

Ladywood District Committee –
26 July, 2016
BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

LADYWOOD DISTRICT COMMITTEE – 26 JULY 2016

**MINUTES OF THE LADYWOOD DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 26
JULY 2016 AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 & 4, COUNCIL HOUSE,
BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillors Sir Albert Bore, Kath Hartley,
Nagina Kauser, Chaman Lal, Chauhdry Rashid, Sybil Spence and
Sharon Thompson.

ALSO PRESENT: Lesley Bannister Community Governance Manager
Lesley Poulton, Head of Ladywood District
Kate Foley, Acting Senior Service Manager
Louisa Nisbett, Area Democratic Services Officer

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR LADYWOOD DISTRICT

299 **RESOLVED:-**

- a) That Councillor Ziaul Islam be appointed as the Executive Member for Ladywood District for the 2016/17 Municipal Year, ending with the first meeting of the Committee in 2017/18.
- b) That Councillor Nagina Kauser be elected as the Vice-Chair for Ladywood District for the 2016/17 Municipal Year, ending with the first meeting of the Committee in 2017/18.

NOTICE OF RECORDINGS

300 The Chair advised that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs. The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there were confidential or exempt items.

APOLOGIES

301 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Muhammad Afzal and Ziaul Islam also from Andy Beard, West Midlands Police and David Newman, West Midlands Fire Service.

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MINUTES

- 302 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.
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MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

- 303 The membership of the Committee was noted as follows;

Aston Ward - Councillors Muhammad Afzal, Ziaul Islam, Nagina Kauser
Ladywood Ward - Councillors Sir Albert Bore, Kath Hartley, Carl Rice
Nechells Ward - Councillors Tahir Ali, Yvonne Mosquito, Chaudhry Rashid
Soho Ward – Councillors Chaman Lal, Sybil Spence, Sharon Thompson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 304 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 will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. No declarations of interest were made.
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CODE OF CONDUCT

- 305 The Code of Conduct was submitted and noted;
- (See Document No 1)
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DISTRICT COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

- 306 The following District Committee terms of reference were submitted and noted;
- (See Document No 2)
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WARD MEETINGS AND NEW WAY OF WORKING

The following document was submitted:-

(See Document no. 3)

Lesley Bannister, Community Governance Manager gave a brief presentation on the Ward Tracker Database with the aim of supporting Ward Members in their Ward capacity by creating reports on a Citywide and Ward level.

During the discussion the following points were made:-

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- Karen Cheney was the District Head and Service Lead for Community Governance and support and the section was managed by Neil De-Costa.
- The database could easily enable comparisons from one Ward to another and break down details on a District and Ward level in 5 minutes. Actions would be fed through the database and tracked as a result of issues raised.
- In response to a comment from Councillor Lal, clearer copies of the slide would be provided.
- Councillor Bore stated that he thought the whole purpose of the database was for Councillors to have direct electronic access to the information. He did not think that a hard copy of the information from the team was acceptable. Councillor Bore requested more detail on how Members could access the database across the City and how they could carry out their own queries. Councillor Lal referred to new ways of working and also felt that this was unacceptable.
- Lesley Bannister replied that this was a step for the future and undertook to take the comment back to the team.

307 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

CABINET COMMITTEE LOCAL LEADERSHIP

308 The following Terms of Reference and outline Work Programme for the Cabinet Committee Local Leadership 2016-18 was received and noted:-

(See document no. 4)

- Lesley Poulton gave a summary of the report outlining the membership of the Committee which focus on specific issues and outcomes for neighbourhoods. The District Chairs had been invited to the first meeting focussed on lessons learned from devolution arrangements and how to take them forward.
 - Following a suggestion from Councillor Bore that it would be valuable to have a regular update on progress made by the Committee every 2 months, it was agreed that the subject be a standing item on the agenda.
 - Councillor Lal stressed the importance of being kept informed of baselines and actions taken, also the targets set and performance achieved.
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DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following schedule of appointments was submitted;

(See Document No 5)

The document had been sent out to the Councillors for them to consider the roles to be filled. Councillor Bore noted that some of the bodies were currently meeting therefore

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the roles needed to be filled as soon as possible. Councillor Spence stated that there were quite a few Members not in attendance and Councillor Sharon Thompson added that it was important to agree the appointment of a member to West Side Partnership Limited as soon as possible. Councillor Bore suggested that Authority be given to the Chairman to make appointments in consultation with Members in between the meetings. Lesley Poulton undertook to follow up the appointments after the meeting.

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RESOLVED:-

That the following appointments be made to the organisations listed below for the 2016/17 Municipal Year;

1. Corporate Parenting - Councillor Champion – **Councillor Sharon Thompson**

2. **APPOINTMENTS REFFERED FROM CABINET**

- a) Golden Hillock Community Care Centre – **Councillor Chauhdry Rashid**
- b) St Anne's Accommodation - **Councillor Chauhdry Rashid**
- c) West Side Partnership Ltd (Business Improvement District) – **Vacancy**
- d) Retail Birmingham Ltd (Business Improvement District) – **Councillor Kath Hartley**
- e) Colmore Business District Ltd (Business Improvement District) – **Cllr Bore**
- f) Southside Business Ltd (Business Improvement District) – **Vacancy**
- g) Soho Road (Business Improvement District) – **Councillor Chaman Lal**
- h) Jeellery Quarter (Business Improvement District) – **Ward Cllrs to nominate**

3. **CHAMPION/ LEAD MEMBER ROLES**

- a) Environmental Champion – **Councillor Kath Hartley**
- b) Health & Wellbeing – **Councillor Sybil Spence**
- c) West and Central Community Safety Partnership) – **Cllr Kauser , Cllr Thompson and Cllr Hartley** as equal Members. (Suggested that consideration be given to a representative being appointed from the Nechells Ward)
- d) Youth Champion – **Councillor Nagina Kauser**
- e) District Jobs and Skills Panel – **2015/16** representative Councillor Yvonne Mosquito
- f) Housing Champion – **2015/16** representative Councillor Carl Rice

LADYWOOD DISTRICT HEALTH AND WELL BEING PANEL

- 310 Councillor Sybil Spence proposed that the Local Delivery Group establish a panel as a direct response from action raised at the Ladywood convention in order for the Health and Well Being Group priorities to be carried out and to encourage and assist West Midlands Fire Service deal with alcohol and drugs issues. The request would be considered at the next meeting.
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DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 311 The following documents were received and noted :-

- Terms of reference from the West and Central Local Community Safety Partnership;
- Ladywood Housing Panel: Next Steps; and
- Ladywood District Health and Wellbeing Strategy DRAFT 2015/16

(See document nos. 6)

- Lesley Poulton gave a brief update. The West and Central Local Community Safety Partnership was supported by Nicci Collins, Safer Places Officer. Issues were picked up by the Sub-Groups. A representative was required from the Nechells Ward.
 - A replacement representative was needed for the role of Housing Panel Champion in place of Councillor Carl Rice.
 - All the partnership arrangements were being reviewed.
 - Kate Foley informed that the Housing paper had been discussed at the November meeting. They were in discussions regarding how to move forward. Conversations had been held with Housing Associations in particular with Midland Heart and Optima.
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HOUSING TRANSFORMATION BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT Q4 2015/16

The following report of the Service Director, Housing Transformation was submitted:-

(See document No. 7)

Kate Foley outlined the details of the report and highlighted the explanations for some of the areas of concern as set out in the narrative provided with the report. During the discussion the following points were made:-

- **Anti-Social Behaviour** – The figures shown were slightly reduced owing to them being recorded incorrectly however the percentage of cases responded to on time was 100%.
- **High and low rise blocks** – These were good or better and satisfactory.

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- **Lodgers in Occupation for more than 12 weeks** – Figures were satisfactory.
- **Repairs** - Councillor Hartley said that her perception was that new contracts were taking a few weeks for repairs and slow progress was being made. Kate Foley said that data monitoring was not available on the new contractor at the present time. It was acknowledged that there had been some problems with housing issues in recent years however it was hoped that with the appointment of a new contractor there would be improvements. Kate Foley said that if details of specific cases were given they could be followed up.

312 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

WARD UPDATES

313 A representative from each of the Wards gave an update as follows:-

Soho Ward

- Councillor Sybil Spence informed that a Trust had been set up in the ward to bring people together. She hoped that funding could be secured to help the community. There were a lot of problems with rubbish and flytipping. She had arranged for an officer to clear some rubbish however there was lack of resources to deal with the problem and the issue of regular dumping needed to be looked into. Councillor Sharon Thompson added that she had spoken to the Cabinet Member about the problem. They had set up ACM Community Service to help with school issues and problems and this was being piloted from the first Saturday of the month. Other issues such as return to employment were looked into. In reply to a query from Councillor Kauser whether the service could be shared with other Wards, Councillor Sharon Thompson was sure that it could be rolled in the future.

Nechells Ward

- Councillor Rashid reported that litter was the main problem in Nechells Ward and he had taken up many cases, but not much progress had been made. There were problems in particular at Lidl near Bordesley Green Girls School.

Ladywood

- Councillor Hartley informed that the main discussion item for the next Ward Forum in September would be environmental issues. People moving address left bin bags on the road and there was difficulty getting feedback from Departments on the removal of rubbish. Councillor Hartley referred to the removal of the Environmental Wardens and lack of an Environmental Steering Group. She continued that a better process was needed.

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Aston

- Councillor Kauser said that litter was also a problem in Aston Ward and thanked officers for working with residents to get dumped rubbish removed. There were activities in the Parks for adults and children.

TRIBUTE – JOE MYLOTT

- 314 Lesley Poulton paid tribute to Joe Mylott who had passed away. Joe Mylott had worked at Summerfield Centre for 39 years and had become ill at work before being taken to hospital accompanied by his colleagues. He had no immediate family and staff had organised a collection on his behalf. BCC would be looking after the arrangements for the funeral.

Lesley Poulton asked that it be put on record the sadness at the passing of Joe Mylott and the time he had dedicated to Summerfield Centre. He would be at the Chapel of Rest the following day. The funeral had been set for Wednesday 10 August, 2016.

Lesley Poulton would be discussing the arrangements for a tribute.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- 315 That it be noted that the Ladywood District Committee will meet on the following dates at the Council House at 1400 hours:-

2016

20 September
22 November

2017

24 January
21 March

During a brief discussion Councillor Lal suggested that that time of the meetings be reviewed to become family friendly. Councillor Kauser asked that the availability of rooms be checked.

Councillor Rashid gave his apologies for the meeting on 20 September, 2016.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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- Councillor Kath Hartley asked whether there was Ward Champion for Community Safety and Lesley Poulton undertook to check.
 - Councillors Rashid and Kath Hartley expressed concerns with the response from the contact centre. Clear details of how issues had been resolved were needed.
 - Councillors Lal asked whether Councillors could have a list of local contacts for Housing, Gas repairs etc.

AUTHORITY TO ACT BETWEEN MEETINGS

317 **RESOLVED:-**

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 1523 hours.

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Chairman