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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING Council Chamber - Town Hall 22 May 2024 (8.00 - 8.56 pm)

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Stephanie Nunn at start of meeting, Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan thereafter) in the Chair

Councillors Councillors Mandy Anderson, Robert Benham, Ray Best, Patricia Brown, Joshua Chapman, John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Keith Darvill, Osman Dervish, Brian Eagling, Sarah Edwards, Gillian Ford, Oscar Ford, Jason Frost, Laurance Garrard, James Glass, David Godwin, Martin Goode, Judith Holt, Jane Keane, Jacqueline McArdle, Paul McGeary, Trevor McKeever, Paul Middleton, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone, Sue Ospreay, Dilip Patel, Nisha Patel, Viddy Persaud, Keith Prince, Philip Ruck, Timothy Ryan, Carol Smith, Christine Smith, Matthew Stanton, Natasha Summers, Katharine Tumilty, John Tyler, Christine Vickery, Bryan Vincent, Frankie Walker, Reg Whitney, Julie Wilkes, Graham Williamson, Jacqueline Williams, Darren Wise and John Wood

Approximately 20 Members' guests and members of the public and a representative of the press were also present.

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 **PRAYERS (agenda item 1)**

The Mayor presented Reverend Amanda Keighley of St Nicholas Church, Elm Park with a badge to mark her year as the Mayor's Official Chaplain.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (agenda item 2)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Taylor, Michael White and Chris Wilkins.

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

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR, BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (agenda item 4)**

The Mayor thanked the Leader and all Members for the opportunity to serve as Mayor. She had valued attending events as part of her civic role and had enjoyed meeting the volunteering community as well as welcoming groups of school children to the Council Chamber.

A presentation of a lapel pin has recently been made to the Mayor's Cadet. The civic dinner had raised £5,500 for the Mayor's Charity. In total during the year, in excess of £20,000 had been raised for the charity – First Step.

The Mayor gave good wishes to the incoming Mayor. The Mayor then presented an award to her consort – Councillor Barry Mugglestone in recognition of his support with event attendance and fundraising during the year. This was undertaken in addition to his role as a Cabinet Member.

5 **MAYORALTY 2024/25 (agenda item 5)**

Motion on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

That Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan be elected to the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2024 - 2025.

Motion on behalf of the Labour Association Group

That Councillor Pat Brown be elected to the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2024 - 2025.

Following proposing speeches by the respective Group Leaders, Councillor O'Sullivan was **ELECTED** as Mayor for the 2024/25 municipal year by 26 votes to 11 for Councillor Brown with 14 abstentions (see division 1).

Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan, 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 bestowed upon them.

The Leader of the Council expressed the thanks of the Council to the outgoing Mayor – Councillor Stephanie Nunn for her service during 2023/24. Councillor Nunn suitably replied.

The Mayor indicated that the Mayoral Consort for the year would be Mrs Susan O'Sullivan.

6 **DEPUTY MAYOR**

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

Councillor Ospreay made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly. The Mayor indicated the Deputy Mayor's consort for the year would be Chelsea Sharp.

7 MINUTES (agenda item 6)

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 March 2024 were **AGREED** as a correct record without division.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE INCOMING MAYOR (agenda item 7)

The Mayor gave his thanks to his fellow members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and to Councillor Philip Ruck who had served as Deputy Chair of the Board. The Mayor also thanked officers for their support in the Board running effectively.

The Mayor announced that his Official Chaplain would be Reverend Ken Wylie of St Andrews Church, Hornchurch.

9 APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (agenda item 8)

Motion on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Audit	Julie Wilkes	Jacqueline Williams
Governance	Ray Morgon	Gillian Ford
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Natasha Summers	1. David Godwin 2. 3.
Pensions		Stephanie Nunn
Planning	Bryan Vincent	Robby Misir
Strategic Planning	Reg Whitney	Bryan Vincent
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Laurance Garrard	Natasha Summers
People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		

Places Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
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Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments	Ray Morgon	Gillian Ford
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Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Audit		
Governance		
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2. Christine Vickery 3.
Pensions		
Planning		
Strategic Planning		
Overview and Scrutiny Board		
People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Jason Frost	
Places Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	David Taylor	

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		
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Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Audit		
Governance		
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2. 3. Jane Keane
Pensions	Mandy Anderson	
Planning		
Strategic Planning		
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Matt Stanton	
People Overview and Scrutiny Sub- Committee		Frankie Walker
Places Overview and Scrutiny Sub- Committee		Katharine Tumilty

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		
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The following appointments were **AGREED** without division and it was **RESOLVED** that the following appointments be made:

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Audit	Julie Wilkes	Jacqueline Williams
Governance	Ray Morgon	Gillian Ford
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Natasha Summers	1. David Godwin 2. Christine Vickery 3. Jane Keane
Pensions	Mandy Anderson	Stephanie Nunn
Planning	Bryan Vincent	Robby Misir
Strategic Planning	Reg Whitney	Bryan Vincent
Overview and Scrutiny Board	<i>See below.</i>	Natasha Summers
People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Jason Frost	Frankie Walker
Places Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	David Taylor	Katharine Tumilty

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments	Ray Morgon	Gillian Ford
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Councillor Laurance Garrard was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board by 26 votes to 11 for Councillor Matt Stanton with 14 abstentions (see division 2).

10 **APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER CHAMPIONS (agenda item 9)****Motion on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group**

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces – Barry Mugglestone

For Equality and Diversity –

For the Historic Environment –

For the Over 50's –

For the Voluntary Sector Compact – Jackie McArdle

For Young People –

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces –

For Equality and Diversity – Jane Keane

For the Historic Environment –

For the Over 50's – Mandy Anderson

For the Voluntary Sector Compact –

For Young People – Frankie Walker

The following positions were appointed by Council, without division:

Member Champion	Nominee - Councillor
For the Armed Forces	Barry Mugglestone
For Equality & Diversity	Jane Keane
For the Historic Environment	<i>No nominations received.</i>
For the Over 50's	Mandy Anderson
For the Voluntary Sector Compact	Jackie McArdle
For Young People	Frankie Walker

11 **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 10)**

The Leader thanked all those involved with the recovery programme for the Rainham fires and the work to procure village green status in Rainham.

Work continued to address the Council's budget gap for which a capitalisation directive had recently been issued. The Council remained focussed on improving customer service and a new communications strategy was about to be launched. The Council's complaints process had also been overhauled. A new Council website would commence shortly and the Leader welcomed the extension of the Superloop bus route to Havering.

There had been an increase in the number of police officers in Havering and the Council continued to fund the Section 92 officers. There had also been improvements to the CCTV network. Work continued on the planned East Havering Data Centre and the recent BBC Panorama programme on Havering had been well received.

12 **VOTING RECORD**

The record of voting decisions is attached as appendix 1 to these minutes.

Mayor

<i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i>	1	2
The Mayor (Councillor Stephanie Nunn - Vote 1, Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan - Vote 2)	✓	✓
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr Pat Brown B=Vote 1, Cllr Sue Ospreay - Vote 2]	✗	✓
<u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP (16)</u>		
Cllr Robert Benham	O	O
Cllr Ray Best	O	O
Cllr Joshua Chapman	O	O
Cllr Osman Dervish	O	O
Cllr Jason Frost	O	O
Cllr Judith Holt	O	O
Cllr Dilip Patel	O	O
Cllr Nisha Patel	O	O
Cllr Viddy Persaud	O	O
Cllr Keith Prince	O	O
Cllr Timothy Ryan	O	O
Cllr Carol Smith	O	O
Cllr David Taylor	A	A
Cllr Christine Vickery	O	O
Cllr Damian White	A	A
Cllr Michael White	A	A
<u>HAVERING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GROUP (24 + 1)</u>		
Cllr John Crowder	✓	✓
Cllr Philippa Crowder	✓	✓
Cllr Sarah Edwards	✓	✓
Cllr Gillian Ford	✓	✓
Cllr Oscar Ford	✓	✓
Cllr Laurance Garrard	✓	✓
Cllr James Glass	✓	✓
Cllr David Godwin	✓	✓
Cllr Jackie McArdle	✓	✓
Cllr Paul Middleton	✓	✓
Cllr Robby Misir	✓	✓
Cllr Raymond Morgon	✓	✓
Cllr Barry Mugglestone	✓	✓
Cllr Stephanie Nunn		✓
Cllr Sue Ospreay	✓	
Cllr Gerry O'Sullivan	✓	
Cllr Christine Smith	✓	✓
Cllr Natasha Summers	✓	✓
Cllr Bryan Vincent	✓	✓
Cllr Reg Whitney	✓	✓
Cllr Julie Wilkes	✓	✓
Cllr Christopher Wilkins	A	A
Cllr Jacqueline Williams	✓	✓
Cllr Graham Williamson	✓	✓
Cllr John Wood	✓	✓
<u>LABOUR GROUP (8 + 1)</u>		
Cllr Mandy Anderson	✗	✗
Cllr Pat Brown		✗
Cllr Keith Darvill	✗	✗
Cllr Jane Keane	✗	✗
Cllr Paul McGeary	O	O
Cllr Trevor McKeever	✗	✗
Cllr Matthew Stanton	✗	✗
Cllr Katharine Tumilty	✗	✗
Cllr Frankie Walker	✗	✗
<u>EAST HAVERING RESIDENTS' GROUP (3)</u>		
Cllr Brian Eagling	✗	✗
Cllr Martin Goode	✗	✗
Cllr Darren Wise	✗	✗
<u>RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INDEPENDENT GROUP (2)</u>		
Councillor Philip Ruck	✓	✓
Councillor John Tyler	✓	✓
TOTALS		
✓ = YES	26	26
✗ = NO	11	11
O = ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	14	14
ID = INTEREST DISCLOSED/NO VOTE	0	0
A = ABSENT FROM MEETING	4	4
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