

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 18 MARCH 2019
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2019 AT 1400 HOURS,
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Ward in the Chair;

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 2844 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

- 2845 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.

It was confirmed that Members did not need to declare an interest in respect of the Annual Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

APOLOGIES

- 2846 An apology was received from Councillor Robert Alden and it was noted that Councillor Deirdre Alden was in attendance on his behalf.

MINUTES

- 2847 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 February 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOUNDATION LIVING WAGE 2019/2020

The following report of the Chief Executive was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Dawn Hewins, Director of Human Resources, made introductory comments relating to the report and confirmed that in paragraph 4.1 the figure '£33973k' should read '£33973'.

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RESOLVED:-

That the proposal to increase the Foundation Living Wage supplement so that, with effect from 1st April 2019, all Council employees are paid a minimum of £9.00 per hour be agreed.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Rose Poulter, Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel, made introductory comments relating to the report and in response to comments from Members confirmed that it was realistic that all the work of being a Councillor equated to 3 days work. Members noted that it was difficult for Cabinet Members to have other work as being a Cabinet Member was similar to a full time job.

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services, explained that she would soon be convening a cross party Member Panel to appoint a Citizen Panel Representative

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RESOLVED:-

(i) That the annual report of the Independent Remuneration be received

(ii) that the following motion be recommended to City Council:

'The recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel on Page 4 of its Annual Report be accepted and implemented with effect from 21 May 2019.'

PETITIONS UPDATE

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

With reference petition Nos. 2043 and 2099, Councillor Gareth Moore suggested that the petitions should be discharged as the relevant Committees had dealt with the matters raised in the petitions.

Some concern was expressed at the length of time it was taking for petitions to be discharged.

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RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN

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

(See document No 4)

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services, made introductory comments relating to the plan.

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RESOLVED:-

That the City Council and CBM Forward Plan be noted.

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following revised draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

It was agreed that 10 minutes be allocated to the item Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel, 35 minutes be allocated to the item Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel and 30 minutes to the item Scrutiny Inquiry: Full Council Meeting.

Councillor Brigid Jones suggested and it was agreed that any unused time from earlier in the meeting should be allocated to the item Scrutiny Inquiry: Full Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED:-

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

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Book of condolences for the Victims of the New Zealand attacks

The Chair commented that he had asked if a book of condolences for the victims of the New Zealand attacks and had been informed by the Lord Mayor's

Office that it was not normal practise to start such a book and the only time one had been started was for Lee Rigby a serving soldier. He felt that this was not right and sought the views of Members. Councillor Deirdre Alden commented that it appeared to be an omission whilst Councillor Gareth Moore asked if a book of condolences had been opened elsewhere in the City such as at St Philips Cathedral.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

That a book of condolences for the victims of the New Zealand attacks be opened and placed in the Council House.

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 1422 hours.

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CHAIR