



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL
1 DECEMBER 2015**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

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

Councillors

Muhammad Afzal	Mick Finnegan	Gareth Moore
Uzma Ahmed	Eddie Freeman	Yvonne Mosquito
Mohammed Aikhlag	Matthew Gregson	John O'Shea
Deirdre Alden	Peter Griffiths	David Pears
John Alden	Paulette Hamilton	Eva Phillips
Robert Alden	Andrew Hardie	Robert Pocock
Nawaz Ali	Roger Harmer	Victoria Quinn
Tahir Ali	Kath Hartley	Hendrina Quinnen
Sue Anderson	Barry Henley	Chauhdry Rashid
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Penny Holbrook	Habib Rehman
Mohammed Azim	Des Hughes	Carl Rice
Susan Barnett	Jon Hunt	Fergus Robinson
David Barrie	Mahmood Hussain	Gary Sambrook
Bob Beauchamp	Timothy Huxtable	Valerie Seabright
Matt Bennett	Mohammed Idrees	Rob Sealey
Steve Booton	Zafar Iqbal	Shafique Shah
Sir Albert Bore	Ziaul Islam	Mike Sharpe
Barry Bowles	Kerry Jenkins	Sybil Spence
Marje Bridle	Meirion Jenkins	Claire Spencer
Mick Brown	Simon Jevon	Stewart Stacey
Alex Buchanan	Brigid Jones	Ron Storer
Sam Burden	Carol Jones	Martin Straker Welds
Andy Cartwright	Nagina Kauser	Sharon Thompson
Tristan Chatfield	Tony Kennedy	Paul Tilsley
Zaker Choudhry	Ansar Ali Khan	Karen Trench
Debbie Clancy	Changeese Khan	Lisa Trickett
John Clancy	Mariam Khan	Anne Underwood
Lynda Clinton	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Margaret Waddington
Maureen Cornish	Chaman Lal	Anita Ward
John Cotton	Mike Leddy	Ian Ward
Basharat Dad	Bruce Lines	Mike Ward
Peter Douglas Osborn	Keith Linnecor	Elaine Williams

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Barbara Dring

Neil Eustace

Jerry Evans

Mohammed Fazal

Ewan Mackey

Majid Mahmood

Karen McCarthy

James McKay

Fiona Williams

Ken Wood

Alex Yip

Waseem Zaffar

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 18579 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.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 18580 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 3 November 2015, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Official Engagement

- 18581 The Lord advised the Chamber that he had an official engagement in the Museum and Art Gallery that evening. Therefore he would have to leave the meeting before 1845 hours and the Deputy Lord Mayor would assume the chair.
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PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council functions Presented before 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 -

- 18582 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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 -

18583 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18584 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

18585 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.

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Anne Underwood, seconded and -

18586 **RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor Mike Leddy be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of this City for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2016, in place of Councillor Shafique Shah.

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

18587 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Deputy Lord Mayor receive the appropriate proportion of the Allowance as agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2015.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

18588 The Lord Mayor called upon from the Leader of the Council to make announcement.

Councillor Sir Albert Bore formally announced that he was standing down as Leader of the City Council and made a short speech.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

A. New Leader of the Council

The Lord Mayor called for nominations for Leader of the Council.

Councillor John Clancy was nominated by Councillor Sir Albert Bore which was seconded.

There being no other nominations, the proposal was put to the vote and by a show of hands the Lord Mayor was able to declare that Councillor John Clancy be elected Leader of the City Council, pursuant to Article 6.3 of the City Council's Constitution, until the Annual Meeting 2018 (or for up to the end of his term of office as a Member, whichever is the shorter) and it was-.

18589 **RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor John Clancy be elected Leader of the City Council, pursuant to Article 6.3 of the City Council's Constitution, until the Annual Meeting 2018 (or for up to the end of his term of office as a Member, whichever is the shorter).

The Lord Mayor indicated his intention to afford Councillor John Clancy up to 10 minutes to address the Council.

The Leader of the Council (Councillor John Clancy) addressed the Council.

Councillor Paul Tilsley spoke of Sir Albert Bore's time as Leader and went on to indicated that his Group would work with the new Leader of the Council for the benefit of the City of Birmingham.

Councillor Robert Alden also spoke of Sir Albert Bore's time as Leader. Looking forward he made reference to the new Leader of the Council needing to engage with residents of the City so that they benefited from any new proposals and plans he intended to introduce.

B. Other Appointments

On receipt of nominations it was –

18590 **RESOLVED:-**

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

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Council Business Management Committee	Cllr John Clancy in place Cllr Sir Albert Bore
Planning Committee	Cllr James McKay in place of Cllr John Clancy
Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Mick Finnegan in place of Cllr Mathew Gregson
Education and Vulnerable Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Sir Albert Bore in place of Cllr Mike Sharpe
Trusts and Charities Committee	Cllr Mathew Gregson in place of Cllr Mick Finnegan
Local Government Association - General Assembly	Cllr John Clancy in place Cllr Sir Albert Bore
West Midlands Joint Committee	Cllr John Clancy in place Cllr Sir Albert Bore

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

It was moved by Councillor Sharon Thompson, seconded and

18591 **RESOLVED:-**

That, pursuant to a CBM discussion, Standing Orders be waived as follows:

- Allocate 60 Minutes (2x30 Minutes) for item10 (Reports of the Executive);

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

“Birmingham 2020 – Forward Together” A Contribution to a Future Vision For the City

18592 The following report was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Councillor Sir Albert Bore spoke to the report.

A debate ensued to which Councillor John Clancy replied.

Education and Schools Strategy and Improvement Plan and Birmingham Early Help and Children’s Social Care Services Improvement Plan 2015-17

18593 The following report was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

Councillor Sir Albert Bore spoke to the report.

A debate ensued to which Councillor John Clancy replied.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18594 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1635 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1615 hours.

At 1637 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

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 John Cotton and John O’Shea have given notice of the following Motion:-

(See document No 6)

Councillor John Cotton moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor John O’Shea.

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

(See document No 7)

Councillor Roger Harmer moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Jon Hunt.

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

(See document No 8)

Councillor Gary Sambrook moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Peter Douglas Osborn.

A debate ensued during which it was suggested that the date to change the current system should be 2017-18.

Councillor John Cotton 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.

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 -

18595 **RESOLVED:-**

This Council notes with grave concern the Government's proposals to impose a "Pay to Stay" policy that will compel council tenants earning over £30,000 to pay a full market rent in order to remain in their home.

Council believes that "Pay to Stay" is nothing more than a new "tax on tenants", unfairly penalising those who are already in employment and actively undermining efforts to help others back into work. Council is particularly concerned to note that a relatively marginal increase in the Government's recently announced national minimum wage premium rate would result in many households on modest incomes having to pay a full market rent.

Council understands that any additional income raised through "Pay to Stay" will be repaid direct to the Treasury, rather than retained locally. This is unjustifiable and runs counter to the Government's own commitment to localism.

This Council also notes that the administrative burden of implementing “Pay to Stay” is likely to result in an additional £1million in costs initially, with significant ongoing costs. This will need to be met from our already stretched resources and at a time when the government are setting rent policies that further reduce funds available for Birmingham to build and invest in homes.

Accordingly, Birmingham City Council confirms its opposition to the “Pay to Stay” policy and urges Ministers not to proceed with the imposition of this new tax on working tenants and their families.

B. Councillors Matt Bennett and Debbie Clancy have given notice of the following Motion:-

(See document No 9)

Councillor Matt Bennett moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Debbie Clancy.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Brigid Jones and Barry Bowles gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No 10)

Councillor Brigid Jones moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Barry Bowles.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Matt Bennett 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 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:-

At the recent Cabinet Meeting on 17th November 2015, the Council Business Plan monitoring report highlighted a number of concerning trends in children’s services.

Council further notes that, at Cabinet Meeting on 16th June 2014, the Children’s Social Care Improvement Plan was agreed. This committed the Council to a three year plan to improve children’s services in Birmingham.

Council further notes that this plan, at the guidance of Lord Norman Warner, former Commissioner for Children’s Services in Birmingham, focussed in the first instance on the underpinning services and requirements for

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children's services improvement. It was recognised that improvement in key areas would not be possible until sound and credible foundations were laid.

Council welcomes that every goal set for us by the Commissioner in the first year has been achieved – as set out in the Quartet report considered earlier by Council- and reaffirms its commitment to seeing the plan through to completion over the remaining two years.

The Council calls: on the Executive to ensure that the performance measures reported to the Quartet are also reported to the public through Cabinet; for each of the Education and Safeguarding Quartets to report to the Council every six months; and for the Education and Vulnerable Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee to continue to carry out its scrutiny function in between these reports..

The meeting ended at 1751 hours.