

MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CROWDALE CENTRE, 218 EVERS Holt STREET, LONDON, NW1 1BD AT 7.00 PM WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Sabrina Francis, in the Chair at the commencement of the meeting and subsequently Councillor Nasim Ali OBE upon his election for the ensuing year, and Councillors

Sagal Abdi-Wali	Rebecca Filer	Sylvia McNamara
Meric Apak	Edmund Frondigoun	Shah Miah
Camron Aref-Adib	Julian Fulbrook	Jenny Mulholland
Ajok Athian	Georgia Gould	Richard Olszewski
Kemi Atolagbe	Lorna Greenwood	Will Prince
Lotis Bautista	Eddie Hanson	Nazma Rahman
Danny Beales	Sharon Hardwick	Lorraine Revah
Siân Berry	Adam Harrison	Nadia Shah
Marcus Boyland	Lloyd Hatton	Tom Simon
Anna Burrage	Jenny Headlam-Wells	Jonathan Simpson
Patricia Callaghan	Nancy Jirira	MBE
Adrian Cohen	Heather Johnson	James Slater
Matt Cooper	Samata Khatoon	Gio Spinella
Richard Cotton	Matthew Kirk	Stephen Stark
Nina De Ayala Parker	Izzy Lenga	Nanouche Umeadi
Judy Dixey	Rishi Madlani	Sue Vincent
Nasrine Djemai	Liam Martin-Lane	Anna Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillors Awale Olad, Andrew Parkinson and Shiva Tiwari

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1. GUIDANCE ON HYBRID MEETINGS

As there were no parties attending remotely, this item was not considered.

2. ELECTION OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Consideration was given to a report of the Returning Officer setting out the results of the election of Borough Councillors held on 5th May 2022.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the post of Mayor of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23. Councillor Simpson nominated Councillor Ali and made a short speech in support of the nomination. Councillor Simon and Councillor Spinella both seconded the nomination and made short speeches in support.

As there were no other nominations for Mayor it was

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillor Nasim Ali be, and hereby is, elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year.

Councillor Nasim Ali was duly invested, and made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor presided and announced that his wife Lina Choudhury would be his Mayoress and his escorts would be his sons Rio Ali, Zachariah Ali and Noah Ali, his brothers Sitar Ali and Azad Ali, his sisters Bina Begum and Amina Begum, Robert Latham, Joe Shah and Councillors Nadia Shah, Heather Johnson, Jonathan Simpson and Nasrine Djemai.

The Mayor then addressed the Council.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor announced that he was pleased to appoint Councillor Nazma Rahman to fill the office of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Rahman was duly appointed.

Councillor Rahman announced that her Deputy Mayor's Consort would be Azadur Rahman Azad and her Escorts will be Councillor Shiva Tiwari, Councillor Sharon Hardwick, Shipa Ahmed, Minara Begum, Ruji Akhtar Mahmud, Nima Stepney, Nasima Hatrapal, Ruby Hussain and Councillor Adam Harrison.

5. VOTE OF THANKS

Councillor Harrison moved a vote of thanks to the Retiring Mayor, which was seconded by Councillors Jirira and Spinella.

Councillor Francis then addressed the Council.

6. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR OTHER RELEVANT OFFICERS, AND ANY OTHER MEMBERS WHO THE MAYOR HAS AGREED MAY MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Beacon Lighting, 2nd June

The Mayor announced that there would be a beacon lighting in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee at 9.45pm on 2nd June in Russell Square Gardens and invited Members to join him at the event.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Parkinson.

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET

Councillor Hatton proposed that Councillor Georgia Gould be elected Leader of the Council and Councillor Bautista seconded the nomination. On being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillor Georgia Gould be elected Leader of the Council for the term of this Council and until the annual meeting after the next ordinary whole Council elections.

Councillor Gould then addressed the Council and informed it that she intended to appoint the following Cabinet Members:-

Cabinet Member for Safer Communities – Councillor Pat Callaghan

Cabinet Member for Better Homes – Councillor Meric Apak

Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care – Councillor Anna Wright

Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living – Councillor Richard Olszewski

Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families – Councillor Marcus Boyland

Cabinet Member for Young People and Culture – Councillor Sabrina Francis

Cabinet Member for New Homes, Jobs and Community Investment – Councillor Danny Beales

Cabinet Member for Voluntary Sector, Equalities and Cohesion – Councillor Nadia Shah

Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden – Councillor Adam Harrison

The Deputy Leader of the Council would be Councillor Callaghan.

9. LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION GROUPS

Councillor Dixey advised the Council that the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group would be Councillor Simon and the Deputy Leader would be Councillor Jirira.

Councillor Stark advised the Council that the Leader of the Conservative Group would be Councillor Spinella and the Deputy Leader would be Councillor Parkinson.

10. ESTABLISHMENT OF, AND APPOINTMENTS TO, COUNCIL BODIES WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION

The Mayor drew the Council's attention to the report published on the agenda and to the papers circulated on the supplementary agenda and tabled at the meeting which contained a revised schedule of meetings for the year and the nominations to committees and sub-committees.

Following comments from a Member, on being put to the vote, it was unanimously

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the bodies, their size, terms of reference and meeting dates for the 2022/23 municipal year be agreed as set out in Appendices A and B on the main agenda, as amended by the supplementary agenda;
- (ii) THAT those nominated by the political groups as set out in the updated version of Appendix B on the supplementary agenda be appointed, including Chairs and Vice-Chairs where shown, for the 2022/23 municipal year (unless otherwise stated);

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- (iii) THAT the Constitution shall remain unchanged and is confirmed as currently published; and
- (iv) THAT the arrangements for delegations to officers be as set out in Appendix A of the report.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

CHAIR

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