

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - 26 MAY 2022

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the Annual Council held at Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 26 May 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Bell-Bradford	Hamdache	O'Halloran
Bossman-Quarshie	Hayes	O'Sullivan
Burgess	Heather	Ogunro
Champion	Hyde	Ozdemir
Chapman	Ibrahim	Poyser
Chowdhury	Jackson	Russell
Cinko-Oner	Jegorovas-Armstrong	Spall
Clarke	Khondoker	Staff
Comer-Schwartz	Khurana	Turan
Convery	Mackmurdie	Ward
Croft	McHugh	Wayne
Gallagher	Nargund	Weekes
Gilgunn	Nathan	Williamson
Gill	Ngongo	Wolf
Graham	North	Zammit

The Mayor (Councillor Gallagher) in the Chair

1 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Craig, Kay, Klute, Pandor and Shaikh.

(b) Declaration of interests

None.

(c) Order of Business

The Mayor advised that the order of business would be as per the agenda.

(d) Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor welcomed all new councillors who had been elected in the May 2022 local elections. The Mayor said it was fantastic to see so many councillors in the Council Chamber. It was the first time the Chamber was at full capacity since the start of the pandemic in March 2020.

The Mayor highlighted several recent events he had attended. The Mayor was delighted to present awards to local people at the Civic Awards ceremony in March. The awards showcased the wonderful work being done across the borough and the very best of Islington.

The Mayor had celebrated the contribution of the Irish community in Islington by attending a number of special events throughout March. The Mayor had also attended the Irish Embassy, who had hosted a celebration of the mayoral charity, ICAP, on their 25th anniversary.

The Mayor was honoured to attend the national day of reflection on the Covid-19 pandemic from the steps of Islington Town Hall on 23 March.

The Mayor had participated in a number of Iftars across the borough and across London, commenting that the Street Iftar at Finsbury Park was particularly poignant.

The Mayor had celebrated St George's Day by leading the flag raising event at Islington Town Hall and had joined Islington Veterans Association at their monthly breakfast club. The Mayor had also joined a service of remembrance for Anzac Day, and had attended the Polish Airman's Association for their annual Easter lunch with veterans.

The Mayor has attended the Islington Tribune summit on Violence Against Women and Girls alongside the Leader and others. The Mayor was pleased to contribute to the discussion and action plan going forward.

The Mayor was delighted to host a fundraising tour of the Tower of London, and had joined other mayors for the annual Macmillan Volunteers Gala dinner. The Mayor was also honoured to open the markets at the London Stock Exchange to celebrate the contribution of the Irish community to London and to raise awareness and profile of the mayoral charities.

The Mayor had attended the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. The Mayor was also delighted to lead the annual Whittington Walk from Whittington Hospital to Mansion House with all London Borough Mayors and Lord Mayors.

The Mayor had visited the National Autistic Society on City Road to learn more about the challenges people with autism face. The Mayor noted the importance of public services being inclusive for all. The Mayor had also re-opened the school library at Prior Weston School, had attended St Joseph's Hospice with the Speaker of Hackney, and had visited Pentonville Prison to discuss the mental health challenges faced by those in the justice system.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 March 2022 be agreed as a correct record and the Mayor be authorised to sign them.

3 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE YOUNG MAYOR AND YOUNG DEPUTY MAYOR

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

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

Councillor Bossman-Quarshie moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Gallagher. The vote of thanks was seconded by Councillor Mackmurdie. 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's Irish and LGBTQ+ communities, and had helped to raise awareness of mental health issues and causes.

The Mayor thanked his fellow councillors, commenting that it was an honour and privilege to be the first Irish born Mayor of Islington. The Mayor spoke about the importance of the mayoralty and the positive impact that the Mayor can have on local people and the borough's communities. The Mayor spoke about the work of his charities, forum+, ICAP and James' Place; and thanked all of those who had supported him during the year.

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

Councillor Poyser, seconded by Councillor Ngongo, moved that Councillor Spall be elected as the Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Spall be elected as the Mayor of the London Borough of Islington for 2022/23.

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

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The Mayor (Councillor Spall) in the Chair

6 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor accepted by office by making the required declaration.

The Mayor advised that her consort would be Helen Spall.

The Mayor thanked her colleagues, friends and family. The Mayor congratulated Councillor Gallagher on his year as Mayor. The Mayor announced that her charities would be Ronald Macdonald House and the Whittington Health Charity.

7 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor appointed Councillor Heather to the role of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Clarke was appointed as the Deputy Mayor's Consort.

8 ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Ward moved that Councillor Comer-Schwartz be elected Leader of the Council. Councillor Ogunro seconded. The motion was put to the vote and CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Comer-Schwartz be elected Leader of the Council.

The Leader thanked her fellow councillors and spoke about her priorities; including tackling inequality; making Islington the best place for young people to grow up; creating a cleaner, greener, healthier borough for all; addressing the climate emergency and the cost of living crisis; building new genuinely affordable homes, and supporting people into work.

9 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AND THE EXECUTIVE

Councillor Comer-Schwartz introduced the paper, welcomed new members of the Executive, and paid tribute to councillors who had stood down from the Executive.

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 - Cllr John Woolf

10 CONSTITUTION UPDATE

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

RESOLVED:

That the amendments to the Constitution, set out in the appendices to the report, be agreed.

11 CALCULATION OF POLITICAL BALANCE (PROPORTIONALITY)

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:
 - 48 Members of the Labour Group
 - 3 Members of the Green 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 submitted.

12 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 Rowena Champion
Chief Whip	Councillor Sara Hyde
Deputy Whips	Councillors Anjna Khurana & Jason Jackson
Chair of Group	Councillor David Poyser
Vice-Chair	Councillor Angelo Weekes
Secretary	Councillor Jilani Chowdhury
Treasurer	Councillor Satnam Gill
Social Secretary	Councillor Phil Graham
Ordinary Member Posts	Councillors Gary Heather & Bashir Ibrahim

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

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

- (iii) That the following appointments be made to the Policy and Performance Committee for 2022/23 or until successors are appointed:

POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (16 Councillors)

Councillor Jenny Kay (Chair)	Councillor Hannah McHugh
Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir (Vice Chair)	Councillor Praful Nargund
Councillor Jilani Chowdhury	Councillor Saiqa Pandor
Councillor Jason Jackson	Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Tricia Clarke	Councillor Angelo Weekes
Councillor Sheila Chapman	Councillor Bashir Ibrahim
Councillor Gary Heather	Councillor Phil Graham
Councillor Heather Staff	Councillor Caroline Russell

Substitutes:

Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Dave Poyser
Councillor Nick Wayne

Councillor Troy Gallagher
Councillor Benali Hamdache

(iv) That the following appointments be made to the remaining committees for 2022/23 or until successors are appointed:

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Sheila Chapman (Chair)	Councillor Fin Craig
Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie (Vice Chair)	Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir
Councillor Rosaline Ogunro	Councillor Saiqa Pandor
Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong	Councillor Janet Burgess

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 Praful Nargund
Councillor Ilkay Cinko-Oner

Councillor Paul Convery
Councillor Toby North
Councillor Caroline Russell

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (9 Councillors)

Councillor Tricia Clarke (Chair)	Councillor Ruth Hayes
Councillor Gary Heather (Vice Chair)	Councillor Claire Zammit
Councillor Clare Jeapes	Councillor Angelo Weekes
Councillor Fin Craig	Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong
Councillor Mick Gilgunn	

Substitutes:

Councillor Praful Nargund

Councillor Caroline Russell

HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury (Chair)

Councillor Fin Craig

Councillor Joseph Croft (Vice Chair)

Councillor Mick Gilgunn

Councillor Clare Jeapes

Councillor Claire Zammit

Councillor Tricia Clarke

Councillor Caroline Russell

Substitutes:

Councillor Janet Burgess

Councillor Dave Poyser

Councillor Nick Wayne

Councillor Benali Hamdache

HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Jason Jackson (Chair)

Councillor Mick O'Sullivan

Councillor Marian Spall (Vice Chair)

Councillor Mick Gilgunn

Councillor Rosaline Ogunro

Councillor Ilkay Cinko-Oner

Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie

Councillor Benali Hamdache

Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury

Councillor Phil Graham

Councillor Ben Mackmurdie

Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-

Armstrong

Resident Observers:

Rose-Marie McDonald

Dean Donaghey

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 Satnam Gill

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 Clinical Commissioning Group:

Dr John McGrath – 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)

To be advised - Camden and Islington NHS Trust (non-voting)

To be advised - Whittington NHS Trust (non-voting)

Voluntary Sector Representative:

Katy Porter, Manor Gardens Welfare Trust (non-voting)

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 Roulin Khondoker

Councillor Rowena Champion

Councillor John Woolf

Councillor Diarmaid Ward

Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford

Officer Substitutes:

For Jonathan O’Sullivan – Charlotte Ashton, Islington Deputy Director of Public Health

For John Everson – Jill Britton, Acting 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

To be advised - Camden and Islington NHS Trust

To be advised - Whittington NHS Trust

PLANNING COMMITTEE (10 Councillors)

Councillor Martin Klute (Chair)	Councillor Hannah McHugh
Councillor Dave Poyser (Vice Chair)	Councillor Ruth Haynes
Councillor Toby North (Vice Chair)	Councillor Jason Jackson
Councillor Tricia Clarke	Councillor Bashir Ibrahim
Councillor Paul Convery	Councillor Benali Hamdache

Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury	Councillor Jenny Kay
Councillor Mick Gilgunn	Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

LICENSING COMMITTEE (15 Councillors)

Councillor Angelo Weekes (Chair)	Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie (Vice Chair)	Councillor Nick Wayne
Councillor Marian Spall	Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Heather Staff	Councillor Phil Graham
Councillor Asima Shaikh	Councillor Paul Convery
Councillor Ben Mackmurdie	Councillor Flora Williamson
Councillor Joseph Croft	Councillor Praful Nargund
Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong	

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE (4 Councillors)

Councillor Marian Spall (Chair)	Councillor Martin Klute
Councillor Phil Graham (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Asima Shaikh

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4 Councillors and 2 Independent Persons)

Councillor Sara Hyde (Chair)	Councillor Jason Jackson
Councillor Anjna Khurana	Councillor Satnam Gill

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

Luke Rigg
Robert Milne

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (5 Councillors)

Councillor Sara Hyde (Chair)	Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Diarmaid Ward	Councillor Flora Williamson
Councillor Heather Staff	

GRIEVANCE APPEAL COMMITTEE (5 Councillors)

Councillor Anjna Khurana (Chair)	Councillor Bashir Ibrahim
Councillor Rowena Champion	Councillor Dave Poyser
Councillor Martin Klute	

INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (5 Councillors)

Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair)	Councillor Praful Nargund
Councillor Nurullah Turan	Councillor Ben Mackmurdie
Councillor Una O'Halloran	

DISCIPLINARY APPEAL COMMITTEE (5 Councillors)

Councillor Jason Jackson (Chair)	Councillor Troy Gallagher
Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo	Councillor Saiqa Pandor
Councillor Satnam Gill	

(v) That the following appointments be made for 2022/23 or until successors are appointed:

FOSTERING PANEL AND ADOPTION AND PERMANENCE PANEL

Councillor Paul Convery

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo (Chair)	Councillor Saiqa Pandor
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
Harifa Begum - Teacher Association Representative
Damien Parrott - Teacher Association Representative
Ann Dwulit - Teacher Association Representative
Michele Lambert - Teacher Association Representative
Eleanor Sutherland - Teacher Association Representative
Revd Tim Bradshaw – Religious Representative
Parul Monnan - Religious Representative
Tracey Peters - Religious Representative
Teddy Prout - Religious Representative
Vinay Shah - Religious Representative

Naomi Ter-Berg - Religious Representative
 Cllr Michelline Safi Ngongo – Local authority representative
 Cllr Sheila Chapman – Local authority representative
 Cllr Fin Craig – Local authority representative (substitute)
 Cllr Flora Williamson – Local authority representative (substitute)

JOINT TMO LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor Mick O’Sullivan

MEMBER CHAMPIONS

Carers Champion – Councillor Janet Burgess
 Equalities Champions – Councillor Anjna Khurana
 Arts Champion – Councillor Claire Zammit
 Armed Forces Champion – Councillor Troy Gallagher
 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 – Councillor Bashir Ibrahim

13 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE 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 2022/23, for the remainder of the year or until successors are appointed, be agreed:

Outside Body	Term of Office	Member(s)
London Council Committees:		
Leaders Committee	One Year	Leader: Cllr Comer-Schwartz Deputies: Cllr Champion Cllr Ward
Associated Joint Committee - Transport and	One Year	Cllr Rowena Champion Deputies:

London Borough of Islington

Environment Committee		Cllr Phil Graham Cllr Poyser
London Councils Forums:		
Greater London Employment	One Year	Cllr Ward Deputy: Cllr Bell-Bradford
Local Government Association:		
LGA General Assembly	One Year	Cllr Comer-Schwartz Cllr Champion Cllr O'Halloran Cllr Ward
Others:		
Angel Business Improvement Board	One Year	Cllr Klute
Archway Town Centre Management Board	One Year	Cllr Burgess Cllr Chapman
Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Schemes Panel	One Year	Cllr O'Halloran Cllr Gallagher
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: Cllr Gilgunn
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 Gallagher

Safer Neighbourhoods Boards	One Year	Cllr Woolf Cllr Jackson
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(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, be agreed:

Outside body	Member(s)	Term of Office	Date Appointment to take effect
Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Shaikh	Three years	June 2022
Central London Forward	Cllr Comer-Schwartz Cllr Bell-Bradford	Two years	May 2022
Clerkenwell Charities	Cllr Nathan Cllr Hayes	Four year term	September 2022
Dame Alice Owens	Cllr Comer-Schwartz Cllr Safi Ngongo	Three years	May 2022
Finsbury Park Trust	Cllr Heather Deputy: Cllr Shaikh	Three year term	December 2022
Islington United Charities	Cllr Safi Ngongo Cllr McHugh	Four year term	September 2022
Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Health	Cllr Clarke Cllr Chowdhury	Four year term	May 2022
Pensions Board	Cllr Poyser	Four year term	May 2022
Richard Reeves Foundation	Cllr Ozdemir	Four year term	May 2022
Sadlers Wells Foundation	Cllr Hyde	Three year term	May 2022
Schools Forum	Cllr Weekes	Four year term	May 2022
St Lukes Trustee Ltd	Cllr Hayes Cllr Ogunro	Four year term	June 2022
St Sepulchre United Charities	Cllr Mackmurdie Cllr Graham	Four year term	May 2022
University College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Gill	Three year term	June 2022

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

MAYOR