

Minutes

COUNCIL

10 May 2012

Meeting held at Council Chamber - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



HILLINGDON
LONDON

Councillor Mary O'Connor (Mayor in the Chair – agenda items 1 to 3)
Councillor Michael Markham (Deputy Mayor – agenda items 1 to 3)

Councillor Michael Markham (Mayor in the Chair – agenda items 4 to 12)
Councillor Allan Kauffman (Deputy Mayor – agenda items 4 to 12)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors:	David Allam	Janet Duncan	Anita MacDonald
	Lynne Allen	Beulah East	John Major
	Bruce Baker	Neil Fyfe	Carol Melvin
	Tim Barker	Janet Gardner	Douglas Mills
	Richard Barnes	Sid Garg	Richard Mills
	Josephine Barrett	Dominic Gilham	John Morgan
	David Benson	Raymond Graham	Susan O'Brien
	Jonathan Bianco	Paul Harmsworth	David Payne
	Lindsay Bliss	Shirley Harper-O'Neill	Ray Puddifoot
	Sukhpal Brar	John Hensley	Andrew Retter
	Wayne Bridges	Henry Higgins	John Riley
	Mike Bull	Patricia Jackson	David Routledge
	Keith Burrows	Phoday Jarjussey	Avtar Sandhu
	Paul Buttivant	Sandra Jenkins	Robin Sansarpuri
	George Cooper	Allan Kauffman	Scott Seaman-Digby
	Judith Cooper	Judy Kelly	David Simmonds
	Philip Corthorne	Peter Kemp	Brian Stead
	Brian Crowe	Mo Khursheed	Michael White
	Peter Curling	Kuldeep Lakhmana	David Yarrow
	Catherine Dann	Eddie Lavery	
	Jazz Dhillon	Richard Lewis	

OFFICERS PRESENT: Hugh Dunnachie, Fran Beasley, Jean Palmer, Linda Sanders, Paul Whaymand, Raj Alagh, Lloyd White, Mark Braddock, Morgan Einon, Trevor Langworth and Nikki O'Halloran

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** (*Agenda Item 1*)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ghei and Nelson.

2. **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2012/2013** (*Agenda Item 3*)

The Mayor thanked the Council for the opportunity that she had been afforded over the last 12 months. She and her escorts had personally attended 813 of the 953 mayoral events conducted during the year and she provided Council with some brief highlights of the mayoral year.

	<p>The Mayor thanked everyone that had been involved in fundraising for her charities: MIND, Riverside (Acute Unit), Woodlands (Alzheimer's and Dementia Unit) and CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services). She advised that £64,300 had been raised so far and that money was still coming in. In addition to raising funds, the Mayor had used the mayoral year to raise awareness of mental illness and educate people to reduce the stigma attached to it.</p> <p>During her term of office, the Mayor had given out 256 volunteer pins to volunteers from a range of organisations. She had also encouraged school children to attend the Citizenship Ceremonies held in the Council Chamber. As well as the Council being able to learn a lot from them, these pupils then went back to school and gave presentations at their assemblies about their experience.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the following for their support and hard work during the course of her mayoralty: her family and friends; her Escorts (Miss Meares, Mr O'Connor and Mr McCarthy); Mr Arthur Preston; Father Philip Blandford and the church community; the Mayoral team; and the Council's events team.</p> <p>Nominations were invited for a Mayor to hold office for the 2012/2013 municipal year. Councillor Markham was nominated by Councillor D Mills and seconded by Councillor O'Brien. Councillor R Mills spoke in support. There were no further nominations.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Markham be elected as Mayor for the municipal year 2012/2013.</p>
	<p>ADJOURNMENT FOR THE ROBING OF THE NEW MAYOR</p> <p><i>The Council adjourned for robing of the new Mayor at 7.50pm and reconvened at 8.01pm.</i></p>
3.	<p>ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE MAYOR (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The newly elected Mayor signed the declaration of acceptance of office.</p>
4.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor informed the Council that he had appointed Councillor Kauffman as Deputy Mayor and advised that his Mayoress for the forthcoming year would be Mrs Rosemary Markham.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Deputy Mayor and the Mayoress for the year be noted.</p>
5.	<p>NEW MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the Council for the honour of being appointed as Mayor for such an exciting, diverse and dynamic Borough. He advised Members that his charities for the year would be Shooting Star Children's Hospice (which cared for more children from Hillingdon than any other London borough), Hillingdon Young Carers and Age UK Hillingdon. Furthermore, the Mayor intended to support all voluntary organisations and charities in Hillingdon, particularly those volunteers that gave so much to the Borough.</p>

6.	<p>VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING MAYOR (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Puddifoot moved a vote of thanks to the retired Mayor, Councillor O'Connor, and her Escorts, Miss Elizabeth (Lily) Meares, Mr Paul O'Connor and Mr Tim McCarthy. This was seconded by Councillor Curling. Councillors Corthorne, Gilham, Khursheed and Retter spoke in support.</p> <p>The Mayor (Councillor Markham) presented the Past Mayor's badge to Councillor O'Connor and Past Mayor's Escort badges to Miss Meares, Mr O'Connor and Mr McCarthy.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor O'Connor, be agreed.</p>																		
7.	<p>LEADER'S APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET (<i>Agenda Item 8</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Puddifoot advised Members that the Deputy Leader and Cabinet positions would be filled as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="220 869 1161 1420"> <thead> <tr> <th>Position/Portfolio</th> <th>Councillor</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Deputy Leader and Education and Children's Services</td> <td>David Simmonds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Co-ordination and Central Services</td> <td>Scott Seaman-Digby</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Culture, Sport and Leisure</td> <td>Henry Higgins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finance, Property and Business Services</td> <td>Jonathan Bianco</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Improvement, Partnerships and Community Safety</td> <td>Douglas Mills</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning, Transportation and Recycling</td> <td>Keith Burrows</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Services, Health and Housing</td> <td>Philip Corthorne</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cabinet Assistant to the Leader of the Council</td> <td>Allan Kauffman</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Position/Portfolio	Councillor	Deputy Leader and Education and Children's Services	David Simmonds	Co-ordination and Central Services	Scott Seaman-Digby	Culture, Sport and Leisure	Henry Higgins	Finance, Property and Business Services	Jonathan Bianco	Improvement, Partnerships and Community Safety	Douglas Mills	Planning, Transportation and Recycling	Keith Burrows	Social Services, Health and Housing	Philip Corthorne	Cabinet Assistant to the Leader of the Council	Allan Kauffman
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8.	<p>REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (<i>Agenda Item 9</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Puddifoot moved the recommendations as set out on the Order of Business. The motion was seconded by Councillor Simmonds and, following debate (Councillor Curling), it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Urgency decisions detailed in the report be noted; (ii) the changes to the cabinet scheme of delegation, as set out in the report, be noted; and (iii) the changes to the Constitution, as set out in the report, be agreed. 																		
9.	<p>COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013 (<i>Agenda Item 10</i>)</p> <p>Councillor G Cooper moved that the proposals on memberships, as set out on the</p>																		

	<p>lilac coloured sheets, subject to Councillor Graham replacing Councillor R Mills on North Planning Committee and Councillor Barker being added as a Planning Committee substitute, be agreed. This was seconded by Councillor O'Brien.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Members be appointed to the Committees as set out in Appendix A of the minutes.</p>
10.	<p>POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT (<i>Agenda Item 11</i>)</p> <p>The Council received a report of the work covered by the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees in 2011/12. It was commended by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor O'Brien.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Annual Report 2011/2012 be endorsed.</p>
11.	<p>STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (<i>Agenda Item 12</i>)</p> <p>The Leader noted that everyone in the Chamber was aware of the difficult financial position faced by Europe and indeed a large part of the western world. As a country and as politicians, the causes of this could be debated and disagreed and the blame and responsibility could be apportioned – but it would not change what had happened. This country was massively in debt and local authorities were continuing to see reductions in funding for services and facilities.</p> <p>As a borough, Hillingdon was in a far stronger position than other local authorities which was as a result of a number of things: the right policies; a strong administration; good directors and heads of services; good management; and a frontline staff that any Council Leader would be proud of.</p> <p>The Leader noted that this had not always been the situation and stated that, over the years that he had been Leader of the Council, he had witnessed a sea change in professionalism and performance at all levels of service delivery. He went on to note that, earlier in the week, the Council's Chief Executive, Hugh Dunnachie, had announced his intention to retire at the end of the year. The Leader stated that the Chief Executive would leave with the good wishes of the Council and with thanks for a job well done.</p> <p>The Leader stated that the administration was passionate about putting residents first – but he believed that this was a driving force for every Member of Council, regardless of political party. Although they might come at it from different directions, the Leader believed that all Members were there to serve the residents of the Borough in varying capacities, ranging from Cabinet Members to those of both parties who served on the Council's planning, licensing and policy overview committees. He also acknowledged that many of these Councillors did a huge amount of work in their wards.</p> <p>As the new municipal year began, the Leader thanked all Members of Council for the service they gave as individuals to the Borough and its residents. In his twelve years as Leader of the Council, he noted that there had been seven Leaders of the opposition. He paid particular tribute to Councillor Mo Khursheed who had held that post for three of those years and noted that Councillor Khursheed had the respect of residents and most of the Conservative group and that he had a calm, professional and gentlemanly approach with a sense of reality rather than political knockabout.</p>

The Leader believed that Councillor Khursheed was his own man and a man of integrity. He went on to state that Councillor Khursheed had his respect and personal good wishes and noted that he had served his party and this Borough well.

With regard to the future for Hillingdon Council, the Leader announced that he had begun to formulate a plan to change the directorate structure last year, which, as well as resulting in fewer directors, would now also see a change in Chief Executive. What the Leader had not envisaged was the degree of upheaval to Council responsibilities that would be occurring in the coming year: changes to benefits, housing, education, health and the Localism Act which would all necessitate a review of director responsibilities.

These changes would have a knock on effect on the Cabinet portfolios and the make-up of the Cabinet, which in turn would lead to a review of the policy and overview function. Although the Council structure to date had served the organisation well, the Leader stated that the Council now needed to look to the next two years and beyond. He went on to advise that he intended to bring a proposed new structure to Council in September with the schemes of delegation and the necessary changes to Cabinet and scrutiny functions being formalised at the November Council meeting, along with the appointment of the new Chief Executive. It was anticipated that the new structure would function from 1 December 2012 and would be robust enough to take the Council through the next two years.

The Leader stated that the Mayor had tonight become the First Citizen of a Borough that was in a sound financial position with expertise and ability in place to continually adapt to the challenges that he was sure the Council would continue to face.

ANNEX A - COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013

The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.35 pm.

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Lloyd White, Head of Democratic Services on 01895 556743. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.

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ORDINARY COMMITTEES**EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 6(4-2)**

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Lavery (Proposed Chairman)	Curling (Lead)
Riley (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Harmsworth
Bridges	
Crowe	

Other Voting Members on Education issues only

Parent Governor (3)	Vacant
Church of England Diocesan Representative	Vacant
Roman Catholic Diocesan representative	Anthony Little

EXTERNAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 8(6-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
White (Proposed Chairman)	Jarjussey (Lead)
Gilham (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Major
Barrett	
Fyfe	
Kemp	
Morgan	

EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 8(6-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Dann (Proposed Chairman)	Dhillon (Lead)
J. Cooper (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Bliss
Benson	
Hensley	
O'Brien	
Riley	

Other Voting Members

Parent Governor (3)	Vacant
Church of England Diocesan Representative	Vacant
Roman Catholic Diocesan representative	Anthony Little

RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 8 (6-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
O'Brien (Proposed Chairman)	Lakhmana (Lead)
O'Connor (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Nelson
Melvin	
Payne	
White	
Yarrow	

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013

CORPORATE SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIPS POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 8(6-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Lewis (Proposed Chairman)	East (Lead)
White (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Allen
Fyfe	
Graham	
Melvin	
R. Mills	

SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 8(6-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
J. Cooper (Proposed Chairman)	Major (Lead)
Kemp (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Lakhmana
Benson	
Brar	
Jackson	
O'Connor	

SUBSTITUTES FOR SCRUTINY AND POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEES ARE ALL COUNCILLORS EXCEPT THOSE IN THE CABINET, GROUP LEADERS AND CHIEF WHIPS.

CENTRAL & SOUTH PLANNING COMMITTEE 8 (6-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Hensley (Proposed Chairman)	Duncan (Lead)
J. Cooper (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Sansarpuri
Bridges	
Fyfe	
Gilham	
Stead	

NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE 8 (6-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Lavery (Proposed Chairman)	Allam (Lead)
Kauffman (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Dhillon
Graham	
Melvin	
Morgan	
Payne	

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMITTEES (ALL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE SUBSTITUTES FOR EACH OTHER'S COMMITTEE PLUS:)

CONSERVATIVE		LABOUR	
Baker	G. Cooper	Allam	Ghei
Barker	Graham	Allen	Harmsworth
Barrett	Jackson	Bliss	Lakhmana
Benson	O'Brien	Dhillon	Major
Brar	Routledge	Duncan	Nelson
Bull	White	East	Sansarpuri
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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013

PENSIONS COMMITTEE 6 (4-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Corthorne (Proposed Chairman)	Harmsworth (Lead)
Lewis (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Duncan
Graham	
Simmonds	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Barrett	East
G. Cooper	
Fyfe	
Kemp	

Advisory Members

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE 6 (4-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Puddifoot (Proposed Chairman)	Curling (Lead)
Simmonds (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Harmsworth
Burrows	
D. Mills	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Bianco	Allam
J. Cooper	Dhillon
Corthorne	Duncan
Higgins	East
Jenkins	Jarjussey
Lavery	Major
Seaman-Digby	

REGISTRATION & APPEALS COMMITTEE 6 (4-2)

CONSERVATIVE		LABOUR	
G. Cooper (Proposed Chairman)		Allen (Lead)	
Hensley (Proposed Vice-Chairman)		Curling	
Lewis			
R. Mills			
Substitutes		Substitutes	
Barrett	Kemp	Allam	Harmsworth
Bianco	Lavery	Bliss	Jarjussey
Bridges	D. Mills	Dhillon	Lakhmana
Burrows	Payne	Duncan	Major
Corthorne	Puddifoot	East	Nelson
Dann	Seaman-Digby	Gardner	Sandhu
Higgins	Simmonds	Ghei	Sansarpuri
Jenkins	Stead		

SUBSTITUTES ON THIS COMMITTEE MAY COMPRISE CABINET MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF BEING MEMBERS OR SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OF THE THREE SUB-

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013

COMMITTEES, BUT NO CABINET MEMBERS SHOULD SIT AS MEMBERS OF THE MAIN REGISTRATION AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

OTHER COMMITTEES / PANELS (OUTSIDE THE OVERALL CALCULATION BUT ALLOCATED ON THE BASIS OF OVERALL POLITICAL BALANCE)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 8 (6-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Riley (Lead)	Curling (Lead)
Barrett	Harmsworth
Corthorne	
Dann	
Hensley	
Lewis	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Barnes	Allam
Graham	Dhillon
Gilham	Duncan
Harper-O'Neill	East
Kelly	Major
Kemp	

Independent Members (3)

Mr Allan Edwards (Proposed Chairman)
Mr Malcolm Ellis (Proposed Vice-Chairman)
Mr James Keys

AUDIT COMMITTEE 4(3-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
G. Cooper (lead)	Harmsworth (Lead)
Graham	
Lewis	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Crowe	Jarjussey
Hensley	East
R. Mills	

Independent Member (1)

Mr John Morley (Proposed Chairman)

LICENSING COMMITTEE 10 (8-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Retter (Proposed Chairman)	Allen (Lead)
Barrett (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Gardner
Bull	
Kelly	
Kemp	
Melvin	
Payne	
Stead	

N.B. NO SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED FOR LICENSING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013

HILLINGDON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION FORUM 3 (2-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
O'Connor (Proposed Chairman).	Gardner (Proposed Vice-Chairman)
Melvin	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Brar	Curling

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS TO BE AGREED BY THE PARENT COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE END OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE 4 (3-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
D. Mills	Curling (Lead)
Puddifoot	
Simmonds	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Bianco	Allam
Burrows	Dhillon
Corthorne	Duncan
Higgins	East
Jenkins	Jarjussey
Seaman-Digby	Major

INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY SUB-COMMITTEE (SENIOR OFFICER) 4 (3-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
D. Mills	Curling (Lead)
Puddifoot	
Simmonds	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Bianco	Allen
Burrows	Duncan
Corthorne	Harmsworth
Higgins	Major
Jenkins	
Seaman-Digby	

APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (SENIOR OFFICER) 4 (3-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
To be appointed as required.	Curling (Lead)

GRIEVANCE SUB-COMMITTEE (SENIOR OFFICER) 4 (3-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
To be appointed as required.	Curling (Lead)

PENSIONS COMMITTEE INVESTMENT STRATEGY SUB-COMMITTEE 3 (2-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Corthorne (Proposed Chairman).	Harmsworth (Lead)
Lewis	

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (NORTH) 5 (4-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Retter (Proposed Chairman)	Allen (Lead)
Payne	
Kelly	
Melvin	

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (SOUTH) 5 (4-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Barrett (Proposed Chairman)	Gardner (Lead)
Bull	
Kemp	
Stead	

ALL MEMBERS OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES MUST ALSO BE MEMBERS OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE. SUBSTITUTES FOR LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES - ANY MEMBER OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

STANDARDS COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE 3 (2-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Barrett	Duncan
Hensley	

Independent Member (1)

Mr Malcolm Ellis (Proposed Chairman)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE 3 (2-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Riley	Harmsworth
Dann	

Independent Member (1)

Mr James Keys (Proposed Chairman)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE 3 (2-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Corthorne	Curling
Lewis	

Independent Member (1)

Mr Allan Edwards (Proposed Chairman)