



COUNCIL

— MINUTES —

(ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2004



PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Charlie Treloggan)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mercy Umeh)

Councillors:

Mike Adam
Colin Aherne
Mrs Adronie Alford
Chris Allen
Will Bethell
Nick Botterill
Charlie Boyle
Michael Cartwright
Dominic Church
Siobhan Coughlan
Steve Cowan

Caroline Donald
Gavin Donovan
Fiona Evans
Ivan Gibbons
Christine Graham
Stephen Greenhalgh
Greg Hands
Wesley Harcourt
Ghassan Karian
Alex Karmel
Jafar Khaled

Antony Lillis
Amanda Lloyd-Harris
Mark Loveday
Reg McLaughlin
Jolyon Neubert
Andrew Slaughter
Frances Stainton
Tim Stanley
Josie Wicks
David Williams

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2004/05

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

The Leader, Councillor Slaughter, proposed, seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Graham, that Councillor Treloggan be re-elected Mayor for the 2004/05 Municipal year.

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

Councillor Treloggan was duly declared elected as Mayor of the Borough for the 2004/05 Municipal Year, following which he made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

The Mayor announced that his Mayoress for the 2004/05 Municipal year would once again be Ms Eleanor Margaret Carlson.

The Mayor then announced that his Deputy Mayor for the 2004/05 Municipal Year would once again be Councillor Mercy Umeh, and that she had asked Mr Maxwell Umeh to be her Deputy Mayor's Consort.

The Mayor then made a brief speech of thanks to Councillor Umeh for the outstanding service she had provided as Deputy Mayor during the 2003/04 Municipal Year.

2. MINUTES – 25 FEBRUARY 2004

7.05pm - The minutes of the Budget Council Meeting held on 25 February 2004 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Al-Uzaizi, Bird, Birdsey, Burke, Davies, Dawson, Jones, Napier, Pavelin, Powell, Smallman and Vaughan.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Noted the Declarations of Personal Interest made by all Councillors present at the meeting (see attendance sheet) on item 9 – Members' Allowance Scheme – as beneficiaries of the scheme. Councillors remained at the meeting, and spoke and voted on the item.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's Announcements were circulated to all Councillors and were tabled in the Chamber (Copy attached as **APPENDIX 1** to these Minutes)

6. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF LEADERS & WHIPS OF PARTY GROUPS 2004/05

The report of the Managing Director on the various appointments made by the Party Groups on the Council for 2004/05, as circulated with the agenda, was duly noted.

7. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION 2004/05

7.14pm - The Monitoring Officer's report on the Constitution was moved by the Leader, Councillor Slaughter, and seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Graham.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Hands, Loveday, and Bethell, (for the Opposition) and Councillors Allen and Slaughter (for the Administration).

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote.

FOR	18
AGAINST	15
ABSTENTIONS	0

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

7.34pm – **RESOLVED:**

1. That the minor updates, amendments and corrections proposed to the Constitution, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be agreed.
2. That the proposed changes and updates to the Contracts Code, as set out in Annex 2 to the report, be agreed.
3. That the Council's Constitution be re-approved and re-adopted for the 2004/05 Municipal Year.

8. BUSINESS SPECIAL MOTIONS

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

7.35pm - The Leader, Councillor Slaughter moved, seconded by the Deputy leader, Councillor Graham, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council agrees the following appointments under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2004/05:

- a) The Leader and Executive Deputies (Annex 1)
- b) Chairs and Memberships of Regulatory and other Committees (Annex 2)
- c) Chairs and Memberships of Scrutiny Panels (Annex 3)

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

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Greenhalgh, Adam, Coughlan and Hands before being put to the vote:

FOR	19
AGAINST	15
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

7.52pm – **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the following appointments under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2004/05:

- a) The Leader and Executive Deputies (Annex 1)
- b) Chairs and Memberships of Regulatory and other Committees (Annex 2)
- c) Chairs and Memberships of Scrutiny Panels (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

7.53pm - The Chief Whip, Councillor Aherne, moved, seconded by the Deputy Whip, Councillor Evans, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council agrees the Council's appointments to Outside Organisations for 2004/05, as set out in the Schedule".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

7.55 pm -**RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the Council's appointments to Outside Organisations for 2004/05, as set out in the Schedule.

9. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

[Noted the Declarations of Personal Interest made by all Councillors present at the meeting (see attendance sheet) on agenda item 9 – Members' Allowance Scheme – as

beneficiaries of the scheme. Councillors remained at the meeting, and spoke and voted on the item.]

7.56pm - The Chief Whip, Councillor Aherne moved, seconded by the Deputy Whip, Councillor Evans, the report and recommendations, with the following textual correction – under Dependent Carer's Allowance, the figures should read: £3.75 per half-hour before 10pm; £4.75 per half-hour after 10pm.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR – 19
AGAINST – 15
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.57pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Members' Allowances Scheme, as amended above, be approved and adopted for 2004/05.

10. COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

The Council received and noted the summary of Councillors' activity for 2003/04, and noted the amendment to Councillor Allen's record – 23 Adoption Panels attended rather than 8 as shown on the Schedule.

The Council also received and noted the Scrutiny Chairs' report of work undertaken by their Scrutiny Panels during the 2003/04 Municipal Year.

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

Meeting ended: 7.58 p.m. - Wednesday, 26 May 2004

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