

# CITY OF WESTMINSTER

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 20th May, 2020 which was held virtually

### PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Ruth Bush

### COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton  
Nickie Aiken  
Timothy Barnes  
Melvyn Caplan  
Jonathan Glanz  
Matthew Green  
David Harvey  
Adam Hug  
Pancho Lewis  
Patricia McAllister

Guthrie McKie  
Tim Mitchell  
Matt Noble  
Papya Qureshi  
Rachael Robathan  
Tim Roca  
Selina Short  
Andrew Smith  
James Spencer  
Paul Swaddle, OBE

## **1 ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR OF WESTMINSTER**

- 1.2 Proposed by Councillor Tim Barnes and seconded by Councillor Pancho Lewis that Councillor Jonathan Glanz be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.
- 1.3 In the absence of any objections from members present, the Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Jonathan Glanz had been elected Lord Mayor.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Jonathan Glanz be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the next year.

Councillor Jonathan Glanz thereupon read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Lord Mayor and of the Office of Deputy High Steward of Westminster. Having done so he took the Chair and thanked the Council for his election and reported that his wife, Consuela, would be his Consort.

## **2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

In the absence of any objections from the members present, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 March 2020 were, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **4 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Lord Mayor announced that he had appointed the Reverend Dr Adam Scott as his Chaplain.
- 3.2 The Lord Mayor informed the Council that the Annual Civic Service would be held at Westminster Abbey at a future date in the autumn. This would be notified to members once the date and time had been confirmed.

### **5 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING LORD MAYOR**

Councillor Adam Hug moved the Vote of Thanks to the Lord Mayor, Councillor Ruth Bush and her Consorts, Dr Hannah Robbins, Thomas Bush and Foluke Gale-Hay

Councillor Rachael Robathan spoke to second the motion.

Motion put, and following the absence of any objections, the Lord Mayor Declared the motion **CARRIED** following which Councillor Bush replied.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council resolve to record a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Ruth Bush for the distinguished service rendered by her as Lord Mayor and to her Consorts, Dr Hannah Robbins, Thomas Bush and Foluke Gale-Hay, for the constant and invaluable help given by them as the Lord Mayor's Consorts.
2. We assure them of our gratitude for, and high appreciation of, the dignity and ability with which they have carried out their many duties in accordance with the highest traditions of the City and this Vote of Thanks be inscribed under the Common Seal and presented to them.

### **7 CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES**

- 6.1 The report of the Chief Executive and Director of Law was submitted.
- 6.2 The Lord Mayor put the recommendations set out in the report to the vote and in the absence of any objections declared these to be agreed.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Standing Committees be established as listed in 2.2 to the report and their Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.
2. That the Council confirmed the proportional division of seats on the Standing Committees as shown in column 3 of Appendix B to the report.

3. That the Council noted the Members appointed to the Standing Committees by the Chief Executive following notification received from the respective party Chief Whip under the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended, set out in Appendix B to the report.
4. That the Council's Constitution, including the Scheme of Delegations to Officers in respect of Non-Executive functions which remain unchanged, be endorsed.
5. That the Joint Arrangements with one or more local authorities established in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, as detailed in paragraph to the report, be agreed.
6. That the protocol and procedure rules for remote meetings as set out in Appendix D to the report be agreed.
7. That the amendment to Standing Orders for both Council meetings and Committees and Sub-Committees making reference to the protocol and procedure rules for remote meetings be agreed as set out in paragraph 3.12 to the report.

The Meeting ended at 7.13 pm

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_