

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At a virtual meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on
Wednesday 21st April, 2021.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Jonathan Glanz

COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton	David Harvey
Ian Adams	Lindsey Hall
Barbara Arzymanow	Elizabeth Hitchcock
Timothy Barnes	Adam Hug
Geoff Barraclough	Louise Hyams
Rita Begum	Aicha Less
David Boothroyd	Pancho Lewis
Iain Bott	Patricia McAllister
Susie Burbridge	Guthrie McKie
Nafsika Butler-Thalassis	Tim Mitchell
Melvyn Caplan	Gotz Mohindra
Maggie Carman	Eoghain Murphy
Danny Chalkley	Matt Noble
Antonia Cox	Emily Payne
Lorraine Dean	Papya Qureshi
Paul Dimoldenberg	Robert Rigby
Richard Elcho	Rachael Robathan
Christabel Flight	Tim Roca
Murad Gassanly	Ian Rowley
Jim Glen	Karen Scarborough
Matthew Green	Mark Shearer
Lindsey Hall	Selina Short
Angela Harvey	Andrew Smith
	James Spencer
	Paul Swaddle, OBE
	Hamza Taouzzale
	Aziz Toki
	Judith Warner
	Jacqui Wilkinson

APOLOGIES: Councillor Nickie Aiken, Richard Beddoe, Margot Bright, Ruth Bush, Anthony Devenish and Peter Freeman.

1 ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR OF WESTMINSTER

- 1.1 A procedural motion under Standing Order (9.12) (1) (L) was moved by Councillor Paul Swaddle and seconded by Councillor Matt Noble that the election of the Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing Year be deferred on the grounds that the pandemic had significantly curtailed the ceremonial role of the Lord Mayor during the Municipal Year and with the easing of restrictions it would be fitting in the circumstances for the current Lord Mayor to have a further opportunity in the role and to attend civic events in person.
- 1.2 Motion put, and in the absence of any objections, declared **CARRIED** that the election of the Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing Year be deferred to an extraordinary meeting on the 9 September 2021.

2 APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN

- 2.1 It was moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Paul Swaddle that Councillor Angela Harvey be elected as Relief Chairman.
- 2.2 Motion put, and in the absence of any objections, declared **CARRIED**.

3 MINUTES

- 3.1 **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the proceedings at the Council meeting on 3 March 2021 was, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

4 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 The Lord Mayor read a statement of condolence on behalf of the City Council in memory of his Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, following which the council observed a minute's silence.
- 4.2 The Lord Mayor referred to the civic events that he had attended since November 2020, which were set out on the agenda.

5 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR ANDREA MANN

- 5.1 The resignation of Councillor Andrea Mann was noted and that the By-election for the vacancy in Churchill Ward would be held on 6 May.
- 5.2 The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the council, put on record his thanks to Councillor Mann for her work in representing her constituents and wished her well for the future.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 6.1 There were no declarations

7 STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS

7.1 There were no Statement on Urgent Matters.

8 CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS - ANNUAL REVIEW OF SEATS ALLOCATED TO POLITICAL GROUPS ON STANDING COMMITTEES

8.1 The report of the Chief Executive and Director of Law was submitted.

8.2 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 paragraph 2.2 of the report.
2. That the Council confirmed the proportional division of seats on the Standing Committees as set in 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, as set out in Appendix A to the report. The terms of reference for the Standing Committees remains unchanged and can be found in the [Constitution](#).

9 FUTURE POLICY PLAN

9.1 The Majority Party had selected item number 105 on the Future Policy Plan, City Management (Climate Change Implications). The debate will be referred to the relevant Executive Director for consideration when reporting on the subject.

10 ADOPTION OF WESTMINSTER'S CITY PLAN 2019-40 AND POLICIES MAP

10.1 The council debated the report. Following debate, the Lord Mayor put the recommendations as set out in the report of the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning to the vote and following an electronic poll declared:

RESOLVED: That the council agreed to adopt, pursuant to Regulation 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the City Plan 2019 - 2040 and supporting Policies Map.

11 DESIGNATION OF AN AREA FOR ADDITIONAL LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMOS) (TO FOLLOW)

11.1 The council debated the report. Following debate, the Lord Mayor put the recommendations as set out in the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration to the vote and following an electronic poll declared:

RESOLVED:

That the council:

- (a) Approved the designation attached to the Cabinet Member Report which sets out HMOs that will be subject to additional licensing under section 56(1)(a) of the Housing Act 2004.
- (b) That the designation is made on the 23rd April 2021 and comes into force on the 30th August 2021 and lasts for a period of 5 years from that date.
- (c) Approved the licensing conditions and amenity standards proposed at "Draft Additional Licensing Scheme" attached to the Cabinet Member Report.
- (d) Approved the proposed licence fee structure attached to the Cabinet Member Report.

The Meeting ended at 20.29

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____