

# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2024 AT 14:00 HOURS**  
**IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,**  
**BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

### **A G E N D A**

#### **1 NOTICE OF RECORDING**

Lord Mayor to advise that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Public-I microsite [\(please click this link\)](#) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members are reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests are declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

Information on the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct is set out via <http://bit.ly/3WtGQnN>. This includes, at Appendix 1, an interests flowchart which provides a simple guide to declaring interests at meetings.

**3 MINUTES**

To confirm and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 March 2024.

**4 LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(10 minutes allocated) (1400-1410)**

To receive the Lord Mayor's announcements and such communications as the Lord Mayor may wish to place before the Council.

**5 PETITIONS**

**(10 minutes allocated) (1410-1420)**

To receive and deal with petitions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 E of the Constitution)

As agreed by Council Business Management Committee a schedule of outstanding petitions is available electronically with the published papers for the meeting and can be viewed or downloaded.

**6 QUESTION TIME**

**(70 minutes allocated) (1420-1530)**

To deal with oral questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

- A. Questions from Members of the Public to any Cabinet Member or Ward Forum Chair (20 minutes)
- B. Questions from any Councillor to a Committee Chair, Lead Member of a Joint Board or Ward Forum Chair (up to 10 minutes)
- C. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to a Cabinet Member (up to 20 minutes)
- D. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Member to the Leader or Deputy Leader (up to 20 minutes)

**7 APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL**

**(5 minutes allocated) (1530-1535)**

To make appointments to, or removal from, committees, outside bodies or other offices which fall to be determined by the Council.

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8 **COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON AGENDA**

For the Council to note the attached comments on the agenda.

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9 **STANDARDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT HEARING**

**(10 minutes allocated) (1535-1545)**

The Chair of the Standards Committee to move the following recommendations:

"Council is requested to:

1. Note the findings of the Standards Committee that the Code of Conduct has been breached and that Councillor Hughes apologise for his conduct.
2. Agree the Recommendation that Councillor Hughes be removed from his outside appointments representing the Council on the Board of the Birmingham Royal Ballet and as a Trustee of Barry Jackson Tower.
3. Agree that the Council takes promptly all reasonable steps to recover the outstanding overpayment of salary in the sum of £6,189.96.

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10 **IMPROVEMENT & RECOVERY PLAN (IRP)**

**(75 minutes allocated) (1545-1700)**

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Councillor John Cotton to move the following recommendation:

"City Council is recommended to approve the Improvement and Recovery Plan (IRP) (attached at Appendix 1) as the overarching document that summarises the key programmes, projects, and activity the Council needs to deliver improvement."

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(break 1700-1730)

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11 **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT - HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

**(30 minutes allocated) (1730-1800)**

Councillor Jayne Francis to move the following recommendation:

"That City Council notes the report".

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12 **SCRUTINY INQUIRY ON CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION: HOW ARE THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE THE RISKS OF EXPLOITATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?**

**(45 minutes allocated) (1800-1845)**

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Councillor Des Hughes to move the following recommendations:

"It is recommended that:

Recommendations R01 to R15, set out in Appendix 1, be approved and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation".

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13 **AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT**

**(30 minutes allocated) (1855-1915)**

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Councillor Fred Grindrod to move the following recommendations:

"That City Council:

1. Receives and considers the annual report of the Audit Committee.
  2. Endorse the new approach to the production of the Annual Governance Statement ensuring that the Committee are able to fully contribute to its development and that the statement becomes the foundation upon which the work of the Committee is built.
  3. Support the ongoing development of the Committee recognising that this is not a quick fix but a journey of development".
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