

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2019



PRESENT

The Mayor - Daryl Brown

Deputy Mayor - Mercy Umeh

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

David Morton
Natalia Perez
Max Schmid
Rory Vaughan
Adronie Alford
Andrew Brown
Donald Johnson
Alex Karmel
Mark Loveday
Frances Stainton
Jonathan Caleb-Landy
Christabel Cooper
Rebecca Harvey
Bora Kwon

Rachel Leighton
Amanda Lloyd-Harris
Zarar Qayyum
Patricia Quigley
Lucy Richardson
Ann Rosenberg
Alexandra Sanderson
Asif Siddique
Fiona Smith
Dominic Stanton
Matt Uberoi
Matt Thorley
Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

7.03pm – Councillor Daryl Brown, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillor Colin Aherne proposed, seconded by Councillor Jonathan Caleb-Landy, that Councillor Daryl Brown be re-elected as Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

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

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| FOR | UNANIMOUS |
| AGAINST | 0 |
| NOT VOTING | 0 |

The recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

7.15pm – RESOLVED:

That Councillor Daryl Brown was duly elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2019/20 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 thanking Deputy Mayor Councillor Mercy Umeh and Mr Maxwell Umeh her Consort, her husband and Consort, Mr Benito Brown, her Mayoresses Miss Cristina Brown, Miss Karan Brown, Mrs Diana Belshaw, and Mrs Sally Taylor for supporting her during the mayoral year. She also thanked the Leader of the Council and fellow Councillors for supporting her during the various charity events she organised to raise funds for H&F Foodbank and Baron's Court Project.

She announced that she was nominating Upper Room for Ex-Offenders as one of her charities for the year.

The Mayor then announced she had appointed Councillor Mercy Umeh as Deputy Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year. She informed the Council that Mr Maxwell Umeh had been appointed as Deputy Mayor's Consort for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

The Mayor announced that she was appointing her husband, Mr Benito Brown and Alderman & Freeman of the Borough Michael Cartwright as her Consorts for the Mayoral year.

She also appointed Miss Cristina Brown, Miss Karan Brown, Mrs Diana Belshaw, and Mrs Sally Taylor as Mayoresses for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

The Mayor thanked and reappointed Reverend Lesley Belinda of St. Andrews Church as her Chaplain.

2. PRESENTATION BY THE YOUTH MAYOR AND YOUTH CABINET

7.15pm – The Mayor congratulated Scarlett Knowles (Youth Mayor), Ainhoa Reyes (Deputy Youth Mayor), Ozan Erder (Member of Youth Parliament) and Jeffrey Maili (Deputy Member of Youth Parliament) on their election and invited them to speak. Jeffrey Maili (Deputy Member of Youth Parliament) was unable to attend the meeting.

The Youth Cabinet Members addressed the Council and made a speech about the Youth Council's manifesto and goals for 2019-20. Councillors Larry Culhane, Stephen Cowan (Leader of the Council) and Andrew Brown also made speeches on this item.

The Mayor thanked the Youth Cabinet for all their hard work.

3. MINUTES

7.29pm – RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Budget Council and Extraordinary Council meetings held on 27 February 2019 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair subject to the amendment of the voting figures in Item 6.1 Revenue Budget and Council Tax Levels 2019/20 (Budget Council meeting) as follows:-

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| FOR | 31 |
| AGAINST | 11 |
| NOT VOTING | 0 |

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

7.30pm - Apologies for absence were received from Councillors PJ Murphy, Guy Vincent, Rowan Ree, Sue Macmillan and Belinda Donovan.

5. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.31pm - The Mayor thanked Ms Janis Cammel OBE for her service to the Council as an Independent Person for the past 7 years. On behalf of the Council, she wished her all the best for the future.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Party Appointments for the 2019-20 Municipal Year

7.31pm – The report on the party appointments for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year, with the amendments tabled, were noted.

7.2 Appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet

7.31pm – The report on the appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet was noted.

7.3 Allocation of Seats and Proportionality on Committees

7.31pm – The report on the allocation of seats and proportionality on committees was noted.

7.4 **Appointment of Chairs and Committee Memberships**

7.32pm – The report with the tabled amendments and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The amended report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

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| AGAINST | 0 |
| NOT VOTING | 0 |

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

7.32pm – 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 2019/20, as set out in Appendix 1 and tabled paper.
2. This Council also notes their respective portfolios / terms of reference, as set out in the constitution.

7.5 **Council Appointments to Local Government Organisations and Outside Bodies**

7.32pm – 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:

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| AGAINST | 0 |
| NOT VOTING | 0 |

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

7.32pm – RESOLVED:

That the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2019/20, as set out in Appendix 1, and to Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 2, be agreed.

7.6 **Members' Allowances Scheme - Revisions**

7.33pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

Councillor Alex Karmel made a speech on the report (for the Opposition).

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

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| FOR | 30 |
| AGAINST | 10 |
| NOT VOTING | 0 |

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

7.33pm – RESOLVED:

That the revisions to the Members' Allowances Scheme 2019/20 as set out in the report and attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

7.7 Review of the Constitution

7.34pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

Councillor Alex Karmel made a speech on the report (for the Opposition).

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

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| AGAINST | 0 |
| NOT VOTING | 0 |

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

7.34pm – RESOLVED:

1. That the updated Scheme of Delegation to Officers (Appendix 2) be approved and the associated changes to the Departmental Register of Authorities be noted.
2. That the changes to the terms of reference for the Policy and Accountability Committees be approved (Appendix 3).
3. That subject to the approval of recommendations above, the Council's Constitution be adopted for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

7.8 Appointment of Independent Persons

7.35pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan, gave a speech thanking the Independent Persons for volunteering to take on the role.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

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| AGAINST | 0 |
| NOT VOTING | 0 |

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

7.35pm – RESOLVED:

1. That His Honour John Rylance, Dr Tom Babbedge and Ms Dilina Ostborn be appointed as Independent Persons.
2. That the Independent Persons be appointed for a fixed term of two years, renewable once.
3. That the Council pay each appointed person a flat rate allowance of £504 per annum payable in line with the Members' Allowance scheme.
4. That Ms Janis Cammel OBE be thanked for her service to the Council as an Independent Person for the past 7 years.

7.9 The Leader's Annual Report (Verbal)

7.36pm – The Council received a verbal report from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan. The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Andrew Brown, made a speech on behalf of the Opposition. The Leader then summed up the debate.

7.10 Annual Report of the Policy and Accountability Committees 2018-19

7.50pm - The annual report of the Policy and Accountability Committees on their activities for the 2018/19 Municipal Year was noted. Councillors Sharon Holder, Chair of the Public Services Reform Policy and Accountability Committee and Councillor Rory Vaughan, Chair of the Economy, Housing and The Arts Policy and Accountability Committee gave short speeches.

Councillor Andrew Brown (for the Opposition) and Councillor Fennimore (for the Administration) also gave short speeches on the report.

7.11 Special Urgency Decisions - Monitoring Report

8.04pm – The monitoring report on Special Urgency Decisions was noted.

7.12 Education City Development

8.04pm – 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 Councillor Andrew Jones and Larry Culhane (for the Administration) and Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Opposition).

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

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| AGAINST | 0 |
| NOT VOTING | 0 |

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

8.19pm – RESOLVED:

1. That the long-term loan/equity funding and budget of up to £28.58 million for the private rented housing in accordance with state aid compliant market terms, subject to receipt of satisfactory legal and financial advice, be approved.
2. That a capital budget of up to £59,026,000 for the construction of 132 residential units and associated professional fees and development management costs funded by capital receipts, developer contributions or borrowing by the HRA and General Fund with final confirmation of the source of funding delegated to the Strategic Director, Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commercial Services, be approved.
3. That the use of up to £8,938,000 of retained right to buy receipts to support the development of affordable housing within this project, be approved.
4. That a capital budget of up to £3,694,000 to fund the construction of or provide a capital grant for the construction of the Youth Facility, funded by capital receipts, developer contributions or borrowing with final confirmation of the source of the funding delegated to the Strategic Director, Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commercial Services, be approved.
5. That a capital budget of up to £2,111,000 for the construction of the Adult Education and Nursery Facilities, funded by capital receipts, developer contributions or borrowing with final confirmation of the source of the funding delegated to the Strategic Director, Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commercial Services, be approved.

Meeting started: 7.03 pm
Meeting ended: 8.19 pm

Mayor