

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

At a **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** of the **LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT** held at Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, Middlesex on **Monday, 17th May 2004 at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor A Shahzad

The Deputy Mayor
Councillor C Moloney

COUNCILLORS:

Allie	Kansagra
Arnold	Lemmon
Bellia	D Long
Beswick	J Long
R Blackman	Lorber
V Brown	Lyon
Chavda	Moher
N Colwill	Nerva
R Colwill	O'Sullivan
Crane	B M Patel
Cribbin	H M Patel
Coughlin	H B Patel
Davies	R S Patel
Dromey	Rands
Farrell	Sattar-Butt
Mrs Fernandes	Sayers
Fiegel	Sengupta
Fox	Shah
Freeson	Singh
Gladbaum	Steel
Halder	Taylor
Harrod	Thomas
John	Thompson
Jones	Van Colle
Joseph	Wharton
Kabir	Zakriya
Kagan	

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Council over which he was presiding.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs N Blackman, Duffin, Gillani, McGovern and C J Patel.

2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Rands chose to declare a personal interest in the item on 'Proposed Revisions to Brent's Constitution' insofar as it dealt with Members' Allowances.

3. Proposed Revisions to Brent's Constitution

The Borough Solicitor introduced the report which set out a number of proposed changes to the Constitution. These represented the work of the Constitutional Monitoring Group over the last year.

An amendment to the report concerning the Annual Investment Strategy and amending Article 4.2 of the Constitution - Appendix 10 of the report was tabled.

It was pointed out that the current drafting of Standing Order 46, paragraphs (e) and (g) which were replicated in Appendix 2 of the report made incorrect reference to timings and that where it said 20 minutes in paragraph (e) it should say 25 minutes and where it said 10 minutes in paragraph (g) it should say 15 minutes.

Councillor Lorber moved the following six motions which sought:

- (A) To reduce and in some cases delete the amounts paid under Special Responsibility Allowances and Civic Allowances contained within the Members' Allowance Scheme.
- (B) To amend the Constitution to allow for a public question time and presentation of petitions at all meetings of full Council.
- (C) To reduce the number of members required to 'call-in' a decision of the Executive to any 5 non-executive members.
- (D) To abolish the Overview Committee and incorporate its functions into scrutiny thereby avoiding confusion over the roles of scrutiny and overview and simplify the committee structure.
- (E) To establish a Transport Scrutiny Panel of 7 members to monitor and help develop the Council's work in agreeing key

objectives with transport providers and to bring pressure on service delivery.

- (F) To restrict the Mayor to only attending functions that are of direct benefit to Brent residents, to reduce the cost of the Mayoralty by £50,000 in 2005/05 and a further £50,000 in 2005/06, to end the practice of appointing a Deputy Mayor and to develop a code of conduct and duties for the role of the Mayor.

Councillor D Long moved a procedural motion that all the above motions be voted upon en-bloc which was CARRIED.

The view was expressed that to move motions of such significance to the Council's Constitution at such a late stage was unreasonable and that these proposals should have first been submitted to the Constitutional Monitoring Group for discussion. It was noted that although the Constitutional Monitoring Group was a cross-party group, no Liberal Democrat Councillors had attended the meetings during the last year.

The motions tabled and moved by Councillor Lorber were put to the vote and LOST.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the motions tabled in the name of Councillor Lorber be voted upon en-bloc;
- (ii) that the proposed future monitoring of the Executive arrangements, as outlined in paragraph 6.2 of the report, be noted;
- (iii) that the changes already made to the Constitution by Full Council since 19th May 2003 be noted;
- (iv) that the changes to Standing Orders made by the Borough Solicitor under her delegated powers since 19th May 2003 summarised at Appendix 1 and shown as tracked changes at Appendix 2 of the report be approved;
- (v) that the changes to the Constitution shown at Appendices 3 to 21 of the report be agreed.

(In accordance with Standing Order 48(d), Councillor Rands required his abstention in the votes on the motions submitted by Councillor Lorber and on resolution (i) to be recorded).

4. **Review of Representation of Political Groups on Committees**

The Council had before it a report which dealt with the rules to be applied on the allocation of seats on the committees to be established by the Council to political groups.

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:

Committee	Lab	Cons	Lib Dem
Overview	11	4	2
Scrutiny	11	4	2
General Purposes	6	3	2
Planning	6	3	1
TOTAL	32	11	7

- (ii) to note that the political balance on sub-committees would be reviewed at the meetings of the General Purposes Committee, Scrutiny Committee and Overview Committee to be held at the rising of the Special Council meeting;
- (iii) that John Mann and Nav Mandair be appointed to serve as the independent members on the Standards Committee for a two-year term and that John Mann be re-appointed Chair of the Committee and Nav Mandair be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee;
- (iv) that the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and membership of committees be as set out in Appendix A to these minutes;
- (v) that the following voting co-optees be appointed to the Scrutiny and Overview Committees and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for the municipal year 2004/05;

Mr R Lorenzato	Roman Catholic Church
Mrs G Bondzi-Simpson	Parent Governor, Primary
Dr N Kumar	Parent Governor, Secondary
Reverend P Stone	Church of England

- (vi) that Dr J Levison, representing the Jewish faith, and Mr Y Al-Khoei, representing the Muslim faith, be appointed as non-voting co-opted members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committees and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for the municipal year 2004/05;

5. **The Executive**

RESOLVED:

that the following members be appointed to the Executive:

Councillor	(Portfolio)
John (Leader)	Corporate Strategy and Policy Co-ordination
Coughlin (Deputy Leader)	Corporate Resources
Beswick*	Community Consultation and Public Safety
Fox*	Health and Social Care
Kagan*	Democratic Services
Jones*	Environment and Planning
D Long	Equalities and Service Improvement
Lyon	Education, Arts and Libraries
R S Patel*	Regeneration and Economic Development
Thomas	Housing

*indicates members of the Highways Committee

6. **Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies**

Mr John Mann (Independent Chair of Standards Committee) and newly appointed independent member Nav Mandair were welcomed to the meeting.

The appointment of chairs, vice chairs and members (including co-opted members) had been dealt with under item 4 above. Councillor Lyon moved and Councillor Kansagra seconded the following motion.

Members acknowledged that thanks had already been given to the co-opted members, observers and others for their outstanding service at the Annual Meeting of the Council. The point was made that in future this was the most appropriate meeting at which such thanks should be given.

RESOLVED:

that the Council place on record their thanks and regard for the outstanding public service rendered by the independent members on the Standards Committee during the past municipal year.

7. **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

The following nominations were made at the meeting:

Brent Police/Community Consultative Group - Councillor Allie
Councillor Rands (in place)

Brent Sports Council	of Councillor Duffin)
Brent Housing Partnership Board	- Councillor Lorber
	- Councillor Ms Shaw

RESOLVED:-

that appointments/nominations to outside bodies be as set out in Appendix B to these minutes, taking account of the changes made at the meeting except for the nomination of Councillor Ms C Shaw to the Brent Housing Partnership Board which was put to the vote and LOST

8. **Municipal Calendar of Meetings 2004/05**

The Council had before them a draft Calendar of Meetings for 2004/05 which reflected the structure contained in the Council's Constitution. Amendments to the calendar had been circulated under separate cover and further amendments were tabled.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the draft calendar as amended for 2004/05 be agreed;
- (ii) to note that meetings of full Council are scheduled to take place on the following dates:-

- 28th June 2004
- 20th September 2004
- 25th October 2004
- 29th November 2004
- 31st January 2005
- 28th February 2005 (Council Tax and budget setting)
- 18th April 2005
- 11th May 2005 (Annual Meeting)
- 16th May 2005 (Constitution and Appointments)

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm

A SHAHZAD
Mayor

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APPENDIX A

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 18 MAY 2004 – MAY 2005

- Members are shown in capital letters
- First and second alternates are shown opposite in that order
- Chairs are denoted (C) and Vice-Chairs (VC)
- The political balance is shown by the name of each committee/sub-committee as follows (5/2/1).

THE EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE

(10/0/0)

BESWICK	Community Consultation & Public Safety
COUGHLIN (VC)	Deputy Leader – Corporate Resources
FOX	Health & Social Care
JOHN (C)	Leader – Corporate Strategy & Policy Co-ordination
JONES	Environment & Planning
KAGAN	Democratic Services
D LONG	Equalities & Service Improvement
LYON	Education, Arts & Libraries
RS PATEL	Regeneration & Economic Development
THOMAS	Housing
MOHER	(Observer)

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

(5/0/0)

BESWICK
FOX
JONES (C)
KAGAN (VC)
RS PATEL

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(6/3/2)

COUGHLIN (VC)	Cribbin	Arnold
JOHN (C)	Beswick	Davies
KAGAN	Jones	Harrod
D LONG	Moher	Gladbaum
LYON	Fox	Thomas
R S PATEL	Sengupta	Thompson
R BLACKMAN	Van Colle	Mrs Fernandes
R COLWILL	O'Sullivan	Sayers
HB PATEL	Duffin	Kansagra
V BROWN	D Brown	Allie
LORBER	Chavda	Wharton

OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

(11/4/2) plus co-optees

ARNOLD	Moher	
CRIBBIN	Dromey	
FARRELL	McGovern	
FREESON	Crane	
HALDER	Davies	
KABIR	J Long	
MOLONEY	Joseph	
NERVA (VC)	Zakriya	
SATTAR-BUTT	Singh	
SENGUPTA	Gladbaum	
THOMPSON (C)	Harrod	
R BLACKMAN	HB Patel	Sayers
BM PATEL	HM Patel	Rands
STEEL	O'Sullivan	R Colwill
VAN COLLE	Mrs Fernandes	Mrs N Blackman
HUGHES	Lorber	Allie
WHARTON	CJ Patel	Chavda

VOTING CO-OPTEES: *Rev Phil Stone*
 Mrs Bondzi-Simpson
 Mr Lorenzato
 Dr Kumar

NON-VOTING CO-OPTEES: *Dr Levison*
 Mr Al-Khoei

PLANNING COMMITTEE

(6/3/1)

CRIBBIN (C)	D Long	Halder
FREESON	Shahzad	Sattar-Butt
HARROD (VC)	RS Patel	Thompson
MCGOVERN	Fox	Moher
SENGUPTA	Kabir	Thomas
SINGH	Beswick	Crane
 KANSAGRA	 BM Patel	 Van Colle
HM PATEL	Mrs Fernandes	O'Sullivan
STEEL	HB Patel	R Colwill
 CHAVDA	 Lorber	 D Brown

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(11/4/2) plus co-optees

BELLIA	Joseph	
CRANE (VC)	Singh	
DROMEY	Freeson	
GLADBAUM	Arnold	
HARROD	Kabir	
LEMMON	Davies	
J LONG	Nerva	
MCGOVERN	Thompson	
MOHER	Sengupta	
SATTAR-BUTT	Farrell	
ZAKRIYA	Halder	
 DUFFIN	 R Blackman	 Gillani

**FIEGEL
HB PATEL
TAYLOR (C)**

R Colwill
Mrs Fernandes
N Colwill

Van Colle
O'Sullivan
Sayers

**D BROWN
LORBER**

CJ Patel
V Brown

Chavda
Shah

VOTING CO-OPTEES:

*Rev Phil Stone
Mrs Bondzi-Simpson
Mr Lorenzato
Dr Kumar*

NON-VOTING CO-OPTEES:

*Dr Levison
Mr Al-Khoei*

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(1/1/1) plus independent members

NERVA

R COLWILL

HUGHES

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: *John Mann (C)
Nav Mandair (VC)*

OTHER BODIES & PANELS

ADOPTION & PERMANENCY PANEL

(2/0/0)

**LEMMON
SINGH**

FOSTERING PANEL

(1/0/0)

GLADBAUM

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FORUM

(3/1/1)

**LYON
SINGH
THOMPSON**

KANSAGRA

WHARTON

SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

(4/2/1)

**HALDER
JONES
D LONG
LYON**

**KANSAGRA
TAYLOR**

WHARTON

TRADING STANDARDS JOINT ADVISORY BOARD

(2/1/0)

**JONES
J LONG**

Beswick
Dromey

Davies
Farrell

O'SULLIVAN

HB Patel

R Colwill

WELSH HARP JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

(2/1/0)

**HARROD
MCGOVERN**

Farrell
Fox

Moher
Sengupta

O'SULLIVAN

Kansagra

Van Colle

SERVICE USER CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

USER FORUM	CHAIR	ADDITIONAL LABOUR COUNCILLOR	CONSERVATIVE COUNCILLOR
BLACK & MINORITY ETHNIC	Joseph	Kabir	Gillani
CHILDREN	Gladbaum	RS Patel	N Colwill
DISABILITIES & MENTAL HEALTH	Harrod	Crane	Steel
PENSIONERS'	Singh	Halder	BM Patel
PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING	J Long	McGovern	Duffin
VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON	Lemmon	Zakriya	Sayers
YOUTH MATTERS 2	Sattar-Butt	Nerva	Gillani

AREA CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

AREA FORUM	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR
HARLESDEN	Zakriya	Gladbaum
KILBURN & KENSAL	Nerva	Thompson
KINGSBURY & KENTON	Dromey	Sengupta
WEMBLEY	Arnold	Moloney
WILLESDEN	Farrell	Halder

APPENDIX B

ORGANISATION NAME	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES 2003/04	APPOINTMENT DURATION	NOMINATIONS 2004/05	OTHER REPRESENTATIVES
Corporate				
ALG - (Limited)	John [L] (voting), Coughlin [L], Kagan [L]		John [L] (voting) Coughlin [L] Kagan [L]	
ALG - Crime & Public Protection Panel	Beswick [L], Arnold [L] (deputy)		Beswick [L] Arnold [L] (deputy)	
ALG - Economic Development Panel	RS Patel [L], Arnold [L] (deputy)		R S Patel [L] Arnold [L] (deputy)	
ALG - Grants Committee (Associated Joint Committee)	Kagan [L], Coughlin [L] (deputy), Moloney [L] (deputy), Shahzad [L] (deputy)		Kagan [L] Coughlin [L] (deputy) Moloney [L] Lemmon [L] (deputy)	
ALG - Greater London Provincial Panel	John [L], Coughlin [L] (deputy)		John [L] Coughlin [L] (deputy)	
ALG - Lead Member for Equalities	D Long [L], Halder [L] (deputy)		D Long [L] Joseph [L] (deputy)	
ALG - Leaders' Committee (s101 Joint Committee)	John [L], Coughlin [L] (deputy), Kagan [L] (deputy) Farrell* [L], Moloney* [L], Dromey [L], Duffin [C], Allie [LD]		John [L] Coughlin [L] (deputy) Kagan [L] (deputy) Farrell* [L] Moloney* [L] Dromey [L] Rands [C] Allie [LD] *Also on Management Committee	
Brent Police/Community Consultative Group	*Also on Management Committee Harrod [L], McGovern [L], Moloney [L], RS Patel [L], O'Sullivan [C], Van Colle [C], Kansagra [C]		Harrod [L] McGovern [L] Moloney [L] R S Patel [L] O'Sullivan [C] Van Colle [C] Kansagra [C]	

Changing Practices SRB Board	RS Patel [L]	R S Patel [L]	
Community Legal Services Partnership	Davies [L]	Moher [L]	
Greater London Enterprise Board Harrow and District Telecommunications Advisory Committee	Thompson [L] Moher [L]	Thompson [L] Moher [L]	
Kilburn Regeneration Board	Nerva [L], Thompson [L], Arnold [L] (deputy), Cribbin [L] (deputy)	Nerva [L] Thompson [L] Arnold [L] (deputy) Cribbin [L] (deputy)	
LGA General Assembly Local Government Information Unit (Management Committee)	John [L], Coughlin [L] (Deputy) Nerva [L], Thompson [L] (deputy)	John [L] Coughlin [L] (deputy) Nerva [L] Thompson [L] (deputy)	
North West London Chamber	Jones [L]	Thompson [L]	
North West London Valuation Tribunal			Mr T Eastman*, Mr AC Johnson*, Mr T Myles*, Mr C Shaw*, Mr M Haftel**, Mr K Sheth**, Ms P White**, Mr M Ahulwalia**, Mr M Shah**
Park Royal Partnership Limited	Shahzad [L]	Bellia [L]	
Partners for Brent (LSP) Refugees Into Jobs	John [L], Coughlin [L] (deputy) Singh [L], R S Patel [L] (deputy)	John [L] Coughlin [L] (deputy) Singh [L] R S Patel [L] (deputy)	

*Appointed for the period ending 31/12/09,
**Appointed for the period ending 31/12/06

Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London	Mrs N Blackman [C]	Appointed for a 3 year period from May 2002	Mrs N Blackman* [C] Appointed for a three-year period from May 2002	
<i>Education, Arts & Libraries</i>				
ALG - Culture & Tourism Panel	Lyon [L], Jones [L] (deputy)		Lyon [L] Arnold [L] (deputy)	
ALG - Education Panel	Lyon [L], Jones [L] (deputy)		Lyon [L] Jones [L] (deputy)	
Brent Education and Environmental Centres Advisory Body	Fox [L], Lyon [L], Nerva [L], Taylor [C], O'Sullivan [C]		Fox [L], Lyon [L] Nerva [L] Taylor [C] O'Sullivan [C]	
Connexions London West	Arnold [L]		Arnold [L]	
Corporation of College of North West London	John [L]	Appointed for 4 year period until 5th June 2004	John [L]	Dr Krutika Pau (Nee Tanna)
Early Years Development & Childcare Partnership (EYDCP)	Gladbaum [L]		Gladbaum [L]	
Edward Harvist Trust	Nerva [L]	Appointed for a 4 year period from August 2002	Nerva [L]	Mr Len Snow
London Archaeological Forum				
London Arts Board - Local Authority Forum	Thompson [L], Fiegel [C]		Thompson [L] Fiegel [C]	
Museums Association	Jones [L]		Jones [L]	

Standing Advisory Council for
Religious Education (SACRE)

Lyon [L], RS Patel [L], Sattar-
Butt [L]

Lyon [L] Singh [L] Nerva [L]

Wembley Eleemosynary Charities

Mrs N Blackman [C], Fiegel [C],
HB Patel [C], BM Patel [C]

Mrs N Blackman [C] Fiegel [C] H B
Patel [C] B M Patel [C]

Environment

ALG - Transport and Environment
Committee (Associated Joint
Committee)

Jones [L], J Long [L] (deputy),
Lyon [L] (deputy), Nerva [L]
(deputy), Thompson [L]
(deputy)

Jones [L] J Long [L] (deputy) Lyon
[L] (deputy) Nerva [L] (deputy)
Thompson [L] (deputy)

Brent Energy Network

Harrod [L]

Harrod [L]

Brent Sports Council

Davies [L], N Colwill [C], Lorber
[LD]

Davies [L] N Colwill [C] Lorber
[LD]

Heritage of London Trust
Local Authorities Aircraft Noise
Council

Sayers [C]

Sayers [C]

Freeson [L], Rands [C]

Freeson [L] Rands [C]

London Accident Prevention
Council

Moloney [L], HB Patel [C]

Moloney [L] H B Patel [C]

London Canals Consultative
Committee

Nerva [L], Gillani [C]

Nerva [L] Steel [C]

London Home and Water Safety
Council

BM Patel [C]

B M Patel [C]

London Youth Games Ltd
Committee

Davies [L]

Sattar-Butt [L]

National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection Dromey [L], J Long [L], Lyon [L], Nerva [L], Steel [C]

Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group Freeson [L], Davies [L]

Dromey [L] J Long [L] Nerva [L] H M Patel [C] Steel [C]

Freeson [L] Davies [L] Nerva [L]

Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee, National Rivers Authority (Thames Region)

Wembley Football and Athletic Club

Moloney [L]

Moloney [L]

Cllr Clarke
(Hounslow)

West London Waste Authority

Jones [L]

Jones [L]

West London Waste Authority - Landfill Tax Credit Scheme

Lyon [L]

Lyon [L]

Housing

ALG - Housing Panel

Thomas [L], J Long [L] (deputy)

Thomas [L] J Long [L] (deputy)

ALG - London Housing Unit Committee (Sectoral Joint Committee)

Thomas [L], J Long [L] (deputy)

Thomas [L] J Long [L] (deputy)

ALG - London Housing Unit Executive Sub-Committee	Thomas [L], Harrod [L] (deputy) Harrod [L], J Long [L], Moher [L], Freeson [L], O'Sullivan [C], Kansagra [C]	Thomas [L] Harrod [L] (deputy) Harrod [L] J Long [L] Moher [L] Coughlin [L] O'Sullivan [C] Kansagra [C]
Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) Board		
Chalkhill Community Trust Fund	RS Patel [L], Harrod [L]	R S Patel [L] Harrod [L]
Ealing Family London Regional Committee	Harrod [L]	Harrod [L] Thomas* [L] Halder** [L] Zakriya** [L] *Corporate Representative **Company Members
Fortunegate Housing Action Trust	Thomas* [L], Halder** [L], Zakriya** [L] *Corporate Representative **Company Members	
LHC - Building Components & Services	Harrod [L], J Long [L], Thomas [L]	Harrod [L] J Long [L] Thomas [L]
Shepherds Bush Housing Association	Harrod [L]	Harrod [L]
Stadium Housing Association Ltd Management Committee	Thomas [L]	Thomas [L]

Stonebridge Community Based Housing Association (CBHA)	Moloney [L]	Appointed end of April 2004.	Moloney [L]
Stonebridge Housing Action Trust Board	Harrod [L], Moloney [L]	Appointed for the period ending 31/10/03	Harrod [L] Moloney [L]
Willow Housing Board	Fox [L], Harrod [L], Thomas [L]		Fox [L] Harrod [L] Thomas [L]

Social Services

Acworth Trust	Fox [L], John [L], Nerva [L]	Appointed for 4 year period from May 2000	Fox [L] John [L] Nerva [L]
Age Concern London	Singh [L]		Singh [L]
ALG - Health & Social Care Panel	Fox [L], Farrell [L] (deputy)		Fox [L] Farrell [L] (deputy)
Brent Learning Disabilities Partnership Board	J Long [L], Fox [L]		J Long [L] Fox [L]
Continuing Care Review Panel	Fox [L]		Fox [L]
Healthy Harlesden Partnership	Fox [L]		Fox [L]

Kingsbury Charities	Dromey [L]*	*appointed for a 4 year period from November 2002 **appointed for a 4 year period from October 2000		
		Dromey [L]		
		Mrs Tookey**		
National Childrens' Bureau	Gladbaum [L]	Gladbaum [L]		
Willesden Consolidated Charities	Jones [L], J Long [L], Shahzad [L], Thomas [L]	Jones [L] J Long [L] Sharzad [L] Thomas [L]		