

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 11 FEBRUARY 2019

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 1000 HOURS,
IN HMS DARING ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Ward in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Brigid Jones, Gareth Moore, and Mike Ward.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 2833 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

- 2834 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

- 2835 Apologies were received from Councillors Shabrana Hussain and Kerry Jenkins.

MINUTES

- 2836 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 January 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.
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OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD

The following report of the Corporate Director – Economy Directorate was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Lloyd Broad, Head of European Affairs, made introductory comments relating to the report highlighting Appendix B relating to proposed forthcoming travel which was a new part of the report. In response to a comment from Councillor Robert Alden about the lack of costs in Appendix B, Mr Broad indicated that visits were approved up to a month before travel.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That approved Member and officer overseas travel be noted;
- (ii) that the details of inward delegations from abroad be noted; and
- (iii) that it be noted that with effect from 19 January 2016 authority for foreign travel by City Council Members and officers will only be granted when 4 weeks' notice has been given. Visits proposed with less than 4 weeks, notice will be refused unless under EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES which will require written documentation and an extremely robust reason for travel.

PROVISIONAL CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING DATE AND COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2019

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

During consideration of the report it was agreed to move the Annual Meeting of City Council for 2020 to the 19 May. In noting that this date and the date set for the 2019 Annual Meeting on the 21 May fell in Ramadan it was agreed that the annual dinner should begin at 2100 hours for both meetings. In light of this consideration by officers should be given to beginning the annual meetings in 2019 and 2020 at a later time.

In respect of the CBM Committee dates it was noted that in light of the decision in respect of the Annual Meeting of City Council in 2020 the corresponding date for CBM Committee was the 5 May 2020.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the provisional date for the City Council Annual meeting in 2020 be the 19 May;
- (ii) That the annual dinner on the 21 May 2019 and 19 May 2020 begins at 2100 hours and officers consider if the time of the Annual Meeting of City

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Council on those dates should be later(following the meeting the start time was put back to 1800 hours); and

- (iii) that the following dates for Council Business Management Committee meetings in 2019/2020 be agreed:

To be held on Mondays at 1400 hours unless otherwise stated.

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
28 May (Tuesday)	21 January
24 June	10 February
27 August (Tuesday)	23 March
21 October	5 May (Tuesday)
18 November	
16 December	

PARK AT SMITHFIELD PETITION

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

Councillor Robert Alden commented on whether the whole site could become a park now and the Chair confirmed that the plan for the area was essentially agreed.

It was

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the report be noted; and
- (ii) That the petition be referred to the Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee for debate.

CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN

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

(See document No 4)

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services, made introductory comments relating to the plan.

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RESOLVED:-

That the City Council and CBM Forward Plan be noted.

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

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RESOLVED:-

That the draft agenda be noted.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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There was no Other Urgent Business raised.

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 1015 hours.

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CHAIR