

MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY

Monday, 26 March 2018
(6:31 - 6:51 pm)

PRESENT

Cllr Syed Ghani (Chair)
Cllr Tony Ramsay (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Sanchia Alasia	Cllr Jeanne Alexander	Cllr Sade Bright
Cllr Laila M. Butt	Cllr Evelyn Carpenter	Cllr Peter Chand
Cllr Josephine Channer	Cllr Faruk Choudhury	Cllr Edna Fergus
Cllr Irma Freeborn	Cllr Cameron Geddes	Cllr Rocky Gill
Cllr Kashif Haroon	Cllr Amardeep Singh Jamu	Cllr Jane Jones
Cllr Elizabeth Kangethe	Cllr Eileen Keller	Cllr Giasuddin Miah
Cllr Dave Miles	Cllr Margaret Mullane	Cllr Adegboyega Oluwole
Cllr Moin Quadri	Cllr Hardial Singh Rai	Cllr Chris Rice
Cllr Lynda Rice	Cllr Darren Rodwell	Cllr Faraaz Shaukat
Cllr Danielle Smith	Cllr Bill Turner	Cllr Dominic Twomey
Cllr Maureen Worby		

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Syed Ahammad	Cllr Saima Ashraf	Cllr Abdul Aziz
Cllr Simon Bremner	Cllr Chris Hughes	Cllr Mick McCarthy
Cllr Sam Tarry	Cllr Jeff Wade	Cllr Lee Waker
Cllr Phil Waker		

59. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

60. Senior Leadership Appointment - Director, Inclusive Growth

The Chief Executive introduced a report on the recommendation of JNC Appointments Panel which, on 5 March 2018, had interviewed candidates for the post of Director, Inclusive Growth.

The Assembly **resolved** to approve that Graeme Cooke be appointed as the Director, Inclusive Growth, subject to agreement on start dates.

61. Senior Leadership Appointment - Director, People and Resilience

The Chief Executive introduced a report on the recommendation of JNC Appointments Panel which, on 8 March 2018, had interviewed candidates for the post of Director, People and Resilience.

The Assembly **resolved** to approve that Elaine Allegretti be appointed as the Director, People and Resilience, subject to agreement on start dates.

62. Death of Councillor John White

(The Chair agreed that this matter could be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency under the provisions of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 to allow the Assembly to mark the passing of a Councillor.)

The Assembly noted with deep regret that Councillor John White passed away on Friday 16 March 2018 at St Francis Hospice following a long illness.

Councillor White was first elected to the Council in 2006, was re-elected in 2010 and 2014 during which time he represented the Whalebone Ward. He served as Deputy Chair of the Assembly between 2007/08 and was on the Cabinet between 2010 and 2014, holding the portfolios of Customer Services and Children. He also served as the Lead Member of the Safer and Stronger Community Select Committee between 2009/10 and the Children's Services Select Committee between 2014/16.

Tributes to Councillor White were led by Councillor Jamu, former Ward colleague, who read a poem he had written titled, 'Now You're Gone'. A number of Councillors also spoke in tribute to Councillor White, recalling his passion, humour and desire for equality and fairness for all.

The Assembly stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.