

COUNCIL MINUTES

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2018



PRESENT

The Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Councillors:

Mercy Umeh
Colin Aherne
Daryl Brown
Iain Cassidy
Ben Coleman
Adam Connell
Stephen Cowan
Larry Culhane
Alan De'Ath
Sue Fennimore
Wesley Harcourt
Sharon Holder
Lisa Homan
Andrew Jones

PJ Murphy
Natalia Perez
Max Schmid
Rory Vaughan
Guy Vincent
Adronie Alford
Andrew Brown
Belinda Donovan
Donald Johnson
Alex Karmel
Mark Loveday
Frances Stainton
Jonathan Caleb-Landy
Christabel Cooper

Bora Kwon
Rachel Leighton
Amanda Lloyd-Harris
Zarar Qayyum
Patricia Quigley
Rowan Ree
Lucy Richardson
Ann Rosenberg
Alexandra Sanderson
Asif Siddique
Fiona Smith
Dominic Stanton
Matt Uberoi
Matt Thorley

1. MINUTES

The Mayor noted the following correction to the minutes:

Under Special Motion 8 – Reforming the Council, Councillor Amanda Lloyd-Harris gave her maiden speech.

7.02pm – RESOLVED

That, with the correction above, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 July 2018 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Morton, Rebecca Harvey, and Sue Macmillan.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Ben Coleman.

3. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

In respect of Special Motion 11 – Calls for a halt to Government funding cuts to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulhams school's – Councillors made the following declarations of interest:

Councillor Matt Thorley declared non-pecuniary interests as a Director of Brightwells Multi-Academy Trust, the Chair of the Brightwells Finance Committee, and the Chair of Governors at Fulham Primary School. He considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Colin Aherne declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Governor at Wormholt Park Primary School. He considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Bora Kwon declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Governor at Flora Gardens Primary School and member of the Finance Committee. She considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Wesley Harcourt declared a non-pecuniary interest as the Chair of Governors at The Good Shepherd RC Primary School. He considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Alan De'Ath declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Governor at Hurlingham Academy School. He considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Rory Vaughan declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Governor at St. John's Catholic Primary School and Chair of the Finance Committee. He considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Rachel Leighton declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Director at Fulham College Academy Trust. She considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Zarar Qayyum declared a non-pecuniary interest as a School Governor. He considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests

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Councillor Iain Cassidy declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Governor at Melcombe Primary School. He considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Sharon Holder declared a non-pecuniary interest as a School Governor. She considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Natalia Perez declared a non-pecuniary interest as a School Governor. She considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Alex Sanderson declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Governor at Flora Gardens Primary School. She considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillor Patricia Quigley declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Governor at Brackenbury School. She considered that this did not give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests and, in the circumstances it would be reasonable to participate in the discussion and vote thereon.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Adoption of the Council's Revised Statement of Gambling Policy 2019-2022

7.05pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.05pm – RESOLVED

That the revised Statement of Gambling Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted by the Council.

6. SPECIAL MOTIONS

Under Standing Order 15(e)(3), Councillor Colin Aherne moved to give precedence to Special Motions 4, 9, 5, 6, and 11 (to give the following order of business – Special Motion 1, 4, 9, 5, 6, 7, 11, 2, 3, 8, then 10). The motion to give precedence was put to the vote.

Councillor Alex Karmel moved an amendment to the motion to give precedence for Special Motion 3 to be considered after Special Motion 1. The amendment was then put to the vote:

FOR	10
AGAINST	30
NOT VOTING	0

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

The substantive motion was then put to the vote:

FOR	31
AGAINST	11
NOT VOTING	0

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED**.

7.09pm – RESOLVED

That Special Motions 4, 9, 5, 6, and 11 were given precedence on the agenda. The special motions therefore considered in the following order – Special Motion 1, 4, 9, 5, 6, 7, 11, 2, 3, 8, then 10.

6.1 **Special Motion 1 - Happy 70th Birthday NHS**

7.09pm - Councillor Ben Coleman moved, seconded by Councillor Patricia Quigley, the special motion in their names:

“This Council celebrates the 70th birthday of our National Health Service and thanks all the millions of NHS workers who have saved the lives and improved the health of the people of Great Britain since 1948.

The Council is particularly proud of our local hospitals and healthcare facilities and thanks all our NHS healthcare professionals and staff who work day in, day out to look after the health and wellbeing of people in this part of West London.

The Council notes that it is the Council’s formal position to call on the government, the Hammersmith & Fulham Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS North West London and Imperial College NHS Trust to put an end permanently to the Shaping a Healthier Future plan.

The Council also notes that, along with Ealing Council, our borough was the first in the country to refuse to sign a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) as the closure of Charing Cross and Ealing hospitals was intrinsic to the plan.

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The Council agrees that the Labour administration is right to undertake these actions and to fight to save Charing Cross Hospital.

The Council notes that a significant and present threat to the health and wellbeing of Hammersmith & Fulham's residents remains in the form of the Shaping A Healthier Future (SaHF) plan, which was signed off in 2013 by Jeremy Hunt MP (Con), the then Secretary of State for Health.

The Council notes that SaHF's plan for Charing Cross Hospital proposes to:

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The Council notes that, on unilaterally leaving the cross-party campaign, the then Conservative administration chose to change the Council's position to support the SaHF proposals without any prior public scrutiny in the relevant Scrutiny Committee of what this change would actually mean for the health and wellbeing of the residents of Hammersmith & Fulham.

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The Council notes that the Labour opposition called an Extraordinary Council Meeting to review the Conservative administration's change in position on Charing

Cross Hospital. That took place on 19 March 2013. Labour councillors put down a motion that concluded:

- *“This Council therefore agrees to commission an independent assessment of these proposals”.*

The Council notes that Conservative councillors (including many current Conservative councillors) voted that proposal down and voted for an amendment that detailed their support for the SaHF plan and the consequential demolition of Charing Cross Hospital.

The Council notes that the current leader of the opposition, Cllr Andrew Brown, spoke in favour of the SaFH plan – accusing those opposing it of burying their heads in the sand – and voted for a Conservative amendment which killed any independent assessment at that important moment in time.

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Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Ben Coleman, Patricia Quigley (who gave her maiden speech), Rory Vaughan, Lucy Richardson, Stephen Cowan, and Guy Vincent (for the Administration) and Councillor Andrew Brown (for the Opposition).

Councillor Ben Coleman made a speech winding up the debate before the motion was put to the vote.

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6.4 **Special Motion 4 - Censure of the Rt Hon Greg Hands MP on his changed position on Brexit**

7.48pm – Councillor Alan De’Ath moved, seconded by Councillor Asif Siddique, the special motion in their names:

“The Council agrees that Brexit is the biggest and most long-lasting change facing our borough, our country and our continent at this historic moment so it is incumbent on all our elected representatives to properly represent the views and needs of our constituents and our great country.

It is therefore a matter of regret that the Council votes to censure the Rt Hon Greg Hands MP for his increasingly damaging position on Britain’s exit from the European Union, which is strongly at odds with the vast majority of his constituents.

The Council notes that in the June 2016 referendum, voters in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham voted Remain by 70 per cent. Similarly, voters in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea voted Remain by 69 per cent.

The Council understands that the country narrowly voted differently but recognises that nobody in the country voted for the chaos that has plagued the government’s negotiations with the EU and its broader approach to Brexit ever since. The Council notes that the government is itself publishing warnings that Brexit will seriously threaten the strength of the British economy and wellbeing of its citizens across the UK.

The Council recognises that, as an International Trade minister, Greg Hands MP was party to and partly responsible for the government’s botched approach and the resulting chaos.

The Council regrets Greg Hands MP’s ill-judged attack on the Electoral Commission for sanctioning the Vote Leave campaign – publishing two articles which undermine the statutory authorities responsible for guaranteeing the safety and integrity of UK elections. The Council agrees that Mr Hands’ articles rightly earned him a public rebuttal from the Electoral Commission.

The Council is dismayed that, in September 2018, Greg Hands MP supported the Institute of Economic Affairs proposal for a Free Trade Agreement with the EU and notes this would necessitate border controls between the EU and UK. This would devastate the UK's manufacturing sector, much of which is integrated into "just-in-time" supply chains stretching across EU Member States, and it would necessitate a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Short of 'no deal' this is the harshest and most economically damaging form of Brexit and is the furthest removed from what the people of Chelsea and Fulham voted for.

Furthermore, the form of Brexit now championed by Greg Hands MP fails to protect the service sector, which makes up 80% of the UK economy and employs many of Greg Hands MP's constituents. Many constituents are already being informed that their jobs are being relocated to Frankfurt, Paris or Dublin in order to remain within the Single Market and retain financial services passporting rights. House prices are falling as people relocate.

The Council notes that Greg Hands MP called for any future trade deal to sweep away existing Rules of Origin designations thus undermining food safety and quality standards at home and undermining many valuable UK exports such as Scotch whiskey.

The Council notes that instead of recognising the damage that the current chaotic approach of government is causing and calling for more time for the economy to transition to new arrangements, in March 2018 Greg Hands MP argued that "Calls to extend the Brexit Implementation Period (IP) are ill-judged. From Referendum to end of the IP is already to be 4 1/2yrs - historically, that's longer than World War One. It's time to get on with it." Aside from the crude comparison to a tragic conflict, the comment highlighted Greg Hands MP's lack of comprehension of the complexity of the issues he had been charged as Minister to deal with.

The Council calls on Greg Hands MP to respect the wishes of his constituents and not those of a narrow hard Brexit clique within the Chelsea and Fulham Conservative Party.

The Council further calls on Greg Hands MP to demand and vote for a confirmatory ballot of the people on the final terms of Brexit, with the option to retain the current deal (membership of the European Union).

If Mr Hands feels he cannot agree to whole-heartedly campaign to remain and vote for a people's vote with the option to remain, the Council calls for him to immediately resign and trigger a by-election so that the people of Chelsea and Fulham have an opportunity to be consulted and ensure they have an elected representative who represents them on the most important issue facing all of us at this historic point in time."

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Councillor Alan De'Ath made a speech winding up the debate before the special motion was put to the vote:

FOR	30
AGAINST	11
NOT VOTING	0

The special motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8.47pm – RESOLVED

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6.9 Special Motion 9 - Conservative Mayoral Candidate

8.48pm – The special motion was withdrawn.

6.5 Special Motion 5 - Standing against Islamophobia

8.49pm – Councillor Lucy Richardson moved, seconded by Councillor Wesley Harcourt, the special motion in their names:

"This Council condemns all forms Islamophobia. It recognises that the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham is fortunate enough to have many Muslim citizens and pledges to continue to stand by them against this disgusting racism."

The Council calls on all in public life to promote unity and recognises that senior politicians have a particular responsibility to do that. It therefore regrets the remarks of the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP who compared women in burqas to “letterboxes” and “bank robbers.” The Council agrees with Baroness Sayeeda Warsi that Boris Johnson was engaging in dangerous “dog-whistle” Islamophobia and calls on Boris Johnson to apologise and take all necessary measures and training to ensure he does not say or do anything that is racist again.

The Council calls for the forthcoming London mayoral election campaign to be conducted without using Islamophobic and racially divisive language.”

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Lucy Richardson, Wesley Harcourt, Alan De’Ath, Bora Kwon, Stephen Cowan, and Lisa Homan (for the Administration) – and Councillors Andrew Brown and Frances Stainton (for the Opposition).

Councillor Lucy Richardson then made a speech winding up the debate before the special motion was then put to the vote:

FOR	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

9.19pm – RESOLVED

This Council condemns all forms Islamophobia. It recognises that the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham is fortunate enough to have many Muslim citizens and pledges to continue to stand by them against this disgusting racism.

The Council calls on all in public life to promote unity and recognises that senior politicians have a particular responsibility to do that. It therefore regrets the remarks of the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP who compared women in burqas to “letterboxes” and “bank robbers.” The Council agrees with Baroness Sayeeda Warsi that Boris Johnson was engaging in dangerous “dog-whistle” Islamophobia and calls on Boris Johnson to apologise and take all necessary measures and training to ensure he does not say or do anything that is racist again.

The Council calls for the forthcoming London mayoral election campaign to be conducted without using Islamophobic and racially divisive language.

6.6 Special Motion 6 - Standing against antisemitism and the adoption of International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism

9.20pm – Councillor Sue Fennimore moved, seconded by Councillor Max Schmid, the special motion in their names.

“This Council reaffirms its robust approach to firmly standing against antisemitism in all its forms across the borough and elsewhere.

We therefore welcome the Government’s announcement on 12 December 2016, supported by the Official Opposition, that the UK will sign up to the internationally

recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism, which define antisemitism thus:

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong.” It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- *Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.*
- *Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.*
- *Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.*
- *Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).*
- *Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.*
- *Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.*
- *Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.*
- *Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.*
- *Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.*
- *Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.*
- *Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.*

This Council adopts in full the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism as set out above and pledges to continue its strong combative approach against this particularly pernicious form of racism.”

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Sue Fennimore and Max Schmid (for the Administration) – and Councillors Dominic Stanton (who gave his maiden speech) and Donald Johnson (for the Opposition).

Councillor Sue Fennimore then gave a speech winding up the debate before the special motion was put to the vote:

FOR	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The special motion was declared **CARRIED**.

9.33pm – RESOLVED

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Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- *Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.*
- *Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.*

- *Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.*
- *Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).*
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6.7 **Special Motion 7 - Charter Against Modern Slavery**

9.34pm – Councillor Sue Fennimore moved, seconded by Councillor Max Schmid (standing in for Councillor Sue Macmillan), the special motion in their names.

“This Council supports the Charter Against Modern Slavery.

It will....

1. *Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.*
2. *Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.*
3. *Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.*
4. *Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.*
5. *Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.*

6. *Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.*
7. *Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.*
8. *Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.*
9. *Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.*
10. *Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually."*

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Sue Fennimore and Max Schmid (for the Administration) – and Councillor Matt Thorley (for the Opposition). Councillor Sue Fennimore made a speech winding up the debate before the special motion was put to the vote:

FOR	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The special motion was declared **CARRIED**.

9.41pm – RESOLVED

This Council supports the Charter Against Modern Slavery.

It will....

1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
2. Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.

8. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.

6.11 **Special Motion 11 - Calls for a halt to government funding cuts to the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham's schools**

9.41pm – Councillor Larry Culhane moved, seconded by Councillor Alan De'Ath, the special motion in their names.

“This Council is alarmed by the consequences to our borough's children of the ongoing government cuts to the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham's schools and calls on the Government to reverse its approach and immediately rectify this.”

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Larry Culhane, Alan De'Ath, and Andrew Jones (for the Administration) – and Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Opposition). Councillor Larry Culhane then made a speech winding up the debate before the special motion was put to the vote:

FOR	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The special motion was declared **CARRIED**.

10.02pm – RESOLVED

This Council is alarmed by the consequences to our borough's children of the ongoing government cuts to the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham's schools and calls on the Government to reverse its approach and immediately rectify this.

Guillotine

The Mayor noted that the guillotine had fallen and informed the Council that the remaining special motions and reports would be considered moved and seconded and would be voted on in order.

6.2 **Special Motion 2 - RingGo and the New Visitor Permit**

10.02pm – The special motion was withdrawn.

6.3 **Special Motion 3 - Lannoy and Hartopp**

10.02pm – The special motion was withdrawn.

6.8 Special Motion 8 - Disabled Access to Tube Stations

10.02pm – The special motion was withdrawn.

6.10 Special Motion 10 - Council Housing Borrowing Cap

10.02pm – The special motion was withdrawn.

7. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE

7.1 Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit, Pensions and Standards Committee - 2017-18

10.03pm – RESOLVED

The report was noted.

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 10.05 pm

Mayor