

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

COUNCIL MEETING – 11 MAY 2004

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD on Tuesday, 11 May 2004, at 7.30pm.

Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Doreen Scott) in the Chair

Councillors:

ALLAN George	ECE Meral	RAY Marisha
BAKER Graham	FOX Bridget	SAWYER Derek
BARNES Dave	GIBBONS Arnie	SHARMA Jay
BERENT Anna	GOWERS Emma	SHARP Keith
BLANCHARD James	GREENING Richard	SIDNELL Barbara
BOFFA Donna	HESELTINE Richard	SMITH Barbara
BONNER Daniel	HITCHINS Steve	SPALL Lisa
BROOK Angela	JOHNSON Heather	STACY Terry
BURGESS Wally	KASPRZYK Stefan	TROTTER Joe
CAMERON Euan	KEMPTON James	VAJA Jyoti
COUPLAND Joan	NEAVE Bruce	VALERY Dorrie
CREAGH Mary	O'SULLIVAN Michael	WATT Lucy
DEARTH Jonathan	POWELL Carol	WEST Catherine
DUNLOP Fiona	POWELL Mary	WILLOUGHBY Laura
DUNN Margot	PULHAM Adrian	WRIGHT Sylvia

1. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was reported for Councillor Hay Smith.

(ii) Arsenal Football Club – Premiership Champions 2004

The Mayor, on behalf of the entire Council and residents, heartily congratulated Arsenal on winning the 2004 Premiership. She also wished them success in their final match on Saturday which would mean that they were unbeaten in the whole season.

The Arsenal ladies team had also been extremely successful in winning the Women's

FA Cup so congratulations were extended to them as well.

The Mayor announced a victory parade for both teams on Sunday, 16th May and Councillor Hitchins informed the Council that Ken Friar and Arsène Wenger would receive the Freedom of the Borough at a special meeting of the Council to be held later in the year.

(iii) The Madrid Bombings

Councillor Joe Trotter stated that, as requested at the last ordinary meeting of the Council, he had delivered the Council's letter of condolence to the Mayor of Madrid.

2. MINUTES (Item 1)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the annual meeting held on 13 May 2003 be confirmed as a correct record and the Mayor be authorised to sign them.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2004/05

Councillor Steve Hitchins moved, seconded by Councillor J. Kempton, that Councillor Joan Coupland be elected Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

There being no other nominations, and following a unanimous vote, the Mayor declared Councillor Joan Coupland to be elected as the Mayor of the London Borough of Islington for 2004/05.

4. VOTE OF THANKS AND PRESENTATION OF COMMEMORATIVE BADGE TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND CONSORT

Councillor Steve Hitchins moved, seconded by Councillor Laura Willoughby, a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Doreen Scott. The Leader presented Councillor Scott and her Consort (Doris Hester) with commemorative badges.

Councillor Scott thanked Councillors and officers for their support and help during the year, especially her personal carers and staff in the Mayor's Office.

She reported that over £30,000 had been raised for her charity – The Assisted Living Foundation.

Councillor Scott referred particularly to the Christmas Day Party for Old People and asked that all present lend their support to maintain this provision.

The Mayor (Councillor Joan Coupland) in the Chair

5. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – COUNCILLOR JOAN COUPLAND: DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor accepted office by making and subscribing to the required declaration attested by Councillors Hitchins and Kempton.

Having thanked all the guests for attending, the Mayor announced that her charity would be the Food Chain. She invited ward councilors to all Mayoral functions within their wards.

She thanked the Council for electing her and announced that Mayoress would be her daughter, Shelley Coupland. The Deputy Mayor would be Councillor Jonathan Dearth.

6. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL 2004/05

The Council elected Councillor Steve Hitchins as Leader of the Council for 2004/05.

7. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Mayor formally moved, duly seconded, the recommendations in the report together with the drafting and consequential amendments which had been laid round.

She informed the Council that agreement had been reached between the political parties that contentious issues would be fully debated at the June Council meeting.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the revised Constitution be adopted with immediate effect.

(b) That it be noted that, if the membership of the Area Licensing Sub-Committees is not to comply with the proportionality rules contained in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, it will be necessary for the Licensing Committee to agree unanimously to the arrangements pursuant to Section 17 of that Act.

8. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR 2004/05

A. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POLITICAL POSITIONS.

RESOLVED:

That Council note that the political groups have notified the following appointments.

Lib.Dem.	Leader:	Councillor Steve Hitchins
	Deputy Leaders:	Councillors Bridget Fox, James Kempton
	Chief Whip:	Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk
	Deputy Whips:	Councillors Donna Boffa & Jay Sharma
	Chair of Group:	Councillor Barbara Smith

Lab:	Leader:	Councillor Catherine West
	Deputy Leader:	Councillor Richard Greening
	Chief Whip:	Councillor Derek Sawyer
	Chair of Group:	Councillor Wally Burgess

B. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR 2004/05.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance (where appropriate) with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations as amended (which provide for political balance on committees etc), the following appointments be made to the Executive and committees for 2004/05 or until successors are appointed:

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

EXECUTIVE

(Leader + 8 members)

Lib. Dem

Councillor Bridget Fox (Deputy Leader)
Councillor James Kempton (Deputy Leader)
Councillor George Allan
Councillor Meral Ece
Councillor Terry Stacy
Councillor Arnie Gibbons
Councillor Jyoti Vaja
Councillor Laura Willoughby

Portfolio

Sustainability
Children
Customer Focus
Health and Social Care for Adults
Performance
Resources
Housing and Community Safety
Communities

(Copies of the job and portfolio descriptions are attached)

OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

(9 members)

Lib. Dem (7 members)

Councillor Keith Sharp (Chair)
Councillor James Blanchard (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Euan Cameron
Councillor Fiona Dunlop
Councillor Marisha Ray
Councillor Barbara Smith
Councillor Lucy Watt
Subs:
Councillor Anna Berent
Councillor Jonathan Dearth
Councillor Margot Dunn
Councillor Emma Gowers
Councillor Heather Johnson
Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk
Councillor Sylvia Wright

Labour (2 members)

Councillor Catherine West
Councillor Adrian Pulham

Subs:

Councillor Wally Burgess
Councillor Derek Sawyer

Co-opted Members for
Education-related issues

Vacancy – Roman Catholic Diocese
Philippa Stobbs – C of E Diocese
Mr. Richard Rieser - Parent Governor (Secondary) representative
Vacancy - Parent Governor (Primary) representative

REGENERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

(8 members)

Lib. Dem (6 members)

Councillor Marisha Ray (Chair)
Councillor Graham Baker (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Anna Berent
Councillor Jonathan Dearth
Councillor Carol Powell
Councillor Sylvia Wright
Subs:
Councillor James Blanchard
Councillor Heather Johnson
Councillor Doreen Scott
Councillor Keith Sharp
Councillor Barbara Smith
Councillor Dorrie Valery

1 Labour, 1 Independent

Labour vacancy
Councillor Richard Heseltine (Ind)

Labour sub:

Councillor Lisa Spall

SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

(8 members)

Lib. Dem (6 members)

Councillor Lucy Watt (Chair)
Councillor Anna Berent (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Angela Brook
Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk
Councillor Bruce Neave
Councillor Doreen Scott
Subs:
Councillor Graham Baker
Councillor Donna Boffa
Councillor Fiona Dunlop
Councillor Mary Powell
Councillor Marisha Ray

Labour (2 members)

Councillor Wally Burgess
Councillor Mick O'Sullivan

Subs:

Councillor Lisa Spall
Labour vacancy

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

Councillor Joe Trotter

PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (8 members)

Lib. Dem (6 members)
Councillor Euan Cameron (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Margot Dunn
Councillor Emma Gowers
Councillor Heather Johnson
Councillor Jay Sharma
Councillor Dorrie Valery
Subs:
Councillor Anna Berent
Councillor Joan Coupland
Councillor Jonathan Dearth
Councillor Bruce Neave
Councillor Carol Powell
Councillor Sylvia Wright

2 Labour
Councillor Adrian Pulham (Chair)
Councillor Richard Greening

Labour subs:
Councillor Barbara Sidnell
Councillor Derek Sawyer

NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

Hillrise: Councillors Fiona Dunlop, Heather Johnson, Jay Sharma
Tollington: Councillors Daniel Bonner, Derek Sawyer, Catherine West
Junction: Councillors James Blanchard, Euan Cameron (Chair), Stefan Kasprzyk
St. George's: Graham Baker, Angela Brook (Vice-Chair), Wally Burgess

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

Bunhill: Councillors Joseph Trotter (Chair), Jyoti Vaja, Donna Boffa
Canonbury: Councillors Jonathan Dearth, Barbara Smith, Lucy Watt
Clerkenwell: Councillors George Allan (Vice-Chair), Bruce Neave, Marisha Ray
St. Peter's: Councillors Steve Hitchins, Mary Powell, Keith Sharp

EAST AREA COMMITTEE

Finsbury Park: Councillors Michael O'Sullivan, Barbara Sidnell (Vice-Chair), Lisa Spall (Chair)
Highbury East: Councillors David Barnes, Terry Stacy, Laura Willoughby
Highbury West: Councillors Mary Creagh, Richard Greening, Adrian Pulham
Mildmay: Councillors Anna Berent, Meral Ece, Graham Hay Smith

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

Barnsbury: Councillors Bridget Fox, Emma Gowers (Chair), Sylvia Wright
Caledonian: Councillors Arnie Gibbons, Carol Powell, Dorrie Valery (Vice-Chair)
Holloway: Councillors Margot Dunn, Ed Featherstone, Doreen Scott
St. Mary's: Councillors Joan Coupland, Richard Heseltine, James Kempton

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Lib. Dem (1 member)
Councillor Terry Stacy
Independent Members
Father Jim Kennedy (Chair)
Vacancy
Jo Michie
Matthew Saunders – independent sub

Labour (1 member)
Councillor Derek Sawyer

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE (4 members)

Lib. Dem (3 members)
Councillor Margot Dunn (Chair)
Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk (Vice-Chair)
Councillor George Allan
Subs:
Councillor Euan Cameron
Councillor Joe Trotter
Councillor Sylvia Wright

Labour (1 member)
Councillor Derek Sawyer

Sub:
Councillor Adrian Pulham

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

LICENSING COMMITTEE

South

Councillor Joe Trotter
Councillor Donna Boffa
Councillor Bruce Neave (Chair)
Councillor Mary Powell

West

Councillor Margot Dunn
Councillor Doreen Scott
Councillor Carol Powell
Councillor Joan Coupland

North

Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk
Councillor Graham Baker
Councillor Fiona Dunlop (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Daniel Bonner

East

Councillor Anna Berent
Councillor Dave Barnes
Councillor Lisa Spall
Councillor Adrian Pulham

CE's Note: Appointments to sub-committees of Area Committees and the Corporate Services and the Licensing Committees will be made at the first meeting of those bodies in the new municipal year.

ADOPTION PANEL

Lib. Dem

Councillor Donna Boffa

SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

(6 members)

Lib.Dem (4 members)

Councillor Anna Berent
Councillor James Blanchard
Councillor James Kempton
Councillor Barbara Smith
Subs:
Councillor Graham Baker
Councillor Bridget Fox
Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk
Councillor Terry Stacy

Labour (2 members)

Councillor Adrian Pulham
Councillor Wally Burgess

Subs:
Councillor Catherine West
(Vacancy)

C of E Diocesan Authorities

Penny Harvey
Philippa Stobbs
Alan Ward

Roman Catholic Diocesan Authority

Liz Duffy
Ann Waldron
One vacancy

Learning and Skills Council

Alan Robertson

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

Schools

Hatty Richmond (Special)
Andrew Bosi (Primary)
Michael Simmonds (Primary) (Chair)
June Peek (Primary)
Julie Horton (Secondary)
Narayana Jayaram (Secondary)
Phil Kelly (Secondary)

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christine Eisen
Father David Ardagh-Watter

Roman Catholic Diocese of
Westminster

Vacancy
Brian Haylock

Methodist
Salvation Army

Vacancy
Vacancy
Ann Boater
Vacancy
Miek Christie
Mrs. Judith Fox

United Reform Church
Baptist Union
Society of Friends
Greek Orthodox Church
Elim Pentecostal Church
North London Progressive
Synagogue
Muslim Educational Trust
Muslim Educational Trust
Jain Samaj Europe
Buddhist
Islington Baha'i Community
Hindu

Mr. Muhammad Usamah
Mr. Mohamad-Jamal El-Turk
Vacancy
Dharmachari Kulamitra
Mr Phineas Manasseh
Mr. Kanthiah Ranganathan

Sikh
Daoist
Church of England
Church of England
Church of England
Church of England

Mr. Kikar Singh
Vacancy
Ms. Vivette Ferguson
Mrs. Doreen Hansen
Ms. Jane Preest
Rev. Preb. Graham Claydon

Ms. Jill Marston
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy
Chloe Parker
Mr. Torsten Payne
Ms. Pam Gudgen

National Union of Teachers
Secondary Heads Assoc.
NAHT
NASUWT
Head of RE Secondary Schools
Head of RE Secondary Schools
Head of RE Special Schools

Councillor Graham Baker
Councillor Derek Sawyer
(Councillor Catherine West))
Mr. John Hayward

Liberal Democrat Group
Labour Group
(Sub: Labour Group)
Representative of Governors
Organisations

Vacancy
Ben Rogers

Co-opted Member(s)
Humanist

SCHOOLS FORUM

Councillor Arnie Gibbons

Sub: Councillor James Kempton

9. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CERTAIN OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS FOR 2004/05.

RESOLVED:

That the following appointments be made to Outside Bodies for 2004/05 or until successors are appointed:

OUTSIDE BODIES

Appointee/Nominee

**ASSOCIATION OF
LONDON GOVERNMENT
(ALG)**

Leaders' Committee

Cllr Steve Hitchins

Deputies:
Cllr Bridget Fox
Cllr James Kempton

ALG FORUMS

Culture and Tourism

Cllr Laura Willoughby

Deputy:
Cllr Angela Brook

Crime and Public
Protection

Cllr Terry Stacy

Economic Development

Cllr Laura Willoughby

Education

Cllr James Kempton

Housing

Cllr Jyoti Vaja

Health and Social Care

Cllr Meral Ece

ALG COMMITTEES

Associated Joint
Committee
(Transport and
Environment Committee)

Cllr Bridget Fox

Deputy:
Cllr George Allan

Associated Joint
Committee
(Grants Committee)

Cllr Doreen Scott

Sectoral Joint Committee
(London Housing Unit
Committee - LHUC)

Cllr Jyoti Vaja

London Housing Unit
Executive Sub-Committee

Cllr Jyoti Vaja

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

Greater London Provincial Council Cllr Steve Hitchins

Deputies:
Cllr James Kempton
Cllr Bridget Fox
Cllr George Allan

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

LGA General Assembly Cllr Steve Hitchins
Cllr Bridget Fox
Cllr James Kempton
Cllr Catherine West

LGA Executive Cllr Steve Hitchins

LGA Urban Commission Cllr Arnie Gibbons
Cllr Derek Sawyer

OTHER

Greater London Enterprise Cllr Steve Hitchins

London Housing Consortium Cllr Jyoti Vaja

North London Waste Authority Cllr George Allan
Cllr Bridget Fox

Islington Strategic Partnership Cllr Bridget Fox
Cllr James Kempton
Cllr Laura Willoughby

Islington Health Partnership Cllr Meral Ece
Cllr James Kempton
Cllr Bridget Fox

Central London Partnership Cllr Steve Hitchins

Museum of London Archaeological Service Officer Appointment
Alec Forshaw

London Arts Board Local Authority Forum Cllr Angela Brook
Cllr Sylvia Wright

Islington Sports Council Officer Appointment
Karen Smith

London Accident Prevention Council Cllr Angela Brook
Cllr Doreen Scott
Officer appointment
Liz Wathen

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

London Youth Games	Officer Appointment Karen Smith	
Old Street Roundabout Liaison Committee	Cllr George Allan Cllr Joe Trotter	
Barking/Gospel Oak Line Committee	Cllr Stefan Kasprzyk	Officer deputy: John Fulcher
East London Line Extension Group	Cllr Stefan Kasprzyk	Officer deputy: John Fulcher
Thameslink 2000 Consortium	Cllr Euan Cameron	Officer deputy: John Fulcher
Investigation of Air Pollution	Officer Appointment Jan Hart	
Angel Town Centre Partnership Board	Cllr Keith Sharp	
City Fringe Partnership	Cllr Marisha Ray	
Finsbury Park Partnership	Cllr Laura Willoughby	
Groundwork Camden and Islington	Cllr Bridget Fox Cllr Anna Berent	
EC1 New Deal	Cllr Jyoti Vaja	
The Learning Agency	Officer Appointment John Kitching	
Primary Care Trust	Cllr Meral Ece	
Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Jyoti Vaja	
University College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Marisha Ray	
Joint Committee on Health Scrutiny	Cllr Keith Sharp Cllr Marisha Ray	Cllr Graham Baker
Caxton	Cllr Arnie Gibbons	
ICSL	Cllr George Allan	

Homes For Islington
(ALMO)

Cllr Jyoti Vaja
Cllr Euan Cameron
Cllr Richard Greening

Officer Appointments -
Louise Round, Director of Law and
Public Services

Stephen Burd, Assistant Director of
Finance and Property Services

City University - Council of
Management

Cllr Marisha Ray
(Re-appointment from 01/08/04)

London Metropolitan
University

Cllr James Kempton
(Re-appointment from 01/10/04)

***CHARITIES**

Richard Cloudesley

Della Stokes
(From 16/05/04)
Cath Dearth
(From 11/05/04)

United Charities

Cllr Barbara Smith
Pat Croci
(Both from 01/09/04)

Dame Alice Owen's
Foundation
(The Advisory Committee)

Cllr Steve Hitchins
Cllr James Kempton

Officer Appointment
Bill Clark, Director of Schools Services

Cripplegate Foundation

Cllr Laura Willoughby to replace Cllr
Keith Sharp (until 06.04.07)

2 Vacancies

St Lukes Parochial Trust

3 Vacancies

(Request by charity to hold these until
they have completed skills exercise)

10. THE EUROPEAN ROAD SAFETY CHARTER

A copy of the Charter was laid round.

RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Bridget Fox, seconded by Councillor Wally Burgess.

That the Council adopt the following Charter:

We, the undersigned, **the London Borough of Islington**

Represented by the Mayor of Islington.

Having authority, decision-making, economic or social powers or a mandate to represent, and, in this capacity having a share of the responsibility for road safety in the European Union,

Whereas the number of road accident victims in Europe at present is unacceptable, and the most effective possible measures need to be taken to reduce this number in the shortest possible time.

Whereas co-ordinated action between the many parties having responsibility, in one capacity or another, is more likely to achieve the intended results.

Believing that there are effective measures available to encourage road users to apply safety rules and events to take further measures, for example in order to reduce the exposure of users to the risks of accidents; and believing that the scope of such measures will be all the greater if a critical number of stakeholders commit themselves to them.

Subscribing to the objective of reducing the number of deaths on the roads by at least 50% by 2010.

Confident in the sense of responsibility of the individuals and organisations concerned.

Aware that actions to promote road safety entail extremely low costs compared with the human, social and economic cost of unsafe roads.

Undertake to implement, proactively, the measures within the sphere of our responsibility and activities so as to speed up progress on road safety;

And further undertake in particular, within the bounds of our responsibility and specificities and in conformity with at least one of the following principles:

1. To take the measures within my sphere of responsibility to contribute to the above-mentioned objective of reducing the number of road deaths.
2. To include road safety actions and safety performance measurement among my major objectives and principal decision-making criteria, in particular in the context of research activities, organisation and investment and in the more general framework of the organisation of professional activities, so as to draw up a veritable road safety plan.

3. To share with the competent bodies responsible for road safety technical and statistical information making for a better understanding of the causes of accidents, the injuries caused by accidents and the effectiveness of preventive and palliative measures.
4. To contribute to preventing road traffic accidents by pursuing high-quality actions in one or more of the following areas:
 - Initial and continuous driving training and information;
 - Motor-vehicle equipment and ergonomics;
 - Infrastructure designed to minimize the risks of accidents and their gravity and to encourage safe driving;
5. To develop and implement technologies for reducing the consequences of road traffic accidents.
6. To contribute towards the development of means of uniform, continuous and appropriate monitoring of compliance with traffic rules by persons acting in my name or under my authority and penalizing any offenders in a uniform, rapid and proportionate way.
7. To create a framework encouraging the introduction of continuous education actions and the rehabilitation of high-risk drivers.
8. To endeavour to contribute, wherever possible, to a better understanding of the causes, circumstances and consequences of accidents in order to draw lessons from them in order to avoid their repetition.
9. To contribute towards ensuring that effective and high-quality, medical, psychological and legal assistance is available for road accident victims.
10. To accept post-evaluations by peers, in accordance with appropriate confidentiality rules, of the measures taken to improve road safety and, where necessary, to draw lessons from them to review the measures.

To commit ourselves to the following actions and thereby deliberately take the initiative of implementing measures going beyond the regulatory requirements in force, namely:

In the field of speed management and casualty reduction, to develop and implement a speed management programme identifying sites with higher than average traffic speeds, for inclusion in our new project called Mobile Initiative Speed Sign Project.

The MISSP will consist of a transportable speed sign and a speed measure unit. The device will detect speeds of approaching vehicles and flash up a warning message advising drivers that they are speeding. A recording device attached to the unit to record the data for monitoring purposes. The MISSP will, in addition, be used at other locations where there are high numbers of vulnerable road users.

The Mobile Initiative Speed Sign Project will be relocated on a weekly basis from site to site to prevent drivers becoming desensitised to the signs.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

MAYOR