



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM  
CITY COUNCIL  
2 FEBRUARY 2016**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

**PRESENT:-** Lord Mayor (Councillor Ray Hassall) in the Chair.

**Councillors**

Uzma Ahmed  
Mohammed Aikhlaj  
Deirdre Alden  
John Alden  
Robert Alden  
Nawaz Ali  
Tahir Ali  
Sue Anderson  
Gurdial Singh Atwal  
Mohammed Azim  
Susan Barnett  
David Barrie  
Vivienne Barton  
Bob Beauchamp  
Matt Bennett  
Steve Booton  
Sir Albert Bore  
Barry Bowles  
Randal Brew  
Marje Bridle  
Alex Buchanan  
Sam Burden  
Andy Cartwright  
Tristan Chatfield  
Zaker Choudhry  
Debbie Clancy  
John Clancy  
Lynda Clinton  
Lyn Collin  
Maureen Cornish  
John Cotton  
Ian Cruise

Neil Eustace  
Jerry Evans  
Mohammed Fazal  
Mick Finnegan  
Eddie Freeman  
Matthew Gregson  
Peter Griffiths  
Paulette Hamilton  
Andrew Hardie  
Roger Harmer  
Kath Hartley  
Barry Henley  
Penny Holbrook  
Des Hughes  
Jon Hunt  
Mahmood Hussain  
Timothy Huxtable  
Mohammed Idrees  
Zafar Iqbal  
Ziaul Islam  
Kerry Jenkins  
Meirion Jenkins  
Brigid Jones  
Carol Jones  
Nagina Kauser  
Tony Kennedy  
Ansar Ali Khan  
Mariam Khan  
Narinder Kaur Kooner  
Chaman Lal  
Mike Leddy  
John Lines

Karen McCarthy  
James McKay  
Gareth Moore  
Yvonne Mosquito  
Brett O'Reilly  
John O'Shea  
David Pears  
Eva Phillips  
Robert Pocock  
Victoria Quinn  
Hendrina Quinnen  
Chauhdry Rashid  
Habib Rehman  
Carl Rice  
Fergus Robinson  
Gary Sambrook  
Rob Sealey  
Shafique Shah  
Mike Sharpe  
Sybil Spence  
Claire Spencer  
Stewart Stacey  
Ron Storer  
Martin Straker Welds  
Sharon Thompson  
Paul Tilsley  
Lisa Trickett  
Margaret Waddington  
Ian Ward  
Mike Ward  
Elaine Williams  
Fiona Williams

## **City Council – 2 February 2016**

Basharat Dad	Keith Linnecor	Ken Wood
Phil Davis	Ewan Mackey	Alex Yip
Peter Douglas Osborn	Majid Mahmood	Waseem Zaffar
Barbara Dring		

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### **NOTICE OF RECORDING**

18615 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting would be filmed except where they were confidential or exempt items.

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### **MINUTES**

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

18616 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 12 January 2016, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

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### **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **A. Honorary Alderman James Hutchings**

18617 The Lord Mayor reminded the Council that, at an Extraordinary Meeting held on 19 May 2015, it had agreed to confer upon James Hutchings the title of Honorary Alderman of Birmingham City Council in recognition of 23 years of service as a Councillor.

The Lord Mayor presented James Hutchings with an engrossment of the Council's resolution to admit him to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the City.

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#### **B. Honorary Alderman Barbara Jackson**

18618 The Lord Mayor reminded the Council that, at an Extraordinary Meeting held on 19 May 2015, it had agreed to confer upon Barbara Jackson the title of Honorary Alderman of Birmingham City Council in recognition of 18 years and 6 Months of service as a Councillor.

The Lord Mayor presented Barbara Jackson with an engrossment of the Council's resolution to admit her to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the City.

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**C. Honorary Alderman Peter Kane**

18619 The Lord Mayor reminded the Council that, at an Extraordinary Meeting held on 19 May 2015, it had agreed to confer upon Peter Kane the title of Honorary Alderman of Birmingham City Council in recognition of 12 years of service as a Councillor.

The Lord Mayor presented Peter Kane with an engrossment of the Council's resolution to admit him to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the City.

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**D. Honorary Alderman Reg Corns**

18620 The Lord Mayor noted that Council had also agreed to confer the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillor Reg Corns who could not be present today as he was in hospital. The Lord Mayor asked those in the Chamber to join him in wishing him a speedy recovery and to look forward to welcoming Reg Corns to a future meeting to receive the formal resolution

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**E. Deaths**

The Lord Mayor informed Members of the following 2 recent deaths:-

- Former Lady Mayoress Lady Christine Yapp, widow of the late Honorary Alderman Sir Stanley Yapp, who served as Lady Mayoress in 1962/3 alongside her father Alderman Ernest Horton;
- Former Councillor Leslie John Sprigg, who served as a Councillor for Yardley Ward from 1967 to 1971 and a County Councillor from 1977 to 1981.

A number of tributes to former Councillor Leslie John Sprigg were made by Members.

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18621 **RESOLVED:-**

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the deaths of former Lady Mayoress Lady Christine Yapp and former Councillor Leslie John Sprigg and its appreciation of their devoted service to the residents of Birmingham; it extends its deepest sympathy to members of their families in their sad bereavement.

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**PETITIONS**

**Petitions Relating to External Organisations Presented at the Meeting**

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No 1)

In accordance with the proposals by the Members presenting the petitions, it was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18622 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petitions be received and referred to the relevant organisation.

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**Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting**

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No 2)

In accordance with the proposals by the Members presenting the petitions, it was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18623 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petitions be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officers.

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**Petitions Update**

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18624 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Petitions Update be noted and those petitions for which a satisfactory response has been received, be discharged.

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**QUESTION TIME**

18625 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Standing Order 9 (B).

Details of the questions asked are available for public inspection via the webcast.

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**APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL**

Following a nomination made by Councillor Mike Ward, it was –

18626 **RESOLVED:-**

That the following person be appointed until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2016 as set below:-

<b><u>Body</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>
<b><u>Local Government Association – General Assembly</u></b>	Councillor Jon Hunt (Lib Dem) in place of Councillor Paul Tilsley (Con).

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**EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS**

18627 The Lord Mayor advised that there are no exemptions from Standing Orders required.

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**REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

**Contacting the Council**

The following report of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee together with a commentary from the Executive was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Councillor Waseem Zaffar moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor Marje Bridle.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Waseem Zaffar replied to the debate.

The motion having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore –

18628 **RESOLVED:-**

That the recommendations above be approved, and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

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**RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1705 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1647 hours.

At 1712 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

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**MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

The Council proceeded to consider the Motions of which notice had been given in accordance with Standing Order 4(A).

**A. Councillors Deirdre Alden and Gareth Moore have given notice of the following Motion:-**

(See document No 5)

Councillor Deirdre Alden moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Gareth Moore.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Mike Ward and Neil Eustace gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No 6)

Councillor Mike Ward moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Neil Eustace.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Tahir Ali and Mike Sharpe gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No 7)

Councillor Tahir Ali moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Mike Sharpe.

A debate ensued.

It was moved by Councillor Sharon Thompson and seconded –

“That the question be now put”.

The Motion was put to the vote and, by a show of hands, was declared to be carried.

It was accordingly –

18630 **RESOLVED:-**

That the question be now put.

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Councillor Deirdre Alden replied to the debate.

The first amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

The second amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

The Motion as amended having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore -

18631 **RESOLVED:-**

This Council notes the following extract from a speech delivered by the then Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in March 2015:

“This government is keen to ensure that there is adequate parking provision both in new residential developments and around our town centres and high streets. The imposition of maximum parking standards under the last administration [nationally] lead to blocked and congested streets and pavement parking. Arbitrarily restricting new off-street parking spaces does not reduce car use, it just leads to parking misery. It is for this reason that the government abolished national maximum parking standards in 2011.....”

However, many councils have embedded the last administration’s revoked policies. Following a consultation, we are now amending national planning policy to further support the provision of car parking spaces. Parking standards are covered in paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework. The following text now needs to be read alongside that paragraph: “Local planning authorities should only impose local parking standards for residential and non-residential development where there is clear and compelling justification that it is necessary to manage their local road network.<sup>2</sup>

In light of this revision to the Framework, the Council notes that, as part of the development of the city centre transport plan, a review of car parking supply in the city centre is already underway. Furthermore, this will be extended to include the rest of the city. The review will enable updates to the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to be identified and the implementation of proposals under the Future Council.

Council further calls for clear policies and actions to ensure developers take full account of access to public transport and provide investment as appropriate.

This Council notes it is better to offer residents a competitive public transport offer rather than seeking to force them on to inadequate facilities.

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**B. Councillors Sue Anderson and Jon Hunt have given notice of the following Motion:-**

(See document No 8)

Councillor Sue Anderson moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Jon Hunt.

Prior to an amendment being moved the Lord Mayor indicated that the last sentence should read (additional words in italics):-

“The 2% social care precept being introduced to local authority budgets for 2016-17, even ring-fenced to social care *alone*, will not allow us to *fully* deliver the challenge.”

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Paulette Hamilton and Majid Mahmood gave notice of the following amendment, as revised above, to the Motion:-

(See document No 9)

Councillor Paulette Hamilton moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Majid Mahmood.

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**EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT**

It was moved by Councillor Sharon Thompson and seconded –

“That the time limit for ‘Motions for Debate from Individual Members’ be extended by 15 minutes.”

The Motion was put to the vote and, by a show of hands, was declared to be carried.

It was accordingly –

18632 **RESOLVED:-**

That the time limit for ‘Motions for Debate from Individual Members’ be extended by 15 minutes.

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Councillor Sue Anderson made comments in reply.

The revised amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.



The Motion as amended having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore -

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**RESOLVED:-**

This council welcomes proposals for an independent commission on future arrangements for health and social care as proposed by an all-party group, led by former health minister Norman Lamb, and supported by a number of medical royal colleges and independent organisations.

Council notes the robustness of measures to tackle patient discharge introduced in Birmingham, but also notes with concern rising pressures on health and social care services and the need for sustainable solutions.

The Council is aware that the Government has set aside an additional £6bn nationally for Fund Care Act 2014 responsibilities and, whilst an extra £1.5bn is promised to local authorities through the Better Care Fund, this will not be available until 2017-18 onwards. This means that the health and social care systems, which are already subject to huge demographic and financial pressures, will have to undergo radical change. The Better Care Fund could be the basis for bringing about this transformation, but the scale and speed of transformation needs immediate support by funds being made available to local authorities in 2016-17, not from 2017-18 onwards.

The City Council and the NHS will need a single Sustainable Transformation Plan across a single Birmingham footprint if we are to deliver expected demand for health and social care across the city. The 2% social care precept being introduced to local authority budgets for 2016-17, even ring-fenced to social care alone, will not allow us to fully deliver the challenge.

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**C. Councillors Martin Straker Welds and Fiona Williams have given notice of the following Motion:-**

(See document No 10)

Councillor Martin Straker Welds moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Fiona Williams.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Jon Hunt and Roger Harmer gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No 11)

Councillor Jon Hunt moved the amendment

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**EXTENSION TO THE LENGTH OF MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor John Clancy and seconded by Councillor Robert Alden –

“That Standing Order 13 be suspended and the meeting closes at 1920 hours.”

The Motion was put to the vote and, by a show of hands, was declared to be carried.

It was accordingly –

18634 **RESOLVED:-**

That Standing Order 13 be suspended and the meeting closes at 1920 hours.

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Councillor Roger Harmer seconded the amendment.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Meirion Jenkins and Gary Sambrook gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No 12)

Councillor Meirion Jenkins moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Gary Sambrook.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Martin Straker Welds replied to the debate.

The first amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

The second amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting, with names listed in seat number order, was as follows:-

(See document No 13)

The Motion as amended having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting, with names listed in seat number order, was as follows:-

(See document No 14)

It was therefore -

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**RESOLVED:-**

**This Council notes:**

- That the EU and USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)
- That negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and whether new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA
- That there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on Birmingham City Council or other local authorities
- That Birmingham's purchasing power is in the order of £1 billion

**This Council believes that:**

- TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making
- A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on Birmingham and other local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded
- Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests its communities

**This Council resolves:**

- To write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Birmingham MPs and MEPs, raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on Birmingham and other local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process
- To write to the Local Government Association, raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on Birmingham and other local authorities and asking them to raise these with the national government on our behalf
- To call for an impact assessment by the relevant scrutiny committees on the impact of TTIP on Birmingham City Council and its partners.
- To publicise the council's concerns about TTIP, to join with other local authorities concerned about the potential impact of TTIP across Europe and to work with campaigners in Birmingham districts to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP.

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The meeting ended at 1932 hours.