

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

COUNCIL MEETING – 17 MAY 2005

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD on Tuesday, 17 May 2005, at 7.30pm.

Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Joan Coupland) in the Chair

Councillors:

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| ALLAN George | FEATHERSTONE Ed | SAWYER Derek |
| BAKER Graham | FOX Bridget | SCOTT Doreen |
| BARNES Dave | GOWERS Emma | SHARP Keith |
| BERENT Anna | GREENING Richard | SIDNELL Barbara |
| BLANCHARD James | HAY SMITH Graham | SMITH Barbara |
| BOFFA Donna | HITCHINS Steve | SPALL Lisa |
| BONNER Daniel | JOHNSON Heather | STACY Terry |
| BROOK Angela | KASPRZYK Stefan | TROTTER Joe |
| BURGESS Wally | KEMPTON James | VAJA Jyoti |
| DEARTH Jonathan | NEAVE Bruce | VALERY Dorrie |
| DEBONO Theresa | POWELL Carol | WATT Lucy |
| DUNLOP Fiona | POWELL Mary | WEST Catherine |
| DUNN Margot | PULHAM Adrian | WILLOUGHBY Laura |
| ECE Meral | | WRIGHT Sylvia |

1. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Cameron, Heseltine, O'Sullivan, Ray and Sharma.

(ii) Death of former Councillor H.J. Stanfield

The Mayor reported the death of former Councillor Stanfield who died in March. He had been Mayor of Islington in 1977/78.

(iii) Resignation of Councillor Mary Creagh

The Council noted formally the resignation of Councillor Mary Creagh with effect from 29th March 2005. The Mayor reminded Members that Councillor Creagh had been Leader of the Opposition from 2000-2004 and, on behalf of all the Council, thanked her for her contribution to the work of the Council in that time. Mary Creagh had been elected MP for Wakefield.

(iv) The General Election and the Highbury West Ward By-Election

These had been held on 5th May and the Mayor reported that Jeremy Corbyn and Emily Thornberry were returned as the borough's MPs and Theresa Debono was elected to the Council to represent Highbury West Ward. Congratulations were extended to all and Councillor Debono was welcomed to the Council.

Councillors West and Hitchins congratulated Jeremy Corbyn, Emily Thornberry and Theresa Debono on their election results and Councillor Hitchins expressed thanks to the Acting Returning Officer and staff for a successful and smooth election.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the annual meeting held on 11 May 2004 and the ordinary meetings held on 26 February and 15 March 2005 be confirmed as correct records and the Mayor be authorised to sign them.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2005/06

Councillor Steve Hitchins moved, seconded by Councillor Barbara Smith, that Councillor Jonathan Dearth be elected Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

There being no other nominations the Mayor declared Councillor Jonathan Dearth to be elected as the Mayor of the London Borough of Islington for 2005/06.

4. VOTE OF THANKS AND PRESENTATION OF COMMEMORATIVE BADGES TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor Steve Hitchins moved, seconded by Councillor James Kempton, a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Joan Coupland. The Leader presented Councillor Coupland and her Mayoress (Shelley Coupland) with commemorative badges.

Councillor Coupland thanked Councillors and officers for their support and help during the year, especially Shelley, her daughter, who had been Mayoress, the chauffeurs and staff in the Mayor's Office.

She reported that over £13,000 had been raised for her charity – Food Chain.

Councillor Coupland referred to a number of varied and interesting events which she had attended and thanked officers in the Greenspace team and Libraries for their assistance.

(At this point the Mayor vacated the Chair and the Council adjourned while Councillor Jonathan Dearth was invested with the robes of office. The Mayoral party then returned to the Chamber.)

The Mayor (Councillor Jonathan Dearth) in the Chair

5. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – COUNCILLOR JONATHAN DEARTH

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

The Mayor thanked the Council for electing him and announced that the Mayoress would be his wife, Cath Dearth.

The Mayor announced that he wished to recognise the international flavour of the borough during his term of office and his charities would be Diambars (a charity established by Thierry Henry to provide education in a Senegalese school for children from all over Africa) and the World Cancer Research Fund.

6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor announced that the Deputy Mayor would be Councillor Anna Berent, and he expressed the view that she would be an excellent ambassador for the borough.

7. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL 2005/06

The Council elected Councillor Steve Hitchins as Leader of the Council for 2005/06.

8. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Mayor formally moved, duly seconded, the recommendations in the report.

Councillor Derek Sawyer, seconded by Councillor Adrian Pulham, moved the following amendments:

1. Council notes the decision of the Performance Review Committee to recommend the use of web cams in the Town Hall. If therefore resolved to amend paragraph 20(d) of Part 4 (p.9) of the Constitution as follows:

Insert '(except of councillors and council officers)' after 'photography' in the first line and delete all after 'consent of' up to and including 'with' on the last line.

2. Council resolves to delete in paragraph 15.1.1 (b) of Part 3 of the Constitution (p.60): 'and parking policies'

3. Council notes that, as Corporate Services has now become the strategic planning committee, in Part 1, paragraph 7 Functions (second bullet point)(p.5) 'Strategic Planning Committee' be deleted and replaced with 'Corporate Services Committee'.

Councillor Terry Stacy, seconded by Councillor George Allan, moved the following amendment:

In Part 4 of the Constitution, sub-section on Committee Procedure Rules para 20(d) (pages 89/97):

- (a) Insert after 'No filming or photography' '(except of councillors)'
- (b) Delete 'prior'
- (c) Replace 'Chief Executive or his/her representative present at the meeting in consultation with the Chair' with 'Chair prior to the start of the meeting'.

Following votes on the amendments, those moved by Councillor Sawyer were declared LOST, and that moved by Councillor Stacy was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

1. That the revised Constitution, as further revised above, and the Procurement Code be adopted with immediate effect.
2. That the revised figures for Members' Allowances for 2005/06 be agreed with effect from 1st April 2005 as set out in Part 6 of the Constitution.

9. CROSSRAIL AND THAMESLINK 2000 – PROPOSALS AT FARRINGDON

The Mayor withdrew this item for submission to the June Council.

10. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR 2005/06

A. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POLITICAL POSITIONS

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the political groups have notified the following appointments.

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| 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 |

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| Lab: | Leader: | Councillor Catherine West |
| | Deputy Leader: | Councillor Richard Greening |
| | Whip: | Councillor Derek Sawyer |
| | Chair of Group: | Councillor Wally Burgess |
| | Secretary: | Councillor Mick O'Sullivan |

B. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR 2005/06.

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 2005/06 or until successors are appointed:

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

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

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

Subs:

Councillor Wally Burgess
Councillor Richard Greening

REGENERATION REVIEW

COMMITTEE

(8 members)

Lib. Dem (6 members)

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

1 Labour, 1 Independent

Councillor Lisa Spall
Councillor Richard Heseltine (Ind)

Labour sub:

Councillor Adrian Pulham

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

Labour (2 members)

Councillor Wally Burgess
Councillor Mick O'Sullivan

Subs:

Councillor Richard Greening
Labour vacancy

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Councillor Mary Powell
Councillor Marisha Ray
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

2 Labour
Councillor Adrian Pulham (Chair)
Councillor Theresa Debono

Labour subs:
Councillor Derek Sawyer
Councillor Barbara Sidnell

Councillor Bruce Neave
Councillor Carol Powell
Councillor Lucy Watt
Councillor Sylvia Wright

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 (Vice-Chair), Angela Brook, 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 Theresa Debono, 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

Labour (1 member)

Councillor Derek Sawyer

Independent Members:
Father Jim Kennedy (Chair)
John Gilbert
Jo Michie
Independent sub – Matthew Saunders

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

Labour (1 member)
Councillor Derek Sawyer

Sub:
Councillor Adrian Pulham

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Councillor Sylvia Wright

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Councillor Bruce Neave (Chair)
Councillor Fiona Dunlop (Vice-Chair)
Councillor George Allan
Councillor Donna Boffa
Councillor Anna Berent
Councillor Angela Brook
Councillor Margot Dunn
Councillor Meral Ece
Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk
Councillor Carol Powell
Councillor Doreen Scott
Councillor Terry Stacy
Councillor Joe Trotter
Councillor Jyoti Vaja

Labour (1 Member)
Vacancy

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Bruce Neave (Chair)
Councillor Fiona Dunlop (Vice-chair)
Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk

Labour (1 Member)
Vacancy

Subs:
Councillor George Allan
Councillor Margot Dunn
Councillor Donna Boffa

Subs:
1 Labour vacancy

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

FOSTERING PANEL

Lib. Dem
Councillor Carol Powell

SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

(6 members)

Lib.Dem (4 members)
Councillor Anna Berent
Councillor James Blanchard
Councillor James Kempton (Vice-Chair)
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
Councillor Derek Sawyer

C of E Diocesan Authorities

Penny Harvey
Philippa Stobbs
Alan Ward

Roman Catholic Diocesan Authority

Liz Duffy
Ann Waldron
One vacancy

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

Learning and Skills Council

Alan Robertson

Schools

Hatty Richmond (Special)
Andrew Bosi (Primary)
Michael Simmonds (Primary) (Chair)
June Peek (Primary)
Julie Horten (Secondary)
Phil Kelly (Secondary)
Ian Senior (Nursery)

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

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

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

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

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

Liberal Democrat Group
Labour Group

Mr. John Hayward

Representative of Governors
Organisations

Vacancy
Ben Rogers

Co-opted Member(s)
Humanist

SCHOOLS FORUM

Councillor Arnie Gibbons

Sub: Councillor James Kempton

11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CERTAIN OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS FOR 2005/06.

Councillor Dorrie Valery declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the appointment of a representative to the Finsbury Park Partnership and left the Chamber for consideration of this item.

Following a vote, the Council did not appoint Councillor Sidnell to the Finsbury Park Partnership.

RESOLVED:

That the following appointments be made to outside bodies for 2005/06 or until successors are appointed:

| OUTSIDE BODIES | Appointee/Nominee |
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| ASSOCIATION OF LONDON GOVERNMENT (ALG) | |
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| ALG COMMITTEES | |
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| Leaders' Committee | Cllr Steve Hitchins | Deputies: Cllr Bridget Fox Cllr James Kempton |
| 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 | |
| Greater London Provincial Council | Cllr Steve Hitchins | Deputies: Cllr James Kempton Cllr George Allan |

ALG FORUMS

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Culture and Tourism | Cllr Laura Willoughby | Deputies: Cllr Angela Brook |
| Crime and Public Protection | Cllr Jyoti Vaja | Cllr Terry Stacy |
| Economic Development | Cllr Laura Willoughby | |
| Children, Young People and Families | Cllr James Kempton | |
| Housing | Cllr Jyoti Vaja | Cllr Terry Stacy |
| Health and Social Care | Cllr Meral Ece | |

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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| LGA General Assembly | Cllr Steve Hitchins Cllr Bridget Fox Cllr James Kempton Cllr Catherine West | Deputy: Cllr Arnie Gibbons |
| LGA Urban Commission | Cllr Arnie Gibbons Cllr Derek Sawyer | |

OTHER

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

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| 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 Youth Games | Officer Appointment: Karen Smith | |
| Crossrail | Cllr Marisha Ray | |
| Old Street Roundabout Liaison Committee | Cllr George Allan Cllr Joe Trotter | |
| Barking/Gospel Oak Line Committee | Cllr Stefan Kasprzyk | Officer deputy: John Fletcher |
| East London Line Extension Group | Cllr Stefan Kasprzyk | Officer deputy: John Fletcher |
| Thameslink 2000 Consortium | Cllr Euan Cameron | Officer deputy: John Fletcher |
| 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 | |

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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

Substitute:
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

***CHARITIES**

Dame Alice Owen's
Foundation
(The Advisory Committee)

Cllr Steve Hitchins
Cllr James Kempton

Officer Appointment:
Bill Clark, Director of Schools Services

Metropolitan Benefits
Societies Almshouses

David Tibbs
(4 year term)

OTHER

City & Islington College
(1 appointee)

Cllr James Kempton
(re-appointment from 02/10/05)

*Please note that the charities listed above are those due for re-appointment over the next few months. Charity positions not listed are due for re-appointment at a later date (see current appointments).

The meeting ended at 9.12p.m.

MAYOR