

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2021**



## PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor PJ Murphy  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Daryl Brown

### Councillors:

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| Colin Aherne                | Sharon Holder       | Rowan Ree        |
| Adronie Alford              | Lisa Homan          | Lucy Richardson  |
| Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler | Donald Johnson      | Ann Rosenberg    |
| Andrew Brown                | Andrew Jones        | Helen Rowbottom  |
| Jonathan Caleb-Landy        | Alex Karmel         | Max Schmid       |
| Iain Cassidy                | Bora Kwon           | Asif Siddique    |
| Ben Coleman                 | Rachel Leighton     | Fiona Smith      |
| Adam Connell                | Amanda Lloyd-Harris | Frances Stainton |
| Christabel Cooper           | Mark Loveday        | Dominic Stanton  |
| Stephen Cowan               | Sue Macmillan       | Matt Thorley     |
| Larry Culhane               | David Morton        | Matt Uberoi      |
| Belinda Donovan             | Natalia Perez       | Mercy Umeh       |
| Sue Fennimore               | Zarar Qayyum        | Rory Vaughan     |
| Wesley Harcourt             | Patricia Quigley    | Guy Vincent      |

### **1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR**

6.33pm – Councillor PJ Murphy, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillor Colin Aherne proposed, seconded by Councillor Zarar Qayyum, that Councillor PJ Murphy be re-elected as Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

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

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| <b>FOR</b> | <b>UNANIMOUS</b> |
| AGAINST    | 0                |
| NOT VOTING | 0                |

The recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

## **6.36pm - RESOLVED**

That Councillor PJ Murphy was duly elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham for the 2021/22 Municipal Year, following which he made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the statutory undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct for the Councillors.

The Mayor announced he was nominating the Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank and United in Hammersmith & Fulham supporting the Tech4Kids Appeal as his charities for the Mayoral year.

The Mayor also announced that he was appointing Mary Smith to act as his Consort for the Mayoral year.

The Mayor then announced that he had appointed Councillor Daryl Brown as Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 Municipal Year. She informed the Council that Mr Benito Brown had been appointed to act as her Deputy Mayor's Consort for the Mayoral year.

## **2. PRESENTATION BY THE YOUTH MAYOR AND YOUTH COUNCIL**

6.37pm – The Mayor invited the Youth Mayor to address the Council.

The Youth Mayor, Scarlett Knowles, and Youth Councillors Marley Billing-Delapenha and Raniah Siobhan made a presentation on their manifesto and goals for 2021/22.

Councillors Adam Connell, Alex Karmel, Larry Culhane, and Stephen Cowan made speeches on the item.

The Mayor thanked the Youth Council for their hard work throughout the year and encouraged members to attend the Youth Achievement Awards on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.

## **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

7.06pm – Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alexandra Sanderson and Rebecca Harvey.

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

7.07pm – There were no declarations of interest.

## **5. MINUTES**

7.07pm – The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

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

### **Death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**

The Mayor noted, with great regret, the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh who passed away on Friday 9 April at the age of 99. Speeches of remembrance were made by Councillors Stephen Cowan, Andrew Brown, and Francis Stainton.

The Council observed a minute of silence in his memory.

### **Death of Alderman Michael Cartwright**

The Mayor informed the Council of the death of Alderman Michael Cartwright, former Mayor and Deputy Leader of the Council, who died peacefully on Monday 12 April after a long illness. The Mayor made a speech paying tribute to Alderman Cartwright and offered the Council's deepest sympathy and condolences to his family and friends.

Speeches of remembrance were also made by Councillors Stephen Cowan, Andrew Brown, Colin Aherne, Wesley Harcourt, Adronie Alford, Natalia Perez, Andrew Jones, Alex Karmel, Rory Vaughan, Mercy Umeh, Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler, Patricia Quigley, Bora Kwon, Guy Vincent, Sue Fennimore, and Frances Stainton.

The Council observed a minute of silence in his memory.

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

### **7.1 Party Appointments for the 2021-22 Municipal Year**

8.27pm – The report on the party appointments for the 2021/22 Municipal Year was noted.

### **7.2 Appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet**

8.27pm – The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan, made a speech thanking Councillor Sue Macmillan for her service to the borough as Cabinet Member for Children and Education and then as Cabinet Member for Strategy.

Councillor Sue Macmillan addressed the Council to thank members for the privilege of serving as a Cabinet Member and then welcomed Councillor Sharon Holder as the new Cabinet Member for Strategy.

8.33pm – The report on the appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet was noted.

### **7.3 Pension Fund Governance Arrangements**

8.33pm – The report and recommendations on Pension Fund Governance Arrangements was formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan before being put to the vote:

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| <b>FOR</b> | <b>UNANIMOUS</b> |
| AGAINST    | 0                |
| NOT VOTING | 0                |

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

#### **8.34pm – RESOLVED**

1. That Full Council noted the recommendations of the independent review by John Raisin Financial Services Limited and the officer responses, as set out in the report.
2. That Full Council approved the establishment of a Pension Fund Committee with its membership and terms of reference as set out in Appendix 1.
3. That Full Council approved the changes to the terms of reference of the Audit and Pensions Committee (to become the Audit Committee) set out in Appendix 1.

#### **7.4 Allocation of Seats and Proportionality on Committees**

8.34pm – The report on the allocation of seats and proportionality on committees was noted.

#### **7.5 Appointment of Chairs and Committee Memberships**

The Mayor noted the following amendment to the Opposition membership of the Licensing Committee – Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler to be replaced by Councillor Dominic Stanton.

8.35pm – The amended report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The amended report and recommendations were put to the vote:

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| AGAINST    | 0                |
| NOT VOTING | 0                |

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

#### **8.36pm – 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 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 1.

2. This Council also notes their respective portfolios / terms of reference, as set out in the constitution.

## 7.6 Council Appointments to Local Government Organisations and Outside Bodies

8.36pm – 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**.

### 8.36pm – RESOLVED

That the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 1, and to Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 2, be agreed.

## 7.7 Appointment of Independent Persons

8.37pm – 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**.

### 8.37pm – RESOLVED

1. That His Honour Judge John Rylance, Mr Tom Babbedge and Ms Dilina Ostborn be re-appointed as Independent Persons for a fixed term of two years.
2. That the Council pay each appointed person a flat rate allowance of £504 per annum payable in line with the Members' Allowance scheme.

## 7.8 Dispensation Report

8.37pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

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

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**.

### **8.38pm – RESOLVED**

To agree that any member unable to attend a council meeting for a period greater than six months for Covid related reasons, receives a dispensation further to section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to 31st October 2021.

#### **7.9 Members Allowances Scheme Annual Review 2021-22**

8.38pm – 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**.

### **8.39pm – RESOLVED**

That the Members' Allowances Scheme 2021/22 as set out in the report and attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

#### **7.10 Revised Financial Regulations 2021**

8.39pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commercial Services, Councillor Max Schmid.

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**.

### **8.39pm – RESOLVED**

To approve the revised Financial Regulations set out in Appendix 1.

#### **7.11 Review of the Constitution**

8.39pm – 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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| <b>FOR</b> | <b>UNANIMOUS</b> |
| AGAINST    | 0                |
| NOT VOTING | 0                |

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

#### **8.40pm – RESOLVED**

1. That the changes to Council Procedure Rules in Appendix 1 be approved.
2. That Full Council noted that Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust Committee meetings and Licensing Sub-Committee hearings can be held virtually without changes to legislation.
3. That the changes to the Deputy Leader’s Portfolio and the Strategic Director for The Environment’s scheme of delegation detailed in the report, regarding the Prevent Channel panel function be approved.
4. That subject to the approval of the recommendations above, the Council’s Constitution be adopted for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

#### **7.12 Leader's Annual Report (Verbal)**

8.40pm – 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.

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

#### **8.1 Annual Report of the Policy and Accountability Committees 2020-21**

8.49pm – The Annual Report of the Policy and Accountability Committees on their activities for the 2020/21 Municipal Year was noted.

Councillor Rory Vaughan, Chair of the Economy, Housing and The Arts Policy and Accountability Committee, made a speech on the report.

Meeting started: 6.30 pm  
Meeting ended: 8.53 pm

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