

MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 2 October 2013
(7:05 - 7:19 pm)

PRESENT

Councillor A K Ramsay (Chair)
Councillor E Kangethe (Deputy Chair)

Councillor S E Ahammad	Councillor J L Alexander
Councillor S Ashraf	Councillor A Gafoor Aziz
Councillor R Baldwin	Councillor G Barratt
Councillor S J Bremner	Councillor P Burgon
Councillor L Butt	Councillor E Carpenter
Councillor J Clee	Councillor H J Collins
Councillor R Douglas	Councillor C Geddes
Councillor R Gill	Councillor D Hunt
Councillor M Hussain	Councillor A S Jamu
Councillor I S Jamu	Councillor E Keller
Councillor M A McCarthy	Councillor J E McDermott
Councillor M McKenzie MBE	Councillor D S Miles
Councillor M Mullane	Councillor E O Obasohan
Councillor J Ogungbose	Councillor B Poulton
Councillor H S Rai	Councillor L A Reason
Councillor L Rice	Councillor D Rodwell
Councillor T Saeed	Councillor A Salam
Councillor L A Smith	Councillor S Tarry
Councillor G M Vincent	Councillor P T Waker
Councillor M M Worby	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S Alasia	Councillor J Channer
Councillor J Davis	Councillor G Letchford
Councillor T Perry	Councillor C Rice
Councillor J Wade	Councillor L R Waker
Councillor J R White	

27. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest

28. Minutes (17 July 2013)

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2013 were confirmed as correct.

29. Revised Schedule of Cabinet Portfolios

Assembly received and noted this report presented by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Smith, which set out details of Cabinet Members and their revised

portfolios.

30. Appointments

Assembly **agreed** the following appointments:

(1) As replacement for Councillor Douglas:

Councillor Smith to the Licensing and Regulatory Board

Councillor Carpenter to the Pensions Panel as Deputy Chair

Councillor McDermott to the Children's Services Select Committee

Councillor Carpenter as the Becontree Ward representative on the Barking Housing Forum

Councillor Alexander to both the Barking General Charities and the Barking and Ilford Charities

Councillor I S Jamu to the Kallar Lodge and Fews Lodge Trust Fund

(2) As a result of Councillor Letchford's resignation from the following committees:

Councillor Bremner as the Goresbrook Ward representative on the Barking Housing Forum

Councillor McDermott to the Elevate Strategic Partner Board

Councillor Reason to the Barking & Ilford United Charities

Councillor Saeed to the OFSTED Report Panel

Assembly noted that one vacancy remains on the Employee Joint Health Safety & Wellbeing Board.

31. Second Local Implementation Plan - 2014/15 - 2016/17 Delivery and Monitoring Plan and Borough Cycling Programme 2013/14 - 2016/17

The Assembly received this report presented by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Councillor Geddes, which set out details of the proposed funding applications to Transport for London in respect of the Borough's plans to enhance its transport and cycling networks for the period up to 2016/17.

The Assembly **agreed**:

(i) the 2014/15 - 2016/17 LIP Delivery and Monitoring Plan submission to Transport for London, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report; and

(ii) the 2013/14 - 2016/17 Borough Cycling Programme application to Transport for London, as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.

32. Motions - Introduction and retention of a local levy of 8.5% on large retail outlets

In accordance with paragraph 14.5 of Article 2, Part B of the Council Constitution, the motion was withdrawn at the request of Councillor Tarry who had submitted it.

33. Leader's Question Time

None.

34. General Question Time

GQ1 from Councillor Carpenter:

"There have been a lot of press reports and media coverage over the last few weeks which have said that A&E Departments in London cannot now cope. This raises questions about what will happen this winter. I understand that £7 million has been allocated to the Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge health economy to support A&E this winter.

"Does the Cabinet Member know how this will be spent?"

"Finally, does the Cabinet Member believe that this will be sufficient to support Queen's and King George Hospitals this winter?"

Response from Councillor Worby, Cabinet Member for Health:

Councillor Worby thanked Councillor Carpenter for asking this very important question and said that negotiations had taken place with BHRUT, NELFT, the local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the boroughs of Havering and Redbridge as to how the funds would be spent.

Councillor Worby went on to say that the question should not just be about A&E because if that was not working efficiently, the rest of the service could seize up.

She advised that:

- 50% of the funds had been allocated to BHRUT in support of seven day working;
- just over £1 million had been allocated to NELFT not only to support seven day working but to improve community bed capacity and rehabilitation at home work;
- the three local CCGs had been allocated approximately £1 million in support of continuing healthcare, hospital discharge and nursing homes; and
- the Council expects to receive £410,000, which would be used to have our hospital social work team available seven days a week with effect from 1 November 2013

all of which measures were to ensure that no one should have to stay in hospital longer than necessary or over a weekend.

Councillor Worby voiced her concern as to:

- ❖ BHRUT consistently under-achieving on the 4 hour target at Queen's A&E which had been agreed to be at 95%; the last quarter had been at 90% and the latest data for week commencing 8 September showed the Trust had only achieved 85%;

- ❖ King George's had shown under-achievement in August and September but on the whole were achieving their targets.

Councillor Worby stated that this under-performance was critical in terms of what would happen in the winter if the Trust could not achieve their targets in the summer.

She advised the Assembly that in this connection, the Health & Adult Services Select Committee had agreed at its meeting on 1 October to write to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) ahead of CQC's impending inspection later this month.

Referring to the government's announcement that GPs' surgeries should be available from 8 am to 8 pm, seven days a week, Councillor Worby advised that Havering GPs would be taking part in a pilot but that our GPs would not.

Finally, Councillor Worby spoke of the impact that the closure of the Broad Street Walk In Centre would have on local residents in that there would be no alternative for them but to go to A&E.