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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING Council Chamber - Town Hall 24 May 2023 (7.30 - 8.50 pm)

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Trevor McKeever at start of meeting, Councillor Stephanie Nunn thereafter) in the Chair

Councillors Councillors Mandy Anderson, Robert Benham, Ray Best, Patricia Brown, Joshua Chapman, John 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, Trevor McKeever, Paul Middleton, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone, Stephanie Nunn, Gerry O'Sullivan, Sue Ospreay, Dilip Patel, Nisha Patel, Viddy Persaud, Keith Prince, Philip Ruck, Timothy Ryan, Carol Smith, Christine Smith, Matthew Stanton, Natasha Summers, David Taylor, Katharine Tumilty, John Tyler, Christine Vickery, Bryan Vincent, Frankie Walker, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Julie Wilkes, Christopher Wilkins, Graham Williamson, Darren Wise and John Wood

Approximately 40 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.

Father Roderick Hingley, of the Church of St Alban, Protomartyr, Romford opened the meeting with prayers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Philippa Crowder, Jackie McArdle, Paul McGeary and Damian White.

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

The following interests were disclosed:

Agenda item 9. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Councillor Bryan Vincent, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

Agenda item 9. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Councillor David Taylor, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

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Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

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Councillor Jason Frost, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

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Councillor Julie Wilkes, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

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Councillor Laurance Garrard, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

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Councillor Mandy Anderson, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

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Councillor Natasha Summers, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

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Councillor Patricia Brown, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

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Councillor Ray Morgon, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

Agenda item 9. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Councillor Stephanie Nunn, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance.

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

The Mayor thanked supporters of his charities – PTSD 999 and the Mardyke Community Centre. The Mayor also thanked Members for their good behaviour during meetings.

4 MAYORALTY 2023/24 (agenda item 5)

Motion on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

That Councillor Stephanie Nunn be elected to the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24.

The motion on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group was AGREED without division and Councillor Stephanie Nunn was therefore **ELECTED** as Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24.

Councillor Stephanie Nunn, 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.

Councillor Nunn expressed the thanks of the Council to the outgoing Mayor – Councillor Trevor McKeever for his services during 2022/23. Councillor McKeever suitably replied.

The Mayor indicated that the Mayoral Consort for the year would be Councillor Barry Mugglestone.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor signified in writing her appointment of Councillor Pat Brown 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 Brown made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly. The Mayor indicated the Deputy Mayor's consort for the year would be Jeff Stafford.

6 MINUTES (agenda item 6)

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 March 2023 were before the Council for approval. The minutes were **AGREED** as a correct record, without division.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 March 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE INCOMING MAYOR (agenda item 7)

The Mayor congratulated Councillors Robert Benham and Joshua Chapman who had both recently had children born.

The Mayor announced that her Chaplain for the year would be Reverend Amanda Keighley of St Nicholas Church, Elm Park.

The Mayor's principal charity would be First Step and the first fundraising event would be held on 30 June at the RAF Heritage Centre, Hornchurch.

8 APPOINTING THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL AND THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION (agenda item 8)

A report of the Chief Executive gave details of the appointment of the Committees of the Council and advised on political balance issues and the scheme of delegation.

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

- (1) That, so far as necessary to enable any changes proposed and agreed during this meeting to be carried in to effect, Council Procedure Rule 20.2 (proposals to amend the Constitution to be referred to Governance Committee without discussion) be suspended.**
- (2) That, subject to the Council's consideration of any motion or amendment to this report relating to changes in the Committee structure, the Committees listed in Appendix 1 of the report be appointed for the 2023/24 Municipal Year and that:**
 - (a) As required by statute, two voting co-optees representing the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church and three parent governor co-optees selected in accordance with the appropriate Regulations, be appointed to the People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee.**

- (b) The other non-elected member “appointments” and invitations to attend shown in the Appendix (and particularly its annexes) be confirmed.
- (3) Those Committees be appointed with:
- (a) the membership sizes and
- (b) the political balance
- indicated in Appendix 2 of the report.
- (4) That the delegation of non-executive functions (as defined by the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (amended) to officers be agreed as set out in the Council’s Constitution.
- (5) To agree that all officers with delegated powers have power to further delegate those powers to other officers under s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972 or as provided for by any other legislation and may agree a scheme of delegation to officers for their service areas.

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

Motion on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Audit	Julie Wilkes	David Godwin
Governance	Ray Morgon	Gillian Ford
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Natasha Summers	1. Laurance Garrard 2. 3.
Pensions		Philip Ruck
Planning	Bryan Vincent	Reg Whitney
Strategic Planning	Laurance Garrard	Reg Whitney
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Gerry O’Sullivan	Philip Ruck
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. 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. Jane Keane 3.
Pensions	Mandy Anderson	
Planning		
Strategic Planning		
Overview and Scrutiny Board		
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 appointments were **AGREED** without division and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that the following appointments be made:

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Audit	Julie Wilkes	David Godwin
Governance	Ray Morgon	Gillian Ford
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Natasha Summers	1. Laurance Garrard 2. Jane Keane 3. Vacant
Pensions	Mandy Anderson	Phil Ruck
Planning	Bryan Vincent	Reg Whitney
Strategic Planning	Laurance Garrard	Reg Whitney
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Gerry O’Sullivan	Phil Ruck
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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10 APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER CHAMPIONS (agenda item 10)

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 –

For Young People –

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces –

For Equality and Diversity –

For the Historic Environment –

For the Over 50's –

For the Voluntary Sector Compact – David Taylor

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 – Katharine Tumilty

For the Historic Environment –

For the Over 50's – Mandy Anderson

For the Voluntary Sector Compact –

For Young People – Frankie Walker

Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

(Amendment shown in bold text)

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 –

The following positions were appointed without division:

Member Champion	Nominee - Councillor
For the Armed Forces	Barry Mugglestone
For Equality & Diversity	Katharine Tumilty
For the Historic Environment	Vacant
For the Over 50's	Mandy Anderson
For Young People	Frankie Walker

A statement that the Conservative Group no longer wished to contest this position was noted by Council.

The following Member Champion was elected following a vote:

Member Champion for the Voluntary Sector Compact

Conservative Group nominee Councillor	Havering Residents Association Group nominee Councillor
David Taylor	Jackie McArdle

Councillor Jackie McArdle was elected as Member Champion for the Voluntary Sector Compact by 29 votes to 3 with 18 abstentions/non-votes.

It was **RESOLVED**:

That Members be appointed by Council to positions as follows:

Member Champion	Nominee - Councillor
For the Armed Forces	Barry Mugglestone
For Equality & Diversity	Katharine Tumilty
For the Historic Environment	Vacant
For the Over 50's	Mandy Anderson
For the Voluntary Sector Compact	Jackie McArdle
For Young People	Frankie Walker

11 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER BODIES (agenda item 11)

A report of the Governance Committee asked Council to confirm Member representatives and voting arrangements for the Local Government Assembly.

Motion on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

That the following Members be nominated for the Local Government Association:

Councillor Ray Morgon

Councillor Keith Darvill

Councillor Gillian Ford

Councillor Michael White

The report and motion were was **AGREED** without division and it was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the following Members be ELECTED as members of the Local Government Assembly:

Councillor Ray Morgon

Councillor Gillian Ford

Councillor Keith Darvill

Councillor Michael White

2. That the existing arrangements of all 5 votes in the General Assembly being cast by the Leader should continue.

12 STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 12)

A statement by the Leader of the Council detailed the challenging environment facing Havering. Issues such as post-covid recovery and the borough's changing demographics were positive but these were being affected by challenges such as a lack of support from Central Government, rising inflation and the cost of living crisis. More positive news had been the Council's continuing investment in Section 92 police officers, CCTV and street lighting.

The Leader thanked a number of local groups as well as the wider community for their support to residents affected by the Wennington fires.

Priorities for the coming year included the Council moving to its new Target Operating model and efforts to secure approval for the new station at Beam

Park. Work relating to the Lower Thames crossing and the new data centre would continue and the Leader shared concerns expressed about the expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone.

The Leader also congratulated Councillor Prince on his recent election as Leader of the Conservative Group.

Mayor