LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - 11 MAY 2023

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the Annual Council held at Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 11 May 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Bell-Bradford Hayes O'Sullivan Bossman-Quarshie Heather Ogunro **Burgess** Hyde Ozdemir Champion lbrahim Pandor Chapman Jackson Poyser Chowdhury Russell Jeapes Cinko-Oner Jegorovas-Armstrong Shaikh Clarke Kay Spall Staff Comer-Schwartz Khondoker Convery Khurana Turan Craig Klute Ward Croft McHugh Weekes Gallagher Nathan Williamson Gilgunn Ngongo Woolf Graham North

O'Halloran

The Mayor (Councillor Marian Spall) in the Chair

14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

Hamdache

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 March 2023 be agreed as a correct record and the Mayor be authorised to sign them.

15 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Gill, Nargund, Mackmurdie, Wayne and Zammit.

(b) Declaration of interests

None.

(c) Order of Business

The order of business was as per the Agenda

(d) Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor commented that March had been a wonderful month with the Civic and Ben Kinsella Awards evening at the Town Hall. Awards had been given to local heroes who supported the community in a variety of ways, including people who organise projects to provide free food or hot meals, people who support young people in Islington, and those who offer support to survivors of domestic abuse and vulnerable people in our community. The Mayor thanked all that attended.

Towards the end of March, the Mayor had unveiled new artwork in Archway celebrating the local Irish community. The beautiful mosaic was created by artist Maud Milton with the assistance of pupils in local primary schools, and paid tribute to Irish heritage and culture, which had played an important role in Islington's history.

The Mayor had attended a number of religious celebrations, including the Finsbury Park Street Iftar, the Easter Sunday service at St Mary's Church and Easter celebrations at a local care home, complete with tea and live music. The Mayor had also attended community events to mark St George's Day, St Patricks Day and St David's Day.

The Mayor had been honoured to visit many coronation events hosted by community organisations in Islington. It was so special to see so many different groups from across the borough celebrating together.

16 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader, Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz, remarked it had been amazing to join the events across the borough over the King's Coronation weekend. The Leader commented on the Local Elections that had taken place outside of London and was happy to see victories for the Labour party across the UK. The Leader explained the Council was committed to helping residents with the cost-of-living crisis, and commented on the council's work to support residents, including an extension to the hardship fund and the abolition of library fines.

The Leader noted that the Chief Executive, Linzi Roberts-Egan, would be taking up a new role at the London Borough of Waltham Forest. The Leader thanked Linzi for all her hard work across the Council and wished her well in her new endeavours.

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Caroline Russell responded. Councillor Russell commented that two significant events had happened over the last week; an increase in votes against the Conservative Party at local elections, and the new Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act being enforced to disrupt peaceful protest at the Coronation events; a policy she hoped would be reversed in future.

Councillor Russell thanked the Mayor for her service over the last year and hard work across the borough representing the Council. Councillor Russell also thanked the Chief Executive for all her work, especially that over the Covid-19 pandemic.

Councillor Russell commented that it was great that the Council was webcasting meetings and holding hybrid meetings, to make committee meetings accessible to as many people as possible.

Councillor Russell reflected on her time as a Green Councillor and Leader of the Opposition and thanked all those that had helped her, especially when she was a lone councillor without an opposition group. Councillor Russell was glad to be able to hand over the Leader of the Opposition role to Councillor Benali Hamdache.

17 <u>VOTE OF THANKS AND PRESENTATION OF SCROLL TO PAGEANTMASTER</u> <u>OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON</u>

Councillor Comer-Schwartz moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Pageantmaster, Peter McCafferty.

The Mayor presented Peter McCafferty with a scroll to recognise his service to the borough over the past thirty years. The Council thanked the Pageantmaster for his work championing the borough's military and veteran organisations, and all his guidance and support over the years.

18 VOTE OF THANKS AND PRESENTATION OF COMMEMORATIVE BADGES TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND CONSORT

Councillor Ngongo moved a vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Spall, and Outgoing Mayoress, Helen Spall. Councillor Poyser seconded. It was commented that the Mayor had made a significant contribution to the borough over the past year. The Mayor had worked to celebrate and champion the borough and had helped raise awareness and a tremendous amount of money for her chosen charities, Whittington Health Charity, and Ronald McDonald Moorfields House.

The Mayor thanked her fellow councillors, commenting that it was an honour and privilege to serve the Borough; she commented what a unique year it had been, being part of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, leading the borough in the mourning of Her Majesty the Queen's death, and being present at the proclamation of the new King and celebrating the King's Coronation. The Mayor had been very proud to support businesses as the local economy continued to bounce back following the pandemic, as well as an honour to work closely with the Islington Veterans' Association to support the borough's armed forces community. The Mayor expressed her thanks to everyone she had the pleasure of working with over the last year and would forever be grateful for all their help.

19 TO ELECT THE MAYOR OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

Councillor O'Halloran, seconded by Councillor Turan, moved that Councillor Heather be elected as the Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Heather be elected as the Mayor of the London Borough of Islington for 2023/24.

The Council adjourned while Councillor Heather was invested with the robes of office.

The Mayor (Councillor Gary Heather) in the Chair

20 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor accepted by office by making the required declaration.

The Mayor advised that his Mayoress would be Councillor Tricia Clarke

The Mayor thanked his colleagues, friends and family. The Mayor congratulated Councillor Spall on her year as Mayor. The Mayor announced that his charity would be Voluntary Action Islington

The Mayor appointed Councillor Anjna Khurana to the role of Deputy Mayor. Micky Khurana was appointed as the Deputy Mayor's Consort.

21 <u>APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AND THE EXE</u>CUTIVE

Councillor Comer-Schwartz introduced the paper.

The Council noted the following appointments made by Councillor Comer-Schwartz as Leader of the Council:

- Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance Cllr Diarmaid Ward
- Executive Member for Inclusive Economy and Jobs Cllr Santiago Bell-Bradford
- Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality & Transport Cllr Rowena Champion
- Executive Member for Equalities, Culture & Inclusion Cllr Roulin Khondoker
- Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families Cllr Michelline Safi Ngongo
- Executive Member for Homes and Communities Cllr Una O'Halloran
- Executive Member for Health and Social Care Cllr Nurullah Turan
- Executive Member for Community Safety John Woolf

22 CALCULATION OF POLITICAL BALANCE (PROPORTIONALITY) AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMITTEES

Councillor Hyde moved the recommendations in the report. The recommendations were put to the vote and **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council note the political balance of the Council is:
 - 47 Members of the Labour Group
 - 3 Members of the Green Group
 - 1 independent member, who is not a member of a political group.
- (ii) That the allocation of seats be approved, in order to comply with the political balance regulations requiring seats to be allocated proportionately to the political groups on the Council, as detailed in the report.
- (iii) That the Programme of Meetings for 2023-24 be noted.

23 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POLITICAL POSITIONS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Hyde moved the recommendations in the report. The recommendations were put to the vote and CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

(i) That Council note that the Labour Group have notified the following appointments:

Leader of Group	Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Deputy Leader of Group	Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford
Chief Whip	Councillor Sara Hyde
Deputy Whips	Councillors Jason Jackson & Fin Craig
Chair of Group	Councillor David Poyser
Vice-Chair	Councillor Angelo Weekes
Secretary	Councillor Jilani Chowdhury
Treasurer	Councillor Satnam Gill
Social Secretary	Councillor Heather Staff
Ordinary Member Posts	Councillors Bashir Ibrahim & Valerie Bossman- Quarshie

(ii) That Council note that the Green Group have notified the following appointments:

Leader of Group	Councillor Benali Hamdache	
Deputy Leader of Group	Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong	
Group Business Manager	Councillor Caroline Russell	

(iii) That the following appointments be made to the Policy and Performance Committee for 2023/24 or until successors are appointed:

POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (12 Councillors)

Councillor Flora Williamson (Chair)
Councillor Paul Convery (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Jilani Chowdhury
Councillor Jason Jackson
Councillor Tricia Clarke
Councillor Sheila Chapman

Councillor Hannah McHugh
Councillor Bashir Ibrahim
Councillor Saiqa Pandor
Councillor Angelo Weekes
Councillor Heather Staff
Councillor Benali Hamdache

Substitutes:

Councillor Nick Wayne Councillor Troy Gallagher
Councillor Dave Poyser Councillor Praful Nargund

Councillor Caroline Russell

(iv) That the following appointments be made to the remaining committees for 2023/24 or until successors are appointed:

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Sheila Chapman (Chair)
Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie (Vice Chair)
Councillor Rosaline Ogunro

Councillor Fin Craig
Councillor Toby North
Councillor Saiga Pandor

Councillor Clare Zammit Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

Co-opted Members for Education related issues:

Roman Catholic Diocese – Mary Clement Parent Governor Representative (Primary) – Jon Stansfield Parent Governor Representative (Secondary) – Zaleera Wallace

Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury

Councillor Dave Poyser

Councillor Dave Poyser

Councillor Benali Hamdache

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Tricia Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Clare Jeapes (Vice Chair)

Councillor Angelo Weekes

Councillor Fin Craig

Councillor Claire Zammit

Councillor Caroline Russell

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Substitutes:

Councillor Jason Jackson Councillor David Poyser
Councillor Heather Staff Councillor Flora Williamson

Councillor Toby North Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury (Chair)
Councillor Joseph Croft (Vice Chair)
Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Tricia Clarke

Councillor Councillor Caroline Russell

Substitutes:

Councillor Heather Staff
Councillor David Poyser
Councillor Flora Williamson
Councillor Benali Hamdache

The co-opted member from Healthwatch Islington is to be confirmed.

HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Jason Jackson (Chair) Councillor Mick O'Sullivan
Councillor Ilkay Cinko-Oner (Vice Councillor Mick Gilgunn

Chair)

Councillor Phil Graham Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir

Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury Councillor David Poyser
Councillor Ben Mackmurdie Councillor Marian Spall
Councillor Heather Staff Councillor Rosaline Ogunro

Councillor Caroline Russell

AUDIT COMMITTEE (4 Councillors and 2 Independent Members, as below)

Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair) Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Flora Williamson (Vice Chair) Councillor Sara Hyde

Substitutes:

Councillor Angelo Weekes Councillor Jason Jackson Councillor Jilani Chowdhury Councillor Jenny Kay

Independent Members:

Alan Begg Alan Finch

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (15 members, as below)

Members of the Board are also members of the Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards Joint Sub-Committee, with the exception of the representatives of NHS England and Islington GP Federation.

Councillors:

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz (Chair) Councillor Nurullah Turan Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo

Officers:

Jonathan O'Sullivan – Acting Director of Public Health Jon Abbey – Director of Children's Services John Everson – Director of Adult Social Care

Representatives of the North Central London Integrated Care Board:

Dr Clare O'Brien– Governing Body representative Clare Henderson – Executive Director representative

Representative of Healthwatch Islington:

Emma Whitby - Chief Executive, Healthwatch Islington (non-voting)

Representatives of the NHS:

Dr Helene Brown, Medical Director, NHS England (non-voting)
Darren Summers – Camden and Islington NHS Trust (non-voting)
Helen Brown – CEO, Whittington NHS Trust (non-voting)

Voluntary Sector Representative:

To be advised.

Islington GP Federation:

Michael Clowes, Chief Executive, Islington GP Federation (non-voting)

Substitutes may attend meetings subject to prior agreement of the Chair.

Councillor Substitutes:

Councillor Una O'Halloran Councillor John Woolf Councillor Roulin Khondoker Councillor Diarmaid Ward

Councillor Rowena Champion Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford

Officer Substitutes:

For Jonathan O'Sullivan – Charlotte Ashton, Islington Deputy Director of Public Health For John Everson – Jodi Pilling, Director of Strategic Commissioning and Investment For Jon Abbey – Laura Eden, Director of Safeguarding and Family Support

Clinical Commissioning Group Substitutes:

For Clare Henderson – Sarah McDonnell-Davies, Executive Director for Borough Partnerships

Healthwatch Islington Substitute:

For Emma Whitby – Jennifer Kent, Healthwatch Islington

NHS Substitutes:

For Dr Helene Brown - Dr Hasz Sonigra, Associate Medical Director, NHS England

PLANNING COMMITTEE (10 Councillors)

Councillor Martin Klute (Chair)
Councillor Dave Poyser (Vice Chair)
Councillor Toby North (Vice Chair)
Councillor Tricia Clarke
Councillor Paul Convery

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Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury Councillor Nick Wayne

Councillor Heather Staff Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

Councillor Jenny Kay

LICENSING COMMITTEE (15 Councillors)

Councillor Angelo Weekes (Chair)
Councillor Heather Staff
Councillor Phil Graham
Councillor Bashir Ibrahim
Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie
Councillor Councillor Angelo Weekes (Chair)
Councillor Ben Mackmurdie
Councillor Joseph Croft
Councillor Ilkay Cinko-Oner
Councillor Marian Spall
Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Asima Shaikh

Councillor Nick Wayne Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

Councillor Praful Nargund

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE (4 Councillors)

Councillor Marian Spall (Chair) Councillor Ben Mackmurdie Councillor Phil Graham (Vice-Chair) Councillor Asima Shaikh

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4 Councillors and 2 Independent Persons) Councillor Anjna Khurana (Chair) Councillor Fin Craig Councillor Satnam Gill

Independent Persons (non-voting members of the committee):

Luke Rigg Robert Milne

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (5 Councillors)

Councillor Sara Hyde (Chair) Councillor Rosaline Ogunro
Councillor Diarmaid Ward Councillor Janet Burgess

Councillor Heather Staff

GRIEVANCE APPEAL COMMITTEE (5 Councillors)

Councillor Jason Jackson (Chair) Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Rowena Champion Councillor Marian Spall

Councillor Nurullah Turan

INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (5 Councillors)

Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair) Councillor Trov Gallagher Councillor Diarmaid Ward Councillor Ruth Hayes

Councillor Una O'Halloran

Substitute:

Councillor Flora Williamson Councillor Sheila Chapman

DISCIPLINARY APPEAL COMMITTEE (5 Councillors)

Councillor Fin Craig (Chair) Councillor David Poyser Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo Councillor Benali Hamdache

Councillor Satnam Gill

FOSTERING PANEL AND ADOPTION AND PERMANENCE PANEL

Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo (Chair) Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir Councillor Sheila Chapman Councillor Toby North

Councillor Flora Williamson

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

Revd David Allen - Church of England Representative (Chair)

Mary Thorne - Church of England Representative

Ann Dwulit - Teacher Association Representative

Parul Monnan - Religious Representative

Tracey Peters - Religious Representative

Vinay Shah - Religious Representative

Naomi Ter-Berg - Religious Representative

Cllr Michelline Safi Ngongo - Local authority representative

Cllr Saiga Pandor – Local authority representative

Note: there are vacancies on SACRE and further appointments will be made in due course.

TMO LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor Mick O'Sullivan

MEMBER CHAMPIONS

Carers Champion - Councillor Janet Burgess Equalities Champions - Councillor Hannah McHugh Arts Champion - Councillor Claire Zammit

Armed Forces Champion - Councillor Marian Spall

Mental Health Champion - Councillor Joseph Croft

Reading Champion - Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie

Recycling Champion – Councillor Clare Jeapes
Small Business, Co-ops and Social Enterprise Champion – Councillor Matt Nathan
Women and Girls Champion – Councillor Saiqa Pandor
Private Renters Champion – Councillor Jenny Kay
Migrants Champion – Councillors Heather Staff & Ilkay Cinko-Oner (Job Share)
Young People's Champion – Councillors Fin Craig and Rosaline Ogunro (Job Share)

24 <u>APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE</u> ORGANISATIONS

Councillor Hyde moved the recommendations in the report. The recommendations were put to the vote and **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the following list of appointments to outside bodies for 2023/24 for the remainder of the year or until successors are appointed:

Outside Body	Term of Office	Member(s)	
London Council Committees:			
Leaders Committee	One Year	Leader: Cllr Comer-Schwartz	
		Deputies:	
		Cllr Champion	
		Cllr Ward	
Associated laint	One Veer	Clls Charanian	
Associated Joint Committee -	One Year	Cllr Champion	
Transport and		Deputies:	
Environment		Cllr Clarke	
Committee		3 vacancies	
London Councils Fo	rums:		
Greater London	One Year	Cllr Ward	
Employment		Deputy: Cllr Bell-Bradford	
Local Government A	ssociation:		
LGA General	One Year	Cllr Comer-Schwartz	
Assembly		Cllr O'Halloran	
		Cllr Ward	
		Cllr Jackson	
Others:			
	One Year	Cllr Klute	
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Archway Town Centre Management Board	One Year	Cllr Burgess Cllr Chapman
Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Schemes Panel	One Year	Cllr O'Halloran Cllr Spall
Cross River Partnership	One Year	Cllr Bell-Bradford
Finsbury Park Town Centre Management Group	One Year	Cllr Heather
Groundwork London Local Authority Strategic Board	One Year	Cllr Champion
Islington Community Chest Panel	One Year	Cllr O'Halloran Cllr Zammit Cllr Bossman-Quarshie Substitute: Cllr Woolf
London Road Safety Council	One Year	Cllr Champion Deputy: Vacancy
Nags Head Town Centre Management Group	One Year	Cllr Heather Cllr Zammit
Newable	One Year	Cllr Bell-Bradford
North London Waste Authority	One Year	Cllr Champion Cllr Ward
Reserve Forces and Cadets	One Year	Cllr Spall
Safer Neighbourhoods Boards	One Year	Cllr Woolf Cllr Bossman-Quarshie

(ii) That the following list of appointments to outside bodies to take effect on the date indicated, for the term of office indicated, or until successors are appointed:

Outside body	Member(s)	Term of Office	Date Appointment to take effect
Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Kay	Three years	June 2023
City YMCA London City and North	Cllr Bossman-Quarshie	Three years	June 2023

Cloudesley Charity	Denise Ward	Four years	May 2023
Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Bell-Bradford	Three years	May 2023

25 <u>APPOINTMENT OF PANEL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEAL PANELS AND INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANELS</u>

Councillor Hyde moved the recommendations in the report. The recommendations were put to the vote and CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

(i) The following have been appointed to serve on Independent Admission Appeal Panels. These panels consider appeals against schools' decisions on admissions.

John Coombes Constantine Louis	Carolyn Wagstaff Simon Dodds	Sherron Alexander-Bedingfield Sandra Morgan-McGovern
Jill Mclaughlin	Philip Stevens	David Adams
Rob Hull	Robert Milne	Victoria Nzeribe
Anthony Stoll	Ruth Grant	Maxie Telfer
Isobel Bevan	Simon Sherriff	Dr Susan Rowlands
Ashley Smith	Marilyn Berk	Joanna Atkin
Margie Agnew	Janice Bailey	Dr Judith Richardson
Jane Airey	Orla MacSherry	James Stephenson
Andrew Balfour	Naomi Greenwood	Karris Graham-Moore
	Nikki Worcester	Charlene Wilkinson

(ii) The following have been appointed to serve on Independent Review Panels. These panels review decisions about school exclusions.

John Coombes	Ruth Grant	Sherron Alexander-Bedingfield
Dan Mcearney	David Adams	Robert Milne
Rob Hull	Victoria Nzeribe	Judith Richarson
Carolyn Wagstaff	Jane Airey	Philip Stevens
Anthony Stoll	Simon Dodds	Joanna Atkin
Jo Dibb	Ashley Smith	James Stephenson
Jack Sloan	Margie Adnew	Sarah Beagley
Damien Parrott	Jenny Lewis	Julie Keylock
Francis Mcdonald-Gonzalez	Martha Braithwaite	Orla MacSherry
Saul Heselden	Martin Jermyn	Tim Archer
Karris Graham-Moore	Janice Bailey	Nikki Worcester
Emma Weleminky-Smith	Andrew Balfour	Abdi Garad
Bryony Poynor	Sarah Amissah	Jane Kilgannon
Jill Mclaughlin	Hannah Nemko	

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(iii) That, in the event that panel members are not able to participate in a panel hearing, the council may approach panel members appointed by other London Boroughs to ensure that panel hearings may be held within the relevant timescales.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

MAYOR