

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HALL
GREEN DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2017 AT 1400 HOURS,
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL
HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillors Barry Bowles, Liz Clements, Kerry Jenkins, Claire Spencer, Mohammed Azim, Tony Kennedy, Victoria Quinn, Mohammed Fazal and Shabrana Hussain.

ALSO PRESENT: -

Karen Cheney – District Head (Hall Green)
Lindsey Trivett, Head of Early Years and Children's Safety
John Freeman, Commissioning Manager, Early Years and Children's Safety
Sarah Stride – Committee Manager

**ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR HALL
GREEN DISTRICT**

On the receipt of nominations, it was:-

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RESOLVED: -

- a) That Councillor Claire Spencer be re-elected Chairman (Executive Member) for Hall Green District for the Municipal Year 2017/2018, ending with the first meeting of the Committee in the 2018/19 Municipal Year.
- b) That Councillor Liz Clements be appointed Committee Vice-Chairman for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year, ending with the first meeting of the Committee in the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Claire Spencer in the Chair).

NOTICE OF RECORDING

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The Chairman advised that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items.

ONE MINUTES SILENCE

386 At this point in the meeting the Chairman requested that all Members and officers present stand for a one minute silence as a mark of respect following the fatality of a District resident in a road accident that occurred this morning in the Sparkbrook Ward.

All those present in the meeting stood in silence for one minute.

The Chairman stated that a discussion on road safety would take place under agenda item number 16.

APOLOGIES

387 Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Habib Rehman, Martin Straker-Welds and Lisa Trickett and the representative from West Midlands Police for their inability to attend the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

388 The Membership of the Committee was noted as follows: -

Councillors Barry Bowles, Liz Clements and Kerry Jenkins (Hall Green Ward).

Councillors Claire Spencer, Martin Straker-Welds and Lisa Trickett (Moseley and Kings Heath Ward).

Councillors Mohammed Azim, Tony Kennedy and Victoria Quinn (Sparkbrook Ward).

Councillors Mohammed Fazal, Shabrana Hussain and Habib Rehman (Springfield Ward).

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

389 **RESOLVED:** -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2017 having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman advised that 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.

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If a pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

- 390 Councillor Kerry Jenkins stated that if the recent refuse strike was to be mentioned in the Committee then she would have to declare an interest as she was an employee and also a Member of the UNITE Union.

The Chairman noted Councillor Kerry Jenkins's declaration of interest.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Code of Conduct for District Committees was submitted:-

(See Document No. 1)

- 390 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Code of Conduct for meetings of the District Committee be noted.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES FUNCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

The following schedule of District Committee Functions and Guidelines were submitted:-

(See Document No. 2)

In response to a question raised the Chairman stated that the future of District Committee's will be discussed in greater detail under agenda item number 14.

It was -

- 391 **RESOLVED:-**

That the District Committees Functions and Guidelines be noted.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2017/18

It was -

- 392 **RESOLVED:-**

(a) West Midlands Police and West Midlands Fire Service Co-opted Members:

In accordance with the revised protocol for District Committees approved by Cabinet on 30 July 2012 the following co-opted partner representatives were appointed:-

- i) Inspector Neil Kirkpatrick – West Midlands Police, Birmingham East.
- ii) Wesley Williams, Station Commander – West Midlands Fire Service.

(b) Councillor Champions:

1 Corporate Parenting Champion

Councillor Barry Bowles was re-appointed to serve as District Champion for looked after children in the Hall Green District to help co-ordinate visits to Children's establishments, feedback any issues and support fellow Members in the Corporate Parenting role.

2 Youth Champion

Councillor Kerry Jenkins was re-appointed to serve as District Champion with a particular interest in issues that affect young people and prepared to engage with both young people and the people who work with them to ensure that young people's issues, concerns and interests are addressed as District level.

3 Cultural Heritage Champion

Councillor Lisa Trickett was re-appointed to serve as District Champion to be involved in developing a wider cultural strategy as the Cultural and Heritage Champion for Hall Green District.

4 Sustainability Champion

Councillor Claire Spencer was re-appointed to serve as District Champion as Sustainability Champion for Hall Green District.

5 Community Safety Champion

Councillor Shabrana Hussain was appointed to serve as District Champion as Community Safety Champion for Hall Green District.

6 Employment, Jobs and Skills Champion

Councillor Mohammed Azim was appointed to serve as District Champion for Hall Green District.

A brief discussion ensued on the future arrangements for Corporate Parenting and it was stressed that the role should be maintained.

PETITIONS

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No petitions were submitted at the meeting.

BCC EARLY YEARS SERVICE RE-DESIGN CONSULTATION

The following report of the Commissioning Officer was submitted:-

(See Document No. 3)

Lindsey Trivett, Head of Early Years and Children's Safety and John Freeman, Commissioning Manager attended the meeting and introduced the consultation document highlighting the salient points and responded appropriately to comments made.

It was -

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RESOLVED:-

That the report and verbal update be noted.

HOUSING TRANSFORMATION BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 4 2016/2017 AND PERFORMANCE NARRATIVE

The following report of the Strategic Director, Place was submitted:-

(See Document No. 4)

Members welcomed the report and it was -

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RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted

VERBAL UPDATE ON CORPORATE PARENTING

Councillor Barry Bowles stated that training should be given to every individual Councillor and advised that a number of training sessions had been arranged which he urged every Councillor to attend.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Bowles for all the hard work that he had achieved during his time as the Corporate Parenting Champion and she advised that she would ensure that the task of the Corporate Parenting Champion would continue into the future.

It was -

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RESOLVED:-

That the verbal update report be noted.

RECENT REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE CABINET COMMITTEE LOCAL LEADERSHIP MEETING – VERBAL UPDATE

- i) Taking Forward Local Leadership
- ii) Local Innovation Fund – Ward Innovation Proposals
- iii) Ward Action Tracker 2016/17 Information and Trends
- iv) Connecting Communities and Assets Pilot

Karen Cheney, District Head advised that she had sent out a number of emails to all District Members on the above issues.

She confirmed that the decision on the future of District Committees discussed at the Cabinet, Local Leadership meeting was currently subject to call in and she was therefore unable to discuss taking forward local leadership at great length pending the outcome of the next meeting of the Cabinet Local Leadership meeting.

Karen Cheney briefed the Committee on the Ward Action Tracker and stated that the officer to contact to arrange future Ward Committee's was Kay Thomas. She confirmed that approval had been sought for the pilot ward arrangements of ward plans and the focus was on devolving more influence down to a more local level. She detailed the 3 significant improvements and subsequently highlighted the ward tracker database which was a tool to provide more information on issues in wards and across districts and a more flexible way of working.

It was -

397 **RESOLVED:-**

That the verbal update report be noted.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2017/2018

It was -

398 **RESOLVED: -**

That the District Committee note the schedule of meetings for 2017/18: -

2017

20 September (room 6)
29 November (Rooms 3 & 4)

2018

31 January (Room 6)
28 March (Rooms 3 & 4)

All meetings will be held at 1400 hours at the Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (REPORTS BY OFFICERS)

399 No items of urgent business were raised.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

400 **RESOLVED: -**

Chairman to move:-

"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 1625 hours.

CHAIRMAN