



COUNCIL

—MINUTES—

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2006



PRESENT:

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

Councillors:

Colin Aherne
Adronie Alford
Chris Allen
Will Bethell
Brendan Bird
Min Birdsey
Nick Botterill
Stephen Burke
Michael Cartwright
Dominic Church
Steve Cowan
Huw Davies

Sian Dawson
Gavin Donovan
Fiona Evans
Ivan Gibbons
Chris Graham
Greg Hands
Wesley Harcourt
Lucy Ivimy
Andrew Jones
Alex Karmel
Jafar Khaled
Antony Lillis

Reg McLaughlin
Charlie Napier
Mark Loveday
Colin Pavelin
Dame Sally Powell
Andrew Slaughter
Melanie Smallman
Frances Stainton
Tim Stanley
Josie Wicks

33. MINUTES – 21 SEPTEMBER 2005

7.01pm - The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 September 2005 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam, Al-Uzaizi, Boyle, Coughlan, Greenhalgh, Karian, Lloyd-Harris, Neubert and Vaughan.

35. MAYOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

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

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

37. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (20 MINUTES)

7.04pm - The Mayor called on those members of the public who had submitted questions for this meeting of the Council (as published in the Council Agenda) to ask their questions:

Public Questioners

1. Question to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Contract Services (Cllr Michael Cartwright) from Mr Jon Burden, 82a Minford Gardens, London W14 OAP.
2. Question to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Contract Services (Cllr Michael Cartwright) from Mr Andrew Ellard, Flat 2, 66 Sterndale Road, W14 OHU.

(The text of all questions submitted and the reply given is attached at **APPENDIX 2** to these minutes).

38. ITEMS FOR DECISION / COMMITTEE REPORTS (IF ANY)

7.07pm – **Council Tax Base and Collection Rate 2006/07**

The report and recommendations were moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Burke, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, Deputy Leader.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR - 23

AGAINST - 0
ABSTENTIONS - 11

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

RESOLVED:

That for 2006-2007 financial year, the Council approved:

1. The estimated numbers of properties for each Valuation Band as set out in the report.
2. The estimated Collection rate of 97.5%.
3. The Council Tax Base of 75,709 Band “D” equivalent properties.

7.08pm – **Town Twinning Proposal – Montefiore Conca, Near Rimini, Italy**

The report and recommendation were moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Burke, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, Deputy Leader.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote :

FOR - 31
AGAINST - 0
ABSTENTIONS - 3

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

7.18pm – **RESOLVED –**

1. That the Council agreed in principle to the proposal to town-twin with Montefiore Conca, Italy.

39. SPECIAL MOTIONS

7.19pm – **Special Motion No.1 – New Deal for Communities (NDC) Waste in North Fulham**

The motion was withdrawn from debate by the Opposition.

7.20pm – **Special Motion No 2 Annual Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) Results**

Councillor Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Bethell, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes that Labour-run Hammersmith & Fulham has been downgraded and is no longer rated in the top category of excellent Councils whereas neighbouring Conservative-run Wandsworth Council was identified as the best Council in Britain by the Audit Commission and is one of only five councils awarded a maximum four stars. This Council also notes that Wandsworth was the only one of this premier league to achieve top performance for the way that it used its resources – an area where Labour-run Hammersmith & Fulham achieved only a disappointing two stars. This Council calls on the Labour administration to learn from its Conservative neighbour in order to improve its use of resources.”

Speeches in favour of the motion were made by Councillors Botterill and Bethell.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e)(vi), Councillor Burke moved, seconded by Councillor Cowan, an amendment to the motion to delete all after “This Council notes that Labour-run Hammersmith & Fulham” and insert the following:

“ is a high-performing council with a consistent record of achievement and improvement over the past four years, according the Audit Commission. Hammersmith & Fulham is the only council in England to have maximum marks in its corporate assessment report which evaluates how the council is serving local people. The council also scored very well in the latest Comprehensive Performance Assessment for financial management and delivering value for money.

This Council welcomes the Audit Commission’s statement on 15 December 2005 that the council “is making good progress and is well placed to continue to improve the way it works and the services it provides to local people.

This Council is committed to building on this excellent record and doing even better next year by delivering lower council tax and better services.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Burke, Donovan, Karmel and Cowan, before the amendment was put to the vote:

FOR – 24
AGAINST – 11
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The amendment was declared **CARRIED**

The motion (as amended) was put to the vote:

FOR – 24
AGAINST – 11
ABSTENTION – 0

The motion as amended was declared **CARRIED**

7.43PM - **RESOLVED**

This Council notes that Labour-run Hammersmith & Fulham is a high-performing council with a consistent record of achievement and improvement over the past four years, according to the Audit Commission. Hammersmith & Fulham is the only council in England to have maximum marks in its corporate assessment report which evaluates how the council is serving local people. The council also scored very well in the latest Comprehensive Performance Assessment for financial management and delivering value for money.

This Council welcomes the Audit Commission's statement on 15 December 2005 that the council "is making good progress and is well placed to continue to improve the way it works and the services it provides to local people.

This Council is committed to building on this excellent record and doing even better next year by delivering lower council tax and better services."

7.44pm – **Special Motion No 3 – Opening of Janet Adegoke Swimming Pool**

Councillor Smallman moved, seconded by Councillor Aherne, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council celebrates the opening of the £4 million Janet Adegoke Swimming Pool. This Council promised to replace the old pool with a state of the art facility and that promise has been fulfilled, on schedule.

This council also welcomes the opportunity to work closely with Greenwich Leisure, Fulham Pools, local schools and local swimming clubs to ensure that all residents in Hammersmith & Fulham can use our pools for fun, fitness and training for the Olympics in 2012."

A speech in support of the motion was made by Councillor Smallman.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e)(vi), Councillor Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Lillis an amendment to the motion to add at the end of the motion, the words:

"This Council regrets that for most of the past 8 years the Borough has been unable to provide more than one public swimming pool and apologises for the

lasting damage to the fitness and education of residents by the Labour Council's failure to properly manage and plan its leisure facilities.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Loveday, Lillis, Aherne, Graham and Smallman.

The amendment to the motion was put to the vote:

FOR – 11
AGAINST – 24
ABSTENTIONS - 0

The amendment to the motion was declared **LOST**.

Councillors Loveday and Stanley made closing speeches winding up the debate before the motion was put to the vote:

FOR - 35
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8.14pm – **RESOLVED**

“This Council celebrates the opening of the £4 million Janet Adegoke Swimming Pool. This Council promised to replace the old pool with a state of the art facility and that promise has been fulfilled, on schedule.

This council also welcomes the opportunity to work closely with Greenwich Leisure, Fulham Pools, local schools and local swimming clubs to ensure that all residents in Hammersmith & Fulham can use our pools for fun, fitness and training for the Olympics in 2012.”

8.15pm – **Special Motion No 4 – Smarter Borough Campaign**

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

”This Council notes the success of the Smarter Borough Campaign that has led to cleaner streets as recorded in the surveys carried out by Tidy Britain Group, and the doubling of our rate of recycling in just two years. It recognises that this has been due to the Council working with council employees, residents and businesses. This Council looks forward to further achievements with the launch of our next phase of Smarter Borough 'Spring Clean' which seeks to further improve the way we communicate, educate and involve residents and businesses in creating smarter neighbourhoods that we can all be proud of.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Cartwright, Botterill, Ivimy and Jones.

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST - 0
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8.35pm – **RESOLVED**

“This Council notes the success of the Smarter Borough Campaign that has led to cleaner streets as recorded in the surveys carried out by Tidy Britain Group, and the doubling of our rate of recycling in just two years. It recognises that this has been due to the Council working with council employees, residents and businesses. This Council looks forward to further achievements with the launch of our next phase of Smarter Borough 'Spring Clean' which seeks to further improve the way we communicate, educate and involve residents and businesses in creating smarter neighbourhoods that we can all be proud of.”

8.37pm – **Special Motion No 5 – C1 Bus Route**

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

“This council is committed to reducing traffic and improving air quality in the Brook Green Home Zone and Clear Way and supports the residents and councillors of Addison Ward in their campaign to stop the C1 bus running through residential streets in the ward.”

Speeches in favour of the motion were made by Councillors Smallman and Cartwright.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e)(vi), Councillor Hands moved, seconded by Councillor Botterill, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after “residents” and add the following:

“, all Councillors and Greg Hands MP, in their campaign to stop C1 bus running along Blythe Road and other residential streets.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillor Hands, Cartwright, Smallman, Loveday, Graham and Bethell.

The amendment to the motion was put to the vote:

FOR – 11
AGAINST – 21
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The amendment to the motion was declared **LOST**.

The motion was then put to the vote:

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8.54pm – **RESOLVED**

“This council is committed to reducing traffic and improving air quality in the Brook Green Home Zone and Clear Way and supports the residents and councillors of Addison Ward in their campaign to stop the C1 bus running through residential streets in the ward.”

32. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

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

Meeting ended: 8.53p.m - Wednesday, 25 January 2006

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