

MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 23 May 2018
(7:00 - 7:40 pm)

PRESENT

Cllr Elizabeth Kangethe (Chair)
Cllr Faruk Choudhury (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Andrew Achilleos	Cllr Dorothy Akwaboah	Cllr Sanchia Alasia
Cllr Saima Ashraf	Cllr Abdul Aziz	Cllr Toni Bankole
Cllr Simon Bremner	Cllr Princess Bright	Cllr Sade Bright
Cllr Laila M. Butt	Cllr Evelyn Carpenter	Cllr Peter Chand
Cllr Josephine Channer	Cllr John Dulwich	Cllr Edna Fergus
Cllr Irma Freeborn	Cllr Cameron Geddes	Cllr Syed Ghani
Cllr Rocky Gill	Cllr Kashif Haroon	Cllr Amardeep Singh Jamu
Cllr Jane Jones	Cllr Eileen Keller	Cllr Mohammed Khan
Cllr Donna Lumsden	Cllr Olawale Martins	Cllr Mick McCarthy
Cllr Giasuddin Miah	Cllr Dave Miles	Cllr Margaret Mullane
Cllr Adegboyega Oluwole	Cllr Glenda Paddle	Cllr Simon Perry
Cllr Moin Quadri	Cllr Foyzur Rahman	Cllr Tony Ramsay
Cllr Chris Rice	Cllr Lynda Rice	Cllr Ingrid Robinson
Cllr Paul Robinson	Cllr Darren Rodwell	Cllr Emily Rodwell
Cllr Muhammad Saleem	Cllr Faraaz Shaukat	Cllr Dominic Twomey
Cllr Lee Waker	Cllr Maureen Worby	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bill Turner Cllr Phil Waker

1. Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair

The Chief Executive opened the meeting and invited nominations for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Assembly for the 2018/19 municipal year.

The Assembly **resolved** to appoint Councillors Kangethe and Choudhury as the Chair and Deputy Chair respectively.

2. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes (28 February 2018 and 26 March 2018)

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 February 2018 and 26 March 2018 were confirmed as correct.

4. Formation of Groups

The Chief Executive announced the formation of the Labour Group, made up of 50 members of the Council, for the purposes of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

5. Election of Leader of the Council

The Chair invited and received nominations for the appointment of Leader of the Council.

The nomination was unopposed, and the Assembly **resolved** to appoint Councillor Darren Rodwell as the Leader of the Council for a four year term.

6. Leader's Statement

The Leader of the Council presented a verbal statement updating the Assembly on a range of matters since the last meeting including:

- A reflection on the local elections held on 3rd May 2018;
- Welcoming the new Cabinet, six out of 10 of whom were women;
- The new Governance Structure, on which an update would be presented later in the meeting by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Core Services;
- The 'green shoots of growth' housing developments in the Borough, including Barking 360 in Barking and Trinity Place in Dagenham;
- The development of the Youth Zone in Parsloes Park and the hoardings surrounding the site which were designed by local young people;
- Congratulations to the newly elected Young Mayor, Wesley Oparugo; and
- The excellent work being undertaken to ensure that 95% of parents in the borough received their first preference of primary school place for their children this year.

The Leader also placed on record the Council's appreciation to Anne Bristow, Strategic Director for Service Development and Integration and Deputy Chief Executive, who was attending her last meeting of the Assembly before retiring from the Council in June.

7. Notification of Appointments By The Leader, Under The Council's Executive Arrangements

The Leader of the Council announced the following Cabinet appointments:

Councillor Dominic Twomey: Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Core Services;

Councillor Saima Ashraf: Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Leadership & Engagement;

Councillor Sade Bright: Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Aspiration;

Councillor Evelyn Carpenter: Cabinet Member for Educational Attainment and School Improvement;

Councillor Cameron Geddes: Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Social Housing;

Councillor Syed Ghani: Cabinet Member for Public Realm;

Councillor Margaret Mullane: Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety;

Councillor Lynda Rice: Cabinet Member for Equalities and Diversity; and

Councillor Maureen Worby: Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration.

The Assembly noted the appointments.

8. Review of Council Governance Arrangements Update Report

Further to minute 56 (Assembly held on 28.2.2018), the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance & Core Services presented an update report on the Council's governance arrangements and proposed revisions to the Council Constitution to reflect the new arrangements and other aspects that had been progressed since the last Assembly meeting.

Specifically, the update report referred to the following proposed revisions to the Constitution:

- The roles and responsibilities of Be First and other Council owned entities, as well as the internal governance arrangements relating to the Shareholder Panel and the Investment Panel;
- The re-establishment of a separate Health Scrutiny Committee; and
- Public participation arrangements in Council meetings.

The Assembly **resolved** to:

- (i) Note the amendments to relevant chapters of the Constitution as detailed in Appendices A1 to A7 to the report, which implement the decisions of the Cabinet in respect of the establishment of Be First and other Council-owned entities, as well as the internal governance arrangements relating to the Shareholder Panel, the Investment Panel and the delegations to officers;
- (ii) Agree to re-establish a separate Health Scrutiny Committee for the 2018/19 municipal year and to approve the Committee's Articles, as set out in Appendix B3 to the report;
- (iii) Note the consequential amendments to the articles relating to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as shown in Appendices B1 and B2 respectively;
- (iv) Adopt the new public participation arrangements for Council meetings, as set out in Appendix C to the report; and
- (v) Note that the new Council Constitution shall be published on the Council's

website once all the agreed changes have been made.

9. Appointments to the Political Structure and Other Bodies 2018/19

The Chief Executive introduced a report on appointments to the Political Structure and Other Bodies for the 2018/19 municipal year.

The nominations schedule had been tabled at the meeting and Members noted the addendum to the report, advising that the ungrouped Councillor had been offered and had accepted a seat on the Pensions Committee.

The Assembly **resolved** to approve the appointments and membership of committees and outside bodies as detailed in the schedule attached at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

10. Members' Allowances Scheme 2018/19

The Monitoring Officer presented a report on the Members' Allowances Scheme 2018/19.

The report proposed that the majority of Members' allowances should again remain unchanged – which included the Basic Allowance paid to all 51 councillors and the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) for the Leader, Deputy Leaders, Cabinet Members and the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the committees that had been largely unaffected by the governance changes. There were proposed increases to the SRAs for the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the new Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the refined Planning Committee, while the new Member Champion roles and the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Pensions Committee and the Policy Task Group were included in the allowances schedule for the first time.

Councillor Lynda Rice moved an amendment, seconded by Councillor Sade Bright, that the Dependants' Carers' Allowance be increased to £10.20 an hour from £6.82 per hour to bring it in line with the London Living Wage.

The Assembly **resolved** to:

- (i) Adopt the Members' Allowances Scheme 2018/19 as attached at Appendix A to the report, to come into effect from 24 May 2018 subject to the Dependants' Carers' Allowance being increased to £10.20 an hour; and
- (ii) Note that a review will be carried out during the year to assess the impact of the new governance arrangements, Members' new responsibilities under those arrangements and the appropriate level of allowances under the Members' Allowances Scheme.

11. Minutes of Sub-Committees (Joint JNC Salaries & Conditions and Appointments Panel - 26 April 2018)

The Assembly received and noted the minutes of the Joint JNC Salaries & Conditions and Appointments Panel held on 26 April 2018.

12. Motions

There were none.

13. Questions With Notice

There were none.

14. Anne Bristow, Strategic Director of Service Development and Integration

During his earlier statement the Leader announced that Anne Bristow, Strategic Director for Service Development and Integration and Deputy Chief Executive, was due to retire from the Council in June and was attending her last meeting of the Assembly.

The Leader spoke of his gratitude to Anne for her professionalism and support throughout her tenure at the Council and paid tribute to Anne's tireless commitment to her role at the Council.

The Chief Executive, speaking on behalf of officers, thanked Anne, for her dedication to public services and her huge contribution to the Council through supporting colleagues to helping vulnerable adults and children in the Borough.

Members of the Council took the opportunity to express their thanks to Anne for her hard work and support.

In response, Anne thanked Members and officers for their comments.

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Main Council Committee Appointments 2018/19

Committee	Appointee(s)
Assembly	Cllrs Kangethe (Chair); Choudhury (Deputy Chair) plus all other Councillors
Audit and Standards Committee	Cllrs Channer (Chair); Oluwole (Deputy Chair); Akwaboah, Bremner, P Bright, Dulwich, Haroon, Saleem
Cabinet	Cllrs D Rodwell (Chair); Ashraf and Twomey (Deputy Chair); S Bright, Carpenter, Geddes, Ghani, Mullane, L Rice and Worby
Health Scrutiny Committee	Cllrs Keller (Chair); P Robinson (Deputy Chair); Chand, Freeborn, C Rice, E Rodwell
Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Cllrs Quadri (Chair); L Waker (Deputy Chair); Bankole, Chand, Haroon, Jamu, Khan, Miah, Oluwole, Paddle
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllrs Jones (Chair); Achilleos (Deputy Chair); Akwaboah, Bankole, P Bright, Gill, Martins, I Robinson, P Robinson, P Waker
Pensions Committee	Cllrs Miles (Chair); Miah (Deputy Chair); S Bright, Butt, Haroon, Oluwole, Rahman
Personnel Board	Cllrs Bremner (Chair); E Rodwell (Deputy Chair); Choudhury, Dulwich, Jones, Keller, Miles, Oluwole, Rahman
Planning Committee	Cllrs Chand (Chair); Saleem (Deputy Chair); Achilleos, Fergus, Freeborn, Geddes, Haroon, Martins, Perry, Twomey

Other Internal / Outside Body Appointments 2018/19
(Appointments are for one year unless otherwise stated)

Body / Committee	Appointee(s)
Admissions Forum	Cabinet Member for Educational Attainment & School Improvement (automatic appointment) and Cllrs Dulwich, Keller, Martins and Oluwole
Barking and Dagenham Adoption and Permanence Panel	Cllr Lumsden
Barking & Dagenham Citizens' Advice Bureau	Cllrs I Robinson and Saleem
Barking and Dagenham Fostering Panel	Cllrs Lumsden and I Robinson
Barking and Ilford United Charities	Cllrs Lumsden and Quadri
Barking Riverside Community Interest Company (CIC)	Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Social Housing and the Leader (automatic appointments) and Cllr Turner (substitute representative)
Chadwell Heath Community Trust Board	Cllrs Achilleos, Jamu and Perry
Dagenham United Charity	Cllrs Chand, Keller, Mullane and L Waker
East London Waste Authority	Cabinet Member for Public Realm (automatic appointment) and Cllr Akwaboah
Elevate Strategic Partner Board	Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance & Core Services (automatic appointment) and Cllr Freeborn

Body / Committee	Appointee(s)
Employee Joint Consultative Committee	Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance & Core Services (automatic appointment) and Cllrs Achilleos, Jones, Keller, Oluwole and Worby
Kallar Lodge and Fews Lodge Trust Fund	Cllrs Chand and Keller
London Road Safety Council	Cllrs Oluwole and Saleem
OFSTED Report Panel	Cabinet Member for Educational Attainment & School Improvement (automatic appointment) and Cllrs Akwaboah, Fergus, Lumsden, Mullane, Oluwole, Paddle, I Robinson, P Robinson, P Waker

**Appointments made by Leader and/or Cabinet Members
(which do not require Assembly approval)**

Body / Committee	Appointee(s)
Elevate Limited Liability Partnership Board	Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance & Core Services (automatic appointment)
LGA General Assembly	Leader and Deputy Leader (Cabinet Member for Community Leadership and Engagement) (automatic appointments) and Cllrs Twomey and S Bright
London Councils Children and Young People Lead Member	Cllr Carpenter
London Councils Crime and Public Protection Lead Member	Cllr Mullane
London Councils Culture, Tourism and Sport Lead Member	Cllr Ashraf
London Councils Economic Development / Regeneration Lead Member	Cllr Geddes
London Councils Employment and Skills Lead Member	Cllr S Bright
London Councils Grants Committee	Cabinet Member for Community Leadership & Engagement (automatic appointment) Deputy: Cllr S Bright

Body / Committee	Membership
London Councils Greater London Employment Forum	Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills & Aspiration (automatic appointment) Deputy: Cllr Freeborn
London Councils Health and Adult Services Lead Member	Cllr Worby
London Councils Housing Lead Member	Cllr Geddes
London Councils Leaders' Committee	Leader (automatic appointment) Deputies: Cllrs Ashraf, S Bright
London Councils Pensions CIV (Sectoral Joint Committee)	Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance & Core Services (automatic appointment) Deputy: Cllr Miles
London Councils Planning / Infrastructure Lead Member	Cllr Geddes
London Councils Transport and Environment Committee	Cabinet Member for Public Realm (automatic appointment) Deputy: Cllr Geddes
Members' Corporate Parenting Group	One Vacancy
Public Transport Liaison Group	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Social Housing (automatic appointment)
Registered Provider Forum	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Social Housing (automatic appointment)

Other Appointments which do not require Assembly approval 2018/19 - For information only

Body / Committee	Appointee(s)
Barking and Dagenham Reside	Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance & Core Services and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Social Housing
Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adult's Board	Cabinet Member for Social Care & Health Integration automatically appointed
Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board	Cabinet Member for Social Care & Health Integration automatically appointed
Barking Riverside Limited Board	Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Social Housing automatically appointed (observer status only)
Colin Pond Bursaries for Higher Education	Cabinet Member for Educational Attainment & School Improvement, the statutory Chief Financial Officer, the statutory Director of Children's Services and the Director of Law and Governance
Community Safety Partnership	Cabinet Member for Enforcement & Community Safety automatically appointed
East London Housing Partnership	Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Social Housing automatically appointed
East London Solutions Leaders' Group	Leader of the Council
Health and Wellbeing Board	Cabinet Member for Social Care & Health Integration (automatically appointed as the Chair) and Cllrs Carpenter, Mullane and L Rice (one vacancy)
Housing Forum - Barking	All Councillors from the following Wards are invited (one voting right per Ward): Abbey, Becontree, Eastbury, Gascoigne, Goresbrook, Longbridge, Mayesbrook and Thames

Housing Forum - Dagenham	All Councillors from the following Wards are invited (one voting right per Ward): Alibon, Chadwell Heath, Eastbrook, Heath, Parsloes, River, Village, Valence and Whalebone
Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Three Councillors (to be appointed by the Health Scrutiny Committee)
King George V Silver Jubilee Trust Fund	The Mayor and the statutory Director of Children's Services
Local London Joint Committee	Leader of the Council and Chief Executive
Local Plan Steering Group	The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members for Regeneration & Social Housing and Social Care & Health Integration (voting Members) plus Chair and Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee (non-voting)
London-wide Business Rates Group (Strategic Investment Pot)	Leader of the Council
May & Baker Eastbrook Community Club	Cllrs P Bright, McCarthy and Ramsay (Four-year appointments to May 2022)
Newable (Previously known as Greater London Enterprise)	Leader of the Council
Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London	The Leader or Deputy Leader(s) of the Council
Shareholder Panel	Cllrs Twomey and Worby, the Chief Operating Officer and the Director of Law and Governance

(Note: All four-year appointments are co-terminus with Local Elections)

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