

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

<b>COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 20 JANUARY 2020</b>
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2020 AT 1400 HOURS,  
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

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

Councillors Robert Alden, Shabrana Hussain, Brigid Jones, Gareth Moore, Carl Rice and Mike Ward.

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

2942 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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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2943 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.

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**APOLOGIES**

2944 Apologies were received from Councillor Martin Straker Welds.

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**MINUTES**

2945 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 December 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

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**DISPENSATION FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OF A COUNCILLOR AT  
COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The following report of the Acting Assistant Director, Governance was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Councillor Carl Rice commented on the difference in the maternity schemes for staff and elected members which meant that the one for elected members was less favourable. He also noted that Councillors had the flexibility to work from home. The Chair and Councillor Brigid Jones outlined the work undertaken to date relating to the scheme for elected members. Councillor Brigid Jones made reference to emerging guidance on the subject from the Local Governance Association which had been adopted by several authorities. She noted that this was to be raised at the Independent Remuneration Panel.

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**RESOLVED:-**

That Council Business Management Committee:

- Approves the non-attendance of Councillor Safia Akhtar at Council meetings from 24 January 2020 until 24 July 2020 due to maternity leave in accordance with the Members Allowance Scheme and pursuant to S85 Local Government Act 1072.
- On behalf of the Council, this Committee wishes Councillor Akhtar well in her pregnancy.
- Approves the Chief Executive writing to Councillor Akhtar as soon as possible, confirming the approval of this Committee.

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**CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN JANUARY 2020**

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

(See document No 2)

The Chair noted that a report relating to the Lord Mayor's Advisory Group was not on the agenda and requested that it be submitted to the 10 February 2020 meeting of the Committee. The Acting Assistant Director Governance indicated that he would be discussing the draft report at the Group Leaders meeting.

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny, advised that the Street Trading Policy would be coming to the April meeting of City Council.

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**RESOLVED:-**

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

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**COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

The Committee Manager indicated that the private meeting of members relating to the Lord Mayor designate 2020/2021 and the annual photograph would take place prior to the Council meeting. Members noted that there were several

activities taking place prior to the Council meeting that Members had been invited to.

It was agreed that the Scrutiny Business Report be allocated 25 minutes and the Lead Member Report be allocated 20 minutes.

2948 **RESOLVED:-**

That, subject to the above changes, the draft agenda be noted

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**OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

2949 There were no items of Other Urgent Business.

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**AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

2950 **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 1418 hours.

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CHAIR