

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 17th May, 2023 at Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT.

PRESENT

Councillor Paul Fisher, and upon election as Lord Mayor,
Councillor Patricia McAllister

COUNCILLORS

Concia Albert	Iman Less
Gillian Arrindell	Patrick Lilley
Barbara Arzymanow	Patricia McAllister
Geoff Barraclough	Alan Mendoza
Liza Begum	Tim Mitchell
David Boothroyd	Matt Noble
Nafsika Butler-Thalassis	Ellie Ormsby
Ruth Bush	Ralu Oteh-Osoka
Melvyn Caplan	Angela Piddock
Maggie Carman	Robert Rigby
Md Shamsed Chowdhury	Rachael Robathan
Lorraine Dean	Tim Roca
Tony Devenish	Ian Rowley
Paul Dimoldenberg	Cara Sanquest
Laila Cunningham	Caroline Sargent
Robert Eagleton	Karen Scarborough
Ed Pitt Ford	Mark Shearer
Jim Glen	Selina Short
David Harvey	James Small-Edwards
Sara Hassan	Judith Southern
Elizabeth Hitchcock	Max Sullivan
Adam Hug	Paul Swaddle
Louise Hyams	Jessica Toale
Ryan Jude	Aziz Toki
Aicha Less	Jacqui Wilkinson
	Jason Williams

APOLOGIES: Councillors Amanda Langford and Hamza Taouzzale

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

- 1.1 Proposed by Councillor Adam Hug and seconded by Councillor Ellie Ormsby that Councillor Paul Fisher be elected Chair of Full Council.

- 1.2 Upon a show of hands, the Chief Executive declared that Councillor Paul Fisher had been elected Chair.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Paul Fisher be elected Chair of Full Council.

2 ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

- 2.1 Proposed by Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg and seconded by Councillor Ruth Bush that Councillor Patricia McAllister be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

- 2.2 Upon a show of hands, the Chair of the meeting, Cllr Paul Fisher declared that Councillor Patricia McAllister had been elected Lord Mayor.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Patricia McAllister be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

Councillor Patricia McAllister thereupon made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Lord Mayor and of the Office of Deputy High Steward of Westminster. Having done so, she took the Chair and thanked the Council for her election and reported that Ellis McAllister and Kevin Murphy would be her Consorts.

3 MINUTES

- 3.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 March 2023 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record.

4 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 The Lord Mayor announced that she had appointed Rev'd Dr Michael Jarmulowicz as her Chaplain. The Chaplain then led the Council in a moment of reflection.

5 PRESENTATION OF PAST LORD MAYOR'S BADGE AND VOTE OF THANKS

- 5.1 The Lord Mayor was due to present the Past Lord Mayor's Badge and Vote of Thanks to Cllr Taouzzale and his Consorts. However, it was explained that due to a family bereavement Cllr Taouzzale was unable to be present, the Lord Mayor passed on the Council's best wishes to him and his family and confirmed that the presentation would be moved to a future Council meeting.

6 REPORT FOR FULL COUNCIL: KEY DECISIONS - USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE 2022/23

6.1 The report was noted.

7 CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

7.1 The report of the Director of Law was submitted.

7.2 The Lord Mayor put the recommendations set out in the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared these to be **AGREED**.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council determined the allocation of places on the standing committees and noted the names of the Members appointed to them, following notification by the respective Party Whips, as detailed in Appendix A of the report.
2. That the Council confirmed the proportional division of seats on the Standing Committees as set out below:

Committee	Members		
	Total	Labour	Conservative
Audit and Performance Committee	4	3	1
General Purposes Committee	4	3	1
Westminster Scrutiny Commission	7	4	3
Communities, City Management and Air Quality P&S	7	4	3
Children & Adults, Public Health & Voluntary Sector P&S	7	4	3
Finance, Planning and Economic Development P&S	7	4	3
Climate Action, Housing and Regeneration P&S	7	4	3
Standards Committee	5	3	2
Pensions Fund Committee	4	3	1
Planning & City Development Committee	14	8	6
Licensing Committee	15	8	7
Total	81	48	33
Target number (and variance)		47 (+1)	34 (-1)

The Meeting ended at 7.50 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____