



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
Held in the Grand Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 5.00 pm

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Abdi Aden

The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Orleen Hylton

COUNCILLORS:

Afzal	Agha
Ahmadi Moghaddam	Ahmed
Akram	Bajwa
Begum	Benea
M.Butt	S.Butt
Chan	Chappell
Chohan	Choudry
Collymore	Conneely
Crabb	Dar
Dixon	Donnelly-Jackson
Ethapemi	Farah
Fraser	Gbajumo
Georgiou	Grahl
Hack	Hirani
Johnson	Kabir
Kansagra	Kelcher
Knight	Long
Lorber	Mahmood
Matin	Maurice
Miller	Mistry
Mitchell	Moeen
Molloy	Nerva
M.Patel	Rubin
Shah	Ketan Sheth
Krupa Sheth	Smith
	Tatler

Also present: Lia Colacicco (as outgoing Mayor)

1. **Welcoming Statement**

Prior to formally opening the meeting, the outgoing Mayor Lia Colacicco took the opportunity to welcome all new and returning councillors following the local borough elections at the start of May 2022 and all guests present to the Annual Council meeting and invited Carolyn Downs, as Chief Executive, to provide a brief outline of the arrangements for the conduct of the meeting and Mayor Making ceremony. Having noted the outlined provided, the Mayor then moved on to formally open the meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

The Mayor advised that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Jayanti Patel.

3. **To elect the Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2022/2023**

Prior to handing over to the Chief Executive for the conduct of the election process, Lia Colacicco began by asking members for nominations to the office of Mayor of the London of Borough of Brent for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

Councillor Muhammed Butt proceeded to nominate Councillor Abdi Aden. In moving the nomination, he took the opportunity to welcome all new and returning councillors following the election and to thank Lia Colacicco and her family for their hard work and dedication during her time as Mayor. In nominating Councillor Aden, he highlighted the work and strong relationships developed across the local communities he had represented whilst serving as a ward councillor, which he felt would assist Councillor Aden, as Mayor, in being able to continue providing strong civic leadership for the borough.

Councillor Mili Patel seconded Councillor M.Butt's nomination of Councillor Aden for the office of Mayor of the London of Borough of Brent for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

There were no other nominations and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that Councillor Abdi Aden be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Brent for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

Councillor Aden then 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 Aden, as newly appointed Mayor, thanked members for his nomination and appointment as Mayor. He then announced that he had appointed Councillor Orleen Hylton to serve as Deputy Mayor for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

At this stage in proceedings the Mayors Chain of Office and robes were exchanged between the outgoing and newly appointed Mayor.

Councillor Aden then formally returned thanks for his appointment and began by commenting on his pride and honour in being nominated as Mayor and thanking all

members for their trust, confidence and faith in appointing him to take on the role as first citizen of the borough.

The Mayor then went on to share some information about his background. Having been born and educated in Somalia he advised that he had moved to the UK and settled in Brent in 1990, where he had lived and worked ever since as an employee of the Royal Mail. It was during this time he became interested in community development and cohesion, having worked as a volunteer at the Stonebridge Somali Centre, which had also deepened an interest in local politics. This led to him standing in the local elections in 2010 and having the honour to represent Stonebridge as a councillor since 2018 with him serving as Deputy Mayor during 2021/22.

Having advised how delighted he was to have been joined by so many guests and relatives from all over the UK and abroad he then moved on to express his gratitude to his predecessor Lia Colacicco for her outstanding work as Mayor during such a difficult and challenging period in the recovery from the pandemic. Recognising the challenges this had placed on the Mayor being able to undertake her full range of activities he congratulated her on the work undertaken to support local communities across the borough and to continue promoting Brent at so many events and functions. In addition he also took the opportunity to acknowledge and thank Tim Evans, as the Mayor's consort, for the support her had provided the Mayor over the previous year.

The Mayor then moved on to congratulate Councillor Hylton on her appointment as Deputy Mayor and advised how much he was looking forward to working with her over the coming year in order to continue delivering positive outcomes for the borough.

Referring to teamwork, the Mayor outlined how he intended to continue working closely with fellow members, the Chief Executive, Council Management Team and Mayor's Office to capitalise on their strengths and experience in order to continue the hard work of previous Mayors in seeking to achieve the best results for the borough.

Councillor Aden then outlined his aims for his Mayoralty in terms of continuing to support the Council's vision and objectives. In this role he advised that he also intended to support the following three charities:

- Hilltop Circle – a Brent-based charity focussed on providing training, education and support to young people with the aim of instilling values, self-esteem, skills and confidence to help them build a successful and fulfilling life.
- SUFRA NW London - a local charity established to address both the causes and consequences of poverty in the community with a Community Hub providing support for people in crisis, including families living in extreme poverty and people who were vulnerable, homeless and socially isolated.
- The Jason Roberts Foundation – an organisation established by former professional footballer Jason Roberts to provide a support programme including mentoring, life skills, education and training projects focussed around wider sports activities working with young people at risk of offending,

those excluded from school or struggling in the school curriculum, and young people with physical and learning difficulties.

Highlighting the important work undertaken by each of the charities in terms of supporting some of the most vulnerable members in society he hoped all members would support him with his fund raising efforts during his year in office.

Reflecting on the level of diversity within communities across Brent, the Mayor ended by once again highlighting how proud he was to have been elected as Brent's First Citizen and how he hoped it would be possible to use the office of Mayor to continue supporting the work being undertaken to unite communities and address the uncertain times and challenges being experienced by so many across the borough.

Taking the opportunity to thank his family and friends for their support over the coming year, Councillor Aden advised that with the support of such a passionate and dedicated intake of councillors he was committed to working hard over the year ahead in order to exceed and achieve excellent results for all communities across Brent.

5. Vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor

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

Councillor Mili Patel began by thanking the outgoing Mayor, Lia Colaccico, for the example she had set in undertaking her civic duties under such difficult and challenging circumstances during the recovery from the pandemic.

As this was the Annual Meeting of the Council, she also advised it was an ideal opportunity to highlight again 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 opportunity was also taken to recognise and thank the previous Deputy Leader (Margaret McLennan) for her work, dedication and the commitment shown to local residents, the Council and its staff in her role and in helping to steer the Council through such challenging recent times.

Councillor Kansagra, as Leader of the Conservative Group, was then invited to speak and 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 welcome all new and returning members and to congratulate the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointment before ending by thanking Lia Colaccico, as the outgoing Mayor, for the way she had conducted herself in her civic role during such challenging times as the Council sought to recover from the pandemic as well as for the way she had chaired the Council

meetings both in person and online. He ended by wishing her well in her retirement from the Council and in her ongoing work and involvement with the local community.

The Mayor then invited Councillor M. Butt to formally propose a vote of thanks for the outgoing Mayor, Lia Colacicco. In doing so, Councillor M. Butt began by congratulating the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointment and by highlighting the honour in serving as First Citizen of the Borough and in being able to advocate and serve as a champion for Brent. These were roles he felt Lia Colacicco, supported by her consort Tim Evans, had fulfilled to the maximum whilst also bringing a unique style and passion to the role, which had been much needed as the borough sought to recover from the pandemic. Recognising her passion for the environment and sustainability he advised the Council would continue to build on the work already undertaken and to ensure, given the wide range of events attended during her year in office that the work in raising Brent's profile continued. Highlighting the work also undertaken in her role as ward councillor and in supporting other members on the Council, Councillor M. Butt ended by advising how much she would be missed given the valued contribution made not only in her role as a local advocate but also in being such a strong representative of the borough during her Mayoralty.

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

Councillor Grahl opened the tributes by recognising and thanking Lia Colacicco for the work undertaken in representing Cricklewood, highlighting in particular her support for Cricklewood Library along with her work around climate change and how much she would be missed by those she represented within the local community.

Following on Councillor Lorber also took the opportunity to thank Lia Colacicco for her work in support of community libraries across Brent, which had been recognised and appreciated.

Councillor Kelcher also spoke, taking the opportunity to highlight Lia Colacicco's passion in relation to addressing local issues alongside green and environmental concerns. Referring to the support from her family during her time as Mayor he felt there was also a need to recognise her style and humour and how much she would be missed by other colleagues on the Council.

Councillor Maurice also commended the outgoing Mayor on her hard work in representing Brent as well as her warm and friendly nature and took the opportunity to wish her well for the future.

Councillor Dixon also took the opportunity to thank Lia Colacicco for her hard work during her time as Mayor. Referring to the flair, passion, skill, kindness and effectiveness she had demonstrated in representing the local community within Cricklewood, including her support for Gladstone Park, she ended by pointing out how much she would be missed by all colleagues.

Councillor Dar then spoke as a friend and associate of Lia Colacicco over the previous 20 years including her time as a ward councillor and also local community

activist in the Cricklewood and Mapesbury areas. Highlighting her work in support of a range of local community organisations specific reference was made to her involvement with Cricklewood Community Library as well as the Friends of Gladstone Park, Ashford Place and local foodbanks. Referring to her quietly determined nature, Councillor Dar also outlined the role Lia Colacicco had played as a community champion and advocate in assisting to raise significant funds for local projects, including the community library and park and in organising and supporting local residents in the establishment of a community garden. He ended by wishing Lia Colacicco all the best for the future following her decision to step back from the Council and to also highlight how much she would be missed by her fellow ward councillors and colleagues.

In concluding the tributes, Councillor Nerva reflected on the previous comments made and how much Lia Colacicco would be missed as a colleague, friend and valuable supporter and advocate for Brent. Recognising her achievements not only as a ward councillor but also as a local community activist he outlined what he felt had been the impact in terms of the improvements made to the quality of life for local communities in Willesden and the surrounding area as a result of her work to support the community library, Gladstone Park and to champion environmental issues and advised that he looked forward to this work being continued as part of her ongoing involvement with the local community.

The Mayor then invited Lia Colacicco to return thanks and review her time in office.

Lia Colacicco, in returning thanks, began by expressing her pride at having been elected as Mayor and being able to serve the people of Brent during the previous year. Reflecting on the honour in being able to serve the borough, particular thanks were extended to Kim Gordon & Brian Kennedy in the Mayor's Office along with Katie Smith and Fatema Limbada within Executive and Member Services for their support during her time as Mayor, particularly given the challenges involved in undertaking her role during recovery from the pandemic.

Highlighting some of these challenges, she outlined the difficulties this had created in being able to fundraise and also attend various events, given the restrictions in relation to social gatherings that had remained in place for a significant part of her time in office. As a result her focus had been targeted around her role as a roving ambassador putting people in contact in order to achieve her aims. This had included work:

- To pass on invaluable skills to a Parkinson's UK pilot project, which included addressing community diagnosis in BAME and South Asian groups.
- In support of Cricklewood Community Library, which was now due to officially open on 3rd June 3rd with a long term relationship with a local history group, whose walks had raised hundreds of pounds for her Mayoral charities.
- To support the provision of outreach support via the Brent Hubs to the South American community within the borough.

In terms of specific activity undertaken by the Mayor during her time in office, Lia Colacicco referred to the following as particular highlights:

- Visits to Covid vaccination centres set up across the borough including in Sports Centres, Mosques, libraries and the vaccine bus.

- Visiting a state of the art film studio facility in Harlesden which could be used to recreate any large city in the world via satellite.
- Attending two 100 year old birthday celebrations.
- Visiting and supporting the work being undertaken by foodbanks across the borough.
- Visiting the Kilburn State cinema to see the Wurlitzer organ.
- Meeting Raheem Sterling.
- Seeing families being rehoused, streets repaved and trees planted.
- Being lucky enough to have won an assortment of raffle prizes and to have learned to love public speaking.

At the same time she had also been saddened to see the extent and real impact of poverty across the borough both in terms of rents, wages and standard of living accommodation. Whilst also disappointed and angry at the spread of fake news, she had also been encouraged to witness the kindness and extent of support being provided for more vulnerable members of society, particularly during the pandemic, and overjoyed to have been able to support a particular family rehoused in a more suitable sized property with a garden.

Reflecting on her year in office, Lia Colacicco felt that local communities across Brent had a wonderful attitude of live and let live which were reflected in it having been rated by the ONS as one of the happiest boroughs in which to live and the outcome of a recent resident satisfaction survey which had shown the Council's approval rating as holding its own compared to others nationally. This included around 8 in 10 Brent residents surveyed having stated they were satisfied with the local area, significantly higher than 2018; 7 out of 10 being satisfied with the way the Council ran things and 8 out of 10 feeling they had adequate social contact.

Highlighting how much she had enjoyed her time as Mayor, Lia Colacicco ended by taking the opportunity to thank all members, council staff, local community groups and residents for their support and to thank Councillor Aden for his support as her Deputy Mayor and to wish him along with his family all the best for the coming year as Mayor.

The Mayor thanked Lia Colacicco for her comments and highlighted how much he had personally enjoyed working with her and her family during their time as Mayor. He ended by wishing her well for the future and then advised that as this now concluded the ceremonial part of the meeting he would move on to deal with the remainder of the agenda.

6. **Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- (i) Death of Former Councillors Francis Eniola, Nkechie Amalu Johnson and Alan Johnston

The Mayor announced it was with much sadness he had to begin by advising members of the death of three former councillors Francis Eniola, Nkechie Amalu Johnson and Alan Johnston.

On behalf of Brent council he expressed deepest sympathy to the family and friends of all three former councillors and thanked them for the service to the local communities they had represented and the borough as a whole.

(ii) Award of Councillor Development Charter Plus Award

The Mayor then took the opportunity to congratulate all those involved in the Council once again having been awarded the Councillor Development Charter Plus Award.

He advised the award followed an external assessment of the Council's Member Learning and Development function undertaken in December 2021, with the Assessment Panel having concluded that Brent continued to meet the standard of their Charter Plus as the highest award.

As a result, the Mayor invited the Leader of the Council, Chief Executive and Councillor Knight, as Chair of the Member Learning and Development Steering Group to come forward in order to be presented with the Charter Plus Award and Certificate with members taking the opportunity to thank and congratulate those involved with a round of applause.

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

7. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared by Members at the meeting.

8. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 24 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

9. **Appointment of the Leader of the Council**

As this was the first meeting of the new Administration following the local borough elections on 5 May 2022 the Mayor invited nominations for the office of Leader of the Council which would be for a term of office to expire in May 2026.

Councillor Afzal proceeded to move and Councillor Mili Patel seconded the nomination of Councillor Muhammed Butt to the office of Leader of the Council.

There were no other nominations and on being put to the vote it was therefore **RESOLVED** that Councillor Muhammed Butt be elected Leader of the Council for a term of office to expire in May 2026.

10. **Annual Review of Constitution**

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

Councillor M. Butt began by thanking members for his re-appointment as Leader of the Council and outlined his aim to ensure the Council continued to do everything within its power to support local communities across Brent and ensure those most in need received the necessary assistance. In presenting the report, he advised this detailed a number of proposed changes to the Constitution as a result of not only the usual annual review but also to reflect the outcome of the local borough election, change in size and the representation of political groups on the Council. The changes outlined included amendments to the Procedural Rules, Responsibility for Functions, Codes of Conduct and Protocols and the Members Allowance Scheme.

In introducing the report, Councillor M. Butt also moved an amendment to the Procedural Rules in Part 2 of the Constitution proposing the deletion of Standing Order 49 (iii) (Appointments to chairs and vice chairs of Council Committee and Sub Committees) which required that the Vice Chair of each Scrutiny Committee was appointed from a different political group as the Chair and also the waiving of Standing Order 4 in Part 1 of the Constitution in order to enable the change to come into immediate effect during the meeting.

The Mayor then opened the debate inviting other members to speak on the report and amendment moved by the Leader of the Council, with the following contributions made.

Councillor Lorber in responding and expressing concern at the amendment moved by the Leader of the Council highlighted what he felt was the case for greater rather than more restricted participation by opposition councillors in the scrutiny process in order to maintain independence of the function and important role it played in being able to hold the Council's Executive to account. Highlighting a need for effective scrutiny to come prior to decisions being made by the Executive rather than after, he outlined what he considered to be the need for greater transparency, challenge and public accountability in the decision making process and to provide scrutiny with the necessary independence and power to achieve that, which it was felt the amendment moved by the Leader of the Council would undermine. Given the views expressed, Councillor Lorber moved a further amendment at the meeting which sought to retain Standing Order 49 (iii) and amend it by requiring the Chair of each Scrutiny Committee to be allocated to the opposition group(s) with Standing Order 4 also waived to enable the change to come into immediate effect during the meeting. In moving the amendment he pointed out this reflected existing practice in a number of other local authorities and what he believed was also the intention of the original legislation which had established the scrutiny arrangements within local government.

Councillor Kansagra also spoke on behalf of the Conservative Group to express concern at the amendment moved by the Leader of the Council and in support of the alternative amendment moved by Councillor Lorber. In outlining his concerns, Councillor Kansagra pointed out that the change proposed by Councillor M. Butt had not been subject to prior consideration at the Constitution Working Group and failed to recognise the increase in size of the Opposition Groups on the Council following the local election. As such he urged members to reject the amendment moved by the Leader.

As a final contribution to the debate, Councillor Georgiou then spoke (as Leader of the newly formed Liberal Democrat Group on the Council) to highlight his concerns at the amendment moved by the Leader of the Council and the need identified to seek more collaborative and less combative ways of working in order to deliver the best results for local communities across the borough, recognising the feedback received on key issues identified during the election campaign. Whilst congratulating Councillor M. Butt on his re-appointment as Leader of the Council and recognising the mandate provided for the new Administration as a result of the local election he felt it was also important to recognise that the election had delivered an increase in the number of opposition members on the Council. As a result, he felt the alternative amendment moved by Councillor Lorber in relation to the arrangements for securing more effective and democratic scrutiny was reasonable, fair and proportionate and would deliver improved scrutiny along with better outcomes for all. He therefore urged members to reject the amendment moved by the Leader of the Council in support of the alternative amendment moved by Councillor Lorber.

As no further members indicated they wished to speak the Mayor then invited Councillor Lorber to exercise his right of reply in relation to the amendment moved at the meeting.

Councillor Lorber in summing up once again urged all members to reject the motion moved by the Leader of the Council and for the reasons he had outlined, to support the alternative proposal requiring the Chair of each scrutiny committee to be allocated to the opposition group(s).

The Mayor then invited Councillor M. Butt to exercise his right of reply in relation to the report and amendment he had moved at the meeting.

In summing up and responding to the comments and further amendment moved at the meeting Councillor M. Butt began by highlighting the Council's well established and accredited offer in terms of member learning and development opportunities, which he felt also recognised the way in which scrutiny operated within Brent. Highlighting the clear mandate provided for the new Administration as a result of the local election, he also felt this covered member's participation in scrutiny and the wider democratic process with a reminder also provided as to how the scrutiny arrangements had been operated under previous Council Administrations. As a result he advised that the Labour Administration were not minded to support the amendment moved by Councillor Lorber at the meeting.

The Mayor thanked members for their contributions during the debate and moved on to put the amendments and recommendations within the report to the vote.

On firstly putting the amendment moved by Councillor Lorber to the vote this was declared **LOST**.

The amendment moved by Councillor M. Butt along with the waiver to Standing Order 4 to enable this change to take immediate effect during the meeting were then put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

The substantive recommendations, as detailed below, were then put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

Council therefore **RESOLVED**:

- (1) To agree the amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 of the report along with the following additional amendment moved by the Leader of the Council at the meeting:

To delete Standing Order 49 (iii) requiring that the Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committees shall be from a different political group as the Chair and waive Standing Order 4 in order to enable the change to come into immediate effect during the meeting.

- (2) 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.
- (3) To authorise the Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations to amend the Constitution accordingly, including making any necessary incidental or consequential changes.

11. **Representation of Political Groups on Committees**

The Mayor then moved on to invite Councillor M Butt (as 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 and as soon as practicable following on from the local borough elections held on 5 May 2022.

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 agree the size of each Committee, as detailed within the report.
- (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 report and to make appointments to those committees (under item below) giving effect to the wishes of the political group allocated the seats.
- (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.
- (4) To agree provision for the allocation of a political assistant to both the Labour and Conservative Groups, on the basis detailed within sections 3.13 – 3.15 of the report.

12. **Appointment to Committees and Outside Bodies including the 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 2022/23 Municipal Year. Following the decision taken as part of the Annual Review of the Constitution in relation to the vice – chair arrangements on scrutiny he confirmed that the Labour Group had nominated Councillor Collymore as Vice-Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Long as Vice-Chair of the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.

The Mayor then opened the debate inviting other members to speak on the report, with the following contributions made.

Councillor Kansagra in highlighting the increase in Conservative Group members within Kenton and Kingsbury wards moved an amendment to the proposed membership of Brent Connects – Kingsbury & Kenton seeking to allocate the Chair of that body to a member of the Conservative Group.

Councillor Mistry also spoke in support of the proposed amendment moved by Councillor Kansagra, highlighting the need to recognise the increase in Conservative group members across both wards and mandate she felt this provided for those members in seeking to represent both areas.

As no further members indicated they wished to speak the Mayor then invited Councillor M. Butt to exercise his right of reply in relation to the debate on the report.

In summing up Councillor M. Butt again highlighted what he felt had been the clear mandate provided for the new Administration as a result of the local election, which he advised would be reflected and exercised to its fullest extent within the membership on each Council body and to ensure all local communities continued to be represented fairly. As a result he advised the Labour Administration were not minded to support the amendment moved by the Conservative Group in relation to membership of Brent Connects – Kingsbury & Kenton.

The Mayor thanked members for their contributions during the debate and moved on to put the amendment and recommendations within the report to the vote.

On putting the amendment moved by Councillor Kansagra regarding the chair of Brent Connects – Kingsbury & Kenton to the vote this was declared **LOST**.

The substantive recommendations, as set out in the report and detailed below, were then put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

Council therefore **RESOLVED**:

- (1) To approve the appointments of members, co-opted members and substitutes to Council Committees and Outside Bodies for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report

- (2) To approve the appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs to Council Committees for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report, subject to:
- (a) Councillor Collymore being appointed as Vice-Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee; and
 - (b) Councillor Long being appointed as Vice-Chair of the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee
- (3) To note the appointments:
- (a) of the Cabinet, Cabinet Committees and Joint Executive Committees and their respective Chairs and Vice Chairs for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.
 - (b) to be confirmed by the General Purposes Committee for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.
 - (c) to be confirmed by Licensing Committee for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.

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

13. **Calendar of Council Meetings for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year**

The Mayor then invited Councillor M Butt (as 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 2022/23 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 declared **CARRIED**.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) Members approve the dates for Full Council and other meetings to take place during the 2022/23 Municipal Year, as attached in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (1) 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 Leaders of the Opposition Groups and the Chair of the affected meeting.

14. **Urgent Business**

As there was no urgent business to be transacted the Mayor declared the Annual Meeting closed and advised that he looked forward to seeing all members at the next Council meeting on Monday 11 July 2022. He then invited all members and guests to join him at his reception.

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm

COUNCILLOR ABDI ADEN
Mayor