

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 8th November, 2017 at Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Baroness Philippa Coultie

COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton	Angela Harvey
Ian Adams	David Harvey
Nickie Aiken	Richard Holloway
Julia Alexander	Adam Hug
Barbara Arzymanow	Louise Hyams
Daniel Astaire	Aicha Less
Richard Beddoe	Patricia McAllister
Rita Begum	Guthrie McKie
David Boothroyd	Tim Mitchell
Iain Bott	Jan Prendergast
Susie Burbridge	Papya Qureshi
Ruth Bush	Suhail Rahuja
Melvyn Caplan	Robert Rigby
Danny Chalkley	Rachael Robathan
Brian Connell	Glenys Roberts
Antonia Cox	Tim Roca
Thomas Crockett	Ian Rowley
Robert Davis	Karen Scarborough
Tony Devenish	Andrew Smith
Paul Dimoldenberg	Steve Summers
Nick Evans	Shamim Talukder
Christabel Flight	Cameron Thomson
Peter Freeman	Aziz Toki
Murad Gassanly	Judith Warner
Jonathan Glanz	Jacqui Wilkinson
Lindsey Hall	Jason Williams

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings at the Council meeting on Wednesday 12 July 2017 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

2 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 The Lord Mayor referred to these as set out on the agenda.
- 2.2 The Leader and other Members spoke in tribute of the work undertaken by Charlie Parker who was attending his last Council meeting as Chief Executive. Following which Mr Parker replied.

Procedural Motion

It was moved by Councillor Tim Mitchell and seconded by Councillor Jacqui Wilkinson:

“That consideration of the business set out in the agenda other than Agenda Item 4 (Petitions) and Item 9 (Committee Reports) be either not considered or deferred to the next meeting.

That the Council note, that in view of the intention to hold a full Budget debate at the Extraordinary Council meeting to be held on the rising of this meeting, it is intended that the programme of Council meetings be adjusted in order that the Extraordinary meeting programmed for 7 March 2018 instead become an Ordinary meeting to include Question Time held in accordance with Standing Order 9. A report to facilitate this will be made to Council via the General Purposes Committee on 24 January 2018.”

It was moved by Councillor Guthrie McKie and seconded by Councillor David Boothroyd:

“That the Procedural Motion be amended in order to allow Agenda Item 5 – Questions to be taken”.

The Lord Mayor then put the amendment to the vote on a show of hands and declared the amendment **LOST**.

The Lord Mayor then put the unamended Procedural Motion to the vote and on a show of hands declared the Procedural Motion **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That the Council note, that in view of the intention to hold a full Budget debate at the Extraordinary Council meeting to be held on the rising of this meeting, it is intended that the programme of Council meetings be adjusted in order that the Extraordinary meeting programmed for 7 March 2018 instead become an Ordinary meeting to include Question Time held in accordance with Standing Order 9. A report to facilitate this will be made to Council via the General Purposes Committee on 24 January 2018.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

(a) Petitions

Councillor Tony Devenish presented a petition from residents of Wilton Street objecting to the TfL proposals for road plans in Grosvenor Place and its implications for Wilton Street, SW1. The petition was referred to the Executive Director for City Management and Communities for reporting to the relevant Cabinet Member.

Councillor Murad Gassanly presented a petition in support of the Council's efforts to relieve overcrowding on the Ebury Bridge Estate and called for the building of more social and affordable housing. The petition was referred to the Executive Director for Growth, Planning and Housing for reporting to the relevant Cabinet Member.

(b) There were no Deputations.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Lord Mayor advised that in accordance with the earlier Procedural Motion agenda items 5 (Questions), 6 (Councillor Issues), 7 (Statement on Urgent Matters) and 8 (Future Policy Plan) had been deferred. The meeting proceeded to consider the reports from Committees which required a decision.

(a) Report of the Appointments Sub-Committee (6.9.17) Appointment of Interim Chief Executive and Head of the Paid Service.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendation in the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That Mr Stuart Love, Executive Director of City Management and Communities, be appointed Interim Chief Executive and Interim Head of Paid Service officially from 8th January 2018 although operationally from 1 January 2018, until the full recruitment of a new Chief Executive is complete.

(b) Report of the General Purposes Committee (1.11.17) – Paragraph 3 – Terms of Reference – Appraisal Arrangements for the Chief Executive.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendation in paragraph 1 of the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

1. That the Council be recommended that the Appointments Sub-Committee Terms of Reference be amended by the deletion of the following:

“(2) Appraisal

(a) To undertake the annual performance appraisal of the Chief Executive”.

2. That, subject to the approval of recommendation (1) above, the Council be recommended to the above additional term of reference of the Leader, as follows:

“To conduct the annual appraisal, including the setting of annual targets, of the Chief Executive and make an award in accordance with the Performance Related Pay Scheme currently in place, having regard to a report of the Director of People Services which shall include the views of the Council’s External Adviser (if any) appointed for these purposes, the Deputy Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Corporate Services and such other Members or Officers as the Leader and/or the Director of People Services shall consider appropriate”.

- (c) Report of the General Purposes Committee (1.11.17) – Paragraph 2 – Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendation in paragraph 2 of the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That the Council approve the following additional terms of reference to the Standards Committee:

“To monitor the Member Development Programme and make recommendations thereon to the relevant Cabinet Member”.

- (d) Report of the General Purposes Committee (1.11.17) – Paragraph 3 – Programme of Council Meetings for 2018-2019.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That meetings of the Council be held as follows:

16 May 2018 (Annual); 11 July 2018; 7 November 2018; 23 January 2019; 6 March 2019 and 15 May 2019 (Annual).

- (e) Report of the General Purposes Committee (1.11.17) – Paragraph 4 of the report – Freedom Rights – Royal Yeomanry, Westminster Dragoons”.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendations in paragraph 4 of the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

1. That in view of the Council’s close association with the Royal Yeomanry the Regiment be granted “the freedom and distinction of proceeding through the City on all ceremonial occasions in full panoply and, so far as appropriate, with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed”.
2. That an illuminated document under the Common Seal recording the grant of such privilege be prepared and presented to the officers and other ranks of the Royal Yeomanry.

The Meeting ended at 7.25 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____