

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 30 MAY 2023
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023
AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE,
VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor John Cotton in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Baber Baz, Des Hughes,
Brigid Jones, Chaman Lal and Sharon Thompson.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

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

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

190 Members noted the appointments made to serve on the Committee for
the municipal year 2023/24.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

191 Councillor John Cotton proposed that Councillor Sharon Thompson be
appointed as Deputy Chair of the Committee for the municipal year
2023/24. This was seconded by Councillor Des Hughes.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

192 No declarations of interests were made.

APOLOGIES

- 193 Apologies were received from Councillors Sir Albert Bore, Miranda Perks and Gareth Moore
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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 194 The Committee noted the terms of reference of the Council Business Management Committee. The ongoing review of the Council constitution would review the terms of reference as a matter of routine. No changes to the terms of reference were proposed for the 2023/24 municipal year.
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MINUTES

- 195 Councillor Robert Alden informed the Committee that in relation to the 'Review of the City Council's Constitution' item considered at the 9 May meeting, he had expressed a view that some other Councils handled breach procedures in a different manner than as set out in the Birmingham City Council Constitution.

In relation to minute 187, the Committee noted that one speaker from each Group – Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Green should be asked to speak in relation to Srebrenica Motion at the 11 July City Council meeting.

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS (STANDARDS AND INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL) RECRUITMENT

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Robert Connelly, Assistant Director (Governance), made introductory comments relating to the report.

Members noted that the same recruitment process previously used had been utilised when recruiting Independent Members on this occasion.

The Committee further noted that due to a recent uplift, the remuneration rate for Independent Members had increased. The Assistant Director (Governance) would clarify the revised rates.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

(i) That the Council Business Management Committee agreed to recruit to the following roles:

Role	Reason for recruitment
2 x IRP Citizen Representatives	Term of Offices expires (31/08/2023)
1 x Appointed IRP Representative	Resignation
2 x Independent People	Resignation / Additional Member
1 x Lay member of Standards Committee	Resignation

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES – JEWELLERY QUARTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REFERENDUM

The following report of the Assistant Director (Governance) was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Robert Connelly, Assistant Director (Governance), made introductory comments relating to the report.

Members noted that in the future, the Constitution could be amended to delegate decision making in relation to polling districts and places to the Assistant Director (Governance). This would mean such matters would not need to be formally considered by the Committee.

The Committee was assured that Ward Members were consulted as part of any proposed changes to polling districts and places.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

That the Committee agreed the proposed change and noted the situation of the other polling stations within the NPR area.

APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

Councillor Robert Alden confirmed that the Conservative Group would be appointing Members to Sub-Committees and Other Bodies as per the 2022/23 municipal year – there were no proposed changes at this point.

The Labour and Liberal Democrat Group would submit their appointments to Sub-Committees and Other Bodies before the end of the current week

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

(i) That the Sub-Committees and other bodies detailed in the Appendix to the report be appointed for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

(ii) That Councillors be appointed to serve on the Sub-Committees and other bodies detailed in the Appendix to the report for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

ORDER OF NOTICES OF MOTION AT FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2023/24

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

During the ensuing discussion the following was agreed/noted:-

The Review of Birmingham City Council (City Council Meetings) was still being undertaken. Therefore, the Committee agreed to continue with the allocation of Motions for 2023/24 as per the previous arrangement used for 2022/23.

The order of Motions would be amended to reflect that for the 11 June meeting, the Conservative Group would submit Motion 1 and the Liberal Democrat Group would submit Motion 2. The Senior Committee Manager would amend the Order of Motions for 2023/24 to reflect this and to confirm the order of Motions for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year. The order would be circulated to Group offices.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

(i) That the Committee agreed to allocate the Order of Motions for the municipal year 2023/24 based on the system used during 2022/23 (option 1 of the report).

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

During the ensuing discussion on the Council agenda the following was agreed/noted:-

It was proposed by Councillor Alden that less time be allocated to the Executive Business Report and additional time be allocated to the Housing Ombudsman Report.

Councillor Cotton expressed a view that the 55 minutes allocated to the Executive Business Report was appropriate, with 45 minutes then allocated to the Housing Ombudsman Report.

The majority of the Committee agreed to the 55/45 minute time split across both items as proposed by Councillor Cotton. Councillor Alden wished for it to be placed on record that he did not agree with the time allocation.

It was also agreed that an extraordinary meeting would be held on 13 June 2023 at 1330 in order to consider a report in relation to the Highbury Trust.

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RESOLVED:-

(i) That an extraordinary meeting of the Council take place on 13 June at 1330.

(ii) That the agenda for the meeting of the Council on 13 June 2023 be noted with the 55 minutes allocated to the Executive Business Report and 45 minutes allocated to the Housing Ombudsman Report.

PETITIONS UPDATE

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 6)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

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The Committee noted that the number of outstanding petitions continued to fall.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

(i) That the Committee noted the progress made in relation to the responding to and discharging of petitions

CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN

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The Committee noted the City Council and CBMC Forward Plan.

(See document No 7)

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2023

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The Committee noted the Council Business Management Committee dates for 2023/24:

To be held on Mondays at 1400 hours except where specified as follows:-

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
	22 January
26 June	12 February
Tuesday 29 August	Tuesday 2 April
23 October	Tuesday 7 May
20 November	
18 December	

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business to consider.

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 14:31