

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 24 AUGUST 2020

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2020 AT 1400 HOURS, AS AN ON-LINE MEETING

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Ward in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Gareth Moore, Carl Rice, Martin Straker Welds and Mike Ward.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 3008 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (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.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3009 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.

APOLOGIES

- 3010 An apology was submitted on behalf of Councillor Brigid Jones.

MINUTES

- 3011 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 June 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ROLL OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

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

(See document No 1)

Councillor Robert Alden in supporting the proposals set out in the report noted that the late Councillor Keith Linnecor was also a member of the West Midlands Combined Authority's Transport Delivery Committee and its previous incarnations. Councillor Gareth Moore noted that the late Councillor Keith Linnecor had also being vice Chair of the Planning Committee in years prior to that mentioned in the report. Officers undertook to include that information in the report to the meeting of the extraordinary meeting.

It was further agreed that the extraordinary meeting of the City Council be held at 1355 hours on 15 September 2020.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the City Council be recommended to confer the title of Honorary Alderman *Posthumous* on the late Councillor Keith Linnecor; and
- (ii) that a Special Meeting of the Council be held at 1355 hours on 15 September to consider the matter and, if approved, to authorise the Lord Mayor and the Leader of the Council to present the *Posthumous* title to the family.

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF THE COAT OF ARMS

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

(See document No 2)

Following a comment from Councillor Robert Alden, it was agreed that the organisation should be advised that the Committee welcomed the use of a company in the Jewellery Quarter to make the lapel badge.

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RESOLVED:-

That the Committee has no objection to the use of the Coat of Arms by Birmingham Hebrew Congregation a small lapel badge in connection with the organisations 165th anniversary in 2021 and that the organisation be advised that the Committee welcomed the fact you intended to get the badge produced in the Jewellery Quarter.

CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN

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

(See document No 4)

The Chair referring to 'Other Actions from City Council Meetings' part of the report updated the Committee as follows:-

14 January 2020 Officers had been put in touch with Councillor Yip to discuss progress relating to the motion on tax justice.

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| 9 June 2020 | He was happy to talk to Councillor Robert Alden at Leaders meeting or outside of a meeting on release the Social Care Easements report. |
| 14 July 2020 | He had been in touch with the organisers of Birmingham Pride on use of the Smithfield site and officers were engaging with them. |
| 14 July 2020 | A email had been sent to Councillor Wood from Councillor Thompson on the issue of enforcement of minimum efficiency standards by landlords with regards to warm homes. |
| 14 July 2020 | He was happy to talk to Councillor Meirion Jenkins if he still wanted to do so relating Commonwealth Games procurement. |

Officers undertook to update the list on that basis.

Councillor Robert Alden confirmed that he would be willing to receive an update on the Social Care Easements report at a Group Leaders meeting. With reference to ref 6g he queried if there was an update on when the documentation would be released. Rob Connelly, Assistant Director Governance, indicated that the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer was going through all the documentation to establish what could be released although the current Covid restrictions were causing difficulties as some on the documents were in hard format only. He undertook to provide Group Leaders meeting a with a timeline for the release of the documentation.

Councillor Gareth Moore noted that although discussions about the Smithfield site were ongoing nothing had been resolved so he felt the item should remain on the tracker. The Chair agreed with this suggestion.

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RESOLVED:-

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

COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE AGENDA

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the item on the agenda be extended to 30 minutes and that the meeting of Council as Trustee take place after the meeting of the City Council.

3015

RESOLVED:-

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

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

During the discussion it was noted that the Executive Business report would be an update on Covid. Following a suggestion from the Chair it was agreed that the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel should be added to the agenda with 10 minutes allocated. As a consequence, it was agreed to allocate 30 minutes to the Executive Business report.

Councillor Carl Rice commented that it was the intention for Business reports to include reference to the challenges that the council faced. He also noted that scrutiny reports often had their time reduced but they were equally as important as other reports.

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RESOLVED:-

That, subject to the above changes, the draft agenda be noted.

APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Gareth Moore indicated that he was unable to provide the nominations to the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel at this time

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That, Councillor Liz Clements (Lab) to the WMCA Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the period ending with the next Annual meeting of the Council;
 - (ii) that Councillor Safia Akhtar (Lab) and named substitute to be replaced on the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel by Conservative nominees for the period ending with the next Annual meeting of the Council; and
 - (iii) That Councillor Debbie Clancy (Con) to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, filling the vacancy, for the period ending with the next Annual meeting of the Council.
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OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair was of the opinion that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency in order to expedite consideration thereof and instruct officers to act if necessary.

Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel 2019/20

Rob Connelly, Assistant Director Governance, indicated that when the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel had been reported to the Committee in March there had been an error in the allowance for the Deputy Leader which was reported as £41,600 but was £43,430.00. This had been corrected in the version to be reported to City Council

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RESOLVED:-

That further to Minute 2966 of this Committee dated 23 March 2020, it be noted that the allowance for the Deputy Leader to be reported to City Council on 15 September 2020 is £43,430.00 and not £41,600 as reported to Committee on 23 March 2020.

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.

The meeting ended at 1423 hours.

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CHAIR