

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**(ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)**

**WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015**



## PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Mercy Umeh  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Ali Hashem

### Councillors:

Michael Adam	Alan De'Ath	Jane Law
Adronie Alford	Charlie Dewhurst	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 Mercy Umeh, as the current Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillor Colin Aherne, proposed, seconded by Councillor Larry Culhane, that Councillor Mercy Umeh be re-elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

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

<b>FOR</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

## **7.02pm – RESOLVED**

Councillor Mercy Umeh was duly declared Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2015/16 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.

The Mayor then made a brief speech welcoming Councillors and honoured guests to the meeting. She thanked her fellow Councillors and her family for their support and said that serving as Mayor for the previous municipal year had been an exciting and humbling experience. Some of her many highlights were; opening a poppy garden in Furnival Gardens to commemorate those who fought for our freedom in World War One, attending a fundraising event organised by young people at St. Paul's School in aid of the Rainbow Child Foundation, and fundraising for her chosen charities, Lupus UK and Maggie's Cancer Care.

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 2015/16 Municipal Year.

The Mayor then announced that she had appointed Councillor Daryl Brown as Deputy Mayor and Mr Benito Brown as Deputy Mayor's Consort for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

The Mayor then thanked the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ali Hashem, and his Deputy Mayoress Zahraa Marhoon for their service to the Council.

The Mayor also thanked Ita Hartzenberg and Keith Simpson for their dedicated support and effective running of the Mayor's Office.

## **2. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Budget Council Meeting held on 25 February 2015 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

## **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillor Jane Law.

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

The Mayor announced the passing of former Mayor Bill Smith on 30 March 2015, aged 96. He had a distinguished career in local politics as a former Alderman, Leader of the Council, and Mayor. He was also a magistrate, a school governor,

and the President of Hammersmith Rotary Club. He was awarded an MBE for his life-long commitment to public service.

The Mayor invited Councillor Nicholas Botterill to make a speech, then led a minute of silence in remembrance of former Mayor Bill Smith.

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

### **7. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

7.20pm - The report of the Leader of the Council on the appointment of the Chief Executive was moved by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

A short speech on the report was made by Councillor Stephen Cowan, before being put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

### **7.23pm – RESOLVED**

- (1) That Mr Nigel Pallace be appointed as the Chief Executive for the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham with effect from 21 May 2015.
- (2) That Mr Nigel Pallace be appointed the Head of Paid Service for the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham with effect from the same date.

## **8. PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

7.23pm - The report of the Chief Executive on the party appointments for the 2015/16 Municipal Year was noted.

## **9. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

7.24pm - The report of the Leader of the Council on appointments to Local Government Organisations and Outside Bodies for the 2015/16 Municipal Year was moved by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

### **7.24pm – RESOLVED**

That the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 1, and to Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 2, be agreed.

## **10. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

7.24pm - The report of the Leader of the Council on the review of the Constitution was moved by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Mark Loveday, Andrew Jones, and Max Schmid, before being put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>25</b>
AGAINST	19
NOT VOTING	0

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

### **7.39pm – RESOLVED**

- (1) That a new Cabinet Member post be created (portfolio details in Appendix 1) and amendments be made to all the relevant Cabinet Portfolios to reflect the new shared responsibilities.
- (2) That the amendments to the Council's Constitution as set out in the report including changes to Officer Scheme of Delegation, Appendix 2 (Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health - Scheme of Delegation) and Appendix 3 (Contracts Standing Orders) of the report, be agreed.
- (3) That the Pensions Board Members' term of office be increased from 2 years to 3 years (extendable for a further three years).
- (4) To note that the Council's Membership of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) will be one voting member only with a named substitute member to whom the Borough's vote can be transferred when the nominated voting member is unavailable.
- (5) To note the changes made to the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer under delegated powers.
- (6) That subject to the approval of recommendations above, the Council's Constitution be adopted for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

## 11. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME: REVISION

7.39pm - The report of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan, on a revision to the Member's Allowances Scheme was moved by Councillor Stephen Cowan.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Stephen Cowan, Greg Smith, Max Schmid, and PJ Murphy, before being put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>25</b>
AGAINST	20
NOT VOTING	0

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

### 7.56pm – RESOLVED

That the revisions to the Members' Allowances Scheme 2015/16 as set out in the report and attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

## 12. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

7.56pm - The report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration on the Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule was noted.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

### 7.57pm – RESOLVED

That the Council has regard to the CIL Examiner's report (Appendix 1 of the report) on the examination of the borough's Draft CIL charging schedule and the recommendations and reasons therein, before approving:

- (1) The adoption of the CIL charging schedule.
- (2) The CIL charging schedule to take effect from 1 September 2015.

## 13. PETITIONS: ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

7.58pm – The report of the Chief Executive on the petitions annual report 2014/15 was formally moved by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

**7.58pm – RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Council agree to continue to operate the Petitions Scheme.
- (2) That the operation of the Council’s Petitions Scheme be noted.

**14. SPECIAL MOTIONS**

**14.1 Special Motion 1 - Appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members**

8.01pm – Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Michael Cartwright, the special motion standing in their names.

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

The special motion was put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

**8.02pm – RESOLVED**

That the Council notes the appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet as set out below.

<b>DEPUTY LEADER</b>	<b>Councillor Michael Cartwright</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION</b>	<b>Councillor Sue Macmillan</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMERCIAL REVENUE AND RESIDENT SATISFACTION</b>	<b>Councillor Ben Coleman</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION</b>	<b>Councillor Andrew Jones</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND RESIDENTS SERVICES*</b>	<b>Councillor Wesley Harcourt</b>

**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**

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

<b>Lead Member – Contracts</b>	<b>Councillor Guy Vincent</b>
<b>Lead Member – Hospitals and Health Care</b>	<b>Councillor Sharon Holder</b>
<b>Lead Member – Representative for the Armed Services</b>	<b>Councillor Alan De’Ath</b>
<b>Local Business Champion</b>	<b>Councillor Alan De’At</b>

14.2 **Special Motion 2** - Appointment of Chairs and Memberships of Regulatory, Policy and Accountability and Other Committees 2015/16

8.02pm – 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 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 1.

This Council also notes their respective Portfolios / Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council’s Constitution.”

The special motion was put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

**8.02pm – RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Council agrees the appointments of Chairs and Memberships of Regulatory, Policy and Accountability and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 1.
- (2) This Council also notes their respective Portfolios / Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council’s Constitution.

14.3 **Special Motion 3** - Council Calendar 2015/16 and 2016/17

8.03pm – Councillor Larry Culhane moved, seconded by Councillor Ali Hashem, the special motion standing in their names.



“This Council agrees that meetings of the Council, it’s Committees and Panels be held on the dates, specified in the Council Calendar for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 Municipal Years, attached as Appendix 1.”

The special motion was put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

**8.03pm – RESOLVED**

That the Council agrees that meetings of the Council, it’s Committees and Panels be held on the dates, specified in the Council Calendar for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 Municipal Years, attached as Appendix 1.

**15. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE**

**16. TO RECEIVE THE LEADER'S ANNUAL REPORT (ORAL)**

8.03pm – 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.

**17. POLICY AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15**

8.13pm - The report of the Policy and Accountability Committee Chairs on the activity of the Policy and Accountability Committees for the 2014/15 municipal year was noted.

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

Meeting started: 7.00 pm  
Meeting ended: 8.19 pm

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