



## **LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT**

### **Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held on Monday 10 July 2017 at 7.00 pm**

#### **PRESENT:**

**The Worshipful the Mayor**  
Councillor Bhagwanji Chohan

**The Deputy Mayor**  
Councillor Arshad Mahmood

#### **COUNCILLORS:**

Aden	Agha
Ahmed	Allie
Bradley	Butt
Carr	Chan
S Choudhary	Colacicco
Collier	Colwill
Conneely	Crane
Davidson	Denselow
Dixon	Duffy
Ezeajughi	Farah
Harrison	Hirani
Hoda-Benn	Hossain
Hylton	Jones
Kabir	Kansagra
Kelcher	Long
Marquis	Mashari
Maurice	McLeish
McLennan	Miller
Moher	J Mitchell Murray
W Mitchell Murray	Naheerathan
Nerva	M Patel
RS Patel	Perrin
Pitruzzella	Shahzad
Ms Shaw	Ketan Sheth
Krupa Sheth	Southwood
Stopp	Tatler
Thomas	Van Kalwala
Warren	

## 7. Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) A £10million increase to the Council's 2017/2018 Capital Programme, in order to meet the cost of enhancing the fire safety measures in the Council's housing stock, be agreed;
- (ii) The Council's Chief Executive be asked to write to the Government as a matter of urgency to request that the Government provide direct financial support to meet the costs that will be incurred;
- (iii) The Council's Chief Executive be asked to write to the Government as a matter of urgency to request that the Government urgently consider revocation of the permitted development rights for office to residential conversions, in order to ensure that such proposals go through the proper planning process to enable full consideration of all relevant planning considerations;
- (iv) It be noted that a report which proposed an outline programme of works would be taken to the Council's Cabinet meeting on 24 July 2017;
- (v) It be noted that a report with a fully itemised and costed programme of work would be prepared for Cabinet consideration and approval by October 2017, and that its implementation would be monitored by the Housing Scrutiny Committee;
- (vi) The Council's Strategic Director of Community Wellbeing be asked to write to Registered Providers in the borough to request that they keep the Council updated as to the status of their Fire Risk Assessments for the high risk tower blocks that they were responsible for within the borough;
- (vii) The Council's Chief Executive be asked to write to the Government as a matter of urgency to request that the Government review the use of building control teams from the private sector and other Councils to inspect buildings for the purposes of building control approval, which can mean a total lack of oversight by the relevant local authority inspectors of the fire risk level in some privately owned high rise blocks; and
- (viii) The Council's Chief Executive be asked to write to the Government as a matter of urgency to request that the Government address whether licensing laws for landlords in the private sector are stringent enough to ensure that all dwellings are fit for human habitation.