

# **CITY OF WESTMINSTER**

## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 26th June, 2019 at Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT.

### PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Ruth Bush

### COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton  
Ian Adams  
Nickie Aiken  
Barbara Arzymanow  
Timothy Barnes  
Geoff Barraclough  
Richard Beddoe  
Rita Begum  
David Boothroyd  
Iain Bott  
Margot Bright  
Susie Burbridge  
Ruth Bush  
Nafsika Butler-Thalassis  
Melvyn Caplan  
Maggie Carman  
Danny Chalkley  
Antonia Cox  
Lorraine Dean  
Paul Dimoldenberg  
Richard Elcho  
Christabel Flight  
Peter Freeman  
Murad Gassanly  
Jonathan Glanz  
Jim Glen  
Matthew Green  
Angela Harvey  
Elizabeth Hitchcock

Adam Hug  
Louise Hyams  
Aicha Less  
Pancho Lewis  
Andrea Mann  
Patricia McAllister  
Guthrie McKie  
Tim Mitchell  
Gotz Mohindra  
Eoghain Murphy  
Matt Noble  
Emily Payne  
Papaya Qureshi  
Robert Rigby  
Rachael Robathan  
Tim Roca  
Ian Rowley  
Karen Scarborough  
Mark Shearer  
Selina Short  
Andrew Smith  
James Spencer  
Paul Swaddle  
Shamim Talukder  
Hamza Taouzzale  
Aziz Toki  
Judith Warner  
Jacqui Wilkinson

## **1 APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN**

- 1.1 It was moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Paul Swaddle that Councillor Louise Hyams be elected as relief Chairman.

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

## **2 MINUTES**

- 2.1 **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the proceedings at the Council meetings on Wednesday 15 May 2019, 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. She also commented that these represented only a small proportion of the events that she had attended.

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 4.1 Councillor Nafiska Butler-Thalassis declared in respect of Item 9 - Future Policy Plan and MyWestminster Programme upon which she would be speaking that she works for a health charity that could apply for MyWestminster Programme funding.

## **5 STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS**

- 5.1 There were no urgent matters.

## **6 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY**

- 6.1 There were no petitions or deputations received.

## **7 QUESTIONS**

- 7.1 With the permission of the Lord Mayor, Councillor Ian Adams, Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Licensing, provided an amendment to an answer he provided to a question from Councillor Tim Roca at the Council Meeting on 1 May 2019.
- 7.2 The questions, supplementary questions and replies are included as an audio recording on the Council's website

## **8 COUNCILLOR ISSUES**

- (a) **Black Bins in Pimlico**

Councillor Jacqui Wilkinson spoke and Councillor Tim Mitchell replied

(b) **Improving the Lives of our Residents**

Councillor Susie Burbridge spoke and Councillor Tim Mitchell replied.

**9 FUTURE POLICY PLAN**

9.1 The meeting accordingly debated the item chosen from the Future Policy Plan by the Majority Party:

9.2 The Majority Party had selected item number 75 on the Future Policy Plan: My Westminster Programme. The debate will be referred to the relevant Executive Director for consideration when reporting on the subject.

**10 STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT: 6 DECEMBER 2018: GUIDANCE ON USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY MEMBERS**

10.1 The meeting then debated the second item selected for debate by the Majority Party which related to the report of the Standards Committee on Guidance on the use of Social Media by Members.

10.2 The Council noted the Guidance on the use of social media by Members attached to the report. In response to comments on the guidance raised during the debate, Councillor Judith Warner, chairman of the Standards Committee, advised that member consultation on the guidance would be undertaken following the meeting which would be considered by the Committee at its next meeting on 11 July.

**11 NOTICE OF MOTION**

11.1 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 Adam Hug and seconded by Councillor David Boothroyd.

11.2 The Majority Party had submitted an amendment to the notice of motion as set out on the order paper.

11.3 Councillor Rachael Robathan moved and it was seconded by Councillor Robert Rigby that the notice of motion be amended, as follows:

**Amended Motion**

1. The council notes the steps forward made in recent years encouraging contractors and suppliers to provide a wider benefit to society in Westminster including the Council's current Responsible Procurement Delivery Plan.
2. It also notes the innovation being led by local councils across the country and that the government has introduced the Social Value Act 2016 and Civil Society Strategy recognising the importance of ethical and community focused procurement.

- ~~3. The council believes that there is greater scope to align the council's approach to procurement and contracting with its policy objectives, currently City for All, and the needs of local people~~
- 3. The Council notes and supports the continuing work to align even further the Council's approach to procurement and contracting with its policy of a City for All and the needs of local people.**
4. It also believes that the Council and other public sector partners can help act as the catalyst for local wealth building, particularly in the most deprived parts of our city, including increasing the amount of contracts delivered with local SMEs, social enterprises and the voluntary sector.
- ~~5. The council resolves to ask Cabinet/the relevant Cabinet Member to raise the weighting given to social value in procurement from 5% to 20% in line with the most innovative local authorities in the sector.~~
- 5. The council notes and supports the policy of giving a weighting of a minimum of 5% of the quality score to social value in all service procurements and up to 20% as appropriate.**
6. It resolves to ask Cabinet/the relevant Cabinet Member to do more through Westminster Council's procurement and contracting to address issues such as providing local employment, investment by Westminster communities and SMEs, improving the accountability of the supply chain and tackling the challenges of air quality, waste and climate change
- ~~7. It also resolves to ask Cabinet/the relevant Cabinet Member to expand and enhance the current Responsible Procurement Delivery Plan into a Social Value Toolkit to guide commissioners across the council and can also be used by others in the local public sector.~~
- 7. The Council recognises and supports the work being done to raise awareness of social value across the organisation and in the supply chain and notes that further guidance will be issued later in the year.**
- ~~8. The council further resolves to ask Cabinet/the relevant Cabinet Member to develop a phased action plan for implementing the London Living Wage for staff working for Council contractors, such as that passed by Kensington and Chelsea Council and to apply for Living Wage Employer accreditation from the Living Wage Foundation.~~
- 8. The Council notes the clear commitment to promoting fairness and equality of pay for both staff of the Council and those working for council contractors. It further notes that the Cabinet, while fully recognising the legal restrictions surrounding this, will be discussing formalising this position by applying for London Living Wage Employer accreditation at its meeting on 15th July.**
- 11.4 Following debate, Councillor Hug agreed to accept the amendment to the motion.

11.5 The Lord Mayor put the substantive motion to the vote and on a show of hands declared the substantive motion **CARRIED**.

**RESOLVED:**

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The Meeting ended at 9.42 pm

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_