



**MINUTES
of the
MEETING
of the
COUNCIL
of the
LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW
held on
THURSDAY 26 APRIL 2007**

Present: **The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Janet Cowan)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Jean Lammiman)**

Councillors:

Nana Asante
David Ashton
Mrs Marilyn Ashton
Mrs Camilla Bath
Miss Christine A. Bednell
Don Billson
Mrs Lurline Champagnie
Mrinal Choudhury
Golam Sobhan Chowdhury
John Cowan
Bob Currie
Margaret Davine
Mano Dharmarajah
Anthony Ferrari
Keith Ferry
Brian E. Gate
David Gawn
Mitzi Green
Susan Hall

Graham Henson
Thaya Idaikkadar
Nizam Ismail
Manji. Kara
Mrs E.M. Kinnear
Ashok Kulkarni
Dhirajlal Lavingia
Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Julia Merison
Salim Miah
Jerry J. Miles
Chris Mote
Mrs Janet Mote
Narinder Singh Mudhar
John Nickolay
Mrs Joyce Nickolay
Christopher D. Noyce
Phillip O'Dell
Asad Omar

Paul Osborn
Anjana Patel
David Perry
Raj Ray
Richard David Romain
Paul Scott
Anthony Seymour
Mrs Rekha Shah
Stanley Sheinwald
Eric Silver
Dinesh Solanki
Bill Stephenson
Mrs Sasikala Suresh
Yogesh Teli
Keekira Thammaiah
Mark A. Versallion
Thomas Weiss
Jeremy Zeid

123. OPENING PROCEEDINGS:**MRS GERRY FOULDS**

The Mayor informed Council of the sad news that Councillor Foulds' wife, Gerry Foulds, had passed away.

PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rabbi Andrew Shaw, then led the meeting in prayers.

124. COUNCIL MINUTES:**RESOLVED:**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (COUNCIL TAX) MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2007 BE TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD.

125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No interests were declared by Members in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting.

126. COUNCILLOR DAVID PERRY:

Prior to consideration of the tabled report on her engagements, the Mayor, on behalf of Council, congratulated Councillor David Perry on having completed the London Marathon on 22 April 2007.

Having been invited to speak, Councillor Perry expressed his gratitude to all those who had sponsored him and to the Mayor for her support, and reported that he had raised approximately £3,000 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

127. CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

The Mayor welcomed Michael Lockwood, the new Chief Executive, to the Council on this, the occasion of the first Council meeting since he formally commenced in post.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor also extended thanks to Jill Rothwell and Andrew Trehern for serving as Acting Chief Executive during the interregnum.

128. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**RESOLVED:**

THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVE AND NOTE THE REPORT OF THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, AS TABLED, UPON HER OFFICIAL DUTIES, TOGETHER WITH THE OCCASIONS ON WHICH SHE HAD BEEN REPRESENTED BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR, THE HONORARY ALDERMAN AND PAST MAYORS, SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING.

129. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

(i) Council received notice in the tabled documentation of an Urgent Motion requested to be admitted to the business to be transacted at this meeting, relating to the Local Government White Paper. However, Councillor Chris Mote indicated at the meeting that it was no longer proposed to seek to admit the Urgent Motion, and that it was withdrawn.

(ii) Further to the Motion at Item 12(2) having been indicated as standing referred to the Strategic Planning Committee and the Development Management Committee, being a matter within their delegated powers, and the Motion at Item 12(3) having been indicated as standing referred to the Cabinet, being a matter within its delegated powers, Councillor Bill Stephenson moved a procedural motion under Rule 15.6 that these referrals should not apply and the Motions should rather be considered at this meeting.

Upon a vote, the procedural motion was not carried.

(iii) Further to amendments to the Motion at Item 12(1) having been received from both the Conservative Group and the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor Chris

Mote moved a procedural motion under Rule 26.1 that the rules of debate be varied for the purposes of that Item, in order that the substantive Motion and all the amendments be debated jointly.

The proposal received the general assent of the Council.

RESOLVED:

THAT (1) IT BE NOTED THAT THE URGENT MOTION SET OUT IN THE TABLED DOCUMENTATION WAS WITHDRAWN;

(2) THE PROCEDURAL MOTION UNDER RULE 15.6, SEEKING THE CONSIDERATION AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MOTIONS AT ITEMS 12(2) AND 12(3) OF THE SUMMONS, BE NOT AGREED; AND

(3) THE PARTIAL SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF DEBATE BE AGREED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DEBATE ON ITEM 12(1).

(See also Resolutions 138 and 139 below).

130. PETITIONS:

No petitions were submitted to this meeting under Rule 11.

131. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

No questions had been submitted by members of the public under Rule 12.3.

132. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - PREPARATION OF A JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD):

Further to Item 7 on the Summons, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Chris Mote moved Recommendation I of the Cabinet meeting of 15 March 2007 in this matter.

RESOLVED:

THAT (1) THE COUNCIL PARTICIPATE IN THE PRODUCTION OF A JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD) FOR WEST LONDON;

(2) THE TIMETABLE FOR PRODUCTION OF THE JOINT WASTE DPD BE INCLUDED IN THE UPDATED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME;

(3) MEMBERSHIP OF THE STEERING GROUP BE DELEGATED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING SERVICES (OR HIS NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVE);

(4) THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING SERVICES BE AUTHORISED TO ENTER INTO THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT TO BE AGREED; AND

(5) THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE BE NOMINATED TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL.

133. PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS:

The Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee, Councillor Joyce Nickolay, moved Recommendation I of the Standards Committee meeting of 26 March 2007 in the above matter.

RESOLVED:

THAT THE REVISED PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS, AS AMENDED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE, BE ADOPTED.

134. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2006-07:

Recommendation I of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 24 April 2007, together with the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2006-07 (as amended at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting), had been circulated in the tabled documentation for the meeting.

The Recommendation was adopted as printed.

RESOLVED:**THAT THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006-07 BE NOTED.****135. RECOGNITION OF LONG SERVICE: COUNCILLOR ROMAIN:**

Council received a report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, which set out a proposal for a long-service award for Councillor Richard Romain.

The Council on 18 July 1985 (Resolution 192) had agreed that the completion of 25 years' service on the part of Members of Council should be recognised by awarding a framed, illuminated copy resolution of appreciation.

Councillor Romain would attain 25 years' service in May 2007.

The proposal was agreed.

RESOLVED:**THAT THE FOLLOWING FORMAL RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED:****Councillor Richard Romain: Recognition of Long Service**

"The Council of the London Borough of Harrow do hereby record their appreciation of the twenty-five years' service by Councillor Richard Romain to the London Borough of Harrow.

Councillor Richard Romain was first elected in May 1982 as Councillor for the Stanmore South Ward, which he represented for the first 4 years. He was re-elected in May 1986 for the Canons Ward, which he has represented continuously until the present time. He is currently serving his seventh consecutive period in office. Councillor Romain was Leader of the Conservative Group from 1994 to 1996.

Councillor Romain has served on various Council Committees, including the Education Committee and the Development Control Committee. However, his particular interest has been with environmental issues, giving rise to extended service on the General Purposes Services Committee and subsequently the Environment Services Committee. In that time he variously held the offices of Chair of the Environment Services Committee, Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Services Committee and Chair of the Traffic and Transport Sub-Committee. He was the Chairman of the Anne Frank Committee, from 1988 to 1989, and was successful in bringing the Anne Frank Exhibition to Harrow in 1989. Councillor Romain first served on the Policy and Resources Committee in 1988/9, commencing a period of continuous service over the next ten years on that Committee in its various strategic guises, and additionally on the Resources Committee when this operated as a separate entity. When these arrangements were overtaken by the restructuring under the Local Government Act 2000, Councillor Romain served as a member of the first Cabinets between 2000 and 2003. Councillor Romain has also served on the Audit Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Romain has represented the Council on numerous outside bodies including 12 years on the West London Waste Authority, serving as Chairman from 1991 to 1996, Brent and Harrow Trading Standards Service, the London Home and Water Safety Council and Age Concern Greater London.

In recognition of his completion in May 2007 of twenty-five years of public service to Harrow, this Resolution be engrossed on vellum and publicly presented to Councillor Romain by the Mayor, at the Annual Council Meeting in May 2007."

136. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE (RULE 13):

The following two questions had been submitted by Members of Council in accordance with Rule 13.2:

<u>QUESTION BY</u>	<u>QUESTION OF</u>	<u>TEXT OF QUESTION</u>
(1) Councillor Bill Stephenson	The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Overview, External Affairs and Property (Councillor Chris Mote)	"Headstone Manor Steering Committee has now not met for a whole year and no progress has been made in developing a English Heritage Lottery bid. Would you agree with

our new Chief Executive that maintaining momentum is extremely important and tell us when something is going to be done to develop Headstone Manor?"

- (2) Councillor Bill Stephenson The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Overview, External Affairs and Property (Councillor Chris Mote) "Can you tell this Council how many complaints have been made to the Local Government Ombudsman since last May compared with the year starting May 2005 – 2006, and could you further elaborate the main areas of complaint?"

[Note: The above questions were both answered orally and, under the provisions of Rule 13.5, a supplementary to each question was additionally asked and answered].

137. MOTION AT ITEM 12(1): MAYORAL NOMINATIONS:

- (i) Councillor B E Gate moved and Councillor Bill Stephenson seconded the Motion at Item 12(1) of the Summons.
- (ii) In moving the Motion, and with the consent of the meeting, Councillor Gate altered the Motion under Rule 17.7 as follows:
- In the first sentence, after "1994 to", to insert the words "1998 and 2002 to"
- (iii) Councillor Chris Mote moved and Councillor Paul Osborn seconded an amendment to the Motion which had been circulated in the tabled documentation. In moving the amendment, however, Councillor Mote indicated his agreement to this matter being referred to a cross-party working group for consideration.
- (vi) In light of an assurance from the Leader of the Council that this matter would be referred to a cross-party working group, the mover and seconder sought leave of the Council to withdraw the Motion under the provisions of Rule 17.8, to which the Council assented.

RESOLVED:

THAT THE MOTION SET OUT AT ITEM 12(1) BE WITHDRAWN.

138. MOTION AT ITEM 12(2): DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:

Further to the provisions of Rule 15.6,

RESOLVED:

THAT THE MOTION AT ITEM 12(2) ON THE SUMMONS STAND REFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AS BEING A MATTER WITHIN THEIR POWERS.

(Resolution 129 above also refers).

139. MOTION AT ITEM 12(3): VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUNDING:

Further to the provisions of Rule 15.6,

RESOLVED:

THAT THE MOTION AT ITEM 12(3) OF THE SUMMONS STAND REFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CABINET, AS BEING A MATTER WITHIN ITS DELEGATED POWERS.

(Resolution 129 above also refers).

140. **DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE AND USE OF THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE:**

The meeting received a report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services which provided a summary of the urgent decisions taken by Portfolio Holders, the Leader and Cabinet, and the use of the special urgency procedure, since the last meeting of Council on 22 February 2007.

RESOLVED:

THAT (1) THE URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDERS, THE LEADER AND CABINET SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING, AS NOW REPORTED, BE NOTED;

(2) THE ONE OCCASION ON WHICH THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE HAD BEEN USED SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING BE NOTED.

(CLOSE OF MEETING: All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.06 pm).