

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (SPECIAL) MINUTES

6 FEBRUARY 2019

Chair: * Councillor Natasha Proctor

Councillors:

* Ghazanfar Ali (1)	* John Hinkley
* Marilyn Ashton (3)	* Honey Jamie
* Christopher Baxter	* James Lee (5)
* Niraj Dattani (3)	* Amir Moshenson
* Pamela Fitzpatrick	* Paul Osborn (7)
* Dean Gilligan	* Primesh Patel
* Chetna Halai	* Stephen Wright

* Denotes Member present
(1), (3), (5) and (7) Denote category of Reserve Members

8. Attendance by Reserve Members

RESOLVED: To note the attendance of the following duly constituted Reserve Members:

Ordinary Member

Councillor Dan Anderson
Councillor Ramji Chauhan
Councillor Maxine Henson
Councillor Angella Murphy-Strachan
Councillor Kanti Rabadia

Reserve Member

Councillor Ghazanfar Ali
Councillor Marilyn Ashton
Councillor Niraj Dattani
Councillor James Lee
Councillor Paul Osborn

9. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members.

RESOLVED ITEMS

10. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Special meeting held on 4 October 2018 be taken as read and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Minute 7, Paragraph 2 – Electoral Review 2018-19 – Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Add in an additional sentence after the first sentence as follows:-

‘Another Member suggested that the Commission had made its decision and were unlikely to revisit the number of councillors’.

11. Electoral Review 2018-19 - Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Members received the report which sought approval to the Council's representations to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and which was regarded as urgent for the reasons set out on the supplemental agenda.

The Director of Legal and Governance Services introduced the report and advised that the deadline for representations was 11 February 2019. An officer outlined the suggested responses, areas of disagreement on a ward by ward basis.

A Member stated that he did not agree with the proposal that Roxbourne be a three Member ward and that nor did he accept the consequential changes arising. He also stated that he did not support the name changes citing Pinner in particular. Another Member endorsed the views in relation to the Roxbourne ward stating that there were a number of wards that had issues of deprivation and criminal activity and therefore it was not credible to use this argument as a justification for having three Members. In contrast, the view was expressed that ward work did increase when there was instances of crime.

In response to a Member's question, the officer advised that the name 'River Pinn' would be deleted in relation to the commentary on Rayners Lane ward and only 'Yeading Brook' would be used in the submission. It was acknowledged that Yeading Brook had been the recognised natural boundary here for the past twenty years.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the representations set out in Appendix B to the officer report with regard to ward boundaries and associated electorate figures be submitted to the LGBCE as part of the current electorate review of the Borough;

- (2) the representations set in Appendix C to the officer report with regard to ward names be submitted to the LGBCE as part of the current electoral review of the Borough be approved;
- (3) the Director of Legal and Governance Services make any necessary minor drafting amendments and adjustments to ensure that the Council's submission was accurate.

[Note: Councillors Ashton, Baxter, Halai, Hinkley, Moshenson, Osborn and Wright wished to be recorded as voting against the above resolutions].

12. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Members received a report which set out the proposal for review of Harrow's polling districts and polling places in accordance with legislation.

The Director of Legal and Governance Services outlined the content of the report and drew Members' attention to a tabled amendment, the purpose of which was to assist in making progress on future polling district and polling station arrangements once the final recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had been published.

A Member proposed a further amendment in relation to the appointment of non-voting co-opted representatives on the Review Group and it was

RESOLVED: That

- (1) a Review Working Group be established to undertake the review of the polling districts and polling places in Harrow;
- (2) work on the future arrangements be commenced following the publication by the LGBCE of the final recommendations;
- (3) the Group Leaders nominate five Members (3 Labour, 2 Conservative) to be appointed to the Review Working Group;
- (4) if the nominated Members was unable to attend any meeting, a substitute could attend in place of that Member;
- (5) the additional appointment of one non-voting co-opted representative from Harrow East or Harrow West Labour Party and one Harrow East or Harrow West Conservatives be recommended by the Group Leaders for appointment to the review Working Group;
- (6) the terms of reference of the Review Working Group, as set out at Appendix 1 to the officer report, be agreed.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 7.03 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR NATASHA PROCTOR
Chair