

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

(ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2013



## PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Frances Stainton  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Adronie Alford

### Councillors:

Michael Adam	Oliver Craig	Donald Johnson
Colin Aherne	Tom Crofts	Andrew Jones
Helen Binmore	Ali De-Lisle	Alex Karmel
Nicholas Botterill	Belinda Donovan	Jane Law
Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler	Gavin Donovan	Mark Loveday
Andrew Brown	Rachel Ford	PJ Murphy
Daryl Brown	Marcus Ginn	Caroline Needham
Joe Carlebach	Peter Graham	Harry Phibbs
Michael Cartwright	Steve Hamilton	Sally Powell
Alex Chalk	Wesley Harcourt	Max Schmid
Elaine Chumnerly	Lisa Homan	Greg Smith
Iain Coleman	Robert Iggulden	Matt Thorley
Georgie Cooney	Lucy Ivimy	Rory Vaughan
Stephen Cowan	Andrew Johnson	

### 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

7pm – Councillor Belinda Donovan, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillor Mark Loveday, proposed, seconded by Councillor Peter Graham, that Councillor Frances Stainton be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

7.05pm **RESOLVED:**

Councillor Frances Stainton was duly declared Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2013/14 Municipal Year, following which she 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 she put on the Mayor's robes.

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

(The meeting was adjourned until 7.15pm)

The Mayor made a brief speech thanking the Council for bestowing such an honour on her and announced the nomination of Walking for the Wounded, H&F Care Leavers, Albert and Friends and Daisy Trust as her charities for the year.

The Mayor announced that she had decided to appoint Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith as her Mayoress and Comte Edouard de Guitaut and Prince Mohsin Ali-Khan as her consorts for the 2013/14 Municipal Year. The Mayor then announced that she had appointed Councillor Adronie Alford as Deputy Mayor for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill, moved that the past Mayor's badge be presented to Councillor Belinda Donovan 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, which was unanimously agreed.

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

A vote of thanks was given to the past Consorts Mr David Brough, Mr Charles Forsyth and Mr Andrew MacDonald for their work in supporting the past Mayor in carrying out her civic functions. Mr David Brough, Mr Charles Forsyth and Mr Andrew MacDonald then came forward to receive their respective badges.

## **2. MINUTES**

7.34pm **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Budget Council Meeting held on 27 February 2013 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 19 March 2013 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

### 3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Charlie Dewhirst, Peter Tobias and Mercy Umeh.

### 4. **MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)**

The past Mayor's Announcements would be circulated following the meeting.

### 5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 6. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### 6.1 Party Appointments for 2013/14 Municipal Year

7.37pm - The report of the Chief Executive on the various appointments made by the Party Groups on the Council for 2013/14 was noted.

#### 6.2 Review of the Constitution

7.38pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.38pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Council's Constitution be approved and re-adopted for the 2013/14 Municipal Year; and
- (2) That the establishment of the Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust Committee, be approved.

#### 6.3 Establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board: Governance Arrangements

7.39pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Rory Vaughan and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillors Marcus Ginn and Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration).

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.43pm **RESOLVED**:

- (1) That the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board for the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham be agreed and the proposed membership on the basis set out in the report be agreed;
- (2) Councillor Marcus Ginn, Cabinet Member for Community Care, be appointed as the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board; and
- (3) the Health and Wellbeing Board be consulted on the proposal to make a direction on the entitlement of the Council's non-Councillor representatives to vote as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

#### 6.4 Appointment of an Independent Person

7.44pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.44pm **RESOLVED**:

That Ms Johanna Holmes be appointed, in conjunction with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, as an Independent Person to consider complaints against Members and to offer her impartial views on each case, including any investigations undertaken.

#### 6.5 Members' Allowances Scheme

7.45pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Michael Cartwright, Stephen Cowan and Lisa Homan (for the Opposition) and Councillors Nicholas Botterill and Donald Johnson (for the Administration).

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	14
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.55pm **RESOLVED**:

That the revisions to the Members' Allowances Scheme 2013/14 as set out in the report and in Appendix 1, be approved.

#### 6.6 Petitions: Annual Report 2012/13

7.56pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.56pm **RESOLVED**:

- (1) That Council agrees to continue to operate the Petitions Scheme as outlined in paragraph 4.2 of the report; and
- (2) That the operation of the Council's Petitions Scheme be noted.

### 7. **SPECIAL MOTIONS**

#### 7.1 Special Motion 1 - Appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members and their Respective Portfolios

7.57pm – Councillor Nicholas Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Mark Loveday, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council notes the following appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet and their respective portfolios." (as set out in the special motion)

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.57pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council notes the following appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet and their respective portfolios:

LEADER (+REGENERATION, ASSET MANAGEMENT AND IT*)	Councillor Nicholas Botterill
DEPUTY LEADER (+ RESIDENTS SERVICES**)	Councillor Greg Smith
CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES	Councillor Helen Binmore
CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (+CHIEF WHIP)	Councillor Mark Loveday
CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY CARE	Councillor Marcus Ginn
CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION	Councillor Georgie Cooney
CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING	Councillor Andrew Johnson
CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES***	Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler

\* Includes Economic Development

\*\* Includes Licensing and Public Protection and Safety.

\*\*\* Includes Planning.

## 7.2 Special Motion 2 - Appointment of Chairmen and Membership of Regulatory, Scrutiny and Other Committees 2013/14

7.58pm – Councillor Nicholas Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Greg Smith, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council agrees the appointments of Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory, Scrutiny and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2013/14, [as set out in the motion].

This Council also 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.**

7.58pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council agrees the appointments of Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory, Scrutiny and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2013/14, as set out in the motion, and also notes their respective Portfolios/Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution.

### 7.3 Special Motion 3 - Council Appointments to Local Government Organisations 2013/14

7.59pm - Councillor Mark Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Jane Law, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2013/14, as set out in Appendix 1".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.59pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2013/14, as set out in the Appendix of the report.

## 8. **INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE**

### 8.1 To Receive the Leader's Annual Report (Oral)

The Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill, made a speech outlining the highlights of the past year. A speech on the Leader's report was made by Councillor Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition).



## 8.2 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012/13

8.07pm - The Council received the Annual Scrutiny report of the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, Select Committees and Scrutiny Task Groups during the course of the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Stephen Cowan and Rory Vaughan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Lucy Ivimy (for the Administration).

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	28
AGAINST	14
NOT VOTING	0

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

8.15pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report be received and noted.

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

Meeting started: 7.00 pm  
Meeting ended: 8.15 pm

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