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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING Council Chamber - Town Hall 22 May 2013 (8.30 - 9.10 pm)

**Present:** The Mayor (Councillor Lynden Thorpe) in the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillors June Alexander, Michael Armstrong, Clarence Barrett, Robert Benham, Becky Bennett, Jeffrey Brace, Denis Breading, Wendy Brice-Thompson, Andrew Curtin, Keith Darvill, Michael Deon Burton, Osman Dervish, Nic Dodin, David Durant, Brian Eagling, Ted Eden, Roger Evans, Gillian Ford, Georgina Galpin, Peter Gardner, Linda Hawthorn, Linda Van den Hende, Lesley Kelly, Steven Kelly, Pam Light, Mark Logan\*, Barbara Matthews, Paul McGeary, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Eric Munday, Pat Murray, John Mylod, Denis O'Flynn, Barry Oddy, Fred Osborne, Ron Ower, Garry Pain, Roger Ramsey, Paul Rochford, Geoffrey Starns, Barry Tebbutt, Frederick Thompson, Linda Trew, Jeffrey Tucker, Melvin Wallace, Lawrence Webb, Keith Wells, Damian White and John Wood.

\*- for part of the meeting

Colonel Markham Bryant DL, Hon. Aldermen Ivor Cameron (accompanied by Eileen Cameron), Graham Price and Louise Sinclair, and approximately 40 Civic and Members' guests, members of public and press also attended.

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Sandra Binion, Billy Taylor and Michael White.

The Mayor advised Members and the public of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Town Hall becoming necessary.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

1 **MAYORALTY, 2013/14 (agenda item 1)**

**Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group**

That Councillor Eric Munday be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

The Conservative Group proposal was **AGREED** without a vote. It was, therefore, duly **RESOLVED**:

**That Councillor Eric Munday be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/2014**

**Councillor Eric Munday**, having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor as required by the Local Government Act 1972, then took the Chair and thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him. The Mayor indicated that his Consort would be **Peggy Munday**.

The Deputy Leader of the Council and other Members expressed the thanks of the Council to Councillor Lynden Thorpe for her services in 2012/13. Councillor Thorpe suitably replied.

2 **DEPUTY MAYOR - APPOINTMENT**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor signified in writing his appointment of **Councillor Linda Trew** as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year and to carry out the duties of the Mayor in case of the Mayor's illness or absence.

Councillor Trew made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly. The Mayor indicated that the Deputy Mayor's Consort for the year would be **Graham Trew**.

3 **MINUTES (agenda item 2)**

It was **RESOLVED**:

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 March 2013 be signed as a true record.**

4 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS (agenda item 3)**

The Members present named in minutes 1, 2 and 7 (the Mayoralty and various Committee Chairmanships) who were candidates for offices attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance, each declared a personal interest under paragraph 8 of the Members' Code of Conduct as, if elected, they would benefit from the Members' Allowance Scheme 2013.

## 5 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

The Mayor proposed a procedural motion that, as the Leader of the Council was unable to attend the meeting, Standing Orders be varied in order that agenda item 9 – Statement by the Leader of the Council would not be taken at this meeting.

The procedural motion was **AGREED** without division.

Councillor Steven Kelly proposed the following procedural motion:

**That the debates on agenda items 6 – Appointment of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees and on agenda item 8 – Appointment of the Member Champions be held on a vote only basis.**

The procedural motion was **AGREED** by 43 votes to 4. (see division 1).

## 6 APPOINTING THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 5)

There was before Council a report of the Chief Executive concerning the appointment of the Committees of the Council, and advising upon political balance issues.

The report was **AGREED** without debate or division and it was **RESOLVED:**

**That:**

- (1) The Committees listed in Appendix 1 be appointed for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.**
- (2) Those Committees be appointed with:**
  - (a) the membership sizes and**
  - (b) the political balance indicated in Appendix 1**
- (3) The voting co-optees, the two representing Church of England and Roman Catholic interests and the three**

parent governor co-optees selected in accordance with the appropriate Regulations, be appointed to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- (4) The other non-elected member "appointments" and invitations to attend shown in Appendix 1 of the report submitted be confirmed.

## 7 APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (agenda item 6)

### A. Motion on behalf of the Administration

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)	Ted Eden	1. Frederick Thompson 2. <i>Opposition Nomination</i>
Audit	Georgina Galpin	Fred Osborne
Governance	Frederick Thompson	Rebecca Bennett
Pensions	Rebecca Bennett	Melvin Wallace
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Peter Gardner	1. Linda Trew 2. Keith Wells 3. Melvin Wallace
Regulatory Services	Barry Oddy	Barry Tebbutt
Highways Advisory	Melvin Wallace	Frederick Thompson
Children & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Sandra Binion	<i>Opposition Nomination</i>
Environment Overview & Scrutiny	Jeff Brace	<i>Opposition Nomination</i>
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny	Wendy Brice-Thompson	<i>Opposition Nomination</i>
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny	Damian White	<i>Opposition Nomination</i>

Value Overview & Scrutiny	Robby Misir	<i>Opposition Nomination</i>
Crime & Disorder	Osman Dervish	<i>Opposition Nomination</i>
Health Overview & Scrutiny	Pam Light	<i>Opposition Nomination</i>

**Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:**

Appointments	Rebecca Bennett	Michael White
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**B. Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group**

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed -

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman Councillor</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman Councillor</b>
Adjudication and Review	Michael Deon Burton	
Highways Advisory	David Durant	
Regulatory Services		David Durant
Appointments (Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee)	Jeffrey Tucker	

**C. Amendment on behalf of the Residents' Group**

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		2 Barbara Matthews
Children & Learning Overview & Scrutiny		Gillian Ford
Environment Overview & Scrutiny		John Mylod
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny		June Alexander
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny	Linda Hawthorn	Linda Hawthorn

Value Overview & Scrutiny		Ray Morgon
Crime & Disorder		John Wood
Health		Nic Dodin

The Administration motion (A above), except insofar as concerning the appointment of the Chairmen of the Committees specifically referred to below, was then **AGREED** without division.

The remaining proposed appointments set out in the Residents' Group amendment (C above), other than that of Chairmen of the Towns & Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee, were **AGREED** without division.

The Administration, Independent Residents' Group and Residents' Group nominations for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the following Committees were then put to the vote, as follows:

Chairman, Adjudication and Review Committee:

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 2)</b>
Administration	Ted Eden	38
Independent Residents' Group	Michael Deon Burton	8

Councillor Ted Eden was declared **ELECTED**

Vice-Chairman, Regulatory Services Committee:

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 3)</b>
Administration	Barry Tebbutt	30
Independent Residents' Group	David Durant	18

Councillor Barry Tebbutt was declared **ELECTED**

Chairman, Highways Advisory Committee:

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 4)</b>
Administration	Melvin Wallace	26
Independent Residents' Group	David Durant	22

Councillor Melvin Wallace was declared **ELECTED**

Chairman, Towns & Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 5)</b>
Administration	Damien White	19
Residents' Group	Linda Hawthorn	24

Councillor Linda Hawthorn was declared **ELECTED**

Chairman, Appointments Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 6)</b>
Administration	Rebecca Bennett	36
Independent Residents' Group	Jeffrey Tucker	6

Councillor Rebecca Bennett was declared **ELECTED**.

**Note:** the record of voting divisions is attached as **Appendix 2 to these minutes.**

It was accordingly **RESOLVED:**

**That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman Councillor</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman Councillor</b>
Adjudication and Review (2 Chairmen) and Vice-Chairmen)	Ted Eden	1 Frederick Thompson 2 Barbara Matthews
Audit	Georgina Galpin	Fred Osborne
Governance	Frederick Thompson	Rebecca Bennett
Pensions	Rebecca Bennett	Melvin Wallace
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Peter Gardner	1 Linda Trew 2 Keith Wells 3 Melvin Wallace

Regulatory Services	Barry Oddy	Barry Tebbutt
Highways	Melvin Wallace	Frederick Thompson
Children's & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Learning	Sandra Binion	Gillian Ford
Environment Overview & Scrutiny	Jeff Brace	John Mylod
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny	Wendy Brice-Thompson	June Alexander
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny	Linda Hawthorn	TBC
Value Overview & Scrutiny	Robby Misir	Ray Morgon
Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny	Osman Dervish	John Wood
Health Overview & Scrutiny	Pam Light	Nic Dodin

**Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:**

Appointments	Rebecca Bennett	Michael White
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The Vice-Chairman of the Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be elected at the next meeting of the Council.

**8 APPOINTMENT OF THE STATUTORY LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (agenda item 7)**

**Motion on behalf of the Administration**

That the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning be appointed Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services.

The motion was **AGREED** without division, and it was **RESOLVED**:

**That the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning be appointed Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services.**



9 **APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER CHAMPIONS (agenda item 8)****A.Motion on behalf of Administration**

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For Diversity - Robby Misir

For the Over Fifties - Pam Light

For the Historic Environment - Andrew Curtin

For the Voluntary Sector Compact – Andrew Curtin

For Younger Persons - Rebecca Bennett

For the Armed Forces – Peter Gardner

**B. Amendment on behalf of the Residents' Group**

That the following be appointed Champion as indicated:

For the Armed Forces – John Mylod

The Administration motion (A above), except insofar as concerning the appointment of the Member Champion for the armed forces, was then **AGREED** without division.

The Administration and Residents' Group nominations were then put to the vote as follows:

**Member Champion for the Armed Forces**

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 7)</b>
Administration	Peter Gardner	25
Independent Residents' Group	Jeffrey Tucker	21

Councillor Peter Gardner was declared **ELECTED**.

It was accordingly **RESOLVED**:

**That the following be appointed Member Champions as indicated:**

**For Diversity - Robby Misir**

**For the Over Fifties - Pam Light**

**For the Historic Environment - Andrew Curtin**

**For the Voluntary Sector Compact – Andrew Curtin**

**For Younger Persons - Rebecca Bennett**

**For the Armed Forces – Peter Gardner**

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**Mayor**  
**12 June 2013**

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**RECOMMENDED SEAT ALLOCATION**

Having regard to the principles of political balance and of seat allocation, the following allocation of seats is recommended on the basis that, taking all factors into account, it shows a “reasonably practicable” allocation of seats and is therefore the default position.

		<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>RESIDENTS</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>	<b>IND LOCAL RESIDENTS</b>
Governance	<b>13</b>	8	2	2	1
Licensing	<b>11</b>	7	2	1	1
Regulatory Services	<b>11</b>	7	2	1	1
Adjudication and Review	<b>10</b>	6	2	1	1
Highways Advisory	<b>9</b>	5	2	1	1
Pensions	<b>7</b>	4	1	1	1
Audit	<b>6</b>	4	1	1	0
Children's OSC	<b>9</b>	6	2	1	0
Crime & Disorder OSC	<b>9</b>	5	2	1	1
Towns & Communities OSC	<b>9</b>	5	2	1	1
Environment OSC	<b>7</b>	4	2	0	1
Health OSC	<b>6</b>	4	2	0	0
Individuals OSC	<b>6</b>	4	2	0	0
Value OSC	<b>6</b>	4	2	0	0
<b>Total seats allocated</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>

**SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:**

		<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>RESIDENTS</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>	<b>IND LOCAL RESIDENTS</b>
Appointments	7	4	2	1	0