



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF
HAVERING**

**Havering Town Hall, Romford
11 June 2014 (7.30 p.m. – 8.28 p.m.)**

Present: The Mayor (Mr Eric Munday) in the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillors June Alexander, Clarence Barrett, Robert Benham, Ray Best, Wendy Brice-Thompson, Michael Deon Burton, Joshua Chapman, John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Keith Darvill, Meg Davis, Osman Dervish, Ian De Wulverton, Nic Dodin, Alex Donald, David Durant, Brian Eagling, Gillian Ford, Jason Frost, Jody Ganly, John Glanville, Linda Hawthorn, Philip Hyde, Steven Kelly, Phil Martin, Barbara Matthews, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone, John Mylod, Stephanie Nunn, Garry Pain, Dilip Patel, Viddy Persaud, Roger Ramsey, Keith Roberts, Patricia Rumble, Frederick Thompson, Linda Trew, Jeffrey Tucker, Linda Van den Hende, Melvin Wallace, Lawrence Webb, Roger Westwood, Damian White, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Julie Wilkes, Graham Williamson, Darren Wise and John Wood.

Hon. Aldermen Ivor Cameron (accompanied by Eileen Cameron), Graham Price Denis O'Flynn and Louise Sinclair, and approximately 50 Civic and Members' guests, members of public and press also attended.

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors David Johnson, Ron Ower and Carol Smith.

Reverend Sue Brewster of All Saints Church, Cranham opened the meeting with prayers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

1 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The Members named in minutes 3, 8 and 11 (the Mayoralty, Leader 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 2014.

2 PRESENTATION TO MAYOR'S CADET

The Mayor made a presentation to the fourth Mayor's Cadet of Havering, Tom Naggs of 452 (Hornchurch) Squadron, Air Training Corps and thanked him for his services during the Mayoralty.

3 MAYORALTY (Agenda item 5)

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

That Councillor Linda Trew be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

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

That Councillor Linda Trew be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

Councillor Linda Trew, 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 her. The Mayor indicated that her consort would be **Graham Trew**.

Councillor Robert Benham and other Members expressed the thanks of the Council to Mr Eric Munday for his services in 2013/14.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR - Appointment

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor signified in writing her appointment of **Councillor Barbara Matthews** 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 Matthews made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly. The Mayor indicated that the Deputy Mayor's Consort for the year would be **Terry Matthews**.

5 **PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

Councillor Roger Ramsey proposed the following procedural motion:

That in accordance with Council procedure rule 11.10 (b) the lists of nominations submitted by the Independent Residents' Conservative, Residents' and UKIP Groups for appointments shown at agenda items 11 and 15 be withdrawn and revised lists submitted for consideration by Council.

The purpose of the revised nomination lists is to ensure that, where possible, the allocation of positions for Chairman and Deputy Chairman of committees, Mayor and Deputy Mayor reflects more accurately the political balance of the Council.

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

6 **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED**:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2014 be signed as a true record.

7 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

Council stood for a minute's silence in respect of former Councillor Diane Jenkin who had recently died. Several Councillors paid personal tribute to former Councillor Jenkin and her work on the Council.

Council noted that this was the final meeting that would be supported by the Monitoring Officer – Ian Burns who would be retiring shortly and Members passed on to Mr Burns their best wishes for his retirement.

8 **TO ELECT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (Agenda item 8)**

The Council noted that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, the Leader would be elected for a term of four years ending at the Annual Meeting of the Council following the borough elections in 2018.

Motion submitted by the Independent Residents' Group

That Councillor Jeffrey Tucker be elected to the office of Leader of the Council for the municipal years 2014/18.

Motion by the Conservative Group

That Councillor Roger Ramsey be elected to the office of Leader of the Council for the municipal years 2014/18.

The Conservative Group motion was **CARRIED** by 44 votes to 5 (see division 1) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That Councillor Roger Ramsey be elected to the office of Leader of the Council for the municipal years 2014/18.

9 **NOTICE OF THE APPOINTMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, INCLUDING THE DEPUTY LEADER (agenda item 9)**

The Council noted that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, the Leader was empowered to appoint up to nine other Members of the Cabinet, one of whom must be appointed as Deputy Leader. The Council's Constitution required that the Leader announce the names of the Deputy and other Cabinet Members at this meeting.

Accordingly, the Leader announced that **Councillor Damian White** would be **Deputy Leader** and that the Members of the Cabinet would be Councillors:

Damian White

Robert Benham

Wendy Brice-Thompson

Meg Davis (Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services)

Osman Dervish

Melvin Wallace

Councillor Steven Kelly would be Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Council's representative on the East London Waste Authority.

The Council **NOTED** the appointments made by the Leader of the Council.

10 **ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 10)**

There was before Council a report of the Monitoring Officer 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 2014/15 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 governor co-optees selected in accordance with the appropriate Regulations, be appointed to the Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

11 APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (agenda item 11)

A. Motion on behalf of Conservative, Residents' UKIP and Independent Residents' Groups

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)	Joshua Chapman	1. John Mylod 2. Roger Westwood
Audit	Frederick Thompson	Ray Morgon
Governance	Michael White	Clarence Barrett
Pensions	John Crowder	David Johnson
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Linda Van den Hende	1. Garry Pain 2. Viddy Persaud 3. Keith Roberts
Regulatory Services	Robby Misir	Ron Ower
Highways Advisory	Ian de Wulverton	Ray Best
Children and Learning Overview & Scrutiny	Gillian Ford	Jason Frost
Crime & Disorder	David Durant	John Wood
Environment Overview & Scrutiny	Ray Morgon	Carol Smith
Health Overview & Scrutiny	Nic Dodin	Dilip Patel
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny	June Alexander	Philip Hyde
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny	Lawrence Webb	Linda Hawthorn
Value Overview & Scrutiny	Clarence Barrett	Philippa Crowder

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments	Roger Ramsey	Clarence Barrett
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Other Committee:

Rainham and South Hornchurch Working Party	Graham Williamson	
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The motion was **AGREED** without division and it was accordingly **RESOLVED**:

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Pensions	John Crowder	David Johnson
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Highways Advisory	Ian de Wulverton	Ray Best
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12 SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES (agenda item 12)

A report of the Group Director Resources asked Council to approve an interim arrangement for the allocation of Special Responsibility Allowances, should the total number of such allowances payable exceed the total of 27 previously agreed by Council. This interim arrangement would continue until such time as Council adjusted the budgetary position.

The report was **APPROVED** without division and it was **RESOLVED**:

That interim arrangements be made for all Special Responsibility Allowances to be allocated until the next meeting of Council where a report on SRAs will be submitted for consideration.

13 APPOINTMENT OF A MONITORING OFFICER (agenda item 14)

A report of the Chief Executive asked Council to authorise the appointment as Monitoring Officer of Helen Edwards, Director of Legal & Governance (OneSource) pending the appointment of a new Head of Legal Services.

The report was **APPROVED** without division and it was **RESOLVED**:

That the following individual be authorised to exercise the responsibilities of the statutory officer indicated:

Monitoring Officer: Helen Edwards, Director Legal and Governance (oneSource) with immediate effect.

14 **APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER CHAMPIONS (agenda item 15)**

A. Motion on behalf of the Conservative, Residents' UKIP and Independent Residents' Groups

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces – John Crowder

For Equalities and Diversity – Stephanie Nunn

For the Historic Environment – Linda Hawthorn

For the Over 50's – Patricia Rumble

For the Voluntary Sector Compact – Viddy Persaud

For Younger Persons – Joshua Chapman

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

That the following be appointed Member Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces – John Crowder

For Equalities and Diversity – Stephanie Nunn

For the Historic Environment – Linda Hawthorn

For the Over 50's – Patricia Rumble

For the Voluntary Sector Compact – Viddy Persaud

For Younger Persons – Joshua Chapman

15 **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 18)**

Council received a statement from the Leader of the Council – Councillor Roger Ramsey. Councillor Ramsey congratulated the Mayor on her appointment and felt that there was an opportunity to work with colleagues across the Council Chamber.

Councillor Ramsey felt that tough decisions would be needed over the next four years and he looked forward to engaging with all Groups in making these decisions.

16 **VOTING RECORD**

The record of voting divisions is attached as **appendix 2**.

Mayor
16 July 2014

		CONSERVATIVE		RESIDENTS		UKIP		IRG	
		22		19		7		5	
		41.51%		35.85%		13.21%		9.43%	
Governance	13	5.40	5	4.66	5	1.72	2	1.23	1
Licensing	11	4.57	5	3.94	4	1.45	1	1.04	1
Regulatory Services	11	4.57	5	3.94	4	1.45	1	1.04	1
Adjudication	10	4.15	4	3.58	4	1.32	1	0.94	1
Highways	11	4.57	5	3.94	4	1.45	1	1.04	1
Pensions	7	2.91	3	2.51	3	0.92	1	0.66	0
Audit	6	2.49	2	2.15	2	0.79	1	0.57	1
Children's	9	3.74	4	3.23	4	1.19	1	0.85	0
Crime	6	2.49	2	2.15	2	0.79	1	0.57	1
Towns	9	3.74	4	3.23	3	1.19	1	0.85	1
Environment	6	2.49	2	2.15	2	0.79	1	0.57	1
Health	6	2.49	3	2.15	2	0.79	1	0.57	0
Individuals	7	2.91	3	2.51	2	0.92	1	0.66	1
Value	9	3.74	4	3.23	3	1.19	1	0.85	1
Seats allocated	121.00		51.00		44.00		15.00		11.00

VOTING RECORD

<i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i>	1
The Mayor [Cllr. Linda Trew]	O
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Barbara Matthews]	✓
<u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</u>	
Cllr. Roger Ramsey	✓
Cllr. Robert Benham	✓
Cllr. Ray Best	✓
Cllr. Wendy Brice-Thompson	✓
Cllr. Joshua Chapman	✓
Cllr John Crowder	✓
Cllr Philla Crowder	✓
Cllr Meg Davis	✓
Cllr Osman Dervish	✓
Cllr Jason Frost	✓
Cllr Steven Kelly	✓
Cllr Robby Misir	✓
Cllr Garry Pain	✓
Cllr Dilip Patel	✓
Cllr Viddy Persaud	✓
Cllr Carol Smith	A
Cllr Frederick Thompson	✓
Cllr Melvin Wallace	✓
Cllr Roger Westwood	✓
Cllr Damian White	✓
Cllr Michael White	✓
<u>RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>	
Cllr. Clarence Barrett	✓
Cllr. June Alexander	✓
Cllr. Nic Dodin	✓
Cllr Alex Donald	✓
Cllr. Brian Eagling	✓
Cllr. Gillian Ford	✓
Cllr Jody Ganly	✓
Cllr. Linda Hawthorn	✓
Cllr. Ray Morgon	✓
Cllr Barry Mugglestone	✓
Cllr. John Mylod	✓
Cllr Stephanie Nunn	✓
Cllr. Ron Ower	A
Cllr. Linda Van den Hende	✓
Cllr Reg Whitney	✓
Cllr Julie Wilkes	✓
Cllr Darren Wise	✓
Cllr. John Wood	✓
<u>UK Independence Party</u>	
Cllr Lawrence Webb	✓
Cllr Ian De Wulverton	✓
Cllr John Glanville	✓
Cllr Phillip Hyde	✓
Cllr David Johnson	A
Cllr Phil Martin	✓
Cllr Patricia Rumble	✓
<u>INDEPENDENT LOCAL RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>	
Cllr. Jeffery Tucker	X
Cllr. Michael Deon Burton	X
Cllr. David Durant	X
Cllr Keith Roberts	X
Cllr Graham Williamson	X
<u>Labour</u>	
Cllr Keith Darvill	O
TOTALS	
✓ = YES	44
X = NO	5
O = ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	2
ID = INTEREST DISCLOSED/NO VOTE	0
A = ABSENT FROM MEETING	3
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