

# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 20 July 2022 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Damien Egan (Mayor), Yemisi Anifowose, Tauseef Anwar (Chair), Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Peter Bernards, Chris Best, Bill Brown, Natasha Burgess, Juliet Campbell, Will Cooper, Laura Cunningham, Liam Curran, Brenda Dacres, Sophie Davis, Amanda De Ryk, Sian Eiles, Billy Harding, Coral Howard, Edison Huynh, Mark Ingleby, Mark Jackson, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Louise Krupski, Ayesha Lahai-Taylor, Jack Lavery, Joan Millbank, John Muldoon, Oana Olaru, Rosie Parry, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Stephen Penfold, James Rathbone, James Royston, Aliya Sheikh, Sakina Sheikh, Liam Shrivastava, Luke Sorba, Eva Stamirowski, Hau-Yu Tam, James-J Walsh, Luke Warner, Carol Webley-Brown and Susan Wise.

ALSO JOINING THE MEETING VIRTUALLY: Councillor Kim Powell.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Executive, Director of Law, Governance and Elections, Head of Governance and Committee Services (Secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andre Bourne, Councillor Ese Erheriene, Councillor Hilary Moore and Councillor Rudi Schmidt.

Those Councillors listed as joining virtually were not in attendance for the purposes of the meeting being quorate, any decisions taken, or to satisfy the requirements of s85 Local Government Act 1972.

## 1. Declaration of Interests

No declarations were made.

## 2. Minutes

The Speaker of the Council MOVED, the Deputy Mayor SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the AGM held on 25 May 2022 be confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

## 3. Announcements or Communications

In addition to the four written announcements, the Speaker made two further announcements as follows:

1. He wished the England women's football team good luck in the Women's Euro quarterfinal; and
2. The Speaker's consort for 2022-23 would be his daughter, Safa Noor Tauseef.

## 4. Petitions

Councillor Jacq Paschoud presented a public petition containing 92 signatures and calling for the provision of a swimming pool at the Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre in Randlesdown Road.

## **5. Public Questions**

29 questions were received from members of the public and were answered. A copy of the questions and answers can be viewed on the Council website with the meeting papers.

Thirty minutes were set aside at the meeting for questioners to raise supplementary questions.

## **6. Member questions**

Nine questions were received from Members of the Council and were answered by the relevant Cabinet Member. A copy of the questions and answers was circulated separately and can be viewed on the Council website with the meeting papers.

Thirty minutes were made available at the meeting for questioners to raise supplementary questions.

## **7. Members Allowance Scheme**

Councillor De Ryk **MOVED**, the Deputy Mayor **SECONDED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Director of Law, Governance and Elections be instructed to amend the Special Responsibility Allowances Scheme to achieve the following:

- Wherever and only where there is a Cabinet Member supported by an Associate Cabinet Member, the Cabinet Member receives 50% of the full SRA payable to Cabinet Members;
- The Associate Cabinet Member receives an allowance the equivalent of 50% of the full SRA ordinarily payable to Cabinet Members.

## **8. Action Taken by the Speaker of Council Under Rule 19 of Section E of the Constitution**

It was **RESOLVED** that Members of the Council note the action taken by the Speaker of the Council.

## **9. Motions**

Motion 1: Housing Association

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Will Cooper, **SECONDED** by Councillor Rosie Parry and **RESOLVED** that the motion be carried.

Motion 2: Local Government Pay

It was MOVED by Councillor Luke Sorba, SECONDED by Councillor Liz Johnston-Franklin and RESOLVED that the motion be carried.