

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 20 OCTOBER 2015
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2015 AT 1200 HOURS, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

PRESENT:

Councillor Sir Albert Bore in the Chair;

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 2421 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

- 2422 There were no apologies submitted.

MINUTES

- 2423 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 28 July 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

During a brief debate it was agreed that the Chair be authorised to make the appointments if appropriate.

- 2424 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Chair be authorised to make changes to the Membership of the Education Awards (Review) and Miscellaneous Appeals Sub-Committee if appropriate.

QUORUM FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

During the debate Councillor Mike Ward made reference to the occasional problem that arose when Personnel Appeals (Dismissals) Sub-Committee had been inquorate as there had been only 2 Members which had led to the situation where the appeal had been cancelled. The Director of Legal and Democratic Services commented on the reasons relating to the reason for having 3 members as a quorum for Personnel Appeals and an indication that in unforeseen circumstances when there are only 2 Members the appeal could go ahead with the agreement of all parties.

Councillor Mike Ward indicated his opposition to the change in the quorum for the Miscellaneous Appeals Sub-Committee.

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RESOLVED:-

That a quorum for the Miscellaneous Appeals Sub-Committee be 3 members subject that in the event that quorum is not achieved on the day of the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances, and with the agreement of all parties to the appeal, two Members may continue with the meeting.

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Following a comment from the Chair relating to Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports, the Sub-Committee was advised that there were none for the November Council meeting.

In response to a comment from Councillor Robert Alden suggesting that an item relating to the 'Future Council' could be included on the Council agenda, the Chair noted that further meetings were shortly to take place relating to that issue which would be the appropriate forum to agree on reporting to City Council. He undertook to reconsider inclusion of a 'Future Council' item on the Council agenda following those meetings

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

That, subject to the comments made in the foregoing preamble and any further amendments agreed by the Chair, the draft agenda be noted.

At this point in the meeting the Chair proposed and it was agreed that the order of the agenda be varied to allow consideration of item No. 9.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNARATION PANEL

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

(See document No 2)

The Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel made introductory comments relating to the report and, in response to a comment from Councillor Robert Alden, indicated that work in respect of next year would begin next month with a view of reporting to City Council in April 2016.

Councillor Mike Ward welcomed the finding in the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

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RESOLVED:-

- i) That the supplementary report of the Independent Remuneration Panel be received; and
- ii) That the following Motion be recommended to the City Council
“The recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel on page 3 of the Supplementary Report be accepted and back dated to apply from May 2015.”

At this point in the meeting the Chair indicated his intention to return to the original order of the agenda.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND INWARD DELEGATIONS

The following report of the Deputy Chief Executive was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

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RESOLVED:-

- i) that the approved Member and officer overseas travel be noted; and
 - ii) that the details of inward delegations from abroad be noted.
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POLITICAL GOVERNANCE MEMBER REVIEW GROUP

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

(See document No 4)

The Service Director Localisation made introductory comments relating to the report.

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RESOLVED:-

- i) That the creation of a cross party Political Governance Member Review Group to undertake the functions and responsibilities in the terms of reference in paragraph 3.7 of the report be approved; and
- ii) That approval be given that the Political Governance Member Review Group is comprised of twelve Members on a proportionality basis (8 Labour, 3 Conservatives and 1 Liberal Democrat); and
- iii) That the Group Leaders be asked to nominate membership of the Group in line with recommendation ii) above.

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 5)

Following some consideration it was-

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RESOLVED:-

That the request from Mr V Sudra, Secretary of the Birmingham Local Dental Committee to use the Coat of Arms on the Committee's letterhead and website be refused and the City Council would object to such use which was not closely associated with the Council.

PETITIONS UPDATE

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

(See document No 6)

In response to a request from Councillor Robert Alden, the Committee Manager undertook to provide Members of the Committee with details of the two petitions from 2014.

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RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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

Sutton Coldfield Parish Council Steering Group

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

(See document No 7)

The Service Director Localisation made introductory comments relating to the report.

Councillor Anne Underwood expressed disappointment that the organisations had not taken up their places but agreed that the proposals set out in the report were the appropriate way forward.

Councillor Mike Ward enquired whether a Member from the Liberal Democrat Group could have a seat on the Steering Group. The Chair indicated that not all Councillors in Sutton Coldfield had a place on the Group, whilst Councillor Anne Underwood did not believe the suggestion to be appropriate.

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RESOLVED:-

- i) that the Terms of Reference for the Sutton Coldfield Parish Council Steering Group be approved; and
- ii) that it be approved that the Sutton Coldfield Parish Council Steering Group selects two local organisations to be represented on the Steering Group.

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 1231 hours.

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CHAIR