

COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY)

MINUTES

7 OCTOBER 2010

- Present:**
- * Councillor Asad Omar (The Worshipful the Mayor)
 - * Councillor Mrinal Choudhury (The Deputy Mayor)
- Councillors:**
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Husain Akhtar * Sue Anderson * Nana Asante * Mrs Camilla Bath * Christine Bednell * James Bond * Mrs Lurline Champagnie OBE * Kam Chana * Ramji Chauhan * John Cowan * Bob Currie * Margaret Davine * Mano Dharmarajah * Tony Ferrari * Keith Ferry * Ann Gate * Brian Gate * David Gawn * Stephen Greek † Mitzi Green * Susan Hall * Graham Henson * Thaya Idaikkadar * Nizam Ismail * Krishna James * Manji Kara * Zarina Khalid * Jean Lammiman * Barry Macleod-Cullinane * Kairul Kareema Marikar * Ajay Maru | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Jerry Miles * Mrs Vina Mithani * Chris Mote * Janet Mote * John Nickolay * Joyce Nickolay * Christopher Noyce * Phillip O'Dell * Paul Osborn * Varsha Parmar * David Perry * Bill Phillips * Raj Ray * Richard Romain * Anthony Seymour * Lynda Seymour * Navin Shah * Mrs Rekha Shah * Sachin Shah * Stanley Sheinwald * Victoria Silver * Bill Stephenson * William Stoodley * Krishna Suresh * Sasi Suresh * Yogesh Teli * Mark Versallion * Ben Wealthy * Simon Williams * Stephen Wright |
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- * Denotes Member present
- † Denotes apologies received

PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by the Imam Hafiz Muhammad Akram.

40. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: To note that this Extraordinary Council meeting had been convened in accordance with Rule 3.1.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor invited declarations of interest by Members of the Council in respect of the business on the Summons.

(i) Item 3: IT Service Delivery

Councillors Sue Anderson, Jerry Miles, Lynda Seymour and Mrs Rekha Shah declared personal interests in that they were members of Unison, but considered that they could speak and vote thereon.

Councillors Keith Ferry and Navin Shah declared personal interests in that they were members of GMB, but considered that they could speak and vote thereon.

Councillor Paul Osborn declared a personal interest as he had attended an awards ceremony where the Council had obtained an award. This had been paid for by Capita and was reflected in his register of gifts and hospitality, but he considered that he could speak and vote thereon.

(ii) Item 4: Emergency Planning

Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane declared a personal interest in that he was an employee of London Councils, but considered that he could speak and vote thereon.

42. COUNCILLOR MITZI GREEN

The Mayor requested Member's join him in sending the Council's best wishes to Councillor Mitzi Green during her recovery from a recent operation.

43. PETITION

In accordance with the permission of the Mayor, the following petition was presented:-

Transparency & Openness

Submitted by Councillor Hall containing 27 signatures of conservative

Councillors, expressing their frustration and their perception that the Council's administration have failed to adhere to standards of transparency, openness and accountability.

The Petition was noted and taken into account at the relevant item.

44. IT SERVICE DELIVERY

- (i) Further to Item 3 on the Summons, the Council received a recommendation from Cabinet held on 14 September 2010. The Recommendation was formally moved by the Portfolio Holder for Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services.
- (ii) There was an amendment proposed in the names of Councillors Paul Osborn and Barry Macleod-Cullinane, which sought to amend the recommendations to read as follows:
 - “(1) That recommendations 1-3 from Cabinet, as set out in the Summons, are deferred pending the establishment of a cross-party working group (consisting of two Labour Members, two Conservative Members and one Member from neither political group) to review the business case for IT Service Delivery, to ensure its veracity and its suitability for purpose, and report back to Council in February 2011.
 - (2) That Cabinet be advised of this proposal and engages with the working group's progress.
 - (3) That the working group, while considering all options, be advised of Council's preference that if outsourcing the IT service is considered the best option, there should be a process of competitive tendering.”
- (iii) During the debate on this item, Councillor Brian Gate moved a Motion that the question now be put. Upon a vote this Motion was carried.
- (iv) Upon a vote, the amendment at (ii) was lost.
- (v) A further amendment was then proposed in the names of Councillors Richard Romain and Barry Macleod-Cullinane, which sought to amend the recommendations to read as follows:
 - (1) the IT service be transferred to Capita with effect from 1 November 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the completion of satisfactory contract negotiations;
 - (2) the Corporate Director of Finance be authorised to finalise and sign the contract in agreement with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s);
 - (3) the virement of £450,000 to cover the additional cost of the contract in 2010/11, as set out below, be approved.

| From | To | £000 |
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| Earmarked Reserves - BSF | IT Service | 400 |
| To be identified | To be identified | 50 |
| Total | | 450 |

- (vi) Upon a vote, the amendment at (v) was lost.
- (vii) During a further debate on the substantive recommendation, Councillor Brian Gate moved a Motion that the question now be put. Upon a vote this Motion was carried.
- (viii) Upon a request by more than 10 Councillors a roll call vote was held with regard to the substantive recommendation.
- (ix) Upon a vote, the substantive recommendations were agreed.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the IT service be transferred to Capita with effect from 1 November 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the completion of satisfactory contract negotiations;**
- (2) the Corporate Director of Finance be authorised to finalise and sign the contract in agreement with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s);**
- (3) the virement of £450,000 to cover the additional cost of the contract in 2010/11, as set out below, be approved.**

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| Earmarked Reserves - BSF | IT Service | 400 |
| Treasury Management Activity (capital financing costs and investment income) | IT Service | 50 |
| Total | | 450 |

Roll Call Vote:

FOR: Councillors Anderson, Asante, Currie, Davine, Dharmarajah, Choudhury, Ferry, Ann Gate, Brian Gate, Gawn, Henson, Idaikkadar, Ismail, James, Khalid, Marikar, Maru, Miles, O'Dell, Parmar, Perry, Phillips, Ray, Navin Shah, Mrs Rekha Shah, Sachin Shah, Silver, Stephenson, Stoodley, Krishna Suresh, Sasikala Suresh and Wealthy.

AGAINST: Councillors Akhtar, Mrs Bath, Bednell, Mrs Champagnie, Chana, Chauhan, Cowan, Ferrari, Greek, Hall, Kara, Lammiman, Macleod-Cullinane, Mithani, Chris Mote, Janet Mote, John Nickolay, Joyce Nickolay, Noyce, Osborn, Romain, Anthony Seymour, Lynda Seymour, Sheinwald, Teli, Versallion, Williams and Wright.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Bond.

45. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Further to Item 4 on the Summons, the Council received a recommendation from Cabinet held on 14 September 2010.

The Recommendation was formally moved by the Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Addendum to the Local Authority 'Gold Resolution' be approved;**
- (2) the Memorandum on Mutual Aid be adopted into the Council's Constitution.**

(CLOSE OF MEETING: All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.13 pm).