

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016**



## PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Mercy Umeh  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Ali Hashem

### Councillors:

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

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

7.05pm – 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 as Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2016/17 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**.

## **7.07pm – RESOLVED**

Councillor Mercy Umeh was duly declared Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2016/17 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; attending the Action on Disability Jack Petchy Award for Volunteering, attending the fourth Annual Ethiopian Sports and Cultural Festival, opening a poppy garden and unveiling a plaque in Furnival Gardens commemorating those who fought in the First World War, 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 and Ms Catherine Umeh as her Mayoresses for the 2016/17 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 2016/17 Municipal Year.

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

## **2. MINUTES**

### **7.16pm - RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2016 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

## **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Adam Connell, Andrew Jones, and Michael Adam.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors PJ Murphy, Mark Loveday, and Frances Stainton.

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

The Mayor thanked Mrs Sandy Cahill, the outgoing Deputy Lieutenant for her dedicated service to the Council and the borough since 2011. The Mayor then

welcomed Mr Kevin McGrath as the incoming Deputy Lieutenant and wished him well in his new position.

## 5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

### 6.1 **Party Appointments for the 2016/17 Municipal Year**

7.19pm - The report of the Chief Executive on the party appointments for the 2016/17 Municipal Year was noted.

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

7.19pm - 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:

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

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

### **7.20pm – RESOLVED**

That The Council is asked to note 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 &amp; Residents Services</b>	<b>Councillor Wesley Harcourt</b>
<b>Cabinet Member for Finance</b>	<b>Councillor Max Schmid</b>
<b>Cabinet Member for Health And Adult Social Care</b>	<b>Councillor Vivienne Lukey</b>

<b>Cabinet Member for Housing</b>	<b>Councillor Lisa Homan</b>
<b>Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion</b>	<b>Councillor Sue Fennimore</b>
<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 Forces</b>	<b>Councillor Alan De’Ath</b>
<b>Local Businesses Champion</b>	<b>Councillor Alan De’Ath</b>
<b>Cycling Champion</b>	<b>Councillor Iain Cassidy</b>

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

7.20pm - 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:

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

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

#### **7.20pm – RESOLVED**

That the allocation of seats, as set out in Appendix 1, be noted.

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

7.20pm - 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:

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

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

#### **7.21pm – 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 2016/17, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

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

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

7.21pm - 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:

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

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

### 7.21pm – 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.

## 6.6 The Youth Mayor

7.21pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Children and Education, Councillor Sue Macmillan.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Sue Macmillan, Caroline Needham, and Stephen Cowan (for the Administration) and Councillor Viya Nsumbu (for the Opposition) before being put to the vote:

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

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

### 7.34pm – RESOLVED

1. That the Council welcomes and notes the election of the following young people:
  - Ms Aminata Koroma from Phoenix High School as Youth Mayor
  - Mr Joshua Yirenkyi Owuraka as the Deputy Youth Mayor
  - Mr Johnley Videna as the Member of Youth Parliament
  - Ms Huma Sindhu as the Deputy Member of Youth Parliament

2. That the Council notes the Youth Council's manifesto commitments and the structure put in place to achieve these goals.
3. That the Youth Mayor or Deputy Mayor be invited to Full Council meetings to report on the Youth Mayoral or Youth Council activities.
4. That Standing Orders be amended to allow the Youth Mayor or Deputy Mayor to report on the activities undertaken, submit questions from young people to Full Council and its Committees, and raise any other issues young people would like addressed that affects the lives of young people who live, study or work in the borough.

## 6.7 Review of the Constitution

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

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

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

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

## 7.34pm – RESOLVED

1. That the changes made to the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer under delegated powers, be noted.
2. That the Council's membership of the West London Economic Prosperity Board (WLEPB), be noted.
3. That the changes to the Officers Scheme of Delegation and other areas of the Constitution, detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
4. That subject to the approval of recommendations above, the Council's Constitution be adopted for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

## 6.8 Members Allowances Scheme

7.35pm - 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 Robert Largan and Alex Karmel (for the Opposition) and Larry Culhane, Ben Coleman, Max Schmid, and Stephen Cowan (for the Administration). The recommendations were then put to the vote and a roll call was requested:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>NOT VOTING</b>
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AHERNE	ADAM	UMEH
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	NSUMBU	
JONES	PHIBBS	
LUKEY	SMITH	
MACMILLAN	ADAM	
NEEDHAM		
PEREZ		
SCHMID		
VAUGHAN		
VINCENT		

<b>FOR</b>	<b>24</b>
AGAINST	18
NOT VOTING	1

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

### **8.05pm – RESOLVED**

That the Members' Allowances Scheme 2016/17, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

## **7. SPECIAL MOTIONS**

### **7.1 Special Motion 1 - No Confidence in the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, the Secretary of State for Health**

8.05pm – Councillor Vivienne Lukey moved, seconded by Councillor Sharon Holder, the special motion in their names:

“This Council is deeply concerned about the government’s approach to Charing Cross Hospital and to the junior doctors that serve our residents. It concludes it has no confidence in the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, the Secretary of State for Health, and calls on him to resign.”



Speeches on the report were made by Councillor Vivienne Lukey, Sharon Holder, Rory Vaughan, and Stephen Cowan (for the Administration) and Councillors Joe Carlebach (for the Opposition). The special motion was then put to the vote and a roll call was requested:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>NOT VOTING</b>
AHERNE	ADAM	UMEH
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	NSUMBU	
JONES	PHIBBS	
LUKEY	SMITH	
MACMILLAN	ADAM	
NEEDHAM		
PEREZ		
SCHMID		
VAUGHAN		
VINCENT		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>NOT VOTING</b>	<b>1</b>	

The special motion was declared **CARRIED**.

### **8.38pm – RESOLVED**

This Council is deeply concerned about the government's approach to Charing Cross Hospital and to the junior doctors that serve our residents. It concludes it has no confidence in the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, the Secretary of State for Health, and calls on him to resign.

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

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

8.38pm – The Council received an oral report from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan. The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Greg Smith, then made a speech on behalf of the Opposition.

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

Meeting started: 7.00 pm

Meeting ended: 8.50 pm

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