

Minutes

ANNUAL COUNCIL

12 May 2022

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



HILLINGDON
LONDON

Councillor Roy Chamdal (Mayor in the Chair - agenda items 1 to 4)

Councillor Becky Haggart (Deputy Mayor - agenda items 1 to 4)

Councillor Becky Haggart (Mayor in the Chair - agenda items 5 to 12)

Councillor Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana (Deputy Mayor - agenda items 5 to 12)

	<p>MEMBERS PRESENT:</p> <p>Councillors: Naser Abby Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana Kaushik Banerjee Labina Basit Adam Bennett Kishan Bhatt Jonathan Bianco Wayne Bridges Tony Burles Keith Burrows Reeta Chamdal Alan Chapman Farhad Choubedar Philip Corthorne Peter Curling Darran Davies Nick Denys</p> <p>Jas Dhot Peter Smallwood Ian Edwards Scott Farley Janet Gardner Elizabeth Garelick Narinder Garg Tony Gill Martin Goddard Ekta Gohil Henry Higgins Mohammed Islam Rita Judge Dhot Kamal Preet Kaur Kuldeep Lakhmana Eddie Lavery Heena Makwana</p> <p>Gursharan Mand Stuart Mathers Douglas Mills Richard Mills Peter Money June Nelson Barry Nelson-West Susan O'Brien Jane Palmer Sital Punja John Riley Raju Sansarpuri Jagjit Singh Colleen Sullivan Jan Sweeting Steve Tuckwell</p>
	<p>OFFICERS PRESENT: Tony Zaman, Glen Egan, Lloyd White, Mark Braddock, Morgan Einon, Sue Abu, James Jones and Nikki O'Halloran</p>
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Richard Lewis.</p>
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3.	<p>ELECTION RESULTS 2022, POLITICAL GROUPS ON THE COUNCIL AND CALCULATION OF POLITICAL BALANCE (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>As a result of the Borough Council elections held on 5 May 2022, two political groups had been formed: the Conservative Group with Councillor Ian Edwards as Group Leader and the Labour Group with Councillor Peter Curling as Group Leader. It was moved by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Bianco and:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the election results, the formation of political groups and the</p>

	subsequent political balance of the Council be noted.
4.	<p>ELECTION OF MAYOR 2022/2023 (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor had been honoured to have been appointed as the first citizen of the Borough as Covid restrictions had eased. He provided the Council with some brief highlights of his Mayoral year and the support that had been afforded his two charities: Domestic Abuse Survivors and Navratri Garba.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Members for electing him as the first citizen as well as the Council team for supporting him, his parents for making him the person he had become, and his Escort, Miss Evangeline Chamdal, and the Mayoress, Councillor Reeta Chamdal, for their unwavering support.</p> <p>Nominations were invited for a Mayor to hold office for the 2022/23 municipal year. Councillor Haggar was nominated by Councillor Denys and seconded by Councillor Edwards. There were no further nominations.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Becky Haggar be elected as Mayor for the 2022/2023 municipal year.</p> <p><i>The Council adjourned for robing of the new Mayor at 7.54pm and reconvened at 8.04pm.</i></p>
5.	<p>ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE MAYOR (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>The newly elected Mayor signed the declaration of acceptance of office.</p>
6.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor informed the Council that she had appointed Councillor Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana as Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Deputy Mayor for the year be noted.</p>
7.	<p>NEW MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>The new Mayor thanked those present for electing her. She advised that her husband, Mr Marios Kaikitis, would be her Consort and her daughters, Miss Pollyanna Haggar and Miss Ellie May Haggar, would also be her Consorts. The Mayor noted that her nominated charities for the year would be the Daniella Logan Foundation and the Magical Marvellous Picture House and that Reverend Tunde Balogun had been appointed as Chaplain for the year.</p>
8.	<p>VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING MAYOR (<i>Agenda Item 8</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Edwards moved a vote of thanks to the retired Mayor, Councillor Roy Chamdal, his Mayoress, Councillor Reeta Chamdal, and his Escort, Miss Evangeline Chamdal. The Leader advised that he would be recommending that Cabinet donate the £25k received from textile recycling in the Borough to the Mayor's charities.</p> <p>The vote of thanks was seconded by Councillor Curling. Councillors Bianco, Lakhmana, R Mills and Palmer spoke in support of the vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Roy Chamdal.</p>

The Mayor (Councillor Haggar) presented a Past Mayor's badge to Councillor Roy Chamdal, a Past Mayoress' badge to Councillor Reeta Chamdal and a Past Escort's badge to Miss Evangeline Chamdal.

RESOLVED: That the vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Roy Chamdal, be agreed.

9. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES** (*Agenda Item 9*)

9.1 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Nominations were invited for the position of Leader of the Council for the next four years. Councillor Bianco moved, and Councillor R. Mills seconded, the nomination of Councillor Edwards. There were no further nominations and it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Edwards be appointed as Leader of the Council for the next four year period (until the Annual Meeting immediately following the next ordinary election of Councillors).

9.2 APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET

The appointment by the Leader of the Council of Councillor Bianco as the Deputy Leader and the following Members as Cabinet Members for 2022/2023, was noted:

Position/Portfolio	Councillor
Deputy Leader, Property, Highways & Transport	Bianco
Finance	Goddard
Children, Families & Education	O'Brien
Health and Social Care	Palmer
Residents' Services	Lavery
Corporate Services	D. Mills

9.3 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2022/2023

Councillor Edwards moved, and Councillor Bianco seconded, the motion as set out on the Order of Business and it was:

RESOLVED: That the following changes be made to the Scheme of Members' Allowances 2022/23 (the Basic Allowance and all other SRAs to remain as agreed at the February Council meeting):

	Special Responsibility Allowances:	(£)	Proposed Change
1.	Mayor	23,725.26	Mayoral allowances be removed from the Scheme and incorporated into the overall Mayoral budget.
2.	Deputy Mayor	9,252.71	See above
9.	Chairman of Licensing Committee	23,725.26	In recognition of the increasing role and responsibility of this position, SRA be increased to the same amount as a Planning / Select Committee Chairman
10.	Vice Chairman of Licensing Committee	6,686.93	Delete SRA
12.	Standards	£500 SRA	

	Committee Independent Person	per meeting	
18.	Deputy Leader of 2nd Party	6,101.08	Delete SRA
21.	Party Lead on Planning Committee	6,101.08	Delete SRA

9.4 REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

It was noted that Paragraph 2.4 vii), should read '(20 signatures local, 100 borough-wide)' (not 200). Subject to this amendment, Councillor Edwards moved, and Councillor Bianco seconded, the motion as set out on the Order of Business and it was:

RESOLVED: That the remodelled Constitution of the London Borough of Hillingdon be adopted with immediate effect, subject to:

- 1) the proposed amendment to Standing Order 15 in the Council Procedure Rules regarding Adjournment debates which, in accordance with Council SO 26.2, will stand adjourned to be considered at the next ordinary Council meeting; and
- 2) the updated Petition Scheme, where changes to the validity of petitions, will come into effect from 1 July 2022.

9.5 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Edwards moved, and Councillor Bianco seconded, the motion as set out on the Order of Business and it was:

RESOLVED: That the Council appoint representatives to those bodies indicated in Minute Annex A and the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chief Whips of the political Groups, be authorised to make the appropriate appointments.

9.6 APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

Councillor Edwards moved, and Councillor Bianco seconded, the motion as set out on the Order of Business and it was:

RESOLVED: That:

- a) Mr Andy Evans be appointed to the role of Section 151 Officer of the Council upon departure of the current S151 Officer; and
- b) Mr Glen Egan be appointed as interim Monitoring Officer of the Council w.e.f 21 May 2021.

10. COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP 2022/2023 *(Agenda Item 10)*

Councillor R Mills moved, and Councillor Davies seconded, the motion as set out on the Order of Business and it was:

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Committees, Sub-Committees and their memberships, as set out in Minute Annex B, be approved.

11. SELECT COMMITTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(Agenda Item 11)*

The Council received a report of the work covered by the Select Committees in 2021/22. It was moved by Councillor Bridges, seconded by Councillor Denys, and:

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

12. **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL** (*Agenda Item 12*)

The Leader of the Council advised that the recent Borough elections had resulted in the appointment of Conservative administrations in both Hillingdon and Harrow for the next four years. The Council would be open to working with other like-minded authorities and would be exploring opportunities.

The administration's sound financial management had put the Council in a stable position with a good level of balances. However, it would be important to ensure that these balances were protected and not used to address underlying cost pressures.

Although there had been a reduction in the number of Elected Members from 65 to 53 and a £300k saving on Member support, additional savings would still need to be identified from across the Council.

Inflation had been impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and had been increasing much faster than anticipated and unemployment levels were expected to increase to 5½% by 2025. As residents were feeling the financial squeeze, the Council would not be increasing fees and charges and had instead been looking at its expenditure. Officers had been looking to identify additional savings whilst continuing to provide services such as weekly waste and recycling collections, looking after vulnerable residents and maintaining the roads, parks and open spaces in the Borough. Consideration was now being given to modernising pay scales with a review of senior and middle management and thought was being given to improving residents' electronic access to services.

During the purdah period, the Council had secured Broadwater Lake in Harefield for the relocation of Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre (HOAC). It was anticipated that the new Centre would exceed all expectations. The development of the Borough's fifth leisure centre was on track to be opened in the summer of 2024 and additional SEN (Special Educational Needs) school places were also being secured in Hillingdon. Other work included the development of Cranford Park as a destination, the regeneration of Hayes and the furtherance of the Council's climate change pledge which would be expedited.

The Leader stated that the Conservative Administration would provide strong leadership to the Council and make the changes necessary to ensure that Hillingdon remained a desirable place to live and work. The Labour Group would provide challenge to the programme and service delivery and the Cabinet Members would deliver outstanding results. He was confident that sound financial management would help the Council to emerge more efficient from the current financial squeeze whilst continuing to put residents first.

MINUTE ANNEX A - OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS

MINUTE ANNEX B - COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS

The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.48 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.

Appendix Outside Bodies

Section A – Organisations to which the Council will continue to appoint representatives:

ORGANISATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
BID BOARD OF DIRECTORS (INTU)	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH and has benefits to LBH
BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LIAISON GROUP	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH and has benefits to LBH
CENTRAL AND NORTHWEST LONDON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH
FOSTERING & PERMANENCE PANEL	Statutory requirement for the Council to be a member
HEATHROW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BOARD	Significant local interest and has benefits to LBH
HILLINGDON DOMESTIC ABUSE STEERING EXECUTIVE	Statutory requirement for the Council to be a member
HILLINGDON FIRST LIMITED SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE	Statutory requirement for the Council to be a member
HILLINGDON HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH and has benefits to LBH
HILLINGDON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD (SNB)	Benefits to LBH and statutory requirement for the Council to be a member
HILLINGDON STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH and statutory requirement for the Council to be a member
LHC (Formerly London Housing Consortium)	Membership of this joint committee will cease in 2023
LOCAL AUTHORITIES' AIRCRAFT NOISE COUNCIL	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA)	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH, benefits to LBH, statutory requirement for the Council to be a member & national organisation.
LONDON COUNCILS: 1. ARTS, CULTURE, TOURISM, SPORT & LEISURE LEAD MEMBER 2. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE / SAFEGUARDING AND SCHOOLS LEAD MEMBER	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH, Pan-London membership, Benefits to LBH & statutory requirement for the Council to be a member

ORGANISATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
3. CRIME AND PUBLIC PROTECTION LEAD MEMBER 4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / BUSINESS LEAD MEMBER 5. FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES LEAD MEMBER 6. GRANTS COMMITTEE (ASSOCIATED JOINT COMMITTEE) 7. GREATER LONDON EMPLOYMENT FORUM 8. HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES LEAD MEMBER 9. HOUSING AND REGENERATION LEAD MEMBER 10. LEADERS' COMMITTEE (S101 JOINT COMMITTEE) 11. PLANNING / INFRASTRUCTURE / DEVELOPMENT LEAD MEMBER 12. SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT LEAD MEMBER 13. TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (formerly Transport Committee for London (Associated S101 Joint Committee))	
LONDON LGPS CIV LTD	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH, Pan-London membership & statutory requirement for the Council to be a member
LONDON ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH & pan-London membership
NORTHWEST LONDON JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Pan-Area membership, benefits to LBH Council appointed to this outside body in 2021
SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX CREMATORIUM BOARD	Pan-Area membership & benefits to LBH
THE POLISH AIRFORCE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE	Significant local interest
WEST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY	Is in receipt of significant funding from LBH & statutory requirement for the Council to be a member

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2022/2023

ORDINARY COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE: 7 (4-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Riley (Proposed Chairman)	Mathers (Lead)
Lewis (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Garg
Banerjee	Mand
Bhatt	

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE: 7 (4-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Denys (Proposed Chairman)	Nelson (Lead)
Corthorne (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Basit
Chamdal (Reeta)	Burles
Chapman	

RESIDENTS' SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE: 7 (4-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Bridges (Proposed Chairman)	Farley (Lead)
Sullivan (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Gardner
Gohil	Punja
Smallwood	

PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE: 7 (4-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Burrows (Proposed Chairman)	Money (Lead)
Chapman (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Kaur
Ahmad-Wallana	Garelick
Bennett	

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION SELECT COMMITTEE: 7 (4-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Makwana (Proposed Chairman)	Sweeting (Lead)
Chamdal (Roy) (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Gill
Bhatt	Judge Dhot
Smallwood	

Other Voting Members (for education related items only):

Parent Governor (2-5)	Vacant
Church of England Diocesan Representative	Vacant
Roman Catholic Diocesan representative	Anthony Little

SUBSTITUTES FOR SELECT COMMITTEES ARE ALL COUNCILLORS EXCEPT THOSE IN THE CABINET

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2022/2023

MAJOR APPLICATION PLANNING COMMITTEE: 7 (4-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Tuckwell (Proposed Chairman)	Dhot
Higgins (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Garelick
Bennett	Gill
Davies	

BOROUGH PLANNING COMMITTEE: 7 (4-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Higgins (Proposed Chairman)	Sansarpuri
Tuckwell (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Mand
Choubedar	Singh
Gohil	

(ALL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALL THAT HAVE RECEIVED APPROPRIATE PLANNING TRAINING TO BE SUBSTITUTES FOR BOTH COMMITTEES)

PENSIONS COMMITTEE: 5 (2-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Banerjee	Mathers (Proposed Chairman)
Goddard	Burles (Proposed Vice-Chairman)
	Islam
Substitutes	Substitutes
Ahmad-Wallana	Abby
Higgins	

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: 5 (3-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Edwards (Proposed Chairman)	Curling
Bianco (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Mathers
O'Brien	
Substitutes	Substitutes
All remaining Cabinet members	Farley
	Money
	Sweeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2022/2023

REGISTRATION & APPEALS COMMITTEE: 5 (3-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Burrows (Proposed Chairman)	Money
Riley (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Sweeting
Corthorne	
Substitutes	Substitutes
All Cabinet members	All Labour Members except Group Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Whip

SUBSTITUTES ON THIS COMMITTEE MAY COMPRISE CABINET MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF BEING MEMBERS OR SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OF THE THREE SUB-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: 5 (3-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Riley (Proposed Chairman)	Gill
Bridges (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Nelson
Denys	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Tuckwell	Mathers

Non-voting Independent Person:

To be appointed at next Council

AUDIT COMMITTEE: 5 (3-2)

Independent Member:

John Chesshire (Chairman)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Lewis (Proposed Vice Chairman)	Burles
Chamdal (Reeta)	Abby
Denys	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Bhatt	Mathers
Riley	

NO MEMBER OF CABINET MAY SIT ON AUDIT COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2022/2023

LICENSING COMMITTEE: 10 (6-4)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Chamdal (Roy) (Proposed Chairman)	Farley
Davies (Proposed Vice-Chairman)	Gardner
Ahmad-Wallana	Lakhmana
Choubedar	Nelson-West
Lewis	
Sullivan	

N.B. NO SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED FOR LICENSING COMMITTEE

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (2-1)

The sub-committee to comprise three Members of the Licensing Committee (2 Conservative and 1 Labour) selected on a rota basis from the membership of the Licensing Committee. Meetings of the Sub-Committee must be chaired by the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, when available.

APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE: 3 (2-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Bianco	Curling
Edwards	
Substitutes	Substitutes
All remaining Cabinet members	Mathers

APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (SENIOR OFFICER): 3 (2-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Membership to be appointed by Group Leaders as required.	

GRIEVANCE SUB-COMMITTEE (SENIOR OFFICER): 3 (2-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Membership to be appointed by Group Leaders as required.	

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2022/2023

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: *Outside of the overall calculation and subject to the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.*

(as amended at full Council July 2021):

The membership of the Board shall comprise:

- 1) Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care - Co-Chairman
- 2) Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education
- 3) LBH Chief Executive
- 4) LBH Corporate Director, Social Care and Health
- 5) LBH Director, Public Health
- 6) Hillingdon Health and Care Partners Managing Director - Co-Chairman
- 7) NWL CCG - Hillingdon Board representative
- 8) NWL CCG - nominated lead
- 9) Central and Northwest London NHS Foundation Trust - nominated lead
- 10) The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Chief Executive
- 11) Healthwatch Hillingdon - nominated lead
- 12) Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust - nominated lead
- 13) Hillingdon GP Confederation - nominated lead

Co-Chairmen

The Board shall be co-chaired by the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care and the Managing Director of Hillingdon Health and Care Partners. The Vice Chairman of the Board shall be the Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education. Only one Co-Chairman may chair a meeting, and this will be determined at the start of each meeting. Should both Co-Chairmen be unavailable to chair, the meeting will be chaired by the Vice Chairman.
