

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

<b>COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 29 JUNE 2020</b>
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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 29 JUNE 2020 AT 1400 HOURS, AS AN ON-LINE MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ian Ward in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Shabrana Hussain, Brigid Jones, Gareth Moore, Carl Rice, Martin Straker Welds and Mike Ward.

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### **NOTICE OF RECORDING**

- 2996 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site ([www.civico.net/birmingham](http://www.civico.net/birmingham)) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs at the meeting except where there are confidential or exempt items.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2997 Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting. If a pecuniary interest was declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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### **APOLOGIES**

- 2998 There were no apologies submitted.

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### **MINUTES**

- 2999 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 28 May 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

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### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL'S INNOVATION NETWORK**

The following report of the Leader of the Council was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

The Chair made introductory comments relating to the report.

Councillor Brigid Jones indicated that she was aware of the network through work with the Local Government Association and that it was a valued network. She supported the proposal for the Council to join the network.

In response to questions from Councillor Robert Alden relating to why the report had been withdrawn from a previous meeting and why it was going to City Council given the small cost involved, the Chair note that it was simply going to City Council to allow the opportunity of a debate. He continued that the report had previously been withdrawn to allow the Council to join the network in the organisation's annual cycle in July.

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**RESOLVED:-**

That the Council Business Management Committee recommends the following motion to the City Council:

That Council agrees to make an application to join the CCIN in July 2020; and, if the application is successful, to review the outcomes after 12 months to inform any decision as to the renewal of membership for future years.

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**INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL – MEMBERSHIP**

The following report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer. was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny, made introductory comments relating to the report.

Councillor Brigid Jones, whilst supportive of the recommendation, note that she was aware of members of the public who were interested in such appointments and requested that they be considered when future vacancies become available. The Head of Scrutiny indicated that she would investigate that.

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**RESOLVED:-**

That the Council's Business Management Committee appoints the following person to the Independent Remuneration Panel as follows:

<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>
Sajid Shaikh	1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021 Re-appointment

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**PETITIONS UPDATE**

The following report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer. was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

Phil Wright, Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

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**RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

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**CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN**

The following City Council and CBM Forward Plan was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Councillor Robert Alden referred to ref 6g and queried why the documentation still had not been released. Rob Connelly, Assistant Director Governance, indicated that he had discussed this with the City Solicitor with a view of moving forward and releasing the documentation.

The Chair referring to 'Other Actions from City Council Meetings' part of the plan indicated that he understood that those listed for Councillor Kate Booth to respond to had been actioned. He noted that he was progressing the response to Councillor Yip, he had spoken to Councillor Debbie Clancy about Hamstead House so that could be removed from the list and in relation to the one for Councillor Robert Alden re Social easements he was progressing the response. Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny, undertook to update the plan accordingly.

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny, highlighted that there were a number of items for the September City Council meeting including the review of the Constitution and an Overview and Scrutiny report and suggested that, in order to assess and timetable the reports, she provide a briefing note to Members. Councillor Robert Alden noted that the November City Council appeared not to have many items listed so some of the September items could go to November meeting.

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**RESOLVED:-**

That, subject to the above, the City Council and CBM Forward Plan be noted.

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**COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

Phil Wright, Committee Manager, indicated that he had been asked to arrange a meeting of Council as Trustee to consider a property report with 4 matters. He suggested that the meeting be held at 1330 hours and be scheduled for 15 minutes as normal allowing time for Members to join the City Council meeting at 1400 hours. In response to a comment from Councillor Robert Alden that it was difficult to schedule the meeting if the Committee did not know what the

items were, the Committee Manager indicated that he was not aware of the individual property matters to be discussed.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Council as Trustee meeting be held at the conclusion of the City Council meeting and that the report for the Council as Trustee meeting be circulated to Group Leaders to allow them to determine how much time was required to consider the item.

Councillor Robert Alden suggested that item No.10 relating to the development plan should be allocated more time and it was agreed that that 35 minutes be allocated.

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**RESOLVED:-**

That, subject to the above changes, the draft agenda be noted and it be noted that a meeting of Council as Trustee would follow the Council meeting.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

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Councillor Martin Straker Welds indicated that he would advise on a member of his group to fill the vacancy on the Planning Committee in due course.

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**OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

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There were no items raised.

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**AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

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**RESOLVED:-**

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

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The meeting ended at 1422 hours.

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CHAIR