



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL
7 JULY 2015**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 7 JULY 2015 AT
1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

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

Councillors

Uzma Ahmed	Eddie Freeman	Victoria Quinn
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Matthew Gregson	Hendrina Quinnen
Deirdre Alden	Paulette Hamilton	Chauhdry Rashid
John Alden	Andrew Hardie	Habib Rehman
Robert Alden	Roger Harmer	Carl Rice
Nawaz Ali	Barry Henley	Fergus Robinson
Tahir Ali	Penny Holbrook	Gary Sambrook
Sue Anderson	Des Hughes	Valerie Seabright
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Jon Hunt	Rob Sealey
Mohammed Azim	Mahmood Hussain	Shafique Shah
Caroline Badley	Timothy Huxtable	Mike Sharpe
Susan Barnett	Mohammed Idrees	Claire Spencer
David Barrie	Zafar Iqbal	Stewart Stacey
Vivienne Barton	Ziaul Islam	Ron Storer
Bob Beauchamp	Kerry Jenkins	Martin Straker-Welds
Matt Bennett	Meirion Jenkins	Sharon Thompson
Steve Booton	Brigid Jones	Paul Tilsley
Sir Albert Bore	Nagina Kauser	Karen Trench
Randal Brew	Tony Kennedy	Lisa Trickett
Marje Bridle	Ansar Ali Khan	Anne Underwood
Mick Brown	Changese Khan	Margaret Waddington
Alex Buchanan	Mariam Khan	Anita Ward
Sam Burden	Narinder Kooner	Ian Ward
Andy Cartwright	Chaman Lal	Mike Ward
Tristan Chatfield	Mike Leddy	Fiona Williams
Zaker Choudhry	Bruce Lines	Ken Wood

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Debbie Clancy	Keith Linnecor	Alex Yip
John Clancy	Ewan Mackey	Waseem Zaffar
Lynda Clinton	Majid Mahmood	
John Cotton	Karen McCarthy	
Ian Cruise	James McKay	
Basharat Dad	Gareth Moore	
Peter Douglas Osborn	Yvonne Mosquito	
Barbara Dring	Brett O'Reilly	
Neil Eustace	John O'Shea	
Jerry Evans	David Pears	
Mohammed Fazal	Eva Phillips	
Mick Finnegan	Robert Pocock	

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 18533 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would not be webcast. However, members of the Press/Public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items. He added that the electronic voting system was also not in operation.
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MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 18534 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 9 June 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

- 18535 There were no announcements.
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PETITIONS

Petition Relating to City Council Functions Presented before the Meeting

The following petition 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

18536 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition presented before the meeting be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer.

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 -

18537 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No. 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18538 **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).

Details of the questions asked are available for public inspection via an audio recording.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

The following report was submitted:-

(See document No. 4)

Councillor Mike Ward proposed and Councillor Paul Tilsley seconded that Councillor Zaker Choudhry (Lib Dem) serve as a substitute member for Councillor Jon Hunt (Lib Dem) on the ITA Overview and Scrutiny Joint

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Committee. There being no further nominations it was –

18539 **RESOLVED:-**

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

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
<u>Standards Committee</u> New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council Members	Councillors Eric Carter and Gareth Griffiths
ITA Overview and Scrutiny Joint Committee	Councillor John O'Shea (Lab) with Councillor Claire Spencer (Lab) as substitute. Councillor Jon Hunt (Lib Dem) with Councillor Zaker Choudhry (Lib Dem) as substitute.

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

It was moved by Councillor Valerie Seabright, seconded and

18540 **RESOLVED:-**

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

- Allocate 15 Minutes for item 8 (Report of the Licensing and Public Protection Committee).

LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The following report of the Licensing and Public Projection Committee was submitted:-

(See document No. 5)

Councillor Barbara Dring moved the motion which was seconded.

A debate ensued to which Councillor Barbara Dring replied.

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

It was therefore –

18541 **RESOLVED:-**

That the City Council approves the Statement of Licensing Policy and authorises:-

- (i) The Director of Legal and Democratic Services to update the list of Policy Framework Plans to include the same; and
- (ii) the Director of Regulation and Enforcement to do what is necessary to publish and comply with the same.

REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Homeless Health

The following report from the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee together with a commentary from the Executive was submitted:-

(See document No. 6)

It was moved by Councillor Sharon Thompson and seconded by Councillor Andrew Hardie:-

“That the report and its recommendations summarised above be accepted and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation.”

A debate ensued during which Councillor Ian Cruise declared a pecuniary interest insofar that he was employed at HM Prison Birmingham and Councillor Henley declared an interest as a non-executive director of Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust. The report made reference to both organisations.

Councillor Sharon Thompson 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 –

18542 **RESOLVED:-**

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18543 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1649 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1634 hours.

At 1650 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

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 James McKay and Waseem Zaffar have given notice of the following Motion:-

(See document No. 7)

In moving the Motion Councillor James McKay indicated that he was willing to include the amendment proposed by Councillor Matt Bennett. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Waseem Zaffar.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Matt Bennett and Alex Yip gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 8)

Councillor Matt Bennett moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Alex Yip.

A debate ensued.

Councillor James McKay 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 carried.

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.

18544 **RESOLVED:-**

Council notes that:

Birmingham has benefitted economically and socially from the arrival of new communities. Whatever national government's position around asylum and

immigration, it will always be in Birmingham's interest to integrate newcomers.

Individuals, community organisations, schools and other stakeholders have worked together to promote Birmingham's designation as a 'City of Sanctuary', a national grassroots movement to establish a commitment to make our city one which meets its obligations to those fleeing violence and persecution in their country of origin. The proposal to explore 'City of Sanctuary' status for Birmingham was endorsed by full Council in 2013.

Council recognises that, in supporting the campaign to establish Birmingham as a 'City of Sanctuary', we will:

- Support local groups and people in helping new communities to integrate into local and civic society, thereby strengthening further the city's social inclusion and cohesion;
- recognise the positive contribution migrants make the social, cultural, economic and community life of the city;
- do what we can to ensure that those seeking lawful sanctuary in the UK are treated properly in Birmingham, recognising that they are often among the most disadvantaged members of our community.

Council therefore resolves to:

Endorse efforts to achieve 'City of Sanctuary' status for Birmingham through recognition by the movement's national body.

B. Councillors Deirdre Alden and Andrew Hardie have given notice of the following Motion:-

(See document No. 9)

The Council was informed that Councillor Andrew Hardie since giving notice of the Motion had been advised that, because of an interest, he should not second the Motion.

Councillor Deirdre Alden moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Meirion Jenkins.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Sue Anderson and Zaker Choudhry gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 10)

Councillor Sue Anderson moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Zaker Choudhry.

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In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Paulette Hamilton and Rob Pocock gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 11)

Councillor Paulette Hamilton moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Rob Pocock.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Deirdre Alden 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 having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

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 (70)

Mohammed Aikhlaq	Mohammed Fazal	James McKay
Nawaz Ali	Mick Finnegan	Yvonne Mosquito
Tahir Ali	Matthew Gregson	Brett O'Reilly
Sue Anderson	Paulette Hamilton	John O'Shea
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Roger Harmer	Eva Phillips
Mohammed Azim	Barry Henley	Robert Pocock
Caroline Badley	Penny Holbrook	Victoria Quinn
Susan Barnett	Des Hughes	Hendrina Quinnen
Sir Albert Bore	Jon Hunt	Chauhdry Rashid
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Barbara Dring	Karen McCarthy	Waseem Zaffar
Jerry Evans		

Against the Motion as Amended (18)

Deirdre Alden	Matt Bennett	David Pears
John Alden	Peter Douglas Osborn	Fergus Robinson
Robert Alden	Eddie Freeman	Garry Sambrook
David Barrie	Merion Jenkins	Ron Storer
Vivienne Barton	Ewan Mackey	Ken Wood
Bob Beauchamp	Gareth Moore	Alex Yip

Abstentions (1)

Andrew Hardie

It was therefore -

18545 **RESOLVED:-**

This Council notes the move to a 7 day week GP service provided by the NHS. This Council strongly objects to the Chancellor's plan to cut the public health budget by £200m nationally. This is likely to increase the existing severe health inequalities for the citizens of Birmingham.

However, this Council notes that these stated aspirations are in stark contrast to the present reality of ever-lengthening waiting times for GP appointments in Birmingham and nationwide. These promises on improving access are clear spin. It was this Government that cut the primary care budget and scrapped the right to a GP appointment in 48 hours. Our overburdened GP services are in real crisis. The British Medical Association has demanded that ministers stop chasing headlines, as the NHS is facing a funding gap and chronic shortage of doctors.

Moreover, the Government last month imposed an estimated £6.4 million in year cut to the public health funding for Birmingham - an unprecedented move that both wrecks careful budget planning by this City Council, and undermines our efforts to prevent ill-health. This cut will inevitably further increase pressures on Birmingham's GPs and NHS services.

This Council condemns these latest cuts and calls for local health services and budgets to be brought under greater local democratic accountability. Through our Health and Wellbeing Board we have strong health and social care leadership which can be built on further to create a truly integrated health and social care system. Together with our health partners, we could make a sustained difference through commissioning and targeting services at a local level as we are doing through the Better Care Fund.

The meeting ended at 1841 hours.