

# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 10 October 2018 at 7.45 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Tauseef Anwar, Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, Juliet Campbell, Suzannah Clarke, Patrick Codd, Tom Copley, Liam Curran, Brenda Dacres, Amanda De Ryk, Joe Dromey, Colin Elliott, Alex Feis-Bryce, Leo Gibbons, Sue Hordijenko, Coral Howard, Mark Ingleby, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Silvana Kelleher, Louise Krupski, Sophie McGeevor, Joan Millbank, Hilary Moore, Pauline Morrison, Jacq Paschoud (Chair), John Paschoud, Stephen Penfold, Joani Reid, Sakina Sheikh, Jonathan Slater, Alan Smith and James-J Walsh.

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Damien Egan, Councillor Obajimi Adefiranye, Councillor Peter Bernards, Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Janet Daby, Councillor Aisling Gallagher, Councillor Alan Hall, Councillor Carl Handley, Councillor Octavia Holland, Councillor Caroline Kalu, Councillor Jim Mallory, Councillor Olurotimi Ogunbadewa, Councillor James Rathbone, Councillor Luke Sorba, Councillor Eva Stamirowski and Councillor Susan Wise.

## 1. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations.

## 2. Announcements or Communications

The Chair announced that the funeral service of former Councillor Gurbakhsh Garcha would take place in the Civic Suite at 2.30pm on Friday November 2, following a private burial.

## 3. The JNC Framework for Statutory Officers

The report was presented by Councillor Kevin Bonavia, who received confirmation from the Chair that an amendment proposed by him and seconded by Councillor Chris Best had been received prior to the previous evening's 5pm deadline and was therefore in order.

Councillor Bonavia explained that the amendment added the words "*with the exception of any delegation to an individual member*" at the end of recommendation 3(1). Councillor Bonavia also reported that additional legal implications had been tabled at the meeting but that these needed to be read by deleting the words "*as leader of the largest political group*" from the third paragraph of these implications.

In proposing the recommendations, Councillor Bonavia confirmed that the non executive membership of the Appointments Committee would be the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Councillors Bourne and Jacq Paschoud. They would be joined by two Cabinet Members, appointed by the Mayor on a meeting by meeting basis.

Councillor Chris Best formally seconded the recommendations shown below.

Councillor Juliet Campbell asked if the Council should consider the membership of an Appeals Committee at the same time as the membership of the Appointments Committee was being confirmed. Councillor Bonavia explained that the Appointments Committee was a standing committee of the Council while provision for an Appeals Committee was being made to create a mechanism for the consideration of any rare protests against decisions made by the Appointments Committee. He concluded that there was therefore no immediate need to appoint members to an Appeals Committee and that this could be done at a future Council meeting.

The recommendations, as amended, were then put to the vote and were declared to be carried unanimously by the Chair of Council.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the disciplinary procedures set out in the JNC Framework which appear at Appendix 1 be noted and adopted in respect of the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Director of Finance;
- (2) the terms of reference of the Appointments Committee be amended as set out in Appendix 2 so that it also operates as a Standing Investigating and Disciplinary Committee consisting of 5 members to carry out the disciplinary functions proposed for it in the JNC Framework at Appendix 1; and Councillors Andre Bourne, Bill Brown and Jacq Paschoud be appointed as the non-executive members of that Committee;
- (3) following the approval of (1) and (2) above, an Appeals Committee be established consisting of 5 members to carry out the functions proposed for it in the JNC Framework appearing at Appendix 1, with the terms of reference appearing at Appendix 3 and members be appointed to that Committee at a future meeting of the Council; and
- (4) the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm