

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 4 JANUARY 2016

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2016 AT 1500 HOURS, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

PRESENT:

Councillor John Clancy in the Chair;

Councillors Councillor Robert Alden, Mohammed Idrees, Hendrina Quinnen,
Sharon Thompson, Anne Underwood, Ian Ward and Mike Ward.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 2443 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

APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE

- 2444 **RESOLVED:-**

That, the resolution of the City Council appointing Councillor John Clancy to the
Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2015/2016 in place of
Councillor Sir Albert Bore be noted.

APOLOGIES

- 2445 There were no apologies.

MINUTES

- 2446 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 November 2015 were confirmed and
signed by the Chair.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

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RESOLVED:-

That it be recommended to City Council that the following appointments be made for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2015/16:-

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Employee Consultative Forum (Education)	Councillor Debbie Clancy (Con) in place of Councillor Gary Sambrook (Con)
Standards Committee	New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Councillor Ian Bruckshaw in place of Gareth Griffiths

APPOINTMENTS TO SUB COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Councillor Sharon Thompson indicated that Councillor John Clancy replace Councillor Sir Albert Bore on the Election Matters Members Forum and Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer Appointments, Dismissals and Service Conditions Sub-Committee. With regard to the Lord Mayor's Advisory Group she explained that no appointment be made as the Councillor in the post of Labour Group Secretary may change in the near future and therefore that person would be appointed to the Lord Mayor's Advisory Group. Councillor Robert Alden suggested, and it was agreed, that the Chair be authorised to make the appointment between meetings.

Councillor Anne Underwood commented that the Lord Mayor's Advisory Group had not yet met this Municipal Year and the Chair undertook to look in to that issue.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the following appointments be made for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2015/16:-

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Election Matters Members Forum	Councillor John Clancy (Lab) in place of Councillor Sir Albert Bore (Lab)
Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer Appointments, Dismissals And Service Conditions Sub-Committee	Councillor John Clancy (Lab) in place of Councillor Sir Albert Bore (Lab)

- (ii) that the Chair be authorised to make changes to the membership of the Lord Mayor's Advisory Group if appropriate

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

The Chair indicated that he had concerns relating to the time allocated at City Councils meetings for the item 'Motions for Debate from Individual Members' and felt that by extending the length of the Council meeting by 30 minutes the extra time could be given to Motions. It was agreed that that proposal be introduced from the February Council meeting.

The Chair indicated he felt the issue of allowing Public Questions at City Council meetings should be reconsidered as he felt that they were not working. He suggested that questions be omitted from City Council agendas and be replaced with something similar to the budget consultation. A debate ensued as the appropriateness of reordering the agenda so that public Questions were towards the end of the meeting so that members of the public did not have to take time off work. It was noted that the item relating to petitions had been moved up the agenda to allow members of the public to see petitions presented.

During further debate the time given to Overview and Scrutiny Reports, which it was felt was insufficient, for a full debate particularly when there were two such reports and it was noted that there was a backlog of such reports. Following a comment from Councillor Robert Alden it was indicated that officers would contact him to update him on when the Future Council Overview and Scrutiny report would be submitted to City Council

It was agreed that for the January City Council meeting the time allocated for 'Reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees' be reduced to 45 minutes and the time allocated for 'Motions for Debate from individual Members' be increased to 105 minutes. It was further noted that the Deputy Leader was to move the motion for agenda item No. 8.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

That, subject to the comments made in the foregoing preamble, the draft agenda be noted.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – REORGANISATION ORDER

The following report of the Service Director Localisation was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Ifor Jones, Service Director Localisation, introduced the report. He continued that an event was to be held on 1 March 2016, to acknowledge the significant landmark of the establishment of the Parish of Sutton Coldfield and the Interim Parish Council and it was hoped that a formal handover of the civic regalia to

the Parish Council could place. He reported that the National Association of Local Councils would be meeting in the City at the end of January and he hoped the Leader would be able welcome them to the City

Councillor Anne Underwood commended the team who had undertaken a considerable amount of work to get to the position that the Parish Council established.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the agreement of the Reorganisation Order undertaken by the Service Director Localisation in consultation with the Chair of Council Business Management Committee on 22 December 2015 at addendum 1 to enable business critical work to commence immediately on the implementation of the Parish Council be noted; and
- (ii) that the outcome of the consultation undertaken following the agreement of Council Business Management Committee of the Draft reorganisation on 17 November 2015 contained within appendix 3 of the above report which evidences support for the key components of the Reorganisation Order be noted.

PETITIONS UPDATE

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

(See document No 3)

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RESOLVED:-

That the quarterly report be noted.

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 1524 hours.

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CHAIR