

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

<p>COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 21 DECEMBER 2020</p>
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 2020 AT 1400 HOURS,
AS AN ON-LINE MEETING**

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Ward in the Chair;

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

3041 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs at the meeting except where there are confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3042 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.

APOLOGIES

3043 No apologies were submitted.

APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Martin Straker Welds proposed that Councillor Olly Armstrong replace Councillor Safia Akhtar on the Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was-

3044 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That Councillor Fred Grindrod (Lab) be appointed to the Council Business Management Committee in place of Councillor Brett O'Reilly

(Lab) for the period ending with the next Annual Meeting of the Council;
and

- (ii) that Councillor Olly Armstrong (Lab) be appointed to the Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Safia Akhtar (Lab) for the period ending with the next Annual meeting of the Council.

MINUTES

- 3045 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 November 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

TRIBUTES

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

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

During the debate Members agreed that option 3 was the most appropriate with the number of tributes being split across 2 or more Council Meetings. With reference to the former Honorary Alderman Theresa Stewart, Councillor Brigid Jones felt a memorial service would be appropriate given her notable service. The Chair indicated that in the past memorial services had been held in the Cathedral for former Councillors who had given notable service and agreed that something of a similar nature should be undertaken for Theresa Stewart in addition to the tributes when possible.

- 3046 **RESOLVED:-**

That it be agreed that the taking tributes be commenced with those giving the tributes to be filmed in the Chamber, perhaps in advance of the meeting, to allow a video to be played at the start of the meeting divided between future City Council meetings as appropriate.

PETITION HANDSWORTH CEMETERY

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Following consideration, it was-

- 3047 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the report be noted; and
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- (ii) that the petitions be referred to and debated at the Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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PETITION NORMAN LAUD ASSOCIATION

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

Following consideration, it was-

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the report be noted; and
- (ii) that the petition be referred to and debated at the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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REQUEST FOR THE USE OF THE COAT OF ARMS

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Following consideration, it was-

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RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the request from Mr H Stratton to use the Birmingham Coat of Arms as a picture in a book that will be entitled 'A Brummie Life'.

PETITIONS UPDATE

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

Following consideration, it was-

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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 6)

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services, highlighted the number of reports scheduled to be submitted to the January City Council meeting and suggested that the Executive Business Report could slip to 2 February 2021 meeting with the Scrutiny Business report scheduled for that meeting slipping to April. She also noted that January CBM Committee would receive a report on meetings in the pre-election period.

During the debate it was noted that the Executive Business report due to be submitted to the January City Council Meeting was to be about activity around Covid and preparations for Brexit whilst the Scrutiny Business report due in February 2021 related to Scrutiny Framework which was being developed. It was agreed that the changes suggested were appropriate.

In response to a question from Councillor Gareth Moore, Rob Connelly, Assistant Director Governance, advised that he would be bringing the report on the Lord Mayoralty to the January 2021 meeting of CBM Committee.

Councillor Robert Alden suggested that officers and the Committee consider what is going to be possible for the budget meeting of the City Council and to see if it could be done as a hybrid meeting as he felt the way that City Council meetings were working currently would not work for the budget meeting. The Chair requested that officers report back to the Committee on that issue.

The Chair, referring to the other actions from City Council meetings section indicated that he had responded to Councillors Pritchard and Mackey and was in the process of responding to Councillor Deirdre Alden.

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RESOLVED:-

That, subject to the changes proposed in the forgoing preamble, the City Council and CBM Forward Plan be noted.

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 7)

During discussion it was agreed to

- Move agenda item 7 (Executive Business Report) to the 2 February meeting.

- Increase the time allocated for agenda item 9 (Route to Zero Report) to 55 minutes.

It was further noted that Councillor Waseem Zaffar would be presenting the Route to Zero Report and Councillor Sharon Thompson the Rough Sleeping Addendum and Action Plan 2020- 23- Homelessness Prevention Strategy report.

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RESOLVED:-

That, subject to the above changes, the draft agenda be noted, and that Standing Orders be waived as appropriate.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair was of the opinion that the following matter could be considered as a matter of urgency in view of need to expedite consideration thereof and instruct officer if necessary:-

Renaming of the Adult Education Centre in Trittiford Road

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The Chair indicated that he had received a suggestion that the Adult Education Centre Trittiford Road might be renamed 'The Theresa Stewart Centre for Adult Education'. He noted that the centre was in the Ward that Theresa had represented, and her family were content with the proposal.

Councillors Robert Alden and Mike Ward were agreeable to that suggestion.

Seasons Greetings

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The Chair wished everyone a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year

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 1423 hours.

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CHAIR