

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

<b>COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 13 MARCH 2023</b>
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 13 MARCH 2023 AT 1530 HOURS,  
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,  
BIRMINGHAM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ian Ward in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Baber Baz, Sir Albert Bore, Des Hughes, Brigid Jones, Mary Locke and Gareth Moore.

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

- 153 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.
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**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- 154 No declarations of interests were made.
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**APOLOGIES**

- 155 Apologies had been received from Councillors Fred Grindrod and Maureen Cornish.
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**MINUTES**

- 156 The following comments were made in relation to the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2023:

Minute 140: In relation to the Council's target of reaching 'net zero' by 2030, the comments made at the February meeting in relation to air travel were made to highlight the fact that travel by air, at the present time, contributed to the Council's carbon output. It was felt by some Members that the Council should assess each international/long distance event on a case-by-case basis to determine if physical travel was appropriate and necessary.

- 157 Subject to the amendment outlined at 156 above, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.
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**APRIL 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE**

- 158 A verbal update was provided by the officers in attendance at the meeting in relation to the proposed amending of the April 2023 City Council date.

Some Members of the Committee expressed a view that the City Council meeting dates for 2023 had been agreed almost 12 months prior. Therefore, a change in date five weeks before the meeting was scheduled to take place could create issues in terms of Members struggling to attend the revised date due to work/childcare commitments or simply rearranging already confirmed commitments.

Officers in attendance informed the Committee that the proposed change in date would allow for essential work to be undertaken in relation to the installation of the alternative meeting webcasting solution. This would allow the meeting, if held on the 18 April, to be livestreamed using the newly installed webcasting equipment.

It was-

- 159 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The Committee agreed that the April 2023 City Council meeting would now take place on 18 April.
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**HONORARY ALDERMAN PRESENTATION – APRIL 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- 160 A verbal update was provided by the officers in attendance at the meeting in relation to the Honorary Alderman presentation scheduled to take place on the day of the April 2023 City Council meeting.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The Committee noted the verbal update provided in relation to the ongoing legal matter related to a conferred Honorary Alderman.
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**COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- 161 The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

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

- The meeting scheduled for the 18 April would commence at 13:30 to enable full consideration of the lengthy agenda.
- A start time of 13:30 would also provide the Lord Mayor with an opportunity to make her announcements to the Council and would further allow for sufficient time to be given to Groups in relation to the two tributes which would be made at the April meeting.
- The 13:30 start time would also enable all business to be transacted in advance of the usual meeting finish time of 19:15, ensuring that any Members and Officers observing Ramadan could travel home before sunset.
- The Committee agreed to confirm the agenda for the 18 April 2023 meeting where the following reports would be considered:
  - 1.) Something to Aim For: Scrutiny Inquiry on Employment and Skills for Young People (30 minutes).
  - 2.) Promoting Health and Wellbeing – A Commonwealth Games Legacy (30 minutes).
  - 3.) Change for Children and Young People 2023-28 – Birmingham Children and Young People's Plan (30 minutes).
  - 4.) City of Birmingham Medal (5 minutes).
  - 5.) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy (15 minutes).
  - 6.) Decisions Not on the Forward Plan and Those Authorised for Immediate Implementation (10 minutes).

It was-

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**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That subject to changes highlighted in the forgoing preamble, the draft agenda be noted, and that Standing Orders be waived as appropriate;
  - (ii) That the meeting agenda for the 18 April 2023 meeting of the City Council correctly reflected the items to be considered at that meeting.
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**CHANGE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE 2023-28 – BIRMINGHAM  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN**

- 163 The following report of the Executive Director of Children and Families was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Colin Michel, Strategy and Partnerships Lead made introductory comments in relation to the report.

The Committee noted that the aim of this work was to align all policies related to children and young people within Birmingham.

Members further noted that a comprehensive consultation had been undertaken in relation to the production of the Children and Young People's Plan.

Scrutiny had played a role in helping to shape the Plan as it had been developed.

The Plan would be submitted for City Council consideration and subsequent approval at the meeting to be held on 18 April 2023.

The Committee agreed that 30 minutes should be allocated to this item at the April meeting to give Members an opportunity to comment on the Plan.

It was-

- 164 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The Committee noted that the report would be submitted to City Council on the 18 April 2023 for consideration and subsequent approval.
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**DECISIONS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THOSE AUTHORISED  
FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION**

- 165 The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

It was-

- 166 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The Committee noted the report and agreed it should be included on the agenda for consideration by Full Council in April 2023.
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**CONSTITUTION REVIEW**

- 167 The City Solicitor provided the Committee with a verbal update in relation to the ongoing Constitution Review.

The Committee noted that a report would be submitted to the Annual City Council meeting on 23 May 2023 which would seek approval of the proposed changes to the Constitution.

It was-

- 168 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The Committee noted the verbal update provided in relation to the ongoing Constitution Review.
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**PETITIONS UPDATE**

- 169 The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

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

The Committee noted that this would remain as a standing agenda item at future Committee meetings.

The Committee further noted that approximately 12 petitions had discharged between the 7 February 2023 and the 28 February 2023 City Council meetings.

The number of outstanding petitions continued to fall.

It was-

- 170 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the Committee noted the progress made in relation to the responding to and discharging of petitions.
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**CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN**

- 171 The Committee noted the City Council and CBMC Forward Plan.

(See document No 5)

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**COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2023**

- 172 The Committee noted the Council Business Management Committee Dates for 2023:

<b><u>2023</u></b>
9 May (15:00-16:00)

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**OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

- 173 There was no urgent business.

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**AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

- 174 **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.

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The meeting ended at 1617 hours.

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CHAIR