

ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 19 May 2004
(7:00 pm – 8.50 pm)

PRESENT

Councillor J Davis (Chair)

Councillor J L Alexander	Councillor Ms M G Baker
Councillor W F L Barns	Councillor Mrs J Blake
Councillor G J Bramley	Councillor Mrs J E Bruce
Councillor Mrs D Challis	Councillor A C Clark
Councillor L A Collins	Councillor Mrs J Conyard
Councillor A H G Cooper	Councillor Mrs J E Cooper
Councillor J R Denyer	Councillor C J Fairbrass
Councillor Mrs K J Flint	Councillor C Geddes
Councillor I S Jamu	Councillor F C Jones
Councillor T J Justice	Councillor S Kallar
Councillor M A McCarthy	Councillor M E McKenzie
Councillor D S Miles	Councillor D O'Brien
Councillor B M Osborn	Councillor Mrs C T Osborn
Councillor R B Parkin	Councillor J W Porter
Councillor Mrs V M Rush	Councillor L A Smith
Councillor Mrs P A Twomey	Councillor T G W Wade
Councillor J P Wainwright	Councillor L R Waker
Councillor Mrs M M West	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor D F Best	Councillor Mrs E E Bradley
Councillor B Cook	Councillor Mrs V W Cridland
Councillor R J Curtis	Councillor W C Dale
Councillor M A R Fani	Councillor A Gibbs
Councillor M W Huggins	Councillor Mrs D Hunt
Councillor R C Little	Councillor Mrs J E Rawlinson
Councillor A G Thomas	

1. Minutes (7 April 2004)

Agreed.

2. Tribute to the late Councillor R J E Jeyes

Tributes were paid to the late Councillor R J E Jeyes and a minute's silence was held in his memory.

Agreed a proposal to rename Whalebone Library the 'Robert Jeyes Library'.

3. Petition: Rogers Gardens - Anti-Social Behaviour

Noted the actions that have been taken by the Council and the Police to address anti-social behaviour in the area and agreed that no further action should be taken at the present time to close the alley.

4. Petition requesting a BMX track in Old Dagenham Park

Agreed the proposed actions, which will take place as part of the Parks and Green Spaces Strategy.

5. Petition relating to the reorganisation and redevelopment of existing civic amenity site, Frizlands Depot, Frizlands Lane

Noted the works that have been carried out to alleviate the noise nuisance.

6. Petition protesting about the non-completion of the subway at the end of the Scrattons Farm Estate (A13 Gale Street/Scrattons Farm Subway)

Noted that the Gale Street subway had been opened that day and the Charlton Crescent Subway was due to open this week. The lead petitioner requested that his thanks be passed to the officers concerned for the work they had done to get the subways re-opened.

7. Petitions regarding the Council's decision on Community Halls

Agreed that officers continue to work with Community Associations to implement the Executive's decision of 22 July 2003 to transfer community halls to full local management and grant 21 year leases by 31 March 2005.

8. Petition requesting a Community Hall for Valence Ward

Noted that this report had been withdrawn as contact had now been made with the lead petitioner and a meeting was to be arranged with the relevant parties.

9. Presentation by Community Matters

Received a presentation by Community Matters on their development contract around the Council's decision on community halls. The presentation addressed many of the issues raised by the petitioners and it was reiterated that the aim of Community Matters is to help the Community Associations to continue to run the halls efficiently and successfully.

10. Presentation by East London Transit

Received a presentation on progress of the project, developed in partnership between Transport for London and the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham and Redbridge, to deliver a bus transit scheme which supports development in Barking Reach, Dagenham Dock and Ilford.

11. Education Development Plan (EDP)

Agreed the updated Plan for confirmation to the Department for Education and Skills

and the School Improvement Priorities and Activities for 2004/05.

12. Final Report of the Erkenwald Centre Development Scrutiny Panel

Received the final report of the Erkenwald Centre Development Scrutiny Panel and agreed its recommendations.

13. Final Report of the Social Inclusion Policy Commission

Agreed the Policy Commission's recommendations as set out in the report.

14. General Question Time

Councillor Smith asked the Lead Member for Education questions relating to the Council's policy on the admissions criteria for schools and about the number of complaints received from parents in relation to this. He raised these issues because he had received a number of complaints from parents living in Chadwell Heath about the Council's policy, which had arisen as a result of information given by Councillor Justice.

Agreed that Councillor Alexander would provide an appropriate response.

15. Annual Reports of Meetings

(i) **Ceremonial Council** – noted.

(ii) **Community Forums** - noted

(iii) **Executive Report (Annual and Recent Business)**

1 Members' Allowances

Agreed the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2004/05 as set out in Appendix A to the report, with effect from 20 May 2004, in accordance with the recommendations of the Independent Review Panel, and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

2 Appointments to the Political Structure 2004/05

Considered the Executive's recommendations regarding appointments to the Council's political structure for the municipal year 2004/05.

(a) Membership

Agreed that the membership of the Executive, Scrutiny Management Board, the Development Control Board, the Panel for the Regulatory and General Matters Board, the Panel for the Personnel Board, the Standards Committee and the Community Forums be as set out in Appendix 'A'.

(b) Appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs

Noted that the Constitution automatically provides for the

following positions:

	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Deputy Chair</u>
Executive	Leader of the Council	Deputy Leader of the Council
Council	Mayor	Deputy Mayor

Agreed that:

- (i) Chairs and Deputy Chairs for other Council bodies be as set out in Appendix 'B', and
- (ii) the tenure of Deputy Chairs of Community Forums be increased from one to two years and an appropriate amendment be made to the Constitution.

(c) Co-opted Members

Agreed that the following persons be appointed as co-opted Members on the Scrutiny Management Board for such times as education matters are considered:

Reverend R Gayler representing the Church of England

Mrs G Spencer representing the Roman Catholic Church

Mr P Carter and Mr B Phillips are already elected for a four year period as Parent Governor representatives for primary and secondary schools respectively and, as such, will similarly be co-opted to the Scrutiny Management Board for education matters.

(d) Best Value Reviews

Noted arrangements for Best Value Reviews in 2004/05.

(e) Representatives on Miscellaneous Bodies

Agreed that representation be as set out in Appendix 'C'.

(f) Appointment of Trustees to Local Charities

Agreed

- **Dagenham United Charity**

That Councillors Davis, Wainwright and Justice re appointed as trustees as detailed in the Executive report.

- **Barking General Charity**

That Councillors Mrs Bruce and Porter be reappointed as

trustees for 2004/05.

- **Barking and Ilford Charities**

That Councillors Mrs Bradley and Mrs Flint be reappointed as trustees for 2004/05.

- **The Eva Tyne Trust Fund**

That Councillors Mrs Bruce, Davis and Mrs Twomey be reappointed as trustees for 2004/05. Councillor Jones also serves as an ex-officio member of the Trust.

- **The Brocklebank Lodge Trust Fund**

That Councillors H Collins and Jones be reappointed as trustees for 2004/05.

- **King George V Silver Jubilee Trust Fund**

That this continues to be administered by the Mayor and the Director of Social Services.

3 Annual Report – noted.

(iv) Scrutiny Management Board – noted.

Councillor Mrs Twomey thanked the Members of the Board and officers for their support over the year.

(v) Development Control Board - noted

Councillor Mrs Bruce thanked officers for their work over the past year.

(vi) Report of the Personnel Board – noted.

(vii) Report of the Standards Committee – noted.

(viii) Report of the BAD Youth Forum – noted.

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APPENDIX 'A'

MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES 2004 / 2005

THE EXECUTIVE

Councillors Alexander, Bramley, H. Collins, Fairbrass, Geddes, Kallar, McCarthy, McKenzie, Smith and Wade

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Councillors Barns, Denyer, Mrs Hunt, O'Brien, Mrs Twomey and Mrs West (one vacancy)

Co-opted Members (for education matters):

Church representatives: Reverend R Gayler - representing the Church of England
Mrs G Spencer - representing the Roman Catholic Church

Parent Governor representatives: - Mr P Carter - Primary Schools
Mr B Philips - Secondary Schools

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL BOARD

The Board is split into two panels. The Chair and Deputy Chair are members of both panels, as are the Leader and the Lead Member for Regeneration. The other members are listed below:

Panel A (Wednesdays): Cook, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Cridland, Dale, Mrs Flint, Gibbs, Jones, Miles, Mrs Rawlinson and Wainwright

Panel B (Tuesdays): Barns, Mrs Blake, Mrs Challis, Denyer, Fani, Justice, Mrs Rush, Mrs Twomey, Waker and Mrs West

REGULATORY AND GENERAL MATTERS BOARD

Cook, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Cridland, Fani, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Twomey and Mrs West

PERSONNEL BOARD

Barns, Mrs Cridland, Curtis, Fairbrass, Fani, Mrs Hunt, Justice, Kallar, Miles, Mrs Osborn, Mrs Rush, Mrs Twomey, Waker

STANDARDS COMMITTEE, including Independent Members

Councillors Curtis, Mrs Flint and Little

Independent Members: Fiona Fairweather and Reverend Stephen Poole

COMMUNITY FORUMS 2004/05

ABBAY, GASCOIGNE AND THAMES

Councillors Alexander, Barns, Bramley, Fani, Mrs Flint, Miles, McKenzie, Mrs Rawlinson and Mrs Rush.

EASTBROOK, HEATH AND ALIBON

Councillors L Collins, Davis, Fairbrass, Kallar, Little, McCarthy, Osborn, Parkin and Wade

EASTBURY, MAYESBROOK AND LONGBRIDGE

Ms Baker, Mrs Blake, Mrs Challis, Clark, Mrs Conyard, Cook, Cooper, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Hunt

PARSLOES, BECONTREE AND VALENCE

Councillors Mrs Bradley, Mrs Bruce, H Collins, Mrs Cridland, Geddes, Jones, O'Brien, Mrs Osborn and Wainwright

RIVER, VILLAGE AND GORESBROOK

Councillors Best, Dale, Huggins, Jamu, Porter, Smith, Thomas, Mrs Twomey and Waker

WELLGATE

Councillors Curtis, Denyer, Gibbs, Justice and Mrs West

CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS 2004 / 2005

	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Deputy Chair</u>
* Assembly	Councillor Davis	Councillor Barns
Scrutiny Management Board	Councillor Mrs Twomey	Vacant
Development Control Board	Councillor Mrs Bruce	Councillor Jamu
Standards Committee	Councillor Curtis	Reverend Stephen Poole
Abbey, Gascoigne and Thames Community Forum	Councillor Mrs Rush	# Mr Colin Ramage
Eastbrook, Heath and Alibon Community Forum	Councillor Kallar	# Mrs Edna Fergus
Eastbury, Mayesbrook and Longbridge Community Forum	Councillor Mrs Hunt	# Mr Ahmed Choudhury
Parsloes, Becontree and Valence Community Forum	Councillor Wainwright	# Mr James Campe
River, Village and Goresbrook Community Forum	Councillor Dale	# Mr Brian Beasley
Wellgate Community Forum	Councillor Denyer	# Vacant

* The Chair of the Assembly needs to play an independent role and, therefore, cannot be a member of either the Executive or the Scrutiny Management Board. The Deputy Chair cannot be a member of the Executive.

Deputy Chairs are appointed from the community via the Community Forums. It is proposed that the tenure of Deputy Chairs be increased from one to two years and that an appropriate amendment be made to the Constitution:

At some Forums, it has proved quite a task to encourage the community to come forward to stand, particularly as the Council expects them to attend quite a few meetings, despite the recent provision of a small expense allowance.

The process of seeking nominations and conducting ballots is both time consuming and relatively expensive in terms of postage and so on. There is also a growing need to support Deputy Chairs through offering training and general help and advice to develop their role as community representatives.

It is felt that the existing one year period as Deputy Chair, which amounts to attending six Community Forums, provides little opportunity to develop the individual and give them an insight into Council workings. It is felt that a two year tenure would be far more beneficial both to the individual and the Council in terms of gaining experience and confidence in being able to give real support to the Chairs. That support will be tested in the coming year with the decision taken by the Chairs and Deputy Chairs meeting to encourage Deputy Chairs to run on a trial basis the question and answer sessions at Forums.

If the Council is mindful to move to a two year appointment, it would not preclude an individual from stepping down from the position, if for any reason they were unable to continue, as was recently exemplified at Wellgate, where the Deputy Chair had to resign due to moving out of the Borough.

Note:

Ceremonial Council

The Mayor is automatically appointed as the Chair of the Council.

The Deputy Mayor is automatically appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Council.

Executive

The Leader of the Council is automatically appointed as the Chair of the Executive.

The Deputy Leader of the Council is automatically appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Executive.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON VARIOUS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL BODIES

Organisation	Representation required 2004 / 2005	Proposed Representation 2004 / 2005	Lead Department & Contact
Age Concern	2 Councillors	Mrs Bruce and Davis	Social Services (SS) Celia Pike-Lees – Ext. 2786
Association of London Government			
Leader's Committee	1 Councillor, plus up to 2 named deputies	Lead Member and their named deputies	Corporate Strategy (CS) Sally Penessa - Ext. 2219
Health & Social Care Forum	1 Councillor, plus 1 named deputy	Lead Member and their named deputies	SS: Celia Pike-Lees - Ext. 2786
Housing Forum	1 Councillor, plus 1 named deputy	Lead Member and their named deputies	Housing & Health (HH): Ken Jones - Ext. 5703
Education Forum	1 Councillor, plus 1 named deputy	Lead Member and their named deputies	Education, Arts & Libraries (EAL) Roger Luxton - Ext. 3000
Culture & Tourism Forum	1 Councillor, plus 1 named deputy	Lead Member and their named deputies	EAL: Jane Hargreaves - Ext. 4818
Crime and Public Protection Forum	1 Councillor, plus 1 named deputy	Lead Member and their named deputies	CS: Jeff Elsom - Ext. 2133
Economic Development Forum	1 Councillor, plus 1 named deputy	Lead Member and their named deputies	Regeneration & Environment (R&E) Jeremy Grint - Ext. 2443
Grants Committee	1 Councillor, plus up to 4 named deputies	Lead Member and their named deputies	CS: Mick Beackon - Ext. 2030

Organisation	Representation required 2004 / 2005	Proposed Representation 2004 / 2005	Lead Department & Contact
Transport and Environment Committee	1 Councillor, plus up to 4 named deputies	Lead Member and their named deputies	R&E: Niall Bolger - Ext. 3200
Greater London Provincial Council	In 2004/05, the Leader's Committee will constitute the GLPC Employer's Side. However, day-to-day matters will normally be dealt with by a meeting of deputy representatives and boroughs are asked to nominate 2 named deputies for this purpose.	Mrs Twomey and one vacancy	CS: Keith Warrior - Ext. 2354
ALG Limited	1 Councillor (usually the Leader's Committee representative)	Lead Member and their named deputies	CS: Naomi Goldberg from May 2004 Ext. 2248
Barking & Dagenham Citizens Advice Bureau	1 Councillor	Mrs Hunt	CS: Naomi Goldberg from May 2004 Ext. 2248 (TBC)
Barking & Dagenham Council for Voluntary Services	2 Councillors	Mrs Rush	CS: Mick Beackon - Ext. 2030
Barking & Dagenham Gospel Oak Line Committee	1 Councillor	Jones	R&E: Gordon Glenday - Ext. 3929
Barking & Dagenham Partnership	4 Councillors	Leader and 3 Executive Members	CS: Sally Penessa - Ext. 2219
Barking & Dagenham Racial Equality Council	2 Councillors (position being checked with REC)	To be advised (see previous column)	CS: Bill Coomber - Ext. 2105
Barking & Dagenham Sports Council	10 Councillors	Barns, Mrs Cridland, Mrs Flint, McKenzie, and Mrs Twomey Co-opted member: vacant	R&E: Teresa Parish - Ext. 3313

Organisation	Representation required 2004 / 2005	Proposed Representation 2004 / 2005	Lead Department & Contact
Barking College Corporation	2 Councillors	Bramley and Parkin	EAL: Justin Donovan - Ext. 3364
Barking College Corporation Search Committee	1 Councillor	Osborn	EAL: Justin Donovan - Ext. 3364
Barking Reach Development Company Limited and Enabling Board	2 Councillors	Leader and Lead Member	R&E: Jeremy Grint - Ext. 2443
Barking Town Centre Partnership	6 Councillors (4 Ward Members and the Lead Members for Regeneration and Improving Health, Housing and Social Care)	Alexander, Bramley, Kallar and Mrs Rush	R&E: Jeremy Grint - Ext. 2443
<p data-bbox="719 2161 847 2175">P 0 0 7</p> Community Housing Partnerships Abbey, Gascoigne & Thames Eastbrook, Heath and Alibon Eastbury, Mayesbrook and Longbridge Parsloes, Becontree and Valence River, Village and Goresbrook Wellgate	For each CHP – 2 Councillors from each Ward	Barns, Bramley, Fani, Mrs Flint, Mrs Rawlinson and Mrs Rush L Collins, Davis, Kallar and McCarthy (two vacancies) Ms Baker, Mrs Blake, Mrs Challis, Cook, Cooper and Mrs Hunt H Collins, Mrs Cridland, Geddes and Mrs Osborn (two vacancies) No nominations received Denyer, Justice and Mrs West (1 vacancy)	H&H: Jim Ripley - Ext. 3738

Organisation	Representation required 2004 / 2005	Proposed Representation 2004 / 2005	Lead Department & Contact
Community Legal Services	1 Councillor	Lead Member	CS: Muhammad Saleem - Ext. 3108
Community Safety Strategic Partnership	1 Councillor	Lead Member	CS: Jeff Elsom - Ext. 2133
Community/Police Consultative Group	Lead Member plus 3 other Councillors including one representative of the minority groups	Lead Member, Davis, Mrs Flint and Jones	CS: Jeff Elsom - Ext. 2133
Dagenham Village Partnership	3 Ward Councillors	Best, Dale and Waker	R&E: Bernadette McGuigan - Ext.3881
Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership	1 Councillor	Lead Member	EAL: Christine Pryor - Ext. 5552
East London Waste Authority	2 Councillors	Lead Member and Mrs Twomey	R&E: Mike Mitchell - Ext. 2677
ELWA Integrated Waste Management Service Contract Liaison Committee	1 Councillor	Vacant	R&E: Mike Mitchell - Ext. 2677
Employee Joint Consultative Committee	9 Councillors	Davis, Fairbrass, Geddes, Mrs Hunt, McKenzie, Smith and Mrs Twomey	CS: Jan Southwell - Ext. 2145
Excellence in Cities Partnership Board	1 Councillor	Lead Member	EAL: Jenny Crossley - Ext. 3507
Greater London Employers Association Limited	1 Councillor	Mrs Twomey	CS: Keith Warrior - Ext. 2354

Organisation	Representation required 2004 / 2005	Proposed Representation 2004 / 2005	Lead Department & Contact
Greater London Enterprise	1 Councillor	Lead Member	R&E: Jo Sinclair – 07968 511861
London Riverside (Heart of Thames Gateway) Board	2 Councillors	Leader and Lead Member	R&E Jeremy Grint - Ext. 2443
Independent Custody Visiting Panel	1 Councillor	Lead Member	CS: Teresa Munro - Ext. 2861
Joint Safety Committee	7 Councillors	L Collins, Curtis, Davis, Kallar, McCarthy and Mrs Twomey	CS: Stephanie May - Ext. 2201
Kingsley Hall Settlement	1 Councillor	Jones	
Local Government Association General Assembly	4 Councillors	L Collins, Lead Member (with named Deputies) and Mrs Rush (one vacancy)	CS: Naomi Goldberg Ext. 2248
Urban Commission	2 Councillors	Lead Members (with named Deputies)	R&E: Jeremy Grint - Ext. 2443
Local Housing Company Board	4 Councillors	Mrs Hunt, Miles, Osborn and Mrs West	H&H: Ken Jones - Ext. 3738
London Housing Unit Committee and Executive Sub-Committee	2 Councillors for each	Lead Member	H&H: Ken Jones - Ext. 3738
London Accident Prevention Council	1 Councillor	Mrs Bruce	R&E: Mike Mitchell - Ext. 3110
London Arts Forum	1 Councillor	Lead Member	EAL: Tracey McNulty – Ext. 4846

Organisation	Representation required 2004 / 2005	Proposed Representation 2004 / 2005	Lead Department & Contact
London (North East) Valuation Panel	2 Councillor nominations 6 non-Councillor nominations	Nominations (already made) Mrs Keller, Mr Ramage and Mr Ramsay	N/A
Neighbourhood Renewal Steering Group	4 Councillors	Lead Member, H. Collins, McKenzie and Mrs Rush	CS: Sally Penessa - Ext. 2219
Non Domestic Rate Consultation Meeting	3 Councillors	Leader, Deputy Leader and one vacancy	Finance Department (DF): Joe Chesterton - Ext. 2932
Public Transport Liaison Group	2 Councillors	Lead Member and Jones	R&E: Mike Mitchell - Ext. 3110
Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London	1 Councillor	Wainwright	None.
School Organisation Committee including Admissions Forum	4 Councillors	Lead Member, Bramley, Jones and Curtis	EAL: Jenny Crossley – Ext. 3507
Sector Police Working Parties KB Sector (Barking) KG Sector (Dagenham) and KK Sector (Marks Gate)	For each sector, 1 Councillor from each Ward	Alexander, Ms Baker, Barns, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Rush H Collins, Mrs Cridland, Davis, Jamu, Justice, Kallar, Little, Porter, Waker, Wainwright, Mrs West	None.
Social Services Children & Families Permanence Panel	2 Councillors	Mrs West (three year appointment)	SS: Tolis Vouyioukas - Ext. 2233

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Social Services Task Centred Fostering Panel	2 Councillors	Cook and Wainwright	SS: Tolis Vouyioukas - Ext. 2233
Barking & Dagenham User/Carer Forum	1 Councillor	Lead Member	Primary Care Trust: Steve Wedgwood - Tel. 020 8532 6320
London Museums Agency	1 Councillor	Mrs Blake	EAL: Kirstie Briody - Ext. 6769
Stort Valley Housing Association	2 Councillors	Leader and Lead Member	H&H: Ken Jones - Ext. 5703
Superannuation Fund Investment Panel	2 Councillors	Bramley and one vacancy Two further nominees to be put forward by Lead Member as necessary	DF: Joe Chesterton - Ext. 2932
Thames Chase Joint Committee	3 Councillors (either Ward or Executive Members or a mixture of both)	Parkin (Eastbrook), Waker (Village) Jamu (River)	R&E: Allan Aubrey - Ext. 3576
Thames Gateway London Partnership - Executive - Community Safety Strategic Board - Gateway to London Board - Outer Thames Gateway Area Partnership	1 Councillor Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto	Lead Member Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto	R&E: Jeremy Grint - Ext. 2443 " " Jo Sinclair – 07968 511861 Claire Adams - Ext. 2161
Heathway Town Centre Forum	5 Councillors	Ward Members from River, Village and Alibon	R&E: Ralph Cook - Ext. 6015

Organisation	Representation required 2004 / 2005	Proposed Representation 2004 / 2005	Lead Department & Contact
Unitary Development Plan Group	3 Executive Members (voting members) 2 Development Control Board Members (by invitation only)	Executive Members (voting Members) Development Control Board Members (by invitation only)	R&E: Gordon Glenday - Ext. 3929