

# COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY

## MINUTES

### 22 JANUARY 2015

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

## PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by His Grace Srutidharma Das.

### 59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor invited appropriate declarations of interest.

#### Item 2 – Review of the feedback on the Council Tax Support Scheme (CTS) consultation and consideration to retain existing scheme for 2015/16 and beyond

Councillor Richard Almond declared an interest as he was appointed to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Councillor Chika Amadi declared an interest in that she had been a member of the scrutiny challenge panel.

Councillor Josephine Dooley declared an interest in that she had been a member of the scrutiny challenge panel.

Councillor Pamela Fitzpatrick declared an interest in that she was a Director of Harrow Law Centre and had been a member of the scrutiny challenge panel.

Councillor Ameet Jogia declared an interest in that a family member was in receipt of Council Tax Benefit.

Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane declared non-pecuniary interests in that he had chaired the scrutiny challenge panel and worked for the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Councillor Chris Mote declared an interest in that his brother was in receipt of the Disability Living Allowance and Council Tax Benefit.

Councillor Janet Mote declared an interest in that her brother-in-law was in receipt of the Disability Living Allowance and Council Tax Benefit.

Councillor Lynda Seymour declared an interest in that a family member was in receipt of Council Tax Benefit.

Councillor Krishna Suresh declared an interest in that his mother was in receipt of Council Tax Benefit.

Councillor Adam Swersky declared an interest as he was appointed to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

**60. REVIEW OF THE FEEDBACK ON THE COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME (CTS) CONSULTATION AND CONSIDERATION TO RETAIN EXISTING SCHEME FOR 2015/16 AND BEYOND**

**RESOLVED:** That the current Council Tax Support Scheme continue in 2015/16 and in following years, unless and until a decision was taken to replace or alter the scheme at annual review.

**Roll call Vote (In Favour of the Motion):** Councillors Ali, Amadi, Jeff Anderson, Sue Anderson, Borio, Brown, Currie, Dattani, Davine, Dooley, Ferry, Fitzpatrick, Green, Hearnden, Henson, Kendler, Marikar, Miles, O'Dell, Parekh, Varsha Parmar, Primesh Patel, Perry, Ramchandani, Robson, Mrs Rekha Shah, Sachin Shah, Sasikala Suresh, Krishna Suresh, Swersky, Weiss and Whitehead.

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

**61. ROBERT DEANS**

Members expressed their gratitude and paid tribute to Robert Deans, Macebearer and Chauffeur, for his work and support during his many years of service with the Council. Members stood in appreciation.

**62. PAUL NAJSAREK**

Members expressed their thanks to Paul Najsarek, Interim Head of Paid Service, for his work and commitment during the previous twelve months.

**(CLOSE OF MEETING:** All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.54 pm).