



## **LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT**

**Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
held as an online meeting on Thursday 29 April 2021 at 2.00 pm**

### **PRESENT (in remote attendance):**

**The Worshipful the Mayor**  
Councillor Lia Colacicco

**The Deputy Mayor**  
Councillor Abdi Aden

### **COUNCILLORS:**

Abdi	Afzal
Agha	Ahmed
Akram	M Butt
S Butt	Chan
Chappell	Chohan
S Choudhary	A Choudry
Colwill	Crane
Daly	Dar
Denselow	Dixon
Donnelly-Jackson	Ethapemi
Ezeajughi	Farah
Gbajumo	Georgiou
Hassan	Hector
Hirani	Hylton
Johnson	Kabir
Kansagra	Kelcher
Kennelly	Knight
Lloyd	Lo
Long	Mahmood
Mashari	Maurice
McLeish	McLennan
Mitchell Murray	Murray
Naheerathan	Nerva
M Patel	Perrin
Sangani	Shah
Shahzad	Ketan Sheth
Krupa Sheth	Southwood
Stephens	Tatler
Thakkar	

## 1. Welcoming Statement

Prior to formally opening the meeting, the Mayor (Councillor Ezeajughi) took the opportunity to welcome everyone and invited Carolyn Downs, as Chief Executive, to run through the guidance issued in relation to conduct of the online meeting. Having noted the guidance, the Mayor then moved on to the formal agenda for the meeting.

## 2. Apologies for Absence

The Mayor advised that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Conneely and Ramesh Patel.

## 3. To elect the Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2021/2022

Prior to handing over to the Chief Executive for the conduct of the election process, Councillor Ezeajughi (as outgoing Mayor) began by asking members for nominations to the office of Mayor of the London Borough of Brent for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year.

Councillor M Butt (Leader of the Council) proceeded to nominate Councillor Lia Colacicco. In moving the nomination, he thanked Councillor Ezeajughi and his family for their hard work and dedication during his extended period as Mayor, recognising what had been a challenging two years not only in terms of his civic role but also for the borough as a whole in responding to the pandemic. In nominating Councillor Colacicco, he felt confident she would be able to continue in the same manner providing the necessary civic leadership for the borough as it sought to recover from the pandemic.

Councillor McLennan (Deputy Leader of the Council) seconded Councillor M Butt's nomination of Councillor Colacicco for the office of Mayor of the London Borough of Brent for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year.

There were no other nominations and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that Councillor Lia Colacicco be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Brent for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year.

*Councillor Colacicco proceeded to sign the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor.*

## 4. To appoint a Councillor of the Borough to be Deputy Mayor

Councillor Colacicco, as newly appointed Mayor, thanked members for her nomination and appointment as Mayor. She then announced that she had appointed Councillor Abdi Aden to serve as Deputy Mayor for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year.

Councillor Colacicco then formally returned thanks for her appointment and began by commenting on her pride in being nominated as Mayor and expressing gratitude to her predecessor Councillor Ezeajughi for his outstanding work across the borough during his two years as Mayor, which she pointed out would be difficult to follow. She also congratulated Councillor Aden on his appointment as Deputy

Mayor and thanked all members for their faith in appointing her to take on the role as first citizen of the borough.

The Mayor then went on to share some information about her background. She explained that she was the daughter of Italian immigrants who had moved to the country in the 1960s. She studied Psychology at City University and had then spent the 1980s extensively travelling on business, where she had developed her fascination for other cultures. Having settled down to married life and having two children, she had gradually become more interested in the growing environmental movement. Following a period as a Friends of the Earth activist she then had the honour and privilege to be elected as a councillor for Mapesbury ward in 2014.

Whilst commenting on what she felt her parents would have made of her appointment as Mayor, Councillor Colacicco emphasised the importance of the role and of councillors in general. Recognising the difference they could make in representing their local communities, she encouraged residents to make contact with their local councillors and to get involved whenever possible.

Councillor Colacicco then outlined her aims for her Mayoralty. She hoped to help Brent get the recognition it deserved, and to encourage everyone to make small changes to their lifestyles, including cutting their carbon footprint. Her overall message would be that small change added up, and her mantra would be that Brent is best.

Describing Brent as a melting pot full interesting variety and complex contradictions Councillor Colacicco went on to reflect on some of these. Referring to the report commissioned by the Council on poverty she highlighted the example of residents having to pay for the costs of inner city life yet at the same time living on a suburban wage. She also highlighted the fact the Borough was home to the world famous Wembley Stadium at the centre of the £25b football industry but with one third of households in Brent some way dependant on the welfare system. Whilst supporting the delivery of thousands of new homes, she also highlighted the significant levels of overcrowding in the borough, particularly (despite the Council's ongoing efforts) in the under-regulated private rented sector. Turning to education she also highlighted the fact that 165 languages were spoken across the boroughs schools with 96% managing to achieve good or outstanding Ofsted ratings. As a final example of the apparent contradictions she referred to the borough being home to the Welsh Harp reservoir and acres of parkland whilst at the same time experiencing some of the highest pollution levels in Europe linked to the North Circular Road and A5.

Councillor Colacicco also felt that the Council was too modest about its successes, and was keen to ensure the borough and staff received the recognition and promotion they deserved. As an example she highlighted the way staff had been required to adapt in responding to the pandemic with many having to learn new skills and take on new roles in assisting to deliver the Council's response and support to vulnerable residents, often at risk to their own health. In promoting the borough, she felt these efforts needed to be recognised and was therefore pleased to be able to list some of the awards won by staff in Brent since 2018. These had included a member of staff from Alperton Community School being named Global Teacher of the Year; Brent being awarded Parking and Legal Team of the year along with the Royal Town Planning Institutes Local Authority Planning Team of the

year; a member of staff being recognised as Young Lawyer of the year as well as the Council achieving the status of Young Local Authority of the year and being awarded the winning entry at the New Year Day Parade in 2020. The Mayor also highlighted how Brent was able to demonstrate it was leading by example in terms of the equality and diversity of its own workforce including at senior management level and ended by highlighting the borough having been selected as London Borough of Culture 2020 as well as having been awarded the title of Local Government Chronicle Council of the Year for 2020. She felt these demonstrated how Brent had been officially recognised as being the best. As further evidence of residents enjoying where they lived, she also highlighted how Brent has been identified, based on research by the ONS, as the happiest borough in the country.

Councillor Colacicco then moved on to express her gratitude for the mutual aid groups who had supported residents in the borough throughout the pandemic. In a year where so many had been forced to rely on others, she explained how difficult it was to have chosen just two charities to support during her year in office, but advised that she had selected the following two:

- Parkinson's UK; and
- Cricklewood Library

She also announced the launch of a Pledge, in which everyone could get involved. The idea would involve people (through an app) pledging to make a small change to their routine in order to help save resources. Examples provided included not fully filling the kettle, growing your own vegetables and eating seasonal food. Taking together it was felt these small changes would all add up to make a big difference at the end of the year.

Councillor Colacicco ended by informing members that her annual Civic Ceremony, was due to be held (lockdown permitting) on 8 July. This would be a secular event focussed on her chosen charities and launch of her pledge and in summing up reminded members of the support she would be seeking on her twin focus over the next year in relation to:

- reminding everyone of the big difference that could be achieved through small changes; and
- her role as an ambassador and cheerleader for Brent.

## **5. Vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor**

The Mayor then invited Councillor McLennan, as Deputy Leader, to propose a vote of thanks to all co-opted and other members serving on the Council's committees.

Councillor McLennan began by thanking the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Ezeajughi, for the example he had set in undertaking his civic duties and in fundraising for his chosen charities under such difficult and challenging circumstances.

As this was the Annual Meeting of the Council, she also advised it was an ideal opportunity to again highlight the valued work of the Council's co-opted and independent committee members, given the core role they played as critical friends in the Council's democratic process. She advised that their independence and objectivity were highly valued and integral to the role of the bodies on which they served including Scrutiny, Audit & Standards and the various health and education

bodies. She ended by thanking all of the co-opted Members for their work in supporting the Council's drive towards continuous improvement.

The Mayor then invited Councillor M Butt (Leader of the Council) to propose a vote of thanks for the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Ezeajughi. In doing so, he praised Councillor Ezeajughi's commitment to working with young people in the borough alongside the likes of the Jason Roberts Foundation, Brent Youth Foundation and Brent Youth Parliament. He remembered the interactions he had seen between Councillor Ezeajughi and new residents at Citizenship Ceremonies, in which he had shown such genuine excitement at seeing people become residents of the borough. He then highlighted the work Councillor Ezeajughi had undertaken with local community groups and organisations, particularly during the pandemic, which he recognised had been hugely valued by residents. Councillor M Butt ended by once again thanking Councillor Ezeajughi for being such a strong representative of the borough during his Mayoralty.

Councillor Kansagra, as Leader of the Conservative Group, advised that he would like to second the vote of thanks moved by the Deputy Leader to all co-opted and other members on the Council's committees. He also took the opportunity to congratulate the newly appointed Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointment before ending by thanking the outgoing Mayor for the way he had conducted himself and undertaken his civic role during such challenging times throughout the pandemic as well as for the way he had chaired the Council meetings both in person and online.

The Mayor then invited comments from other members in recognition of the role undertaken by the outgoing Mayor.

Councillor Dixon opened the tributes by thanking Councillor Ezeajughi for his hard work over the previous two years as well as his friendly nature and warm smile. She also took the opportunity to congratulate Councillor Colacicco as incoming Mayor and was confident that she would also excel in her new role.

Councillor McLennan once again thanked the outgoing Mayor for his hard work during the past two years, especially in response to the pandemic. Despite having done so well as Mayor, she was happy that he would now be able to turn his attention back to his role as a ward councillor supporting residents in Stonebridge. She also welcomed Councillor Colacicco as the incoming Mayor and advised how much she was looking forward to working with her over the year.

Councillor Mahmood then spoke highlighting what he felt had been the excellent work undertaken by Councillor Ezeajughi as Mayor, particularly in light of the pandemic. He also welcomed Councillor Colacicco into her role as Mayor and hoped that she would have a successful year.

Councillor Shahzad also took the opportunity to congratulate the incoming Mayor, whom he felt had shown her commitment to the people of Brent and would do a great job as Mayor. He then thanked the outgoing Mayor, who he felt was an excellent representation of what it meant to be a resident in Brent, and wished him the best for the future.

Councillor Sangani also thanked the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress on behalf of the Alperton community, and highlighted the work they had undertaken to support community groups during the pandemic. She congratulated and welcomed Councillor Colacicco into her post as Mayor and wished her luck for the forthcoming year.

Councillor Dar also thanked Councillor Ezeajughi, as outgoing Mayor, who he felt had been a great example to residents over the past two years. He then welcomed the incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor and assured them that the Mayor's chosen charities would be fully supported over the next year.

In concluding the tributes, Councillor Johnson highlighted some of the work the outgoing Mayor had undertaken over the past two years, including his support for the Windrush Generation. He praised Councillor Ezeajughi for the lead shown in the Covid-19 response which he felt had been pivotal in helping residents access the support they needed throughout the pandemic. He ended by also congratulating the incoming Mayor and wishing her every success in the role.

The Mayor then invited Councillor Ezeajughi to return thanks and review his time in office.

Councillor Ezeajughi, in returning thanks, began by expressing his pride at having been elected as Mayor and being able to serve the people of Brent during the previous two years. Reflecting on his initial appointment in May 2019 he remembered with pride his Mayor Making ceremony with guests attending from across the UK as well as Nigeria. It had been with honour that he had been able to serve the borough and support his local charities with particular thanks extended to the Chief Executive, Leader and Deputy Leader and the borough's Deputy Lieutenant for their support during his the Mayoralty.

Commenting on how quickly his extended time in office had passed he then went on to thank his fellow Stonebridge councillors, Councillors Knight and Aden, for their support, which he pointed out had enabled him to focus on his mayoral duties. He also thanked all other councillors who had supported him and his charities during his Mayoralty, and in particular Councillors Denselow and Patterson for their support with the charity runs and Councillors Ahmed and Kabir for their regular support and advice. He also expressed thanks to Peter Gadsdon and Hakeem Osinaike for their help in organising the abseiling event for his charities.

In terms of his immediate team, he also took the opportunity to thank the Executive Support Team, and in particular Katie Smith, for their continued assistance during his Mayoralty as well as Thomas Cattermole for his advice and guidance. As final thanks he also highlighted the much valued support provided by Kim Gordon in managing the civic diary, organising civic events and supporting fundraising efforts along with Brian Kennedy for the professionalism, respect and courtesy he had demonstrated in his role as the Mayor's Attendant.

Moving on, he then took the opportunity to thank Councillor Colacicco for her support as his Deputy Mayor and to wish her along with her family all the best for the coming year as Mayor. He also congratulated Councillor Aden, who he felt was an excellent choice for Deputy Mayor.

Reflecting on his two years in office, Councillor Ezeajughi advised that he had been privileged to be able to engage with people locally, nationally and internationally in attending over 500 events as Mayor. This had included visits to a range of organisations including schools, churches, places of worship, residential care homes, Council housing developments, mutual aid groups, food banks, and new construction developments as well as representing the borough at various civic events, ceremonies and awards. As a result he had been able to meet many inspiring, talented and generous individuals who had made him proud to be a resident of Brent. He went on to list some of the highlights of his Mayoralty, which included:

- Hosting the first Windrush event in Brent with the help of Councillor Hylton;
- Visiting a wide range of community groups, faith groups and resident associations;
- Visiting Yibin, Southern China and Nigeria to gain support for the London Borough of Culture 2020 and UEFA Euro Championship 2020;
- The New Year's Day London Parade 2020 where Brent had won first prize and a £10,000 cheque for his charities;
- Welcoming the Duchess of Cornwall to Brent to visit the Granville Centre and the Kiln Cinema Theatre;
- The opening ceremony for Brent as London Borough of Culture 2020;
- Attendance at London Lord Mayor and other London Mayoral events;
- Hosting national and international delegations visiting Brent, including the First Ladies of the Anambra, Abia and Kwara states of Nigeria, the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, the Ambassador of Senegal, the Mayor of Yibin and the Wulliangye Group, a former Nigerian Presidential Aspirant (Peter Obi), the former Governor of Nigeria Central Bank (HRH Emir Dr Muhammadu Sanusi II), the Interim Director of Niger Delta Development Commission (Dr Cairo Ojogboh) and ambassadors of various other countries;
- Being able to promote the Borough internationally in China, Nigeria and beyond
- Initiating and forming the Brent Chinese Community Group with help from Councillor Chan;
- Working with Brent Communities during the pandemic and recognising all the charities/donors within Brent who had worked tirelessly during the height of the pandemic and were still working hard;
- Hosting the opening ceremony of the pink visitor car park in Brent;
- Visiting Nigeria, where he was able to meet the First Ladies of Kwara state and Anambra state with whom he was collaborating in tackling Sickle Cell disease;
- Working with the Council on communications for local residents concerning the dangers of the Covid-19 pandemic, assisting with delivery of food parcels and opening the Covid-19 testing and vaccination centres in Brent;
- Being able, on his most recent visit to Nigeria, to hand over a Dental Bus donation from the Angel Foundation UKJA in collaboration with the Denver Wesleyan Church, North Carolina to the CAFÉ charity in Anambra state.

He then highlighted the work he had undertaken to support his two chosen charities during his time as Mayor, the Jason Roberts Foundation and Sickle Cell Society, in order to elevate their profile and fundraise. He felt honoured to have been able to support and work alongside these charities to raise awareness of the impact of

sickle cell blood donations, and engage with young people in tackling knife, gun and gang crime. He then asked members to join him in a round of applause in recognition of the work they did and impact on local communities and beyond.

Councillor Ezeajughi then announced that it was with much pleasure he was able to announce that during his time as Mayor he had been able to raise over £50,000 to be shared between both his nominated charities. He thanked all of those who had donated and fundraised, however big or small for their contributions, and also took the opportunity to thank all his major donators and fundraisers including Quintain, SISK, Wates, Dominvs Group, Paul Harrison of Tropical Sun Foods, Alan Hovell, Wing Yip, Bang Bang and Ace Café.

Highlighting how much he had enjoyed his time as Mayor, Councillor Ezeajughi ended by thanking his wife for her patience, humility and immense support during his Mayoralty whilst also caring for their young family. He also thanked his family, and especially his four children, for their love, support and understanding during his time in office and in closing, once again took the opportunity to thank all members, council staff, local community groups and residents for their support during the pandemic and beyond.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Ezeajughi for his comments and highlighted how much she had personally enjoyed working with him and his family during his time as Mayor. She ended by wishing him well for the future and then advised that as this now concluded the ceremonial part of the meeting she would move on to deal with the remainder of the agenda.

## 6. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared by Members.

## 7. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 22 February 2021 be approved as a correct record.

## 8. **Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor made the following announcements:

### (i) Death of Former Councillor Pam Jordan

The Mayor announced it was with much sadness she had to begin by advising members of the death of former Councillor Pam Jordan, who had recently passed away at her home in Dollis Hill at the age of 90. Pam had served as a councillor representing Cricklewood ward from 1978 to 1982 and Willesden Green ward from 1986 to 1990. She had also served as a Governor and for almost a decade as Chair of the Corporation of the College of North West London as well as being a member on the Board of Tricycle Theatre Company for over three decades.

### (ii) Commemoration of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh



The Mayor also reflected on the passing of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who she felt had been an outstanding public servant, dedicating his life in service of the country and the Commonwealth. She felt he would be most remembered for his outstanding dedication and support to Her Majesty the Queen as well as for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which since its creation in 1956 had helped countless young people, including many in Brent.

The Mayor then invited those present online to observe a minute's silence in memory of both former Councillor Pam Jordan and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

*The online meeting was then paused to observe a minute's silence.*

The Mayor then invited Councillors Crane and Long to give tribute to former Councillor Pam Jordan.

Councillor Crane advised that he would specifically remember Pam for the work undertaken in supporting equal opportunities and multiculturalism. In terms of her career he highlighted her background in further education, lecturing at the College of North West London as well as serving on the Education Committee and later chairing the Further Education Sub-Committee. She went on to become Deputy Leader of the Council, and he remembered had played an important role in stabilising the Council's finances in the late 1980's. After leaving the Council, she became Chair of the College of North West London and during this time was honoured with an OBE. He also remembered her love of reading and being a keen supporter of Brent's local libraries as well as the instrumental role she had played in opening the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn and serving on its Board.

Councillor Long also paid tribute to Pam, remembering her efforts as Deputy Leader to stabilise the Council and as an active trade unionist. Highlighting her passion and support for libraries, Councillor Long felt that she would have been delighted to see the incoming Mayor chose Cricklewood Library as one of her nominated charities.

As a final contribution, the Mayor then invited Councillor Hector to pay tribute to Pam whom she advised she had worked with at the College of North West London and was remembered for her efforts in supporting her colleagues.

The Mayor advised that this concluded her announcements and then moved straight on to the next item.

## **9. Constitution Changes & Pay Policy Statement**

The Mayor invited Councillor M Butt (Leader of the Council) to introduce the report from the Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations.

Councillor M. Butt advised that the report outlined the steps being taken to manage any potential return of face-to-face Council, Cabinet and committee meetings whilst the pandemic continued alongside a number of changes to the Council's Contract Standing Orders, Constitution and Pay Policy Statement.

As no members indicated that they wished to speak on the item the Mayor put the recommendations straight to the vote and they were unanimously declared **CARRIED**.

It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- (1) To note the current legal position in respect of remote meetings, as detailed within the report.
- (2) To note the changes to officer and Cabinet Member delegated powers agreed by the Leader of the Council, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (3) To agree the changes to officer delegated powers, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
- (4) To agree the arrangements for review of the changes to officer delegated powers referred to at (2) and (3) above and set out a paragraph 3.8 of the report.
- (5) To agree the changes to contract standing orders, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
- (6) To agree the general changes and updates to the Constitution, as set out in Appendix 4 of the report.
- (7) To authorise the Director of Legal, HR, Audit and Investigations to amend the Constitution to remove changes previously made to permit remote attendance at meetings in the event that the judicial review claim currently in progress was unsuccessful.
- (8) To note that, to the extent that the changes set out in the report related to executive functions of the Council, they have been approved by the Leader.
- (9) To authorise the Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations to amend the Constitution accordingly, including making any necessary incidental or consequential changes.
- (10) To agree the changes to the Pay Policy Statement for 2021-22 set out in paragraph 3.12 of the report.

#### 10. **Representation of Political Groups on Committees**

The Mayor then moved on to invite Councillor M Butt (Leader of the Council) to introduce the report from the Chief Executive.

Councillor M. Butt advised the report fulfilled the Council's duty to review and determine the representation of different political groups on certain Committees at its annual meeting.

As no members indicated that they wished to speak on the item the Mayor put the recommendations straight to the vote and they were declared **CARRIED**.

It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- (1) That the size of each Committee be agreed, as detailed within the report.
- (2) To agree (where the rules of political balance apply) the allocation of seats on committees to each of the Council's political groups as set out in the report.
- (3) To make appointments to those committees giving effect to the wishes of the political group allocated the seats; and
- (4) To note that the political balance on sub-committees would be reviewed at the first meeting of the General Purposes Committee and the Licensing Committee held following the Annual Meeting.

11. **Appointment to Committees and Outside Bodies & Appointment of Chairs & Vice-Chairs**

The Mayor then invited Councillor M Butt, as Leader of the Council, to introduce the report from the Chief Executive.

Councillor M. Butt advised the report set out the nominations for appointments to Committees, Joint Committees, Forums, Panels, Outside Bodies and nomination for Chairs and Vice Chairs, where necessary, for the 2021/21 municipal year.

As no members indicated that they wished to speak on the item the Mayor once again put the recommendations in the report straight to a vote and they were unanimously declared **CARRIED**.

It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- (1) To agree or where appropriate confirm the proposed appointments of Members, Co-Opted Members and substitutes to Council Committees and Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (2) To agree the proposed appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs to Council Committees as set out in Appendix 1 of the report for the 2021-2022 municipal year.
- (3) To agree:
  - (a) the re-appointment (as detailed in section 3.4 of the report) of the following three Independent Persons with effect from 1 May 2021:
    - William Goh and Keir Hopley for a four year term of office, subject to confirmation by Full Council each year; and
    - Nigel Shock for a one year term of office;
  - (b) the appointment of the following two new Independent co-opted members on the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee – Javid Ansari & Mark Mills for a four year term of office, subject to confirmation by Full Council each year, with effect from 1 May 2021 (as detailed in section 3.5 of the report);

- (c) the re-appointment of Mr David Ewart as independent chair of both the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee and Pension Board for a two-year term of office ending on 31 July 2023.
- (4) To note the appointments
  - (a) Notified by the Leader of the Council in relation to Cabinet and Cabinet Committees and their respective Chairs/Vice-Chairs, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report for the 2021-22 Municipal Year.
  - (b) To be confirmed by General Purposes Committee, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report for the 2021-22 Municipal Year.
  - (c) To be confirmed by the Licensing Committee, as set out in Appendix 4 of the report for the 2021-22 Municipal Year.

*(The full list of appointments can be found as part of the appendices to the main report republished prior to the meeting).*

## 12. **Calendar of Council Meetings for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year**

The Mayor then invited Councillor M Butt (Leader of the Council) to introduce the report from the Chief Executive which he advised presented the final calendar of meeting dates for Full Council and other meetings during the 2021/22 municipal year.

As no members indicated that they wished to speak on the item the recommendations in the report were put straight to the vote by the Mayor and were unanimously declared **CARRIED**.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) Members approve the dates for Full Council and other meetings to take place during the 2021/22 Municipal Year, as attached in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (2) The Head of Executive and Member Services be authorised to make any alterations deemed necessary to the Municipal Calendar during the course of the Municipal Year having consulted the Leader of the Council; the Leader of the Opposition Group; and the Chair of the affected meeting.

## 13. **Urgent Business**

As there was no urgent business to be transacted the Mayor declared the Annual Meeting closed and advised that she looked forward to seeing all members at the next Council meeting on Monday 12 July 2021.

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm

COUNCILLOR LIA COLACICCO  
Mayor