

Minutes

COUNCIL

11 May 2023

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



HILLINGDON
LONDON

Councillor Becky Haggar (Mayor)
Councillor Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana (Deputy Mayor)

	<p>MEMBERS PRESENT:</p> <p>Councillors: Naser Abby Jas Dhot Heena Makwana Kaushik Banerjee Ian Edwards Gursharan Mand Labina Basit Scott Farley Stuart Mathers Adam Bennett Janet Gardner Douglas Mills Kishan Bhatt Elizabeth Garelick Richard Mills Jonathan Bianco Narinder Garg June Nelson Wayne Bridges Tony Gill Barry Nelson-West Tony Burles Martin Goddard Susan O'Brien Keith Burrows Ekta Gohil Sital Punja Reeta Chamdal Henry Higgins John Riley Roy Chamdal Mohammed Islam Raju Sansarpuri Farhad Choubedar Rita Judge Jagjit Singh Philip Corthorne Kamal Preet Kaur Peter Smallwood Peter Curling Kuldeep Lakhmana Colleen Sullivan Darran Davies Eddie Lavery Jan Sweeting Nick Denys Richard Lewis Steve Tuckwell</p>
	<p>OFFICERS PRESENT: Tony Zaman, Andy Evans, Dan Kennedy, Perry Scott, Sandra Taylor, Glen Egan, Lloyd White, Mark Braddock, Morgan Einon, Sue Albu and Nikki O'Halloran</p>
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Alan Chapman, Peter Money and Jane Palmer.</p>
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest in any matter before the Council.</p>
3.	<p>ELECTION OF MAYOR 2023/2024 (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor stated that her Mayoral year had been a once in a lifetime opportunity which had included: the platinum jubilee celebrations; seeing three Prime Ministers take office; the hottest day on record; the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; the retirement of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mr Bruce Holder; and parties to celebrate to coronation of King Charles III.</p> <p>A number of fundraising events had taken place over the municipal year including: a 5k run at Stockley Park; a Bollywood event; and a St Patrick's Day night. The Mayor had raised £28k for her charities.</p>

	<p>The Mayor thanked her Consort, Mr Marios Kaikitis, and Escorts, Miss Ellie-May Hagggar and Miss Pollyanna Hagggar, for their support during her Mayoral year. She also thanked her mother and the Mayoral team for the support that they had provided and to her Ward Councillor colleagues for covering the ward work over the last twelve months.</p> <p>Nominations were invited for a Mayor to hold office for the 2023/24 municipal year. Councillor Ahmad-Wallana was nominated by Councillor Roy Chamdal and seconded by Councillor Gohil. There were no further nominations.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana be elected as Mayor for the 2023/2024 municipal year.</p> <p><i>The Council adjourned for robing of the new Mayor at 7.48pm and reconvened at 8.02pm.</i></p>
4.	<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>
5.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor informed the Council that he had appointed Councillor Colleen Sullivan as Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Deputy Mayor for the 2023/2024 municipal year be noted.</p>
6.	<p>NEW MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>The new Mayor thanked Members for electing him to the position for the new municipal year. He assured them that he would continue to put residents first during his Mayoral year and represent them with grace and dignity.</p> <p>He advised that his Mayoresses would be Mrs Amtul Would Wallana and Miss Tooba Wallana and his Escorts would be Ms Sabrina Cambiaso Tabar and Ms Fabiana Fawaz.</p> <p>The Mayor noted that his nominated charities for the year would be Halo Children's Foundation and the Al-Falah Institute. He advised that he had appointed Imam Md Sirajul Islam as Chaplain for the year.</p>
7.	<p>VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Edwards moved a vote of thanks to the retired Mayor, Councillor Becky Hagggar, and her Consort, Mr Marios Kaikitis, and Escorts, Miss Pollyanna Hagggar and Miss Ellie-May Hagggar. He advised that the Council would be matching the £28k raised by the retired Mayor, funded from the textile recycling.</p> <p>The vote of thanks was seconded by Councillor Curling. Councillors Roy Chamdal, Corthorne, Lavery and O'Brien spoke in support of the vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Hagggar.</p> <p>The Mayor (Councillor Ahmad-Wallana) presented a Past Mayor's badge to Councillor</p>

Haggar and a Past Consort's badge to Mr Marios Kaikitis, Miss Pollyanna Haggar and Miss Ellie May Haggar.

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

8. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES** (*Agenda Item 8*)

8.1 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 2023/2024 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

8.2 REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Councillor Edwards moved, and Councillor Bianco seconded, the motion and it was:

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of the Appointments Committee regarding the new definition of 'Chief Officer', be approved and the Constitution be updated accordingly.

9. **COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP 2023/2024** (*Agenda Item 9*)

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 A, be approved.

10. **SELECT COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT** (*Agenda Item 10*)

The Council received a report detailing the work covered by the Select Committees in 2022/23. It was moved by Councillor Bridges, seconded by Councillor Denys, and:

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

11. **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL** (*Agenda Item 11*)

The Leader of the Council advised that it had been a notable year for the nation with political turmoil and events that had resulted in the cost-of-living crisis. The last twelve months had been steady for the Council with the submission of a balanced budget and plans to rebuild reserves. A £21m savings plan had been fully developed for 2023/2024 whilst also ensuring that Hillingdon residents paid £500 less Council Tax than the national average. The Leader gave assurance that the Borough's weekly free waste and recycling service would be continued this year, even though he recognised that the country's economic situation was likely to continue.

Good progress had been made in delivering the Council Plan and Hillingdon had been rated top in terms of offering parents their first choice of primary school and had facilitated and funded street closures for 180 street parties.

With regard to housing, a programme of improvements continued to be delivered, with the Council on track to deliver 100 additional Council houses over the four-year term. Work continued to improve housing standards and £1.5m had been secured to help prioritise safety and thermal efficiency and address fuel poverty. 735 new boilers had been fitted in Council properties over the last year, with a further 1,752 new boilers expected to be installed in the next year. 78 properties had also been recovered by the Counter Fraud Team.

With the refreshed Public Space Protection Orders, enforcements had been strengthened and publicised. Baroness Casey's Report on Misconduct had identified unacceptable behaviour in the police force and highlighted the neglect of police commissioners. In London, local authorities had been vocal about the tri-borough arrangements and measures had now been introduced to appoint a Superintendent for each borough. The Metropolitan Police Service's estates strategy was also being paused and the decision to close Uxbridge Police Station would be reviewed.

Other achievements of the Council over the last year included:

- securing an additional four Green Flags, taking the total to 67;
- planting 17k trees;
- installing green screens at 13 schools;
- installing a memorial at Breakspear Crematorium to remember those who had died during the pandemic;
- £1.5m investment in Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Centre and Highgrove Pool;
- 'topping out' at the West Drayton leisure development (the installation of the final beam in the new structure);
- the £4m restoration project at Cranford Park;
- work in preparation for the planning application for a new water sports and outdoor activity centre; and
- replacement of 625 street light bulbs.

In the 2021 Census, Hillingdon had been identified as having a greater population growth than the England average and the sixth highest in London. The population of the Borough was getting older and there had been a reduction in the number of people aged 15-30. The majority of households did not have children and one in four households had just one person living there, but one in ten households included multiple families. In 2011, one quarter of the population had been Asian; in 2021, this had increased to one third. 80% of Hillingdon residents were British.

During the last year, the Mayor of London had announced that he would be expanding the Ultra Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) to all outer London boroughs. The Council had recognised that this would have a negative impact on Hillingdon residents that outweighed the perceived benefits. It would affect the mobility of many elderly residents which would potentially increase their isolation and impact on social care costs. The proposals would impact on the recruitment and retention of staff and reduce the footfall in Uxbridge. Permission had been given for a judicial review of the ULEZ expansion proposals on two grounds, with a ruling awaited on a further two grounds.

	<p>The Council continued to pursue savings and efficiencies as a priority. Having reviewed the senior management structure, a review was now being undertaken of middle management costs and effort was being made to reduce the annual running costs of the authority. An improved family and youth service offer had been developed and the community safety service was being rebuilt in conjunction with the police to encourage greater transparency and information sharing with joint tasking.</p> <p>Moving forward, a range of work had been planned which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £13.7m of Government funding secured to improve the thermal efficiency of the Civic Centre and some other buildings; • the introduction of a new waste and recycling service for flats; and • new electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the Borough. <p>The Leader noted that much separated the political groups but that there was also a lot that united them too. Both groups were unanimous in their commitment to serve residents and there might be times when the administration would use the ideas of the opposition. He paid tribute to the Council's Corporate Management Team and officers who delivered the vision set by Members and to all Councillors for the work that they did to make the Council great.</p>
	<p>MINUTE ANNEX A - COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS</p>
	<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.00 pm.</p>

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 2023/24

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

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

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

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Denys (Chairman)	Punja (Lead)
Corthorne (Vice-Chairman)	Burles
Bennett	Nelson
Chamdal (Reeta)	

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

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

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

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Burrows (Chairman)	Money (Lead)
Tuckwell (Vice-Chairman)	Kaur
Chapman	Garelick
Davies	

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

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Makwana (Chairman)	Sweeting (Lead)
Haggar (Vice-Chairman)	Gill
Bhatt	Judge
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

MAJOR APPLICATION PLANNING COMMITTEE: 7 (4-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Tuckwell (Chairman)	Dhot
Bennett (Vice-Chairman)	Garellick
Chamdal (Roy)	Gill
Corthorne	

BOROUGH PLANNING COMMITTEE: 7 (4-3)

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

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

PENSIONS COMMITTEE: 5 (2-3)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Banerjee	Mathers (Chairman)
Riley	Burles (Vice-Chairman)
	Islam
Substitutes	Substitutes
Chapman	Mand
Higgins	

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: 3 (2-1)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Edwards (Chairman)	Curling
Bianco (Vice-Chairman)	
Substitutes	Substitutes
All remaining Cabinet members - to be appointed dependent upon into which Cabinet portfolio the post(s) being interviewed falls	Farley
	Mathers
	Money
	Sweeting

REGISTRATION & APPEALS COMMITTEE: 5 (3-2)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Burrows (Chairman)	Money
Riley (Vice-Chairman)	Sweeting
Makwana	
Substitutes	Substitutes
All non-Cabinet members	All Labour Members

CABINET MEMBERS MAY BE MEMBERS OF THE TWO SUB-COMMITTEES SHOWN BELOW, BUT NO CABINET MEMBERS SHOULD SIT AS MEMBERS OF THE MAIN REGISTRATION AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

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.	

OTHER COMMITTEES / PANELS

(OUTSIDE THE OVERALL CALCULATION BUT ALLOCATED ON THE BASIS OF OVERALL POLITICAL BALANCE)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: 5 (3-2)

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

Non-voting Independent Person:

Graeme Armour (until July 2026)

AUDIT COMMITTEE: 5 (3-2)

Independent Member:

John Chesshire (Chairman)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Chamdal (Reeta) (Vice Chairman)	Burles
Denys	Nelson
Higgins	
Substitutes	Substitutes
Bhatt	Farley
Riley	

NO MEMBER OF CABINET MAY SIT ON AUDIT COMMITTEE.

LICENSING COMMITTEE: 10 (6-4)

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Chamdal (Roy) (Chairman)	Farley
Davies (Vice-Chairman)	Gardner
Chamdal (Reeta)	Lakhmana
Haggar	Nelson-West
Smallwood	
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.

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 2022):

The membership of the Board shall comprise:

- 1) Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care (Co-Chairman)
- 2) Hillingdon Health and Care Partners Managing Director (Co-Chairman)
- 3) Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education (Vice-Chairman)
- 4) LBH Chief Executive
- 5) LBH Executive Director Adult Services and Health
- 6) LBH Executive Director Children and Young People's Services
- 7) LBH Director, Public Health
- 8) NWL ICS - Hillingdon Board representative
- 9) NWL ICS - nominated lead
- 10) Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust - nominated lead
- 11) The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Chief Executive
- 12) Healthwatch Hillingdon - nominated lead
- 13) Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust - nominated lead
- 14) 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.
