



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL
9 JUNE 2015**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2015 AT
1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Ray Hassall) in the Chair.

Councillors

Mohammed Aikhlaq	Paulette Hamilton	John O'Shea
Deirdre Alden	Andrew Hardie	David Pears
John Alden	Roger Harmer	Eva Phillips
Robert Alden	Barry Henley	Robert Pocock
Nawaz Ali	Penny Holbrook	Victoria Quinn
Tahir Ali	Des Hughes	Hendrina Quinnen
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Jon Hunt	Chauhdry Rashid
Caroline Badley	Mahmood Hussain	Habib Rehman
Susan Barnett	Timothy Huxtable	Carl Rice
David Barrie	Mohammed Idrees	Fergus Robinson
Vivienne Barton	Zafar Iqbal	Gary Sambrook
Bob Beauchamp	Ziaul Islam	Valerie Seabright
Matt Bennett	Kerry Jenkins	Rob Sealey
Steve Booton	Meirion Jenkins	Shafique Shah
Sir Albert Bore	Simon Jevon	Mike Sharpe
Barry Bowles	Brigid Jones	Sybil Spence
Randal Brew	Carol Jones	Claire Spencer
Mick Brown	Josh Jones	Stewart Stacey
Alex Buchanan	Nagina Kauser	Ron Storer
Tristan Chatfield	Tony Kennedy	Martin Straker-Welds
Zaker Choudhry	Ansar Ali Khan	Sharon Thompson
Debbie Clancy	Changeese Khan	Paul Tilsley
John Clancy	Mariam Khan	Karen Trench
Lynda Clinton	Chaman Lal	Lisa Trickett
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Maureen Cornish	Bruce Lines	Margaret Waddington

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John Cotton	Keith Linnecor	Anita Ward
Basharet Dad	Ewan Mackey	Ian Ward
Phil Davis	Majid Mahmood	Mike Ward
Peter Douglas Osborn	Karen McCarthy	Eliane Williams
Barbara Dring	James McKay	Ken Wood
Jerry Evans	Gareth Moore	Alex Yip
Mohammed Fazal	Yvonne Mosquito	Waseem Zaffar
Peter Griffiths	Brett O'Reilly	

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 18517 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting would be filmed except where they were confidential or exempt items.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 18518 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the City Council held on 19 May 2015, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 18519 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the City Council held on 19 May 2015, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scrutiny Awards

- 18520 The Lord Mayor advised that Birmingham had won two awards at the annual Good Scrutiny Awards event last Tuesday which were:

- **The Involvement Award** for: 'Living Life to the Full with Dementia'; and
- **The Raising the Profile Award** for: 'We Need to get it Right: report on Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation in Birmingham'.

The Lord Mayor indicated that he was sure all in the Chamber would join him in congratulating all those involved in compiling these two reports.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented before the Meeting

The following petitions had been submitted to the Chief Executive prior to the commencement of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 8:-

(See document No. 1)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18521 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petitions presented before the meeting be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer/organisation.

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 2)

In accordance with the proposals by the members presenting the petitions, it was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18522 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petitions be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officers/organisations.

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No. 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18523 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Petitions Update be noted and those petitions for which a satisfactory response has been received, be discharged.

QUESTION TIME

The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Standing Order 9 (B).

During a question relating to Westside BID Councillor Carl Rice declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of Westside BID

Details of the questions asked are available for public inspection via the web-stream.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

On receipt of nominations it was –

18524 **RESOLVED:-**

That the following persons be appointed until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2016 as set below:-

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Education and Vulnerable Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Uzma Ahmed (Lab) to replace Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq (Lab)
Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq (Lab) to replace Councillor Uzma Ahmed (Lab)
Council Business Management Committee	Councillor Mike Ward (Lib Dem) to replace Councillor Paul Tilsley (Lib Dem)

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

It was moved by Councillor Valerie Seabright, seconded and

18525 **RESOLVED:-**

That, pursuant to a CBM discussion, Standing Orders be waived as follows:

- Allocate 45 Minutes for item 8 (Leader's Policy Statement)
- Allocate 5 Minutes for item 9 (Report of the Executive)
- reduce the time allowed for item 10 (Reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees) from 60 minutes to 25 minutes but it is recommended that the Lord Mayor extends the time appropriately if there is spare time available.

LEADER'S POLICY STATEMENT

The following Policy Statement was submitted:-

(See document No. 4)

The Leader made a speech in respect of his policy Statement.

During the speech the Councillor Gary Sambrook raised a point of order in that no motion to extend the time allowed for the Leader to speak had been moved and carried.

At the invitation of the Lord Mayor, Councillor Valerie Seabright moved the following procedural Motion:-

“That the Leader be allowed to continue and use the allocated time for this item.”

The motion having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore –

18526 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Leader be allowed to continue and use the allocated time for this item.

At the conclusion of the Leader's speech a short debate ensued.

The Leader replied to the debate.

The Lord Mayor asked if it was agreed that the Annual Report of the Leader of the Council be received and a vote was undertaken. By a show of hands it was –

18527 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Annual Leader's Policy Statement be received.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

Terms of Reference, Constitution and Standing Orders of the West Midlands Joint Committee

The following report of the Executive was submitted:-

(See document No. 5)

It was moved by the Leader and seconded:-

- “(i) That the changes to the Terms of Reference and Constitution of the West Midlands Joint Committee as set out in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2** (track changed version) of this report be noted.
- (ii) That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to agree and enter into such documents are necessary to give effect to the above Motion.”

A short debate ensued.

The Leader replied to the debate.

The motion having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore –

18528 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the changes to the Terms of Reference and Constitution of the West Midlands Joint Committee as set out in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2** (track changed version) of this report be noted.
- (ii) That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to agree and enter into such documents are necessary to give effect to the above Motion.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18529 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1625 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1610 hours.

At 1627 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Refreshing the Partnership: Service Birmingham

The following report of from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee together with a commentary from the Executive was submitted:-

(See document No. 6)

It was moved by Councillor Waseem Zaffar and seconded by Randal Brew:-

“That the recommendations summarised above be approved, and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation.”

A debate ensued.

Councillor Waseem Zaffar replied to the debate.

The motion having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore –

18530 **RESOLVED:-**

That the recommendations summarised above be approved, and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation.

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The Council proceeded to consider the motions of which notice had been given in accordance with Standing Order 4(A).

A. Councillors Matt Bennett and Gary Sambrook have given notice of the following motion:-

(See document No. 7)

In moving the Motion Councillor Matt Bennett indicated that the word ‘Executive’ in the last paragraph be replaced with the words ‘Council Business Management Committee’. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Gary Sambrook.

In accordance Council Standing Orders, Councillors Sir Albert Bore and James McKay gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 8)

Councillor Sir Albert Bore moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor James McKay.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Matt Bennett replied to the debate

The amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

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Here upon a poll being demanded the voting was as follows:-

For the amendment (63)

Mohammed Aikhlaq	Penny Holbrook	Brett O'Reilly
Nawaz Ali	Des Hughes	John O'Shea
Tahir Ali	Mahmood Hussain	Eva Phillips
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Mohammed Idrees	Robert Pocock
Susan Barnett	Zafar Iqbal	Victoria Quinn
Steve Booton	Ziaul Islam	Hendrina Quinnen
Sir Albert Bore	Kerry Jenkins	Chauhdry Rashid
Barry Bowles	Brigid Jones	Habib Rehman
Mick Brown	Josh Jones	Carl Rice
Alex Buchanan	Nagina Kauser	Valerie Seabright
Tristan Chatfield	Tony Kennedy	Shafique Shah
John Clancy	Ansar Ali Khan	Mike Sharpe
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Basharet Dad	Chaman Lal	Stewart Stacey
Phil Davis	Mike Leddy	Martin Straker-Welds
Barbara Dring	Keith Linnecor	Sharon Thompson
Mohammed Fazal	Majid Mahmood	Lisa Trickett
Peter Griffiths	Karen McCarthy	Anita Ward
Paulette Hamilton	James McKay	Elaine Williams
Barry Henley	Yvonne Mosquito	Waseem Zaffar

Against the amendment (33)

Deirdre Alden	Maureen Cornish	David Pears
John Alden	Peter Douglas Osborn	Fergus Robinson
Robert Alden	Andrew Hardie	Garry Sambrook
David Barrie	Jon Hunt	Rob Sealey
Vivienne Barton	Timothy Huxtable	Ron Storer
Bob Beauchamp	Merion Jenkins	Paul Tilsley
Matt Bennett	Simon Jevon	Karen Trench
Randal Brew	Carol Jones	Anne Underwood
Zaker Choudhry	Bruce Lines	Margaret Waddington
Debbie Clancy	Ewan Mackey	Mike Ward
Lyn Collin	Gareth Moore	Alex Yip

Abstentions (0)

The Motion as amended, having been moved and seconded, was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

18531 **RESOLVED:-**

This Council notes with concern the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK Preliminary Statement of Findings on the CPA UK Election assessment mission. In particular noting:-

“most notably in Birmingham Ladywood there were incidents with more than one voter in a booth at any given time and an observation that polling staff were often unable or unwilling to enforce the rules over privacy for casting votes.”

Accordingly, this Council requests that the Electoral Matters Members Forum seeks out evidence of other concerns or incidents regarding the conduct of the 2015 elections so that appropriate advice or measures can be introduced at future elections in Birmingham.

B. Councillors Paul Tilsley and Jon Hunt have given notice of the following motion:-

(See document No. 9)

Councillor Paul Tilsley moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Jon Hunt.

In accordance Council Standing Orders, Councillors Victoria Quinn and Penny Holbrook gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 10)

Councillor Victoria Quinn moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Penny Holbrook.

In accordance Council Standing Orders, Councillors Deirdre Alden and Bruce Lines gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 11)

Councillor Deirdre Alden moved the amendment, indicating that the word ‘after’ should be replaced with the word ‘from’ which was seconded by Councillor Bruce Lines.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Paul Tilsley replied to the debate

The first amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

The second amendment as amended having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

The Motion as amended having been moved and seconded, was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion as amended (72)

Mohammed Aikhlaq	Des Hughes	Eva Phillips
Nawaz Ali	Jon Hunt	Robert Pocock
Tahir Ali	Mahmood Hussain	Victoria Quinn
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Mohammed Idrees	Hendrina Quinnen
Susan Barnett	Zafar Iqbal	Chauhdry Rashid
Sir Albert Bore	Ziaul Islam	Habib Rehman
Barry Bowles	Kerry Jenkins	Carl Rice
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Basharet Dad	Mariam Khan	Sharon Thompson
Phil Davis	Chaman Lal	Paul Tilsley
Barbara Dring	Mike Leddy	Karen Trench
Jerry Evans	Keith Linnecor	Lisa Trickett
Mohammed Fazal	Majid Mahmood	Anita Ward
Paulette Hamilton	Karen McCarthy	Ian Ward
Andrew Hardie	James McKay	Mike Ward
Roger Harmer	Gareth Moore	Elaine Williams
Barry Henley	Brett O'Reilly	Alex Yip
Penny Holbrook	John O'Shea	Waseem Zaffar

Against the Motion as amended (4)

Matt Bennett	Fergus Robinson	Gary Sambrook
Peter Douglas Osborn		

Abstentions (2)

Vivienne Barton	Ron Storer
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It was therefore -

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RESOLVED:-

Council notes that Birmingham has a proud history of supporting young people's engagement in the political process, supporting youth parliaments locally and nationally.

Council welcomes the successful pilot of 16 and 17 year olds voting in the Scottish Independence Referendum.

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Council recommends to Government that the franchise in Birmingham and the rest of the UK includes 16 and 17 year olds for any referendum on Britain's involvement with Europe, noting that the effects of such a vote will last a generation and, furthermore, will seek to reflect this approach for any Council-initiated future referenda within Birmingham.

The meeting ended at 1840 hours.