

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

(ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)

MONDAY 16 JUNE 2014



## PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Mercy Umeh  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Ali Hashem

### Councillors:

Michael Adam	Alan De'Ath	Jane Law
Adronie Alford	Charlie Dewhirst	Mark Loveday
Colin Aherne	Belinda Donovan	Vivienne Lukey
Hannah Barlow	Sue Fennimore	Sue Macmillan
Nicholas Botterill	Caroline Ffiske	PJ Murphy
Andrew Brown	Marcus Ginn	Caroline Needham
Daryl Brown	Steve Hamilton	Viya Nsumbu
Joe Carlebach	Wesley Harcourt	Natalia Perez Shepherd
Michael Cartwright	Sharon Holder	Harry Phibbs
Iain Cassidy	Lisa Homan	Max Schmid
Elaine Chumnerly	Lucy Ivimy	Greg Smith
Ben Coleman	Donald Johnson	Frances Stainton
Adam Connell	Andrew Jones	Rory Vaughan
Stephen Cowan	Alex Karmel	Guy Vincent
Larry Culhane	Robert Largan	

### 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

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

Councillor Colin Aherne, proposed, seconded by Councillor PJ Murphy, that Councillor Mercy Umeh be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2014/15 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 Mercy Umeh was duly declared Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2014/15 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 7.16pm)

The Mayor made a brief speech thanking the constituents of Shepherds Bush Ward for electing her and her fellow Councillors and her family for their support. She announced the nomination of Lupus UK, which supported people with systemic lupus and discoid lupus and assisting those approaching diagnosis, as her charity for the year.

The Mayor announced that she had decided to appoint Mr Maxwell Linus Umeh as her Consort and Ms Frances Umeh as her Mayoress for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

The Mayor then announced that she had appointed Councillor Ali Hashem as Deputy Mayor for the 2014/15 Municipal Year. She informed the Council that Ms Zahraa Marhoon had been appointed as Deputy Mayoress for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

The Leader (elect), Councillor Stephen Cowan, moved that the past Mayor's badge be presented to Councillor Frances Stainton 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 (elect) made a speech about the excellent and energetic work the outgoing Mayor had undertaken during her term of office. Councillor Greg Smith, Leader of the Opposition, also thanked the outgoing Mayor for her work. Councillor Frances Stainton accepted her badge and made a brief speech.

A vote of thanks was given to the past Mayoress Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith and Consorts Comte Edouard de Guitaut and Prince Mohsin Ali-Khan for their work in supporting the past Mayor in carrying out her civic functions. Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith, Comte Edouard de Guitaut and Prince Mohsin Ali-Khan then came forward to receive their respective badges.

## **2. MINUTES**

7.35pm **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Budget Council Meeting held on 26 February 2014 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

## **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Jane Law.

## **4. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor drew Members' attention to a list of amendments relating to agenda items 6.4 Review of the Constitution, 7.4 Special Motion 4 Council Appointments to Local Government Organisations and Outside Bodies and 7.5 Special Motion 5 Council Calendar, that was circulated at the meeting.

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

### **6.1 Party Appointments for 2014/15 Municipal Year**

7.35pm - The report of the Chief Executive on the various appointments made by the Party Groups on the Council for 2014/15 was noted.

### **6.2 Results of the Local Government Elections on 22 May 2014**

7.35pm - The report of the Returning Officer on the results of the Local Government Elections held on 22 May 2014 was noted.

### **6.3 Re-Order of Agenda**

7.36 pm – Under Standing Order 15(e) iii, Councillor Colin Aherne moved and Councillor PJ Murphy seconded a motion that Special Motion 7.1 relating to the Appointment of a Leader take precedence on the agenda and be considered. This was agreed.

### **6.4 Special Motion 1 - Appointment of the Leader of the Council**

Councillor Michael Cartwright moved, seconded by Councillor Colin Aherne, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the appointment of Councillor Stephen Cowan as the Leader of the Council".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

7.36 pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council agrees the appointment of Councillor Stephen Cowan as the Leader of the Council.

#### 6.5 Allocation of Seats and Proportionality on Committees

7.37pm - The report of the Monitoring Officer on the allocation of seats and proportionality on Committees was noted.

#### 6.6 Review of the Constitution

7.38pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan, as amended.

The report and recommendations, as amended, were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The report and recommendations, as amended, were declared **CARRIED**.

7.38pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the amendments to the Council's Constitution as set out in paragraph 5.1 to 5.3 of the report and **Appendices 1 (as amended) and 2** of the report be agreed.
- (2) That amendments to Articles 4 and 6 of the Constitution; amendments to the Officer Schemes of Delegation to reflect updates in legislation and changes to the titles of posts; and changes to the Council Procedure Rules in the interest of consistency, as set out in **Appendix 3**, be agreed.
- (3) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make changes to the Constitution consequent upon the agreement of Recommendations 2.1 and 2.2, in consultation with the Chief Whips.
- (4) That subject to the agreement of Recommendations 2.1 to 2.3, the Council's Constitution be approved and adopted for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

## 6.7 Members' Allowances Scheme: Revision

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

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Max Schmid and Andrew Jones (for the Administration) and Councillors Mark Loveday and Harry Phibbs (for the Opposition).

The report and recommendations were put to the vote and a roll-call was requested:

FOR	AGAINST
AHERNE	ADAM
BARLOW	ALFORD
BROWN (D)	BOTTERILL
CARTWRIGHT	BROWN (A)
CASSIDY	CARLEBACH
CHUMNERY	DEWHIRST
COLEMAN	DONOVAN
CONNELL	FFISKE
COWAN	GINN
CULHANE	HAMILTON
DE'ATH	IVIMY
FENNIMORE	JOHNSON
HARCOURT	KARMEL
HASHEM	LARGAN
HOLDER	LAW
HOMAN	LOVEDAY
JONES	NSUMBU
LUKEY	PHIBBS
MACMILLAN	SMITH
MURPHY	STANTON
NEEDHAM	
PEREZ SHEPHERD	
SCHMID	
UMEH	
VAUGHAN	
VINCENT	

FOR	26
AGAINST	20
NOT VOTING	0

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

8.01pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That all Members who are entitled to an Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) shall take a 10% reduction in this allowance.
- (2) That under this scheme only one SRA will be paid to a Councillor in respect of duties undertaken.
- (3) That the revisions to the Members' Allowances Scheme 2014/15 as set out in the report and attached as Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

6.8 Petitions: Annual Report 2013/14

8.02pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

8.02pm **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 2 - Appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members

8.03pm – Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Colin Aherne, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council notes the appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet." (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.**

8.03pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council notes the appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet as set out below:

LEADER	Councillor Stephen Cowan
DEPUTY LEADER	Councillor Michael Cartwright
CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION	Councillor Sue Macmillan
CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION	Councillor Andrew Jones
CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE	Councillor Max Schmid
CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE	Councillor Vivienne Lukey
CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING	Councillor Lisa Homan
CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION	Councillor Sue Fennimore
CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & RESIDENTS SERVICES *	Councillor Wesley Harcourt

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

Lead Member - Contracts	Councillor Guy Vincent
Lead Member - Hospitals and Health Care	Councillor Sharon Holder

7.2 Special Motion 3 - Appointments of Chairs and Memberships of Regulatory, Policy and Accountability and Other Committees 2014/15

8.04pm – Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Michael Cartwright, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council agrees the appointments of Chairs and Memberships of Regulatory, Policy and Accountability and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2014/15, [as set out in the special 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.**

8.04pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council agrees the appointments of Chairs and Memberships of Regulatory, Policy and Accountability and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2014/15, as set out in the special motion, and also notes their respective Portfolios/Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution.

7.3 Special Motion 4 - Council Appointments to Local Government Organisations and Outside Bodies

8.05pm - Councillor PJ Murphy moved, seconded by Councillor Larry Culhane, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2014/15, as set out in Appendix 1, and to Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 2", as amended.

The motion, as amended, was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion, as amended, was declared **CARRIED.**

7.59pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2014/15, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, and to Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, as amended.

7.4 Special Motion 5 - Council Calendar 2014/2015

8.05pm - Councillor Larry Culhane, moved, seconded by Councillor PJ Murphy, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council agrees that, for the Municipal Year 2014/15, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar", as amended.

The motion, as amended, was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion, as amended, was declared **CARRIED.**

8.05pm **RESOLVED:**

That for the Municipal Year 2014/15, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar, as amended.

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

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

8.06pm – The Council received an oral report from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan. The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Greg Smith made a speech on behalf of the Opposition.

### 8.2 To Receive and Note the Labour Administration's Manifesto for the Council for 2014-2018

8.18pm – The Council received and noted the Labour Administration's Manifesto for the Council for 2014–2018. The Cabinet Member for Children and Education, Councillor Sue Macmillan, provided an oral presentation on the report. This was followed by a speech by Councillor Lucy Ivimy who spoke on behalf of the Opposition. Speeches were also made by Councillors Stephen Cowan and Andrew Jones (for the Administration) and Councillor Harry Phibbs (for the Opposition).

### 8.3 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14

8.45pm - The Council received the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for the 2013/14 Municipal Year. The report was put to the vote and duly noted.

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

Meeting started: 7.00 pm  
Meeting ended: 8.46 pm

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