

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 23 JANUARY 2017
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017 AT 1400 HOURS,
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:

Councillor John Clancy in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Gareth Moore, Sharon Thompson, Ian Ward and Mike Ward.

Councillor Yvonne Mosquito was also in attendance in place of Councillor Barry Bowles.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 2566 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.

APOLOGIES

- 2567 An apology was received from Councillor Mohammed Idrees.

MINUTES

- 2568 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 13 December 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD

The following report of the Report of the Strategic Director for Change and Support Services was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Mike Murray, International Education and Development Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report and responded appropriately to Members comments and questions.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That approved Member and officer overseas travel be noted;
- (ii) that the details of inward delegations from abroad be noted; and
- (iii) that it be noted that with effect from 19 January 2016 authority for foreign travel by City Council Members and officers will only be granted when 4weeks' notice has been given. Visits proposed with less than 4 weeks, notice will be refused unless under EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES which will require written documentation and an extremely robust reason for travel.

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL – MEMBERSHIP

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

(See document No 2)

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services, made introductory comments and advised the Committee that the new appointees were Jacqui Francis and Rose Poulter and she would be able to confirm the fourth name shortly. She undertook to provide Members with biographical details of the appointees.

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RESOLVED:-

That the Council's Business Management Committee recommends to City Council that the following be appointed to the Independent Remuneration Panel as follows:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Sandra Cooper	28 February 2017 – 31 August 2019 Re-appointment
Graham Macro	28 February 2017 – 31 August 2019 Re-appointment
Jacqui Francis	28 February 2017 – 31 August 2021 New appointee
Rose Poulter	28 February 2017 – 31 August 2021 New appointee

(NB. After the meeting the fourth name was confirmed as Graham Macro and is included in the above resolution for clarity.)

ARTICLE 12.4(A) OF THE CONSTITUTION

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

(See document No 3)

The Acting City Solicitor made introductory comments relating to the report and responded to comments from Members.

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RESOLVED:-

To note the following addition to Article 12.4(a) as set out in the appendix annexed.

COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE AGENDA AND COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft Council as Trustee agenda and Council agenda were submitted:-

(See document No 4)

The Committee was advised that the private informal meeting of Members of the City Council relating to the Lord Mayor Designate for 2017/2018 would be held at 1340 hours. In addition the meeting of the City Council was timed to finish at 1930 hours.

The Committee agreed with the times set out in the agenda for the two meetings and in respect of the City Council meeting recommended that the meeting be extended to 1930 hours.

The timings for reports were as follows

Transport for West Midlands

Strategic Transport Plan:

"Movement For Growth"	30 minutes	1600-1630 hours
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Reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committes	60 minutes (2x 30 minutes)	1700-1800 hours
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Motions for Debate	90 minutes	1800-1930 hours
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Following a comment from the Chair a debate ensued relating to the benefits or otherwise of requiring proposers of amendments to set out the amended Motion in full to assist Members. It was agreed that the current arrangements remain.

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RESOLVED:-

That the draft Council as Trustee agenda and the draft Council agenda be noted.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair was of the opinion that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency in order to expedite consideration thereof and instruct officers to act if necessary.

Personnel Appeals (Dismissals) Sub-Committee

Councillor Mike Ward indicated that he was replacing Councillor Ray Hassall on the Personnel Appeals (Dismissals) Sub-Committee. Accordingly it was-

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RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Mike Ward be appointed to the Personnel Appeals (Dismissals) Sub-Committee for the period ending with the first meeting of the Council Business Management Committee in the Municipal Year 2017/2018 in place of Councillor Ray Hassall.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

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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 1415 hours.

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CHAIR