

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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| COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 25 JUNE 2018 |
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 25 JUNE 2018 AT 1400 HOURS, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

PRESENT:

Councillor Ian Ward in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Shabrana Hussain, Gareth Moore, Brigid Jones, Martin Straker Welds and Mike Ward.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 2767 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

- 2768 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.

No declarations of interest were made.

APOLOGIES

- 2769 No apologies were received.

MINUTES

- 2770 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 May 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBER'S ALLOWANCE SCHEME

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

(See document No 1)

A revised appendix 1 was circulated around the table:-

(See document No 2)

Rob Connelly, Acting Assistant Director – Governance, made introductory comments relating to the report.

Councillor Brigid Jones noted that, although the scheme reflected HR policy and the law, Members on maternity leave would be entitled to 90% of the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for weeks 1-6 but those Members on paternity leave for two weeks would continue to receive a basic allowance and any relevant SRA. She questioned the differing arrangements which put a mother at a disadvantage.

The Chair requested that officers take the query back to HR and advise Councillor Jones of the response.

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RESOLVED:-

That the following motion be recommended to the City Council:

That the Members' Allowance Scheme is amended as set out in Appendix 1 to allow parental leave for councillors, following recommendations by the Independent Remuneration Panel agreed by City Council on 13 March 2018.

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF THE COAT OF ARMS

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

Following consideration of the request it was-

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RESOLVED:-

That this Committee has no objection to the use of Coat of Arms on promotional material by Albert Town Council.

PETITIONS UPDATE

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

(See document No 4)

Following a short debate it was agreed that future reports should provide statistics for petitions received in the last 6 months which had been discharged. In addition the current petition schedule should be included in the report as an appendix.

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RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted and the changes proposed in the forgoing preamble be incorporated in future reports.

CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN – DRAFT

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

(See document No 5)

Rob Connelly, Acting Assistant Director – Governance, made introductory comments adding the views of Members were being sought. In addition the appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman should be as and when required.

Reference was made to possible plans/reports that could be added to the plan.

With regard to City Council dates Councillor Robert Alden suggested that the dates for the whole 4 year period until the elections in 2022 could be agreed now and the Chair requested that officers bring forward the dates to the next meeting of the Committee

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RESOLVED:-

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

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 6)

During a discussion it was agreed to amend the agenda as follows:

- Insert an agenda Item 8 Birmingham City Council plan 2018-2022 and allocate 25 minutes.
- Renumber items 8, 9 and 10 to 9, 10 and 11.
- Allocate 25 Minutes for item 8 (Birmingham City Council Plan).
- Allocate 10 Minutes for item 9 (Amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme).
- Reduce the break to 15 minutes if necessary.
- Reduce the time for the Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to 50 minutes (item 10).
- Reduce the time for the Motions for debate from individual Members to 80 minutes (item 11).

It was noted that the above would mean that the meeting was timed to finish at 1900 hours. Item 10 was the 'Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18' and was from the Chair of Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2775 **RESOLVED:-**

That, subject to the above amendments, the draft agenda be noted.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

2776 There was no other urgent business.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

2777 **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 1420 hours.

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CHAIR