MINUTES OF CEREMONIAL COUNCIL

Friday, 19 May 2017
(7:08 - 7:54 pm)

PRESENT

Cllr Eileen Keller (Chair)
Cllr Syed Ghani (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Syed Ahammad  Cllr Jeanne Alexander  Cllr Saima Ashraf
Cllr Abdul Aziz  Cllr Simon Bremner  Cllr Sade Bright
Cllr Laila M. Butt  Cllr Peter Chand  Cllr Faruk Choudhury
Cllr Edna Fergus  Cllr Irma Freeborn  Cllr Cameron Geddes
Cllr Rocky Gill  Cllr Kashif Haroon  Cllr Amardeep Singh Jamu
Cllr Elizabeth Kangethe  Cllr Danielle Lawrence  Cllr Mick McCarthy
Cllr Giasuddin Miah  Cllr Dave Miles  Cllr James Ogungbose
Cllr Adegboyega Oluwole  Cllr Moin Quadri  Cllr Hardial Singh Rai
Cllr Tony Ramsay  Cllr Chris Rice  Cllr Lynda Rice
Cllr Darren Rodwell  Cllr Faraaz Shaukat  Cllr Danielle Smith
Cllr Sam Tarry  Cllr Dominic Twomey  Cllr John White
Cllr Maureen Worby  Cllr Dan Young

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Evelyn Carpenter  Cllr Josephine Channer  Cllr Chris Hughes
Cllr Jane Jones  Cllr Margaret Mullane  Cllr Bill Turner
Cllr Jeff Wade  Cllr Phil Waker

1. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes (20 May 2016)

The minutes of the two meetings held on 20 May 2016 were confirmed as correct.

3. Appointment of Mayor

The Chair asked Ceremonial Council for nominations for the appointment of Mayor for 2017/18.

Councillor Twomey nominated Councillor Aziz and spoke in support of the nomination. Councillor L Rice seconded the nomination and was joined by Councillors Ashraf, Rodwell, Rai, Bremner, Butt and Kangethe in also speaking in support of the nomination.

The Assembly **resolved** that Councillor Abdul Aziz be duly elected Mayor of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham for the municipal year 2017/2018.
Following the election of Councillor Aziz as Mayor, Members were asked to give their support to Councillor Aziz for the ensuing year.

Councillor Aziz returned thanks for his election and announced that Najma Aziz, Iqra Aziz and Hinna Aziz would act as his Mayoresses and Shoaeb Aziz would act as his Consort for the coming year.

At this point in the meeting, the incoming and outgoing mayoral parties left the Chamber. On returning, Councillor Aziz took the Chair.

The Mayor then appointed Hafiz Abdul Rasool as his religious advisor for the ensuing municipal year. Mr Rasool returned thanks for his appointment.

Votes of thanks were made to the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Eileen Keller, the Consort, Reg Keller, and the Mayoress, Keira Keller.

The Leader, Councillor Rodwell, expressed the Council’s gratitude for the work of Councillor Keller during her year as Mayor.

Commemorative badges were presented to the retiring Mayor, Consort and Mayoress.

4. **Appointment of the Young Mayor**

The Chief Executive, Chris Naylor, advised that a new Young Mayor had been appointed by the BAD Youth Forum in February 2017.

The Chief Executive introduced the new Young Mayor, Vaisaly Gnanapandithan, and invited her to address the Ceremonial Council.

The Leader then took the opportunity to thank the retiring Young Mayor, Pelumi Oyewo, for the able manner in which she had discharged the duties of Young Mayor during 2016/17.