



## **LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT**

**Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday, 26 May 2010 at 7.15 pm**

### **PRESENT:**

**The Worshipful the Mayor**  
Councillor Harbhajan Singh

**The Deputy Mayor**  
Councillor M Aslam Choudry

### **COUNCILLORS:**

Aden	Adeyeye
Al-Ebadi	Allie
Arnold	Ashraf
Mrs Bacchus	Baker
Beck	Beswick
Brown	Butt
Castle	Cheese
Chohan	S Choudhary
Clues	Colwill
Crane	Cummins
Daly	Denselow
Gladbaum	Green
Harrison	Hashmi
Hector	Hirani
Hossain	Hunter
John	Jones
Kabir	Kataria
Long	Lorber
Mashari	McLennan
Mistry	Mitchell Murray
J Moher	R Moher
Moloney	Naheerathan
Ogunro	Oladapo
BM Patel	R Patel
HB Patel	CJ Patel
Powney	Ms Shaw
Sheth	Sneddon
Steel	Thomas

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Councillors Matthews and HM Patel

### **1. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests**

None declared.

### **2. Mayor's announcements**

The Mayor stated he was honoured to preside over his first meeting of Full Council. He welcomed all newly elected members to the meeting as well as returning members.

The Mayor congratulated former-councillor Bob Blackman on his election as MP for Harrow East.

The Mayor reminded the meeting of his chosen charities for the year which were: Asian People's Disability Alliance, Shooting Stars Childrens' Hospice and St Luke's Hospice.

The Mayor drew attention to the list of current petitions showing progress on dealing with them circulated around the chamber in accordance with Standing Orders.

### **3. Independent members on Standards Committee**

The Borough Solicitor introduced her report which proposed increasing the number of alternate Independent Members on the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED:-

that the Members' Allowance Scheme in part 8 of the constitution be amended to provide for an additional alternate independent member of the Standards Committee.

### **4. Representation of political groups on committees**

The Council was required to review and determine the representation of the political groups on committees and allocate committee places to political groups accordingly at, or as soon as practicable after, its Annual meeting. The report before Members dealt with the rules to be applied on the allocation of places on committees established by the Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the size of the committees to be established by the Council and the allocation of seats to each of the political groups be as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>Conservatives</b>
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			<b>Democrats</b>	
General Purposes	10	6	3	1
Planning	11	7	3	1
Audit	3	2	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
Overview and Scrutiny	8	5	2	1
Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny	8*	5	2	1
Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing	15	10	4	1
Standards	3#	1	1	1

\*plus 4 voting co-opted members and 2 non voting co-opted members  
#plus 4 independent members

- (ii) to note that the political balance on sub-committees will be reviewed at the first meetings of the General Purposes Committee, Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## 5. The Executive

Councillor Moloney moved a motion to appoint the Leader.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that Councillor Ann John, OBE be appointed Leader of the Council for a four year term expiring upon the Annual meeting of the Council in May 2014;
- (ii) that the appointment of Councillor Muhammed Butt as Deputy Leader and the following Executive Members be noted:

### **Councillor**

*John (Leader and Chair)*

*Butt (Deputy Leader and Vice Chair)*

Thomas  
J Moher  
R Moher  
Crane

Beswick  
Jones

Powney  
Arnold

### **Portfolio**

*Corporate Strategy and Policy Co-ordination*

*Finance and Corporate Resources*

Housing and Customer Services  
Transport and Highways  
Adults, Health and Social Care  
Regeneration and Economic Development  
Crime Prevention and Public Safety  
Human Resources and Diversity,  
Local Democracy and Consultation  
Environment, Planning and Culture  
Children and Families

6. **Appointments to committees and outside bodies and appointment of chairs/vice chairs (if any)**

Nominations for the places on committees and other bodies, including chairs and vice chairs, and outside bodies were tabled.

Councillor Lorber amended the nomination of Councillor Clues on the Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee and the Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committee (A) by replacing him with Councillor Cheese.

Councillor Lorber proposed that the chairs of the area consultative forums should be picked from the party with the greatest number of seats in the respective area. On this basis he proposed Councillor Green as chair of the Kilburn and Kensal Area Consultative Forum. In respect of the Willesden Area Consultative Forum the number of councillors representing this area was equal between Labour and the Liberal Democrats and so Councillor Lorber proposed that councillors from each party alternate each year and he proposed Councillor Ashraf for 2010/11. These nominations were put to the vote and declared LOST. In voting against the proposals, Councillor John agreed to further discussion of the arrangements for area consultative forums within discussions to be held on various aspects of the Council's constitution.

Councillor Lorber withdrew the nomination of Councillor Cummins to one of the positions on the Tricycle Theatre. Upon a vote it was agreed that Councillors Long, Ogunro, Jones and Steel be appointed to the Brent Housing Partnership Board.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) that the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and membership of committees be appointed as set out in Appendix A to these minutes;
- (ii) that John Mann be re-appointed Chair and Angela Ruotolo appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee;
- (iii) that the following voting co-optees be appointed to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2010/11:

Mr Akisanya	Parent Governor, Primary
Dr Kumar	Parent Governor, Secondary
Mr R Lorenzato	Catholic faith
Vacancy	Church of England faith

- (iv) that Dr J Levison, representing the Jewish faith, and Mrs Shalla Tabi, representing the Muslim faith, be appointed as non-voting co-opted members of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2010/11;
- (v) that appointments/nominations to outside bodies be made as set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

**7. Municipal calendar of meetings for 2010/11**

Councillor Moloney moved the adoption of the calendar of meetings as amended by the tabled supplementary report and subject to the Executive on Monday 21 June 2010 being moved to Wednesday 23 June 2010.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the dates for Full Council and other meetings to take place during 2010/2011 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, as amended, be agreed in principle;
- (ii) that the Democratic Services Manager be authorised to make any alterations deemed necessary to the calendar during the course of the municipal year, subject to the usual consultation.

**8. Urgent business**

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

COUNCILLOR HARBHAJAN SINGH  
Mayor