

London Borough of Brent – Summary of decisions taken at the Annual Council Meeting on Wednesday 22 May 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Dar (Mayor), Collymore (Deputy Mayor), Aden, Afzal, Agha, Ahmed, Ahmadi-Moghaddam, Akram, Bajwa, Begum, Benea, M.Butt, S.Butt, Chan, Chappell, Chohan, Choudry, Conneely, Dixon, Donnelly-Jackson, Ethapemi, Farah, Fraser, Gbajumo, Georgiou, Grahl, Hack, Hirani, Hylton Johnson, Kabir, Kansagra, Kelcher, Kennelly, Knight, Long, Lorber, Mahmood, Matin, Maurice, Miller, Mitchell, Moeen, Molloy, Nerva, J.Patel, M.Patel, Rajan-Seelan, Rubin, Shah, Ketan Sheth, Krupa Sheth and Southwood.

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Crabb, Mistry, Smith and Tatler.
2	To elect the Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2024 - 2025	Councillor Tariq Dar MBE was elected to serve as Mayor of the London Borough of Brent for the 2024 - 25 Municipal Year.
3	To appoint a Councillor of the Borough to be Deputy Mayor	Councillor Diana Collymore was appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Brent for the 2024 - 25 Municipal Year.
4	Vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor	NOTED (1) the vote of thanks to the co-opted and independent members serving on the Council's committees. (2) the vote of thanks and tributes paid to the outgoing Mayor with contributions from Councillors M.Butt, Kansagra, Kabir, Mahmood, Kennelly, Moeen, Gbajumo, Hack, Miller, S.Butt, Nerva, Johnson, Choudry and Dixon.
5	Declarations of Interest	There were no interests declared by Members at the meeting.
6	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	AGREED the minutes from the Council meeting held on Thursday 29 February 2024 as a correct record.
7	Annual Review of Constitution	Council RESOLVED :

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		<p>(1) To agree the amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 of the report reflecting the corporate realignment of senior managers and directorates and updating the responsibility for functions, Terms of Reference for the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee and Local Code of Corporate Governance as well as the arrangements for Group Motions at Full Council meetings (under Standing Order 41).</p> <p>Having been put to the vote, proposed amendments to the Constitution relating to the chairing and vice-chairing arrangements for scrutiny moved by Councillor Georgiou were declared LOST.</p> <p>(2) To note that the list of Cabinet Members and Portfolio Holders in Part 1 of the Constitution would be updated to reflect the appointments made and allocation of functions by the Leader.</p> <p>(3) To authorise the Corporate Director of Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly, including making any necessary incidental or consequential changes.</p> <p>(4) To note that, to the extent the changes agreed under (1) above related to executive functions of the Council, they had been approved by the Leader.</p>
8	Representation of Political Groups on Committees	<p>Council RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) To agree the size of each Committee, as detailed within the report.</p> <p>(2) To approve the allocation of seats on Committees to each of the Council’s political groups (where the rules of political balance applied) as set out within the</p>

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		<p>report and to make appointments to those committees (under agenda item 9 on the agenda) giving effect to the wishes of the political group allocated the seats.</p> <p>(3) To note that the political balance on Council Sub-Committees would be reviewed at the first meeting of the General Purposes Committee and Licensing Committee to be held following the Annual Council Meeting</p>
9	Appointment to Committees and Outside Bodies including the appointment of Chairs & Vice-Chairs	<p>Council RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the appointments of members, co-opted members and substitutes to Council Committees and Outside Bodies for the 2024-2025 Municipal Year, as detailed within section 3.2.4 and Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>(2) To approve the appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs to Council Committees for the 2024-2025 Municipal Year, as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>(3) To note the appointments:</p> <p>(a) of the Cabinet, Cabinet Committees and Joint Executive Committees and their respective Chairs and Vice Chairs for the 2024-2025 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.</p> <p>(b) to be confirmed by the General Purposes Committee for the 2024-2025 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.</p> <p>(c) to be confirmed by Licensing Committee for the 2024-2025 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.</p>
10	Calendar of Council Meetings for	Council RESOLVED

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	the 2024 -2025 Municipal Year	<p>(1) To approve the dates for Full Council and other meetings to take place during the 2024-25 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>(2) That the Deputy Director Democratic Services be authorised to make any alterations deemed necessary to the Municipal Calendar during the course of the year having consulted with the Leader of the Council, Leaders of the Opposition Group(s) and Chair of the affected meeting.</p>
11	Review of Arrangements for "Call In" of Executive decisions to Scrutiny Committees	<p>Council RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To adopt the change in arrangements for call-in of Executive decisions requiring the submission of a valid call-in request by five non-cabinet members to involve those members representing more than one political group.</p> <p>Having been put to the vote, an amendment moved by Councillor Lorber detailing alternative arrangements relating to the number of members required to submit a valid call-in was declared LOST.</p> <p>(2) Following on from (1) above, to authorise the Corporate Director of Law & Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly, including making any necessary incidental or consequential changes.</p>
12	Urgent Business	None.