

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 10 FEBRUARY 2020

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 1400 HOURS,
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Ward in the Chair;

Councillors Shabrana Hussain, Brigid Jones, Gareth Moore, Carl Rice, Martin Straker Welds and Mike Ward.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

2951 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.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2952 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

2953 Apologies were received from Councillor Robert Alden.

MINUTES

2954 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 January 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD

The following report of the Director – Inclusive Growth Directorate was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Lloyd Broad, Head of European Affairs, made introductory comments relating to the report and the number visits for the quarter to 31 December 2019.

In response to a comment from Councillor Gareth Moore, the Chair the indicated that all visits were relevant to the Council's priorities and provided value for the tax payer as they had genuine benefits.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That approved Member and officer overseas travel be noted;
- (ii) that the details of inward delegations from abroad be noted; and
- (iii) that it be noted that with effect from 19 January 2016 authority for foreign travel by City Council Members and officers will only be granted when 4 weeks' notice has been given. Visits proposed with less than 4 weeks, notice will be refused unless under EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES which will require written documentation and an extremely robust reason for travel.

LORD MAYOR'S ADVISORY GROUP

The following report of the Acting Assistant Director, Governance was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Rob Connelly, Acting Assistant Director, Governance, made introductory comments relating to the report and highlighted that any issues relating to civic matters or the Lord Mayor's Office could be discussed with Group Secretaries.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

That Council Business Management Committee:

- Abolishes the Lord Mayor's Advisory Group (LMAG as a formal Sub-Committee of Council Business Management Committee.
- Authorises the City Solicitor to amend the Constitution in order to give effect to the above.

PROVISIONAL CITY COUNCIL AND COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2020/2021

The following report of the Acting Assistant Director, Governance was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

During discussion it was felt that the Committee should meet on the 24 August 2020 and that, due to City Council meeting on the 19 May 2020, a date in the same week from the 20 May be chosen instead of 26 May 2020.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the provisional date for the City Council dates for 2020/2021 agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 28 August be noted; and
- (ii) that the following dates for Council Business Management Committee meetings in 2020/2021 be agreed:

To be held on Mondays at 1400 hours unless otherwise stated.

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
21 May (Thursday) (1630 hours)*	18 January
29 June	8 February
24 August	29 March
19 October	10 May
16 November	
21 December	

*This date was agreed following the meeting as requested by the Committee and is included here for completeness.

CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN

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

(See document No 4)

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny, responded to Comments from Councillor Gareth Moore and the Chair by indicating that she would follow up outstanding matters and update the Plan accordingly.

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RESOLVED:-

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

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

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RESOLVED:-

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

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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There were no items of Other Urgent Business.

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 1415 hours.

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CHAIR