

## **1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2007/08**

7.00pm – 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 the Deputy Whip, Councillor Donald Johnson, that Councillor Minnie Scott Russell be elected as Mayor of the Borough for the 2007/08 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 2007/08 Municipal Year, following which she made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and subsequently signed the statutory undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

The Mayor then thanked her predecessor, former Councillor Charlie Treloggan, her Consort Mr Harry Spencer-Smith, her Deputy Mayor, Councillor Andrew Johnson, and Deputy Mayoress, Councillor Rachel Ford, for all their help and assistance during the course of the last year and thanked the staff in the Mayor's office for all their support. She then announced that she had again decided to appoint Mr. Harry Spencer-Smith as Mayor's Consort for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

The Mayor then announced that she had again appointed Councillor Andrew Johnson as Deputy Mayor for the 2007/08 Municipal Year, and that he had once again asked Councillor Rachel Ford to be his Deputy Mayoress.

## **2. MINUTES – 28 FEBRUARY 2007**

7.15pm - The minutes of the Budget Council Meeting held on 28 February 2007 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

## **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Will Bethell, Alex Chalk, and Rachel Ford.

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor advised Councillors that, in relation to item 9 – Members' Allowances Scheme - legal advice received was that it was necessary for all members to declare a personal interest in the item, and in order to facilitate this with the minimum of disruption, all members present in the Chamber would be deemed as having made the declaration (unless there were objections) which would be duly noted and recorded in the minutes. This was agreed unanimously.

## 5 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's announcements were circulated in the Chamber. The Mayor drew attention to the sad death of former councillor Mary Best, and called on Councillors to rise for one minute's silence in her memory. [Copy of Mayor's announcements attached at **Appendix1** to these minutes].

## 6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT OF APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE PARTY GROUPS FOR 2007/08

The report of the Chief Executive on the various appointments made by the Party Groups on the Council for 2007/08 was duly noted.

## 7. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION 2007/08

7.19pm - Noted the supplementary papers to the Constitution ( previously marked "to follow") and corrections circulated to all Councillors and tabled at the meeting. [Copies attached at **Appendix 2** 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.

Comments on the proposed changes to the Constitution and Cabinet Member's Portfolios were made by Councillor Colin Aherne, Opposition Whip, and Councillor Stephen Cowan, Opposition Leader. Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, for the Administration responded, before the Monitoring Officer's report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	30
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	12

The report and recommendations, including the supplementary papers and corrections, were declared **CARRIED.**

### 7.25pm **RESOLVED:**

1. That the minor updates, amendments and corrections set out in the Annex to the report, including the supplementary papers and corrections tabled at the meeting, be agreed.
2. That the Council's Constitution be re-approved and re-adopted for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

**8. THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 – ADOPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

The report of the Head of Legal Services on the new Model Code of Conduct for members was duly noted and was agreed unanimously.

7.26pm **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council adopt the model Code of Conduct set out in the Local Authority (Code of Conduct) Order 2007 with immediate effect.
2. That Members note the changes to the Code summarised in the report.
3. That Members note that advice on the Code of Conduct is available from the Head of Legal Services.
4. That the Assistant Chief Executive take all necessary steps to advertise the adoption of the Code.

**9. COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME: ANNUAL REVIEW**

Noted that the report and recommendations superseded the earlier report agreed by the Budget Council on the same subject on 28 February 2007.

Noted that all Councillors present in the Chamber were deemed to have made a declaration of personal interest in this item, in accordance with advice from the Standards Board for England.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, moved the report, seconded by the Chief Whip, Councillor Frances Stainton, subject to an SRA payment at the minimum level (£6,034), being made to the Councillor member on the Adoption Panel, replacing the SRA at the same level which related to the Strategic Partnership Board.

Following speeches on the report by Councillor Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Greenhalgh (for the Administration), the report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

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

7.34pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Councillors' Allowances Scheme 2007/08, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, and with the addition of an SRA at the minimum level being made to the Councillor member on the Adoption Panel, be approved and adopted.

## 10. BUSINESS SPECIAL MOTIONS

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

7.35pm – Noted corrections to Annexes 1, 2 & 3 circulated to all Councillors and tabled at the meeting [see **Appendix 2** to these minutes].

Noted Administration appointment of Councillor Lucy Ivimy to the administration vacancy on the Audit Committee, and Opposition appointment of Councillor Colin Aherne to the Opposition vacancy on the Pensions Fund Investment Panel.

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 2007/08:

- 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**

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### **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 2007/08, as set out in the Schedule attached to the report”.

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 2007/08, as set out in the Schedule attached to the report in the Council agenda.

### **Special Motion No.3 – Council Calendar of meetings 2007/08**

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 2007/08, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified as set out in the Council Calendar, with the following correction – VFMS on 20 June & 24 October be deleted.”

The motion was 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 2007/08, as amended, be agreed.

## 11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS TO ANNUAL COUNCIL

### Hammersmith & Fulham Annual Report – oral address from the Leader.

7.40pm - The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, outlined the Conservative administration's principal achievements for the council during their first year in office for 2006/7, contrasting it to the previous Labour administration's record in office. [copy of report attached as **Appendix 3** to these minutes]. Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Opposition, made a speech in response, before the item was put to the vote:

FOR	- 31
AGAINST	- 13
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

8.25pm – **RESOLVED**

That the Conservative administration's "State of the Borough" address be duly noted.

### Scrutiny Chairmen's Report 2006/7

8.26pm - The Council received the Annual Scrutiny Chairmen's report of the work undertaken by Scrutiny Panels during the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

Councillor McLaughlin made a speech on behalf of the Opposition, to which Councillor Lillis on behalf of the Administration responded, before the report was put to the vote and duly noted.

### Summary of Councillors' activity

8.29pm - The summary report of Councillors' activity during the 2006/7 municipal year was tabled and was duly noted.

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

Meeting ended:8.30p.m. - Wednesday, 30 May 2007.

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