

COUNCIL MINUTES

(ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2008



PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Andrew Johnson)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Alex Karmel)

Councillors:

Colin Aherne
Mrs Adronie Alford
Helen Binmore
Nicholas Botterill
Paul Bristow
Victoria Brocklebank-
Fowler
Aidan Burley
Jean Campbell
Michael Cartwright
Alex Chalk
Stephen Cowan
Ali de Lisle
Gill Dickenson

Belinda Donovan
Gavin Donovan
Caroline Ffiske
Rachel Ford
Sarah Gore
Stephen Greenhalgh
Lucy Gugen
Steve Hamilton
Wesley Harcourt
Lisa Homan
Robert Iggulden
Lucy Ivimy
Jane Law
Antony Lillis

Mark Loveday
Reg McLaughlin
Lisa Nandy
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 2008/09

7.00 pm – Councillor Minnie Scott Russell, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

The Chief Whip, Councillor Frances Stainton, proposed, seconded by Councillor Jane Law, that Councillor Andrew Johnson be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2008/9 Municipal Year.

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

Councillor Andrew Johnson was duly declared elected as Mayor of the Borough for the 2008/09 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 7.15 pm)

The Mayor announced that he had decided to appoint Ms Joanna Richardson as the Mayoress for the 2008/09 Municipal Year. The Mayor then announced that he had appointed Councillor Alex Karmel as Deputy Mayor for the 2008/09 Municipal Year, and that the Deputy Mayor had asked Councillor Jane Law to be his Deputy Mayoress.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, proposed, seconded by the Chief Whip, Councillor Stainton, that the past Mayor's badge be presented to Councillor Scott Russell in recognition of her 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 tremendous work the outgoing Mayor had undertaken during her two terms in office. Councillor Scott Russell accepted her badge and made a brief speech. Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Opposition, also appreciated the work of the outgoing Mayor to the Borough and her citizens.

The Leader of the Council then moved, on behalf of the Council, seconded by the Chief Whip, a Vote of Thanks to the past Mayor's Consort, Mr Harry Spencer-Smith and the past Deputy Mayoress, Councillor Rachel Ford, for their work in supporting the past Mayor in carrying out her civic functions, before they were each presented with tokens of appreciation.

2. MINUTES – 27 FEBRUARY 2008

7.25 pm - The minutes of the Budget Council Meeting held on 27 February 2008 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Adam, Will Bethell and Donald Johnson.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor advised Councillors that, in relation to agenda item 11 – 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

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

6. SANDS END WARD BY-ELECTION – RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

7.28 pm - The Council noted that Councillor Ali de Lisle, the Conservative Party candidate, was elected Ward Councillor to the vacancy in Sands End Ward at the By-election held on 1 May 2008. The Mayor welcomed Councillor Ali de Lisle to the chamber.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT OF APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE PARTY GROUPS FOR 2008/09

7.29 pm - The report of the Chief Executive on the various appointments made by the Party Groups on the Council for 2008/09 was noted.

8. ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

7.30 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	29
AGAINST	12
ABSTENTIONS	0

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

7.30 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 2008/09 Municipal Year.

9. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

7.30 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.**

7.30 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Local Area Agreement attached to the report, subject to the proposed targets being finally agreed with Government, be agreed.

10. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSESSING COMPLAINTS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

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

7.30 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council:-

- (a) appoints Mrs Joyce Epstein and Miss Oluchi Onwere as Independent Members of the Standards Committee;

- (b) re-appoints Mr Steven Moussavi, Mr Christopher Troke and Ms Grace Moody-Stuart as Independent Members;
- (c) appoints three Administration and two Opposition members to the Committee; and
- (d) notes the options set out in paragraphs 3.4 to 3.6 of the report which will be considered by the Standards Committee on 2 June 2008.

11. COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME: REVISION

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

Councillors Colin Aherne, Ed Owen, Stephen Cowan, Michael Cartwright, Mercy Umeh and Reg McLaughlin spoke on behalf of the Opposition. Councillors Antony Lillis, Nick Botterill, Stephen Greenhalgh and Antony Lillis responded on behalf of the Administration before the recommendation was put to the vote:

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	28
AGAINST	12
ABSTENTIONS	0

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

7.56 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the revised Councillors' Allowances Scheme 2008/09 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

12. BUSINESS SPECIAL MOTIONS

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

7.57 pm – Councillor Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Botterill, the special motion standing in their names subject to the amendments in the Errata sheet circulated.

"This Council agrees the following appointments under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2008/09:

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

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

Councillor Aherne made a comment which was later withdrawn on hearing Councillor Phibbs' reply.

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	28
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	12

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.58 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the following appointments under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2008/09, subject to the amendments in the Errata sheet circulated at the meeting:

- a) The Leader and Cabinet Members (**Annex 1**);
- b) Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory and other Committees (**Annex 2**);
- c) Chairmen and Memberships of 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 Bodies 2008/09

Councillor Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Stainton, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the Council's appointments to London Local Government Organisations for 2008/09, as set out in the Schedule".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.58 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the appointments to London Local Government Organisations for 2008/09, as set out in the Schedule printed in the Council agenda.

Special Motion No. 3 – Council Calendar 2008/09

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

"This Council agrees that, for the Municipal Year 2008/09, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar."

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.59 pm **RESOLVED:**

That for the Municipal Year 2008/09, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar.

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Scrutiny Chairmen's Report

7.59 pm - The Council received the Annual Scrutiny Chairmen's report of the work undertaken by Scrutiny Committees during the 2007/08 Municipal Year. Councillors McLaughlin and Aherne made speeches on behalf of the Opposition, to which Councillors Lillis and Phibbs on behalf of the Administration responded, before the report was put to the vote and duly noted.

Standards Committee Annual Report

8.10 pm - The Council received the Standard Committee's annual report of the work undertaken during the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

Councillors' Summary of Activity of Work Undertaken in 2007/08

8.10 pm - The summary report of Councillors' activity during the 2007/08 Municipal Year was tabled and was duly noted.

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

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Meeting ended: 8.12 pm – Wednesday 28 May 2008.

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MAYOR

APPENDIX 1

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY
THE MAYOR**

1. On 28th February 2008, I attended West London Action For Children, Church Service, held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey followed by a reception at The House of Lords, SW1
2. On 29th February, I was delighted to receive the launched copy of Your Town Directory from representatives of Yell, Mayor's Office, HTH
3. On 3rd March, I attended The Republic of Bulgaria, Nation Day reception hosted by The Ambassador of Bulgaria and Mrs Bisserka Mateva, Bulgarian Embassy, 187 Queen's Gate SW1 5HL
4. On 4th March, I attended and presented the Researchers Accreditation Award in partnership with NDC and H&F PCT, Queens Club, W14
5. On 4th March, I attended a lunch reception with the Bulgarian Ambassador, Ambassador's Residency, 29 Hyde Park Gate, SW7
6. On 5th March, I was delighted to visit and tour the Mayhew Animal Home, Trenmar Gardens, NW10
7. On 7th March, I attended the H&FPSSA Swimming Gala competition, Fulham Pools, Lillie Road, SW6
8. On 7th March, I attended Dignity In Care organised by K&C Forum for Older Residents' and H&F Pensioners' Forum, Kensington Town Hall, W8
9. On 10th March, I was interviewed by St Paul's School, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
10. On 10th March, I attended St George Plc celebration of 5 Millions Safe Working Hours, Imperial Wharf, SW6
11. On 13th March, I attended the Chelsea FC Founders Day, Copthorne Lounge, Copthorne Hotel, Stamford Bridge, SW6
12. On 14th March, I attended and opened the Federation of Businesses Annual Conference, Novotel Hammersmith, W6
13. On 14th March, I attended the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra Concert and Reception, Royal Festival Hall, SE1
14. On 15th March, I was delighted to attend Fulham Symphony Orchestra Concert, Assembly Hall, HTH

15. On 17th March, I was delighted to attend Connections 25th Anniversary celebrations, Riverside Studios, W6
16. On 19th March, I attended the Community Spaces launch event, Old Oak Community Centre, 76 Braybrook Street W12
17. On 19th March, I was delighted to attend H&F schools' football Cup competition, Ravenscourt Park, W6
18. On 19th March, I attended the GLL Sport Foundation, Strangers event, held in the Dining Room, House of Commons, SW1A
19. On 19th March, I attended the Inner City Young Entrepreneurs Competition Final 2008, The Foreign Press Association, 11 Carlton House Terrace, SW1
20. On 20th March, accompanied by my consort, I attended the Ambassador of Slovenia concert evening, Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, SW1
21. On 29th March, I attended the Mayor of Wandsworth 2008 Boat Race Day event, Putney Pier, SW15
22. On 31st March, I attended Jan Pethwick, The High Sheriff of Greater London, Dinner reception, Kew Green, Twickenham
23. On 1st April, I was delighted to attend the Ex-Carers Group event, 182 Hammersmith Road, W6
24. On 10th April, I attended a reception to mark the retirement of The Lord Imbert, CVOP, QPM, JP and HM Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Westminster City Hall, SW1
25. On 13th April, I attended the 2008 London Marathon.
26. On 14th April, I attended the Mayor of Wandsworth charity dinner, The Tower of London.
27. On 15th April, I attended the Mayor of Merton charity tour of All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Wimbledon
28. On 15th April, I attended H&F Looked After Children Awards evening, Mayors Foyer, HTH
29. On 17th April, I attended a tour of Buckingham Palace, followed by dinner at Westminster City Hall, SW1
30. On 18th April, I attended Tea with the Lord Mayor of Westminster and St James Independent Senior Girls School, Lord Mayor's Parlour, Westminster, SW1

31. On 20th April, I was delighted to attend The Rt. Rev Michael Colcough Installation as Residentiary Cannon, St Paul's Cathedral
32. On 21st April, I attended Lord Mayor of Westminster fundraising Champagne Tea Party, Hyatt Regency London, Portman Square, W1
33. On 21st April, I attended the Marie Curie Cancer Care, Private View exhibition, held in the Great Rooms at Christies, SW1
34. On 22nd April, I attended the Mayor of Hackney charity tour of various buildings in the Borough
35. On 22nd April, I attended and hosted a reception to recognise the great contribution made by the Territorial Army in H&F, Mayor's Parlour and Foyer, W6
36. On 23rd April, I attended Langford Primary School, which The Prue Leith School Food Trust visited, Gilstead Road, SW6
37. On 23rd April, I attended an opening exhibition of the 320th Anniversary of the membership of Slovenian Scientist J V Valvasor of The Royal Society, SW1
38. On 24th April, accompanied by Deputy Mayor, Leader, Cllr Mark Loveday and Cllr Alex Karmel, I attended an opening reception and tour of the Penthouse building, Great West Road, W6
39. On 25th April, I visited Powerday Recycling Plant, Hythe Road, NW10
40. On 29th April, I attended the Armenian Embassy concert, Leighton House, W8
41. On 1st May 2008, I attended the Mayor of Richmond charity tour of the borough
42. On 4th May, I attended the Annual Councillors v Officers Football Match, in aid of my charity 'The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust', Fulham Football Club, Stevenage Road, SW6
43. On 6th May, I attended the ROYAL Mardsen Cocktails evening, which HRH Prince William was guest of honour, Chelsea Gardener, Sydney Street, SW3
44. On 6th May, I attended the Hammersmith Snooker Club finals, Triangle Club Acton High Street, W3
45. On 12th May, I attended Henry Compton School Year 11 Achievement Evening, Fulham Town Hall, SW6
46. On 13th May, I attended the Mayor of Camden Farewell champagne tea Cruise, Camden High Street NW1
47. On 15th May, accompanied by my consort, I attended TA 100 Church Service St Paul's Cathedral, followed by a reception at The Guildhall

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48. On 16th May, I attended the Centenary of Bishop Creighton House, Bishop Creighton House, SW6
49. On 21st May, I officially Opened the Cecil French Collection, Fulham Palace, SW6
50. On 22nd May, accompanied by my consort, I attended Bishop Creighton House, which HRH Duchess of Gloucester
51. On 22nd May, I officially Opened the second private view of the Cecil French Bequest, Fulham Palace
52. On 27th May, I hosted and attended the annual H&F Tea Dance, Assembly Hall, HTH
53. On 28th May, accompanied by my consort, I attended 2 Citizenship Ceremonies during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH, SW6