

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 23 JUNE 2015

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2015 AT 1200 HOURS,
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Sir Albert Bore in the Chair;

Councillors Deirdre Alden, Mohammed Idrees, Hendrina Quinnen, Valerie Seabright, Anne Underwood, Ian Ward and Mike Ward.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 2399 The Chair advised the meeting to note that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items

APOLOGIES

- 2400 Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Robert Alden and it was noted that Councillor Deirdre Alden was in attendance as his nominee.

APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE

- 2401 To note a resolution of the City Council appointing Councillor Mike Ward to the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2015/2016 in place of Councillor Paul Tilsley.

MINUTES

- 2402 The public part of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 May 2015 was noted.

**UPDATE ON SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY
GOVERNANCE**

The following report of the Service Director, Localisation and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Ifor Jones, Service Director Localisation made introductory comments relating to the report. He noted that continued support would be given to the Sutton Coldfield Wards meeting in the near future to discuss governance issues. In response to further questions from Members, he highlighted the evolving nature of developing the way the needs of future Ward level meetings were met.

During further discussion, in response to comments from Councillor Anne Underwood, the Chair requested that Article 10 of the Constitution relating to District and Ward Committees/Forums be amended to reflect the appointment of Ward Chairs. Councillor Mike Ward, in acknowledging his previous unease at the changes to the governance arrangements around Districts and Wards, explained that, given the financial constraints the City Council was under, he was willing to participate in discussion of future arrangements. However he could not support recommendation 2.1 as he did not agree that meetings of Districts Committees be held centrally.

The Head of Committee and Member Services responded to a query from Councillor Mike Ward relating to email alerts on CMIS.

2403

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the arrangements for the administration and management of District Committee and Ward Committee/Forum meetings be approved;
- (ii) that the standard agenda templates for District Committee Meetings and Ward Committee/Forum meetings be approved;
- (iii) that further development of the Ward Action planner/Tracker (Appendix 1 attached) be approved; and
- (iv) that the Community Governance Review group will receive a report setting out guidance for District Committees and Ward Committee/Forums prior to submission to Cabinet for agreement.

(Councillor Mike Ward wished to be recorded as having vote against part (i) of the above resolution)

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The following report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Following nominations it was-

2404

RESOLVED:-

That City Council is recommended to make the following appointments to serve on the following Committees:-

Standards Committee

New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council Members

Councillor Eric Carter
Councillor Gareth Griffiths

ITA Overview and Scrutiny Joint Committee

Birmingham to nominate to West Midlands Joint Committee 1 Labour representative and 1 Lib Democrat representative to serve on ITA Overview and Scrutiny Joint Committee, along with a named substitute for each.

Member	Substitute
Cllr John O'Shea (Labour)	Cllr Claire Spencer
Cllr Jon Hunt (Liberal Democrat)	Cllr

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

It was-

2405

RESOLVED:-

That the draft agenda be noted.

PETITIONS UPDATE

The following report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

2406

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted;

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2407

RESOLVED:-

That it be noted that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 July at 1200 hours.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair was of the opinion that the following items should be considered as matters of urgency in view of the need to expedite consideration thereof and to instruct officers if necessary:-

A. Temporary Appointment to Position of Acting Strategic Director Place

The following report of the Chief Executive was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services, made introductory comments relating to the report.

The Chair commented that there was a possibility that the Chief Officer Appointments, Dismissals and Service Conditions Sub-Committee would have to meet in September to consider issues within the Economy Directorate. In respect to the forthcoming meeting Councillors Ian Ward and Lisa Trickett would sit. It was further noted that a nominee would be advised for Councillor Robert Alden. (Councillor Anne Underwood was subsequently nominated)

2408

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That agreement be given for the immediate initiation of an internal recruitment process to appoint an Acting Director of Place Directorate which is open to all existing appropriately experienced and qualified Council officers to apply. This appointment to be for a maximum of 12 months;
- (ii) that it be noted that following consultation with the Chair of the Committee in the interests of expediency and to ensure a smooth handover with the departing Strategic Director that the initial invitation to apply process has commenced;
- (iii) that a meeting of the Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer Appointments, Dismissals and Service Conditions Sub-Committee has been arranged for 26/06/15 to undertake the selection process to appoint an Acting Director of Place Directorate; and
- (iv) that it be noted that in the next three months the Chief Executive will bring a report to CBM outlining proposals for the future long term senior leadership requirements for the Place Directorate and how these can be best addressed.

B. Request for the use of the Coat of Arms

The following report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services was submitted:-

(See document No 6)

Members of the Committee expressed support for the request.

2409

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee notes the action taken by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair in not objecting to the use the Coat of Arms by Denis Ramplin, Director of Marketing & Communications, The Schools of King Edward VI on an owl artwork.

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.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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RESOLVED:-

That, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, which includes the following exempt information, the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Agenda Item etc

**Paragraph of Exempt
Information Under Revised
Schedule 12A of the Local
Government Act 1972**

Minutes of the last meeting

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PRIVATE

MINUTES

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The minutes of the private part of the last meeting held on 26 May, 2015 were noted and the minutes as a whole were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

The meeting ended at 1232 hours.

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CHAIR