

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 20 September 2017 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Obajimi Adefiranye (Chair), Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Peter Bernards, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Bill Brown, Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Suzannah Clarke, John Coughlin, Liam Curran, Janet Daby, Brenda Dacres, Amanda De Ryk, Joe Dromey, Damien Egan, Colin Elliott, Alan Hall, Carl Handley, Maja Hilton, Simon Hooks, Sue Hordijkeno, Mark Ingleby, Stella Jeffrey, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Roy Kennedy, Jim Mallory, Paul Maslin, Sophie McGeevor, Joan Millbank, Jamie Milne, Hilary Moore, John Muldoon, Olurotimi Ogunbadewa, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Pat Raven, Joan Reid, Gareth Siddorn, Jonathan Slater, Alan Smith, Luke Sorba, Eva Stamirowski, Alan Till, Paul Upex, James-J Walsh and Susan Wise.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Abdeslam Amrani, Councillor Andre Bourne, Councillor David Britton, Councillor Joyce Jacca, Councillor Helen Klier, Councillor David Michael, Councillor Pauline Morrison and Councillor Rachel Onikosi.

95. Declaration of Interests

Councillors Walsh and Dromey declared personal interests in Item 11 as founder members of the Bakerloo. Extension.Com campaign.

96. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on July 17 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

97. Announcements or Communications

Roland Moyle MP

The Council was advised of the death of former MP, Roland Moyle. The Mayor remembered him as a very effective MP who made a great contribution to Lewisham and as someone who worked closely with local representatives. All present observed a one minute silence in his memory.

Resignation of the Chief Executive

The second announcement reported the intention of the Chief Executive, Barry Quirk, to resign, in order to take up a similar role with the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea which faced major challenges in the wake of the Grenfell disaster.

At the end of the meeting tributes were paid to him by the Mayor, Councillor Mallory, Councillor Hall, Councillor Dromey, Councillor Wise, Councillor Dacres, and Councillor Bonavia.

The Chief Executive responded by thanking the contributors for their kind words and he recounted with fondness his time with Lewisham where he had been a Chief Officer or Chief Executive since 1985. At the conclusion of his

valedictory, the Council rose to acknowledge his service with a standing ovation.

Darryl Neita

The Council congratulated Darryl Neita on her success at the World Athletics Championships in London

Borough of Culture

Councillor Chris Best reported on Lewisham's bid to become a Borough of Culture and introduced the Horniman Walrus mascot to the Council. She confirmed a photo opportunity involving all members of the Council had been held prior to the start of the meeting.

Councillor Helen Klier

The Chair reported on a recent domestic accident involving Councillor Helen Klier which would require a hospital stay of at least a month. The Council joined in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Councillor Jamie Milne

The Chair congratulated Councillor Jamie Milne and his wife on the addition of a new baby boy to their family.

98. Petitions

Councillor Stella Jeffrey presented a petition bearing 461 names on behalf of Stephanie Nsom. The petition asked that the Hither Green Streetscape Improvements be given greater priority when the Mayor considers the LIP Programme on October 4.

Councillor Olurotimi Ogunbadewa presented a petition bearing 20 names. The petition asked that fly-tipping on the service road to the rear of 470-500 Bromley Road, Downham, BR1 be addressed by remedial measures.

Councillor John Coughlin presented a petition bearing about 350 names. The petition asked that parking restrictions be imposed outside the shops on Brookbank Road and the surrounding roads.

99. Public Questions

4 questions were received from the following members of the public which were answered by the Cabinet Member indicated. A copy of the questions and answers was circulated separately and can be viewed on the Council website with the meeting papers.

1.	Bobby Dean	Cllr Egan
2.	Ray Woolford	Cllr Onikosi
3.	Adrian Robson	Cllr Smith
4.	Mark Morris	Cllr Smith

100. Member questions

5 questions were received from the following Councillors which were answered by the Cabinet Members indicated. A copy of the questions and answers was circulated separately and can be viewed on the Council's website with the meeting papers.

1.	Cllr Barnham	Cllr Onikosi
2.	Cllr Ingleby	Cllr Smith
3.	Cllr Barnham	Mayor
4.	Cllr Ingleby	Cllr Bonavia
5.	Cllr Ingleby	Cllr Bonavia

101. Audit of Accounts

The Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by the Chair of the Public Accounts Select Committee, Councillor Maja Hilton. Following a contribution from Councillor Hall, it was:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the adjustments to the financial statements in the Audit Findings Reports be noted;
- (2) the Action Plans set out in the Reports be agreed;
- (3) the Letter of Representation on behalf of the Council be approved;
- (4) the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) be approved; and
- (5) the 2016/17 audited Statement of Accounts (including Main accounts, Group accounts and Pension Fund accounts) be approved.

102. Variations to LCTEC Agreement 2017

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran, and it was:

RESOLVED that

- (1) the delegation of further functions to the London Councils Transport and Environment Committee be authorised as set out at paragraph 4.6; and
- (2) a Memorandum of Participation be entered into to give effect to the matters referred to at paragraph 4.6 and authority be delegated to the Head of Law to approve the final terms of the Memorandum of Participation which will give effect to the proposed variation to the London Councils Transport and Environment Committee Governing Agreement.

103. Appointment of Independent Member Audit Panel

The Chair of the Audit Panel, Councillor Johnathan Slater, moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by Councillor Jim Mallory and it was:

RESOLVED that Carole Murray be appointed as an independent member of the Audit Panel.

104. Motion 1 Proposed Councillor Egan Seconded Councillor Bonavia

The motion was moved by Councillor Bonavia and seconded by Councillor Stamirowski. Following a contribution from Councillor Bell, the motion was then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

This council notes that:

- NJC basic pay has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms
- NJC workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012
- Local terms and conditions of many NJC employees have also been cut,
- impacting on their overall earnings
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector
- Job evaluated pay structures are being squeezed and distorted by bottom loaded
- NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased National Living Wage and the Foundation Living Wage
- There are growing equal and fair pay risks resulting from this situation

This council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers and calls for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector. This council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.

This council also notes the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding and calls on the Government to provide additional funding to fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review.

This council therefore resolves to:

- Call immediately on the LGA to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review and notify us of their action in this regard
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review

- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.

105. Motion 2 Proposed Councillor Kennedy Seconded Councillor De Ryk

The motion was moved by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor De Ryk. Following contributions from Councillors Smith, Curran and Coughlin, the motion was put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“This council notes that the consultation report published by TFL on the 31st July 2017 shows continued strong public support for the extension of the line south from the Elephant and Castle.

We are however disappointed that the proposals have been reduced to a four stop extension only going as far as Lewisham Railway Station Interchange and thousands of residents in our borough are missing out on the benefits the new line would bring.

We firmly believe this is a missed opportunity and that the best option remains the extension to Hayes and the case for a reduced scheme has not been made. We also note the support from residents living in the London Borough of Bromley for the extension to reach their borough.

We call on the Mayor of London and TFL to keep the proposals to extend the line past Lewisham Railway Station Interchange firmly on the table and work towards securing the funding to deliver the whole scheme in its entirety in one phase.

This council agrees to write to the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, the Deputy Mayor for Transport, Valerie Shawcross, Mike Brown the Transport Commissioner and all members of the Transport for London Board setting out clearly our full support for the original proposal to take the extension all the way to Hayes in one phase and our disappointment at any reduction of these proposals.”

106. Motion 3 Proposed Councillor Jeffrey Seconded Councillor Moore

The motion was moved by Councillor Jeffrey and seconded by Councillor Moore. Following a contribution from Councillor Kennedy, the motion was put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“This council notes that it has been 12 months since the fire at Shepherds Court in Shepherds Bush which destroyed the homes and possessions of a number of families living in the tower block. The fire was caused by a faulty Indesit tumble dryer which was subject to a safety notice issued by the parent company Whirlpool. There are on average three fires a day in the UK involving tumble dryers.

In 2010 Santosh Muthiah died from the effects of smoke inhalation after saving his family from a fire caused by a faulty Beko fridge freezer.

In 2011 Mina Elmufatish and five of her children died in a fire at their home in Neasden caused by a Whirlpool chest freezer.

This council is extremely concerned that following the review of the UK product recall system announced in November 2014 and the working group reporting to Her Majesty's Government in February 2016. Nearly three years after the review was commissioned no substantial changes have been made to the recall system.

We are further concerned that the review did not address the manufacturing standards for white goods and believe this is something that needs to be urgently addressed.

This council agrees to write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, the Mayor of London the Rt Hon Sadiq Khan, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, Chair LFEPA, and the London Fire Commissioner Dany Cotton QFSM. Making it clear that we fully support the London Fire Brigade's 'Total Recalls' campaign and that we believe the recommendations of the working group which reported in February 2016 must be acted upon urgently including a single register for product recalls in the UK and this should be set up and held centrally on Gov.UK.

Finally we call on Her Majesty's Government to put its full weight behind calls to improve international safety standards for the manufacture of white goods.”

The meeting closed at 9.32pm