

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 27th April, 2016 at Porchester Hall, Porchester Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DU.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Christabel Flight

COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton	Lindsey Hall
Ian Adams	Angela Harvey
Nickie Aiken	David Harvey
Julia Alexander	Richard Holloway
Barbara Arzymanow	Adam Hug
Daniel Astaire	Louise Hyams
Richard Beddoe	Patricia McAllister
Rita Begum	Guthrie McKie
David Boothroyd	Tim Mitchell
Iain Bott	Adnan Mohammed
Susie Burbridge	Gotz Mohindra
Ruth Bush	Papya Qureshi
Melvyn Caplan	Suhail Rahuja
Danny Chalkley	Robert Rigby
Paul Church	Rachael Robathan
Brian Connell	Glenys Roberts
Antonia Cox	Philippa Roe
Robert Davis, MBE, DL	Ian Rowley
Tony Devenish	Karen Scarborough
Paul Dimoldenberg	Andrew Smith
Nick Evans	Steve Summers
Christabel Flight	Shamim Talukder
Jean Paul Floru	Barrie Taylor
Peter Freeman	Cameron Thomson
Murad Gassanly	Judith Warner
Jonathan Glanz	Jason Williams
Barbara Grahame	

1 APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN

Motion, moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Tim Mitchell that Councillor Judith Warner be elected as Relief Chairman.

Motion put, and on a show of hands, declared **CARRIED**.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings at the Council meeting held on Wednesday 2 March 2016 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

3 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR VINCENZO RAMPULLA

The Council noted the resignation of Councillor Vincenzo Rampulla.

4 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 The Lord Mayor reported that Hon Alderman Anne Mallinson had represented the Council at the funeral service of former Councillor Reg Watts. He had served as a Hyde Park Ward Councillor and as Deputy Lord Mayor in 1981-1982.
- 4.2 The Lord Mayor also welcomed John Quinn, the recently appointed Bi-borough Director of Corporate Services to his first Council meeting.

5 VOTE OF THANKS

- (a) **Vote of Thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor and Consort, Councillor The Lady Christabel Flight and the Lord Flight**

Motion moved by Councillor Robert Davis and seconded by Councillor Nickie Aiken that the full Council resolve to record a vote of thanks to Councillor The Lady Christabel Flight for the distinguished service rendered by her as Lord Mayor and for the Lord Flight constant and invaluable help given by him as the Lord Mayor's Consort.

We assure them of our gratitude for, and high appreciation of, the dignity and ability with which they have carried out their many duties in accordance with the highest traditions of the City and this Vote of Thanks be inscribed on Vellum under the Common Seal and presented to them.

Motion put and on a show of hands declared **CARRIED** following which the Lord Mayor replied.

RESOLVED: That we assure them of our gratitude for, and high appreciation of, the dignity and ability with which they have carried out their many duties in accordance with the highest traditions of the City and this Vote of Thanks be inscribed in Vellum under the Common Seal and presented to them.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

7 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

- 7.1 Councillor Lindsey Hall presented two petitions opposing the Cycle Superhighway Scheme in North London. These petitions were referred to the Executive Director for Growth, Planning and Housing for reporting to the Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Parking.

8 QUESTIONS

The questions, supplementary questions and replies are included on the Council's website.

9 COUNCILLOR ISSUES

(a) St James's Matters

Councillor Louise Hyams spoke and Councillor Nickie Aiken replied.

(b) Planning to Protect: Safeguarding our Communities

Councillor Richard Beddoe spoke and Councillor Robert Davis replied.

10 STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS

There were no urgent matters.

11 FUTURE POLICY PLAN

11. The meeting debated the item chosen for debate from the Future Policy Plan by the Majority Party.

Education

The Majority Party had selected Item Number 44 on the Future Policy Plan: Education. The debate will be referred to the relevant Executive Director for consideration when reporting on the subject.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

The Minority Party had selected for debate the Notice of Motion as set out on the agenda. The Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor Guthrie McKie and seconded by Councillor Barbara Grahame.

Councillor Daniel Astaire moved and it was seconded by Councillor Susie Burbridge that the Notice of Motion be amended as follows:

Delete all after "This Council notes with regret, the continuing delays to the Futures Plan for Church Street. Phase 1 of the plan was voted on by residents and is" and add:

"an ambitious regeneration project to improve the quality and number of homes in the Church Street area as well as deliver community facilities, infrastructure and greening.

Whilst unfortunate, a number of factors have contributed to this delay, including delays caused by the discovery of infrastructure on site and the need to work around the requirements of utility companies, which has been lengthy and costly. Nevertheless, plans are ongoing. As a result of the regeneration to the area, the elderly residents of Penn House are to be rehoused into new 1 bedroomed self-contained flats, replacing outmoded bedsits. This will be at Lisson Arches and also provide much needed business space

Moving forward with the implementation and extension of the Futures Plan will involve a new phase of community engagement, in which residents and businesses will continue to have a voice in shaping the proposals. The Council is developing with its partners in the statutory and voluntary sectors further tools to engage with all stakeholders, including extending the membership of the Futures Steering Group and working closely with the Neighbourhood Forum.

During the current fiscal year planning consent will be sought for the new development at Luton Street where residents have had a strong voice in the design process and design has begun on the Green Spine running from Lisson Street to Fisherton Street. The team to deliver the Neighbourhood Keepers programme has been appointed and work has begun on further design work to accelerate the delivery of new homes. New homes have now been delivered in Orchardson Street, again where residents led the design process. Options are being considered for Cosway Street to deliver a significant number of new homes that benefit the community.

This is an ambitious, complex and lengthy programme that the Council is committed to delivering in in partnership with residents. The engagement and project management team is well resourced and making progress on all outstanding projects.

We ask that the Full Council endorses the on-going commitment of resident engagement to supporting implementation of the regeneration work in Church Street which is a process requiring careful consideration of all options to ensure that we make best use of public money and that proper governance and transparency in decision making is in place with the relevant Cabinet Members."

During the course of his reply Councillor Guthrie McKie accepted the amendment moved by Councillor Astaire and seconded by Councillor Susie Burbridge.

The Lord Mayor put the Notice of Motion, as amended to the vote, and on a show of hands declared the Notice of Motion, as amended, to be **AGREED**.

RESOLVED: That this Council notes with regret the continuing delays to the Future Policy Plan for Church Street Phase 1 of the plan was voted on by residents and is an ambitious regeneration project to improve the quality and number of homes in the Church Street area as well as deliver community facilities, infrastructure and greening.

Whilst unfortunate, a number of factors have contributed to this delay, including delays caused by the discovery of infrastructure on site and the need to work around the requirements of utility companies, which has been lengthy and costly. Nevertheless, plans are ongoing. As a result of the regeneration to the area, the elderly residents of Penn House are to be rehoused into new 1 bedroomed self-contained flats, replacing outmoded bedsits. This will be at Lisson Arches and also provide much needed business space

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15 TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Lord Mayor put the remaining business to the vote in accordance with Standing Order 18.

Special Policy Areas and Policies Map – Revision to the City Plan: Submission versions to the Secretary of State and Examination by an Independent Inspector –

Resolved: That the recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Built Environment be **adopted**.

The Council’s Petition Scheme:

Resolved: That the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee be **adopted**.

Audio Broadcasting of Council Meetings:

Resolved: That the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee be **adopted**.

The Meeting ended at 9.29 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____