

COUNCIL MINUTES

22 SEPTEMBER 2016

Present:

- * Councillor Mrs Rekha Shah (The Worshipful the Mayor)
- * Councillor Margaret Davine (The Deputy Mayor)

Councillors:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ghazanfar Ali * Richard Almond * Mrs Chika Amadi * Jeff Anderson * Sue Anderson * Marilyn Ashton * Mrs Camilla Bath * June Baxter * Christine Bednell * James Bond * Michael Borio * Simon Brown * Kam Chana * Ramji Chauhan * Bob Currie * Niraj Dattani * Jo Dooley * Keith Ferry † Ms Pamela Fitzpatrick † Stephen Greek † Mitzi Green * Susan Hall * Glen Hearnden * Graham Henson * John Hinkley * Ameet Jogia * Manjibhai Kara * Barry Kendler * Jean Lammiman * Barry Macleod-Cullinane * Kairul Kareema Marikar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ajay Maru * Jerry Miles * Mrs Vina Mithani * Amir Moshenson * Chris Mote * Janet Mote * Christopher Noyce * Phillip O'Dell * Paul Osborn * Nitin Parekh * Ms Mina Parmar * Varsha Parmar * Primesh Patel * Pritesh Patel * David Perry * Kanti Rabadia * Kiran Ramchandani * Mrs Christine Robson * Lynda Seymour † Aneka Shah-Levy * Sachin Shah * Norman Stevenson * Krishna Suresh * Sasi Suresh * Adam Swersky * Bharat Thakker * Antonio Weiss * Georgia Weston * Anne Whitehead * Stephen Wright
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* Denotes Member present
† Denotes apologies received

PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by Imam Hafiz Muhammed Akran, Harrow Central Mosque.

179. COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19 May 2016 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

180. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor invited appropriate declarations of interest.

Item 4 – Petitions

Councillor Mrs Chika Amadi declared a non pecuniary interest in that she was an Edgware ward councillor. She would remain in the Chamber for the consideration of this item.

Councillor Barry Kendler declared a non pecuniary interest in that he was an Edgware ward councillor. He would remain in the Chamber for the consideration of this item.

Councillor Nitin Parekh declared a non pecuniary interest in that he was an Edgware ward councillor. He would remain in the Chamber for the consideration of this item.

Item 9 – Regeneration Programme 2016-2020

Councillor Mrs Chika Amadi declared a non pecuniary interest in that she worked in Wealdstone and her husband had a business in Wealdstone. She would remain in the Chamber for the consideration of this item.

Councillor Susan Hall declared a non pecuniary interest in that she owned a business in Wealdstone. If the interest became pecuniary she would leave the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

Item 16 – Motions – Southern Rail Motion

Councillor James Bond declared an interest in that he was employed by Transport for London. He would remain in the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

Item 16 – Motions – Mental Health Challenge Motion

Councillor Richard Almond declared an interest in that he worked with patients detained under the Mental Health Act. He would remain in the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Jeff Anderson declared an interest in that family members had received treatment for a mental health issue. He would remain in the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Sue Anderson declared an interest in that she was employed in the mental health sector, had in the past received treatment for a mental health issue and a family member had received treatment for a mental health issue. She would remain in the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Graham Henson declared an interest in that his wife was employed in the mental health sector. He would remain in the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Kareema Kairul Marikar declared an interest due to working in the mental health sector and her involvement with PULSE community health. She would remain in the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Chris Mote declared an interest in that his daughter was employed at Northwick Park Hospital and as a result dealt with patients who had mental health issues. He would remain in the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Janet Mote declared an interest in that her daughter was employed at Northwick Park Hospital and as a result dealt with patients who had mental health issues. She would remain in the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Adam Swersky declared an interest in that he was employed in the mental health sector. He would remain in the Chamber for the consideration and voting on this item.

181. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

- (i) The Mayor drew Council's attention to a tabled motion in relation to Boundary Commission Proposals. Upon being put to the vote, it was agreed that the motion was urgent.
- (ii) The Mayor also drew Members' attention to three tabled amendments.
- (iii) Having asked whether there were any further Procedural Motions, Councillor Keith Ferry moved that item 16, Motions, be considered following item 7, Long Service Award to Councillor Christine Bednell. The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Sachin Shah. Upon being put to the vote it was carried.

182. PETITIONS

In accordance with Rule 10, the following petitions were presented

- (i) Petition submitted by children from Stag Lane School in relation to litter containing 750 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety].

- (ii) Petition submitted by Herbie Crossman, as a representative of the residents of Worple Way and High Worple, in relation to the proposed change of use of 107 Worple Way containing over 257 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration].

- (iii) Petition submitted by Councillor Chris Noyce, on behalf of the residents of Worple Way and High Worple, in relation to the proposed change of use of 107 Worple Way containing over 257 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration].

- (iv) Petition submitted by Councillor Ameet Jogia on behalf of the residents of Whitchurch Gardens in relation to parking in Whitchurch Gardens containing 47 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety].

183. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To note that one question from a member of the public had been received and responded to, and the recording of this question and the answer given had been placed on the Council's website

184. LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The Leader of the Council, Councillor Sachin Shah, introduced the item highlighting the achievements, challenges and proposals since the last ordinary meeting.
- (ii) Other Members of the Council spoke and/or asked questions of the Leader of the Council which were duly responded to.

185. LONG SERVICE AWARD - COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE BEDNELL

Council had previously agreed, by Resolution 192 on 18 July 1985, that Members who completed 25 years' service with the Council be presented with framed, illuminated copy resolutions of appreciation. Councillor Christine Bednell had completed 45 years' service as a Member of the Authority in May 2016, and her resolution of appreciation had been adopted by Council on 19 May 2016.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Rekha Shah, on behalf of the Council, now formally congratulated Councillor Bednell and presented her with a framed, illuminated copy resolution to mark her long service achievement. Councillors Marilyn Ashton, Sue Anderson, Mrs Camilla Bath, James Bond, Simon Brown, Susan Hall, Jean Lammiman, Janet Mote, Christopher Noyce, Pritesh Patel and Sachin Shah spoke in appreciation of Councillor Bednell's service.

Councillor Bednell returned thanks for her presentation.

186. MOTIONS

Further to the procedural Motion previously agreed, at item 16 the Council received four Motions and one urgent Motion:

- (i) Motion in the names of Councillor Georgia Weston and Councillor James Bond. The tabled amendment was voted upon but not carried.

“Condemn Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crimes Motion

We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. We, the London Borough of Harrow, condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

The London Borough of Harrow will work to ensure local bodies and programmes have support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in the London Borough of Harrow that they are valued members of our community.”

Upon a vote, the Motion was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Motion set out at (i) above be adopted.

- (ii) Motion in the names of Councillor Barry Kendler and Councillor Graham Henson. The tabled amendment was voted upon but not carried.

“Southern Rail Motion

This Council supports the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, in his bid to persuade HM Government to move Southern Trains into TfL – London Overground - and requests that the chief executive and the leader of the council write to the government minister responsible stating our support and take any other action necessary in support of the bid.”

Upon a vote, the Motion was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Motion set out at (ii) above be adopted.

- (iii) Motion in the names of Councillor Adam Swersky and Councillor Varsha Parmar. The tabled amendment was voted upon and was carried.

“Mental Health Challenge Motion

This council notes:

- 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year.
- The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020.
- Mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone.
- People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK.
- There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt.

This council believes:

- As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.
- Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority's areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning.
- All councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.

This council resolves:

- To sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Providers Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and Young Minds.
- We commit to appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council, who shall produce an annual written report to the council of his or her achievements in that role and appear on invitation before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to answer questions thereon.
- We will seek to identify a member of staff within the council to act as 'lead officer' for mental health.

The council will also:

- Support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces.
- Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community.
- Work with local partners to offer effective support for people with

mental health needs.

- Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community.
- Proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.
- Sign up to the Time to Change pledge”

Upon a vote, the Motion was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Motion set out at (iii) above be adopted.

- (iv) Motion in the names of Councillor Anne Whitehead and Councillor Kiran Ramchandani.

“Childhood Obesity Motion

The Council Notes

- Harrow welcomes a sugar tax on soft drinks but is disappointed this will not be enforced for 2 years, and will not apply to sugary foods.
- Harrow is disappointed that the strategy has been considerably watered down from the 'draconian measures' promised by the Government.
- Harrow is also disappointed that nothing is to be done to control the advertising of junk food on family television.

The Council Believes

- That the two years producers have to reduce sugar in soft drinks is too long.
- That a responsibility deal for producers to reduce sugar in processed foods will not work, and many of the more responsible food manufacturers would have preferred regulation to create a level playing field.
- That the Government has failed our children. 21% of Harrow's year 6 children; predominately poorer children, are obese, and the Government's obesity strategy is far too little to be of benefit to our children.
- That the local NHS cannot afford the burden of costs caused by obesity in Harrow.

The Council Resolves

- To continue to support Harrow's residents through our Public Health team to help support residents to make healthier choices

for diet and exercise.

- For the Leader and the CEO to write to Government expressing Harrow’s concern at the lack of a robust obesity strategy and ask for this strategy to be re-introduced and include more robust regulation.

The Council to continue to lobby government to improve the obesity strategy.”

Upon a vote, the Motion was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Motion set out at (iv) above be adopted.

- (v) Urgent Motion in the names of Councillor Graham Henson and Councillor Sachin Shah.

“Urgent Motion - Boundary commission proposal

Harrow Council is concerned about the new parliamentary boundaries announced on September 13, which are proposed by the Boundary Commission for England. We believe that the new boundaries will divide our cohesive communities and do not take into consideration the increased voter registration prior to the European Union referendum.

Harrow Council instructs the Council Leader and the Chief Executive to write to the Boundary Commission with detail around how their proposals will affect Harrow’s diverse and cohesive communities.

Harrow Council encourages councillors and members of the public to respond to the consultation and attend the public meeting organised by the Boundary Commission, that is due to take place in Kenton Hall on October 24 and 25.”

Upon a vote, the Motion was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Motion set out at (v) above be adopted.

187. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Community Safety Strategy 2016-19 be endorsed and adopted.

188. REGENERATION PROGRAMME 2016-2020

RESOLVED: That the additional capital budgets for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 be approved and added to the Capital Programme.

Roll Call Vote (In Favour of the Motion): Her Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Mrs Rekha Shah, Councillors Ali, Mrs Chika Amadi, Jeff Anderson,

Sue Anderson, Borio, Brown, Dattani, Davine, Dooley, Ferry, Hearnden, Henson, Kendler, Marikar, Maru, Miles, O'Dell, Parekh, Varsha Parmar, Primesh Patel, Perry, Ramchandani, Mrs Christine Robson, Sachin Shah, Krishna Suresh, Sasikala Suresh, Swersky, Weiss and Whitehead.

Against the Motion: Councillors Almond, Ashton, Mrs Bath, Baxter, Bednell, Bond, Chana, Chauhan, Hall, Hinkley, Jogia, Kara, Lammiman, Macleod-Cullinane, Mrs Mithani, Moshenson, Chris Mote, Janet Mote, Osborn, Ms Mina Parmar, Pritesh Patel, Rabadia, Seymour, Stevenson, Thakker and Wright.

Abstain: Councillors Chris Noyce and Georgia Weston.

189. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Youth Offending Partnership Youth Justice Plan 2015-2018 be approved and the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

190. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

RESOLVED: That the revised Terms of Reference be included in the Council's Constitution and any changes in Panel membership arising be agreed.

191. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the existing terms of reference and membership for the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) be replaced with the proposed new terms of reference and membership set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) changes to the Committee Procedure Rules, the Executive Procedure Rules, Article 7 and the Budget and Policy Framework Rules as set out in the report be agreed;
- (3) the addition to the responsibilities of the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety be noted;
- (4) the changes to the constitution made by the Monitoring Officer since the last meeting of Council be noted.

192. INFORMATION REPORT - DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY AND SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE

RESOLVED: That the reports detailing decisions taken under the urgency, special urgency and urgent minor matters procedures be noted.

193. INFORMATION REPORT - REMUNERATION PACKAGES AND SEVERANCE PAYMENTS OF £100,000 OR GREATER

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

194. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

To note that thirteen questions from Councillors to the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holders had been received and that a written response would be provided and placed on the Council's website.

195. PROCEDURE FOR TERMINATION OF MEETING

At 10.23 pm, during the consideration of item 16 – Motions, Councillor Paul Osborn moved that the guillotine be extended until the after the completion of item 9 – Regeneration Programme 2016-2020. This was seconded by Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane. Having been put to the vote this was lost.

RESOLVED: That the provisions of Rules 9.2 and 9.3 be applied as set out above.

(CLOSE OF MEETING: All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.32 pm).