

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 11th November, 2015 at Porchester Hall, Porchester Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DU.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Christabel Flight

COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton
Ian Adams
Nickie Aiken
Julia Alexander
Barbara Arzymanow
Daniel Astaire
Richard Beddoe
Rita Begum
David Boothroyd
Iain Bott
Susie Burbridge
Melvyn Caplan
Danny Chalkley
Paul Church
Brian Connell
Antonia Cox
Thomas Crockett
Peter Cuthbertson
Robert Davis
Paul Dimoldenberg
Nick Evans
Jean Paul Floru
Peter Freeman
Murad Gassanly
Jonthan Glanz
Barbara Grahame
Lindsey Hall
Angela Harvey

David Harvey
Richard Holloway
Adam Hug
Louise Hyams
Patricia McAllister
Guthrie McKie
Tim Mitchell
Adnan Mohammed
Jan Prendergast
Papya Qureshi
Suhail Rahuja
Vincenzo Rampulla
Robert Rigby
Rachael Robathan
Glenys Roberts
Tim Roca
Philippa Roe
Ian Rowley
Karen Scarborough
Andrew Smith
Steve Summers
Shamim Talukder
Barrie Taylor
Aziz Toki
Judith Warner
Jacqui Wilkinson
Jason Williams

1 APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Tim Mitchell that Councillor Louise Hyams be elected as Relief Chairman and resolved accordingly.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 8 July 2015 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

3 COUNCILLORS FOR BRYANSTON AND DORSET SQUARE AND HARROW ROAD WARD

3.1 The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Julia Alexander and Councillor Tim Roca, newly elected Councillors for Bryanston and Dorset Square Ward and Harrow Road Ward respectively to their first meeting.

4 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 The Lord Mayor referred to her communications as set out on the agenda.

4.2 The Lord Mayor advised that a Thanksgiving Service for former Councillor Audrey Lewis would be held on Monday 16 November 2015 at St Margaret's Church. The Leader of the Council and Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg spoke in tribute of the work of Councillor Lewis. Councillors Robert Davis and Guthrie McKie also spoke in tribute of the work of former Councillor Illyted Harrington. The Council then stood in memory of former Councillors Audrey Lewis, Illyted Harrington and also Iain Walker who had all died recently.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Nick Evans and Murad Gassanly declared interests as the Council questions they intended to ask related more closely to their property even though the questions were ward related.

Councillor David Boothroyd declared in respect of Item 11 that he is the Head of Research and Psephology for Thorncliffe, whose clients are companies applying for planning permission from various local authorities. If any clients applied for premises relating to Westminster he would be precluded from working on them under the company's Code of Conduct.

6 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 Councillor Adnan Mohammed presented a petition from local residents objecting to the proposed Baker Street Two-way Traffic Scheme. The petition was referred to the relevant Chief Officer for reporting to the Cabinet Member for Built Environment.

- 6.2 Councillor Angela Harvey presented a petition objecting to the Nine Elms Bridge. The petition was referred to the relevant Chief Officer for reporting to the Cabinet Member for Built Environment.

7 QUESTIONS

The questions, supplementary questions and replies will be included on the Council's website.

8 COUNCILLOR ISSUES

- 8.1 Regeneration in Maida Vale

Councillor Prendergast spoke and Councillor Roe replied.

- 8.2 No to the Nine Elms Bridge

Councillor Angela Harvey spoke and Councillor Roe replied.

9 STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS

- 9.1 There were no urgent matters.

10 FUTURE POLICY PLAN

No matters were selected for debate from the Future Policy Plan.

11 CABINET MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORT

- 11.1 The Majority Party had selected the report of the Cabinet Member for Built Environment – Revisions to the Mixed Use Policies – City Plan and Revisions to the Basement Policies. Following debate, the Lord Mayor put the recommendations in the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with Regulation 19, approval be given to the following documents:
 - The Basements Revision Submission Draft.
 - The consultation statement prepared in accordance with Regulation 22(1)(c) including a non-statutory Schedule of Minor Modifications as set out in Annex B for the convenience of the Inspector and other interested parties and showing the changes made between the Regulation 19 draft and the Revision submitted to the Secretary of State.
 - An Integrated Impact Assessment, prepared in accordance with Regulation 22(1)(a).

2. That in accordance with Regulation 19, to approve the following documents:
 - The Mixed Use Revision Submission Draft.
 - The consultation statement prepared in accordance with Regulation 22(1)(c) including a non-statutory Schedule of Minor Modifications as set out in Annex A for the convenience of the Inspector and other interested parties and showing the changes made between the Regulation 19 draft and the Revision submitted to the Secretary of State.
 - An Integrated Impact Assessment, prepared in accordance with Regulation 22(1)(a).

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

- 12.1 The Minority Party had selected for debate the Notice of Motion – Youth Service as set out on the agenda. The Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor Tim Roca and seconded by Councillor Rita Begum.

Councillor Danny Chalkley moved and it was seconded by Councillor Paul Church that the Notice of Motion be amended, as follows:

Delete from second paragraph and substitute:

“The Council recognises the excellent work undertaken by the Children, Sports and Customer Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee on 26th January 2015 in carefully considering Westminster’s Early Help Strategy (including youth provision) and making recommendations prior to implementation, effective 1st April 2015.

The Council also acknowledges the outcome of the extensive public consultation and elected member briefing undertaken in developing the Early Help Strategy (including youth provision) and is grateful for the many submissions and contributions from youth providers, service users, statutory and non statutory partners including but not limited to Children’s Trust, Local Safeguarding Children’s Board, Corporate Parenting Board and Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Council agrees that Early Help Services (including youth provision) should be targeted to meet Westminster’s most needy young people.

Furthermore, the current contract arrangements for youth provision are long overdue for renewal and do not currently best serve Westminster’s young people”.

After debate, the Lord Mayor put the amendment moved by Councillor Danny Chalkley and seconded by Councillor Paul Church to the vote and on a show of hands declared the amendment **ADOPTED**.

The Lord Mayor then put the substantive motion to the vote and on a show of hands declared the substantive motion **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

The Council notes the contracts for commissioned youth services are due for renewal in 2016.

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13 TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Lord Mayor, at the conclusion of the time for items selected for debate, put the remaining business to the vote in accordance with Standing Order 18.

Statement of Gambling Policy: The Lord Mayor put the recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Public Protection to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations adopted.

Resolved: That the draft Statement of Licensing Principles for Gambling attached to the report (Appendix B) as Appendix 1 for publication on 1 December 2015 and effective from 31 January 2016 be approved and adopted.

Final Agreement to the Revised Statement of Licensing Policy: The Lord Mayor put the recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Public Protection to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations adopted.

Resolved: That the Statement of Licensing Policy attached to the report outlined in detail in Appendix C and attached as Annex 1 be adopted.

Programme of Council Meetings 2016-17: The Lord Mayor put the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation adopted.

Resolved: That meetings of the Council be held as follows:

18 May 2016 (Annual), 13 July 2016, 9 November 2016, 25 January 2017, 1 March 2017, 3 May 2017 and 17 May 2017 (Annual).

Constitutional Issues – Policy and Scrutiny Committees: The Lord Mayor put the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation adopted.

Resolved: That approval be given to the name change and revised terms of reference set out in the report attached as Appendix D.

Appointment of Independent Persons: The Lord Mayor put the recommendation of the General Purposes Urgency Sub-Committee to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation adopted.

Resolved: That Baroness Julia Neuberger and Mr Gerard McEvilly be appointed as Independent Persons for the purposes of the Localism Act 2011.

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____