

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Annual Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 18th May, 2016 at Porchester Hall, Porchester Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DU.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Christabel Flight and then upon election the Lord Mayor, Councillor Steve Summers

COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton	Lindsey Hall
Ian Adams	Angela Harvey
Nickie Aiken	David Harvey
Julia Alexander	Richard Holloway
Barbara Arzymanow	Louise Hyams
Daniel Astaire	Patricia McAllister
Richard Beddoe	Guthrie McKie
Rita Begum	Tim Mitchell
David Boothroyd	Adnan Mohammed
Iain Bott	Gotz Mohindra
Susie Burbridge	Jan Prendergast
Ruth Bush	Papya Qureshi
Melvyn Caplan	Suhail Rahuja
Danny Chalkley	Robert Rigby
Paul Church	Rachael Robathan
Brian Connell	Roca
Antonia Cox	Ian Rowley
Thomas Crockett	Karen Scarborough
Peter Cuthbertson	Andrew Smith
Robert Davis	Steve Summers
Tony Devenish	Shamim Talukder
Paul Dimoldenberg	Barrie Taylor
Nick Evans	Cameron Thomson
Jean Paul Floru	Aziz Toki
Peter Freeman	Judith Warner
Murad Gassanly	Jacqui Wilkinson
Jonathan Glanz	Jason Williams
Barbara Grahame	

1 ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Robert Davis and seconded by Councillor David Harvey that Councillor Steve Summers be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Councillor Barrie Taylor and seconded by Councillor Tim Roca that Councillor Rita Begum be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

Upon a show of hands, the Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Steve Summers had been elected Lord Mayor.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Steve Summers be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

Councillor Steve Summers thereupon made subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Lord Mayor and of the Office of Deputy High Steward of Westminster. Having done so she took the Chair and thanked the Council for his election and reported that Mrs Kate McCarthy would be his Lady Mayoress.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 April 2016 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record.

3 APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Lord Mayor announced that he had appointed the Reverend Michael Macey as his Chaplain.

4 PRESENTATION OF PAST LORD MAYOR'S BADGE AND OTHER INSIGNIA

The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented Councillor Christabel Flight with a past Lord Mayor's badge and the Vote of Thanks on Vellum as agreed by the Council at its previous meeting and also presented a past Lord Mayor's Consort badge to Lord Flight. Councillor Flight thanked the Council on behalf of her Consort and herself.

5 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that the Annual Civic Service would be held at Westminster Abbey at 11.00am on Sunday 3 July 2016 and all present were welcome to attend.

6 CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

The report of the Chief Executive was submitted.

Councillor McKie spoke on behalf of the Minority Party in which he advised that his Group's primary objective was to the appointment of Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members to Planning Applications Committees. Councillor Mitchell replied.

The Lord Mayor then put the recommendations set out in the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared these to be **AGREED**.

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of places on the following standing committees and notes the names of the Members appointed to them (including any changes) following notification by the respective Party Whips as set out below and detailed in Appendix A of the report be agreed.

That the Council confirm the proportional division of seats on the Standing Committees as shown in Column 3 of Appendix A of the report as set out below with the establishment of an additional Planning Applications Committee with the same terms of reference as the existing Planning Applications Committees.

Committee	Members	Proportionality	
		Conservative	Labour
Audit and Performance	4	3	1
General Purposes	4	3	1
Westminster Scrutiny Commission	6	4	2
Children, Sports & Leisure Services P&S	8	6	2
Adults, Health and Public Protection P&S	8	6	2
Environment and Customer P&S	8	6	2
Housing, Finance and Corporate Services P&S			
Standards	6	4	2
Pension Fund	4	3	1
Planning (1)	4	3	1
Planning (2)	4	3	1
Planning (3)	4	3	1
Planning (4)	4	3	1
Planning (5)	4	3	1
	76	56	20

That the Members Allowances Scheme be amended as set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report.

The Meeting ended at 8.02 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____