

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

<p>COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 26 JUNE 2023</p>
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 26 JUNE 2023
AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE,
VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor John Cotton in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Baber Baz, Sir Albert Bore
Des Hughes, Brigid Jones, Chaman Lal and Gareth
Moore.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

205 The Chair advised the meeting to note that members of the
press/public may record and take photographs except where there
were confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

206 No declarations of interests were made.

APOLOGIES

207 Apologies were received from Councillors Sharon Thompson and
Miranda Perks.

MINUTES

208 The minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2023 were confirmed and
signed by the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

Members noted the appointment of Council Business Management Committee Sub-Committees and other bodies as outlined at Appendix 1 of the report.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

That the Committee noted the confirmed Member appointments to Sub-Committees and other bodies for the Municipal Year 2023/24 as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

THE LORD MAYORALTY FORMULA

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

Members noted that following comments made by Councillor Gareth Moore in relation to errors in the report, the Senior Committee Manager would liaise with Members of the Committee to ensure that the formula and allocation of future Lord Mayors was correct. An additional report, containing the appropriate corrections would be submitted to a future meeting for consideration and approval.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

That a revised Lord Mayoralty Formula report would be submitted to a future meeting for consideration and approval.

DECISIONS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THOSE AUTHORISED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

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Christian Scade, Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services made introductory comments relating to the report.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

That the Committee noted the report and agreed it should be included on the agenda for consideration by Full Council in July 2023.

PETITIONS UPDATE

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

The Committee noted that the number of outstanding petitions had decreased since the Committee had been receiving monthly updates. There had also been an improvement in relation to the time taken to respond to and subsequently discharge petitions.

For these reasons, the Committee agreed that a petitions update report should now be provided to the Committee on a quarterly basis.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

(i) That the Committee noted the progress made in relation to the responding to and discharging of petitions.

(ii) That the Committee agreed to receive petitions update reports on a quarterly basis moving forwards.

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

During the ensuing discussion on the Council agenda the following was agreed/noted:-

The Committee noted the comments made by some Members in relation to the previous meeting of the Council as Trustee held on 13 June 2023 where the Highbury Trust item was deferred. The Committee noted that it was essential that Group Leaders and Members were briefed appropriately moving forwards in relation to

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such items so that meetings did not have to be opened and then adjourned.

The Committee further noted that work between officers, the Chair and Members of the Trusts and Charities Committee would be undertaken to ensure that the relevant items/matters were referred to Council as Trustee where appropriate.

A meeting of the Council as Trustee was required to take place on 11 July 2023. This would be to consider matters related to Highbury Hall and to transact the business which had been deferred at the 13 June meeting.

The Committee agreed that this meeting should commence at 1330 on 11 July.

Members noted that a revised briefing note in respect of this meeting had been circulated on Friday 23 June.

In relation to the City Council meeting scheduled for 11 July 2023, the Committee agreed that the Leader Member Report – Transport Delivery Committee would be rescheduled to be considered at the November 2023 City Council meeting to align the item with the annual reporting cycle.

The Committee agreed that in relation to the Srebrenica agenda item, standing orders would be suspended. The proposer and seconders of the motion would be allocated seven minutes each in which to speak.

The Committee agreed to the following timings for the 11 July City Council meeting:

Srebrenica Memorial Day: 40 minutes.

Decisions not on the Forward Plan and Those Authorised for Immediate Implementation: 10 minutes.

Scrutiny Business Report: 50 minutes.

Christian Scade, Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services provided the Committee with a verbal update in relation to the work of Professor Colin Copus which was related to meetings of the City Council.

The Committee noted that the comments made by Group Leaders and other Members had been used to formulate the draft recommendations of the report. The draft recommendations and proposals included in the draft report would be shared with Members.

The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to invite Professor Copus to a meeting of the Cross-Party Leaders Group.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That an extraordinary meeting of the Council take place on 11 July at 1330.
- (ii) That the agenda for the meeting of the Council on 11 July 2023 be noted taking account of the timings as outlined above.
- (iii) That the Committee noted the verbal update provided in relation of the work being conducted by Professor Colin Copus.

CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN

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The Committee noted the City Council and CBMC Forward Plan.
(See document No 6)

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2023

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The Committee noted the Council Business Management Committee dates for 2023/24:

To be held on Mondays at 1400 hours except where specified as follows:-

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
	22 January
	12 February
Tuesday 29 August	Tuesday 2 April
23 October	Tuesday 7 May
20 November	
18 December	

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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The Committee noted that an extraordinary meeting of the City Council would need to be arranged at a future date to consider a matter relating to a former Lord Mayor.

Robert Connelly, Assistant Director (Governance) would provide Group Leaders with an update as the work to plan this extraordinary meeting progressed.

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 14:42