

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on
Wednesday 15th November, 2023 at Westminster Council House, 97-113
Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Patricia McAllister

COUNCILLORS

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Laila Cunningham, Alan Mendoza, Tim Roca, Cara Sanquest and Max Sullivan

The Lord Mayor requested that the Council take a moment to reflect on the ongoing events in the Middle East and asked all to join her in a minute's silence for all those who had suffered, and continued to suffer, as a result of the conflict.

1 APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN

- 1.1 Motion moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Ellie Ormsby, that Councillor Ryan Jude be elected as Relief Chair.
- 1.2 Motion put, and on a show of hands, declared **CARRIED**.

2 MINUTES

- 2.1 The minutes of the proceedings at the Council meeting held on Wednesday 20 September 2023 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

3 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The Lord Mayor referred to these as set out on the agenda.
- 3.2 The Lord Mayor reported that she had attended a number of Remembrance Services over the weekend and requested that a minute's silence be held to remember all those who had given their lives for the defence of this country and the freedoms we all held dear.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 4.1 There were no declarations of interest.

5 STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS

- 5.1 There were no urgent matters.

6 COUNCILLOR PRESENTED PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

- 6.1 Councillor Paul Swaddle presented a petition from local residents titled '2023 St John's Wood Street Cleaning Changes' which requested that the Council not relocate the street cleaning depot from 215 Lisson Grove. The petition was referred to the relevant Chief Officer for reporting to the Cabinet Member for City Management and Air Quality.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 7.1 Members of the public asked five questions which were responded to by the relevant Cabinet Members. The questions and responses are available on the Council's website.

8 QUESTIONS

- 8.1 The questions, supplementary questions and replies are included as a recording on the Council's website.

9 COUNCILLOR ISSUE

9.1 Affordable Housing in Pimlico and Westminster

Councillor Robert Eagleton spoke, and Councillor Matt Noble replied.

10 PARTY BUSINESS

- 10.1 The Majority Party selected to debate the topic of the Evening and Night-Time Environment. The debate would be referred to the relevant Executive Director for consideration when reporting on the subject.

11 REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORARY RECORDER

- 11.1 The Lord Mayor put the recommendation of the report to Full Council regarding the appointment of the Honorary Recorder to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of His Honour Judge Tony Baumgartner as Honorary Recorder for the City of Westminster during his tenure as Resident Judge at the Crown Court at Southwark be formally approved, in accordance with the Courts Act 1971.

12 REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE: PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2024-25

- 12.1 The Lord Mayor put the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations adopted.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That meetings of the Council be held as follows: 19 June 2024, 18 September 2024, 13 November 2024, 22 January 2025, 5 March 2025, 14 May 2025 (Annual); and
- 2) That the Programme of other formal Meetings set out in Appendix A of the General Purposes Committee report be approved.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Rough Sleeping

- 13.1 The Opposition Party had selected for debate the notice of motion as set out on the agenda. The notice of motion was moved by Councillor David Harvey and seconded by Councillor Mark Shearer.
- 13.2 Following the debate, The Lord Mayor put the motion to the vote and following a show of hands declared the motion **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

That

Heading into the winter, residents are concerned for the rising numbers of rough sleepers across the City.

The Council commits to further strengthening its relations with its third sector partnerships to enable the development of a joint plan for action in today's challenging circumstances.

Together, alongside these expert specialist charity partners, Westminster must work to help those on the streets to find and sustain a stable and happy life, ensuring that every penny is spent in the most effective and joined up way to help people at their most vulnerable.

The Meeting ended at 9.23 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____