BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
17 DECEMBER 2018

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 17 DECEMBER 2018 AT 1400 HOURS, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

PRESENT: Councillor Brigid Jones in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Shabrana Hussain, Kerry Jenkins, Gareth Moore and Mike Ward.

ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Brigid Jones assumed the Chair.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

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

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

2817 Apologies were received from Councillors Martin Straker Welds and Ian Ward.

MINUTES

2818 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 19 November 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

<u>DISPENSATION FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OF A COUNCILLOR AT COUNCIL MEETINGS</u>

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

The Chair advised that Councillor Akhtar had given birth and she requested that the Committee's congratulations be passed on to the Councillor.

2819 **RESOLVED:**-

That Council Business Management Committee:

- Notes Councillor Akhtar has received a dispensation from 19 July 2018 until 19 January 2019 due to illness during pregnancy, and thereafter maternity leave in accordance with the Members Allowance Scheme and pursuant to S85 Local Government Act 1972 (November CBM meeting).
- Notes the non-attendance of Councillor Safia Akhtar at Council meetings for a further six months from 19 January 2019 until 19 July 2019 due to maternity leave in accordance with the Members Allowance Scheme and pursuant to S85 Local Government Act 1972.

PETITIONS UPDATE

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

2820 **RESOLVED:**-

That the report be noted

CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN

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

(See document No 3)

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services, made introductory comments relating to the plan and, with regard to City Council resolutions tracker item 4c, advised that the Leader of the Council had written to all the Members of Parliament in the City, the Members of the European Parliament for the region and to the Mayor of the West Midlands. She undertook to circulate the said letter to Members of the Committee.

Following comments from Councillor Robert Alden, Emma Williamson undertook to expand the City Council forward plan beyond the current Municipal

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Year and include a tracker to pick up other actions arising from City Council such as undertakings made during Question Time.

2821 **RESOLVED**:-

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

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

During discussion it was agreed to reschedule the Youth Justice Plan report to the February meeting and allocate 20 minutes for both agenda items 10 and 11. In noting the revised timings the Committee recommended that the length of the meeting be extended so that it finished at 1935 hours.

2822 **RESOLVED**:-

That, subject to the above amendments, the draft agenda be noted.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

2823 **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 1422 hours.

 CHAIR