Cabinet Executive, or
  - A directly elected Mayor and Cabinet Executive;
- (ii) the consultation arrangements outlined in paragraph 2.9 and 2.10 of the report be agreed;
- (iii) the indicative process and decision timetable set out in paragraph 2.11 of the report be approved;
- (iv) the creation of Parish Councils is not the preferred local neighbourhood governance model; and
- (v) the existing electoral ward arrangements be continued unaltered.

## **10. BUSINESS SPECIAL MOTIONS**

### **10.1 Special Motion No. 1 – Appointment of a Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members, and Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory and Scrutiny Committees 2009/10**

7.32 pm – Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Nicholas Botterill, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the following appointments under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2009/10:

- a) The Leader and Cabinet Members (Annex 1 of the report);
- b) Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory and other Committees (Annex 2 of the report);
- c) Chairmen and Memberships of Scrutiny Committees (Annex 3 of the report)

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.**

7.32 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the following appointments under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2009/10:

- a) The Leader and Cabinet Members (Annex 1 of the report);
- b) Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory and other Committees (Annex 2 of the report);
- c) Chairmen and Memberships of Scrutiny Committees (Annex 3 of the report)

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

## **10.2 Special Motion No. 2 – Council Appointments to London Local Government Organisations 2009/10**

Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Mark Loveday, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the Council's appointments to London Local Government Organisations for 2009/10, as set out in the Schedule".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.33 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the appointments to London Local Government Organisations for 2009/10, as set out in the Schedule printed in the Council agenda.

### 10.3 Special Motion No. 3 – Council Calendar 2009/10

7.33 pm - Councillor Mark Loveday, moved, seconded by Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council agrees that, for the Municipal Year 2009/10, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar."

The Mayor noted that there were two amendments to the calendar:

- The Labour Group meeting had been moved from 14 September 2009 to 26 October 2009;
- The Standards Committee meeting scheduled for 26 September 2009 had been moved to 4 November 2009.

The amended motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.33 pm **RESOLVED:**

That for the Municipal Year 2009/10, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar.

## 11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 11.1 Leader's Annual Report

7.34pm – The Council received the Leader's Annual Report, copies of which were circulated round the chamber. The Leader, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, provided a brief oral presentation on the report, following which Councillor Stephen Cowan spoke on behalf of the Opposition.

### 11.2 Scrutiny Chairmen's Report

7.42 pm - The Council received the Annual Scrutiny Chairmen's report of the work undertaken by Scrutiny Committees during the 2008/09 Municipal Year. The report was put to the vote and duly noted.



### **11.3 Standards Committee Annual Report**

7.43 pm - The Council received the Standard Committee's annual report of the work undertaken during the 2008/09 Municipal Year, and Mr Christopher Troke, the Independent Chairman, provided a brief presentation on this report.

### **11.4 Councillors' Summary of Activity of Work Undertaken in 2008/09**

7.45 pm - The tabled amended summary report of Councillors' activity during the 2008/09 Municipal Year and was duly noted.

There were no information reports to this meeting of the Council.

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

Meeting ended: 7.46 pm – Wednesday 27 May 2009.

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MAYOR

## APPENDIX 1

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

1. On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009, I was delighted to attend the fifth anniversary of H&F Citizenship Ceremony, Lyric Theatre, Lyric Square, W6
2. On 26<sup>th</sup> February, I attended the H&F Young Chef of The Year competition, Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College, Gliddon Road, W14
3. On 27<sup>th</sup> February, I attend an exhibition in Honour of Mr J M O'Neill Playwright and Novelist, which the Deputy Mayor of Limerick also attended, The Irish Centre, Blacks Road, W6
4. On 28<sup>th</sup> February, I attended the annual London Mayors' Association Annual Dinner reception, Hyatt Churchill Hotel, Portman Square, W1H
5. On 30<sup>th</sup> February, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Greenwich Civic Service, New Eltham Methodist Church, New Eltham, SE9
6. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February, I attended the London Irish Rifles open evening, Princess Louise House, 190 Hammersmith Road, W6
7. On 4<sup>th</sup> March, I attended a reception to celebrate the National Day of The Republic of Bulgaria, Bulgarian Embassy, 187 Queen's Gate, SW7
8. On 6<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the H&F schools swimming gala, Fulham Pools, Lillie Road, SW6
9. On 6<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the Fair Trade event and photo call, St Peters Primary School, W6
10. On 6<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the Mayor of Greenwich, Annual Charity Civic Dinner, Old Royal Naval College, SE10
11. On 8<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the Mayor of Havering Civic Service, St Andrew's Church High Street, Hornchurch
12. On 9<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the London Mayors' Assoc. AGM an reception, Lord Mayor's Reception Rooms, Westminster City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1
13. On 11<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the Mayor of Wandsworth Ceremony of Keys and Dinner charity reception, Tower of London
14. On 13<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony, Kensington Town Hall, Horton Street , W8

15. On 14<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the Mayor of Ealing, charity Dinner Ball, Ealing Town Hall, W5
16. On 15<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the Mayor of Barnet, Ceilidh Charity evening, Friern Barnet School, Hemington Ave, N11
17. On 18<sup>th</sup> March, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Lambeth, London Eye and River Cruise charity evening, Belvedere Road, SE1
18. On 19<sup>th</sup> March, I was delighted to host a charity VIP tour around the BBC Television Studios, which other London borough Mayors' attended, TV Centre White City, W12
19. On 24<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the Mayor of Haringey, charity tour of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, "Bruce Castle Museum", N16
20. On 25<sup>th</sup> March, I attended a Blue Plaque unveiling ceremony, Henry Moore's Studio, 3 Adie Road, London W6
21. On 27<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the Mayor of Waltham Forest Charity Dinner evening, Waltham Forest Town Hall, E17
22. On 28<sup>th</sup> March, I attended and judged the H&F Dog Show event, Normand Park, SW6
23. On 29<sup>th</sup> March, I was delighted to host H&F Boat Race event, Bishop's Enclosure, Fulham Palace, SW6
24. On 31<sup>st</sup> March, I attended the Mayor of Camden, charity Exhibition, British Museum, WC1
25. On 1<sup>st</sup> April, I was delighted to greet and host a reception for a Chinese delegation from Guangzhou (Canton) - District of Tian He, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
26. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, I attended and presented medals to the winners at the H&F schools' Mayor's Cup football final competition, Hurlingham Park, SW6
27. On 4<sup>th</sup> April, I attended and opened the Wormwood Scrubs Local Nature Reserve Family Fun Day, Braybrook Street, W12
28. On 8<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the H&FVC Project Launch Awards, Lyric Square, W6
29. On 17<sup>th</sup> April, I was honoured to greet and host a reception for the women members of the British Land Army, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
30. On 17<sup>th</sup> April, I hosted and attended the H&F Annual Tea Dance, Assembly Hall, HTH

31. On 18<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Bromley, Charity Spring Dinner and Dance evening, Bromley Court Hotel, Bromley
32. On 19<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the annual London Mayors' Charity Walk, from Whittington Hospital in Highgate to Mansion House in the City, EC4
33. On 20<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the Marie Curie Cancer Care Private View, Christies, King Street, SW1
34. On 21<sup>st</sup> April, I was delighted to launch with Cllr Francis Stainton, H&F Hidden Treasures Exhibition, Fulham Palace, SW6
35. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Croydon "St Georges Day Charity Ball", Hilton Hotel, Croydon
36. On 24<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Richmond Legends of Eel Pie Island plaque unveiling, tour of Twickenham Rugby Stadium and reception, Richmond Town Hall
37. On 26<sup>th</sup> April, I presented various end of season prizes to children at the Hammers Rugby Club Awards Day, Hurlingham Park, SW6
38. On 26<sup>th</sup> April, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the West London Scout District "St Georges Day Service", St Luke's Church, Sydney Street SW3
39. On 27<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Redbridge Charity Dinner evening, Valentines Mansion, Ilford
40. On 28<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the H&F Community Market Place event day, Fulham Cross Youth Club, SW6
41. On 28<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the CHS Long Service Award, Council Chamber, HTH
42. On 29<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Charity Tea reception, The House of Lords, Westminster, SW1A
43. On 30<sup>th</sup> April, I was delighted to host a charity VIP tour around Westfield London Shopping Centre, which was attended by 10 London borough Mayors', Shepherds Bush, W12
44. On 1<sup>st</sup> May, I attended St Augustine's morning assembly, St Augustine's RC Primary School, Disbrowe Road, W6
45. On 2<sup>nd</sup> May, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Chelsea vs. Fulham local football derby, Stamford Bridge, SW6
46. On 5<sup>th</sup> May, I was honoured to host a retirement reception for Colonel John Holland JP, DL, Mayor's Foyer & Parlour, HTH

47. On 6<sup>th</sup> May, I was delighted to attend Henry Compton School Year 11 Achievement Evening, The Grand Hall, FTH
48. On 7<sup>th</sup> May, I attended Malvern Court Sheltered Housing, "Communal Garden Improvements" launch party, Hadyn Park Road, W12
49. On 9<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the Shackleton Trophy presentation ceremony, 344 (Fulham) Squadron ATC, 190 Hammersmith Road W6
50. On 11<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the Mayor of Hillingdon charity concert evening by "The Regimental Band of the Scots Guards", The Beck Theatre, Hayes
51. On 12<sup>th</sup> May, I visited H&F Archives Centre, Lilla Huset, W6
52. On 12<sup>th</sup> May, I attended The London Irish Rifles Company "Guest Speaker" Evening, Connaught House, SE5
53. On 14<sup>th</sup> May, I was delighted to attend the second part of our 5<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary celebration of H&F Citizenship Ceremony, Fulham Football Club, Craven Cottage, SW6
54. On 14<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the High Sheriff's Church Service, St Marylebone Parish Church, NW1
55. On 19<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the official opening of "Louis Vuitton", Westfield London Shopping Centre, Shepherds Bush, W12
56. On 20<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the official opening of Travel Lodge Fulham, 290 -302 North End Road, SW6
57. On 20<sup>th</sup> May, I attended Hammersmith Society's AGM, Maggie's Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, W6
58. On 21<sup>st</sup> May, I attended Henry Compton School's morning assembly and tour, Kingwood Road, SW6
59. On 26<sup>th</sup> May, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Italian Cultural Institute celebration of the "London Marsala Week", Belgrave Square, SW1
60. On 27<sup>th</sup> May, I was delighted to greet HRH The Duchess of Cornwall to the Borough, Dispensaire Francais, 184 Hammersmith Road, W6