

COUNCIL MINUTES

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2017



PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Michael Cartwright
Deputy Mayor Councillor Mercy Umeh

Councillors:

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

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

7.00pm – Councillor Mercy Umeh, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillor Colin Aherne proposed, seconded by Councillor Larry Culhane, that Councillor Kenneth Michael Cartwright be elected as Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

7.04pm – RESOLVED

Councillor Kenneth Michael Cartwright was duly declared Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2017/18 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 Councillors.

Under Standing Order 21 (d), the Mayor suspended the meeting while he put on the Mayor's robes.

The Mayor then made a brief speech welcoming Councillors and honoured guests to the meeting. He thanked his fellow Councillors for their support and announced that his nominated charities for the year would be the Barons Court Project, supporting people on low incomes who are vulnerable to mental health issues and homelessness, and Hammersmith and Fulham Mind, the borough's leading resource for advice, support and empowerment in mental health.

The Mayor invited Reverend Canon Joseph Hawes to give a blessing.

The Mayor announced that he had decided to appoint Ms Rosemary Petit to act as his Mayoress for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

The Leader, Councillor Stephen Cowan, moved that the past Mayor's badge be presented to Councillor Mercy Umeh in recognition of her service to the Council in undertaking the office of Mayor, and in carrying out other associated civic duties as a Councillor, which was unanimously agreed.

The Leader made a speech about the excellent and enriching work the outgoing Mayor had undertaken during her term of office. Councillor Greg Smith, Leader of the Opposition, also thanked the outgoing Mayor for her work. Councillor Mercy Umeh accepted her badge and made a brief speech.

A vote of thanks was given to the past Consort Mr Maxwell Umeh, Mayoresses Ms Frances Umeh and Catherine Umeh, and Deputy Mayor Councillor Daryl Brown for their work in supporting the past Mayor in carrying out her civic duties. Mr Maxwell Umeh, Ms Frances Umeh, Ms Catherine Umeh, and Councillor Daryl Brown then came forward to receive their badges.

The Mayor then announced that he had appointed Councillor Mercy Umeh as Deputy Mayor and Mr Maxwell Umeh as Deputy Mayor's Consort for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

2. MINUTES

7.38pm - RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 March 2017 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali Hashem, Max Schmid, and Jane Law.

4. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Party Appointments for the 2017/18 Municipal Year

An amendment to this report was tabled at the start of the meeting.

7.39pm - The report on the party appointments for the 2017/18 Municipal Year, with the amendment below, was noted.

Amendment:

Opposition Appointments

Opposition Deputy Leader – Councillor Andrew Brown

6.2 Appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet

7.39pm - 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**.

7.40pm – RESOLVED

That the Council is asked to note the appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet and Lead Members as set out below:

Deputy Leader	Councillor Sue Fennimore
Cabinet Member for Children and Education	Councillor Sue Macmillan
Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration	Councillor Andrew Jones
Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Residents Services	Councillor Wesley Harcourt
Cabinet Member for Finance	Councillor Max Schmid
Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care	Councillor Ben Coleman
Cabinet Member for Housing	Councillor Lisa Homan
Lead Member – Contracts	Councillor Guy Vincent
Lead Member – Hospitals and Health Care	Councillor Sharon Holder
Lead Member – Representative for the Armed Forces	Councillor Alan De’Ath
Local Businesses Champion	Councillor Alan De’Ath
Cycling Champion	Councillor Iain Cassidy

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

7.40pm - 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**.

7.40pm – RESOLVED

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

6.4 **Appointment of Chairs and Committee Memberships**

An amendment to this report was tabled at the start of the meeting.

7.41pm - The report and recommendations, as amended, 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**.

7.41pm – 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 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report and with the amendment below.
2. This Council also notes their respective portfolios / terms of reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution.

Amendment:

Regulatory & Other Committees Memberships 2017-2018

Planning and Development Control Committee (Opposition Members)

Councillor Lucy Ivimy
Councillor Alex Karmel
Councillor Viya Nsumbu
Vacant

Licensing Committee (Opposition Members)

Councillor Adronie Alford
Councillor Mike Adam
Councillor Alex Karmel
Councillor Belinda Donovan
Councillor Jane Law
Councillor Frances Stainton

Licensing Sub-Committee (Opposition Member)

Councillor Mike Adam

6.5 Council Appointments to Local Government Organisations and Outside Bodies

An amendment to this report was tabled at the start of the meeting.

7.41pm - The report and recommendations, as amended, were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan, as amended.

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.42pm – RESOLVED

That the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 1, and to Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 2 and with the amendment below, be agreed.

Amendment:

Appointments to Outside Bodies
Court of Imperial College – Rowan Ree (L)

6.6 Review of the Constitution

An amendment to this report was tabled at the start of the meeting.

7.42pm - The report and recommendations, as amended, were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.42pm – RESOLVED

1. That the composition of the Cabinet set out in paragraph 5.1 and the Cabinet Members' Responsibilities and Portfolios outlined in Appendix 1 with the amendments below, be noted.
2. That the amendments to the Appointments Panel as set out in paragraph 5.2 and Appendix 2 of the report, be agreed.
3. That subject to the approval of recommendations above, the Council's Constitution be adopted for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

Amendments:

Executive Members – Responsibilities and Portfolios

Cabinet Member for Finance

Delete: 1.14 - Council Communications.

Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care

Add: 4.2 - Specific projects relating to resident satisfaction.

6.7 Members' Allowances Scheme

7.43pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by Councillor Colin Aherne.

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR	22
AGAINST	18
NOT VOTING	1

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

7.44pm – RESOLVED

That the Members' Allowances Scheme 2017/18, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

6.8 Statement of Licensing Policy

7.44pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Resident Services, Councillor Wesley Harcourt.

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.45pm – RESOLVED

That Council approves and adopts the revised Statement of Licensing Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report. The approved Statement of Licensing Policy will be required to undergo a further, full review in 2022.

7. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE

7.1 The Leader's Annual Report (Verbal)

8.38pm – The Council received a verbal 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.

7.2 Annual Report of the Policy and Accountability Committees 2016-17

7.59pm - The report of the Policy and Accountability Committee Chairs on the activity of the Policy and Accountability Committees for the 2016/17 Municipal Year was noted. Councillor Caroline Needham, Chair of the Children and Education Policy and Accountability, made a short speech on the report for the Administration.

7.3 Special Urgency Decisions - Monitoring Report

8.04pm - The monitoring report on special urgency decisions was noted.

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

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 8.04 pm

Mayor