

Council Assembly (Annual Meeting)

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Annual Meeting) held on Monday 21 May 2018 at 6.00 pm at Southwark Cathedral, Montague Close, London Bridge SE1 9DA

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2017-18, Councillor Charlie Smith (Chair)
The Worshipful the Mayor for 2018-17, Councillor Catherine Rose

Councillor Evelyn Akoto	Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Jasmine Ali	Councillor Alice Macdonald
Councillor Peter Babudu	Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Maggie Browning	Councillor James McAsh
Councillor Jack Buck	Councillor Hamish McCallum
Councillor Radha Burgess	Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Victor Chamberlain	Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Sunil Chopra	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor James Coldwell	Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Stephanie Cryan	Councillor Margy Newens
Councillor Helen Dennis	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE	Councillor Jason Ochere
Councillor Nick Dolezal	Councillor Victoria Olisa
Councillor Karl Eastham	Councillor Leo Pollak
Councillor Gavin Edwards	Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Paul Fleming	Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor Tom Flynn	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Renata Hamvas	Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Johnson Situ
Councillor Jon Hartley	Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Sirajul Islam	Councillor Cleo Soanes
Councillor Peter John OBE	Councillor Leanne Werner
Councillor Nick Johnson	Councillor Dan Whitehead
Councillor Sarah King	Councillor Kath Whittam
Councillor Sunny Lambe	Councillor Bill Williams
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE	Councillor Kieron Williams
Councillor Richard Leeming	Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall	

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Charlie Smith, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councillors Peter John and Anood Al-Samerai paid tribute to Alderman George Dunk, Alderman Toby Eckersley, and Dame Tessa Jowell.

The outgoing Mayor announced that the leaders of each political group wished to make a statement.

Thereafter, Councillors Peter John and Anood Al-Samerai paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor.

The outgoing Mayor asked for nominations for Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2018-19.

Councillor Peter John, seconded by Councillor Andy Simmons, moved that Councillor Catherine Rose be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Southwark for the municipal year 2018-19.

The nomination was put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Catherine Rose be elected Mayor for the 2018-19 municipal year.

Councillor Catherine Rose accepted the office of Mayor. The outgoing Mayor declared that Councillor Catherine Rose was duly elected Mayor of Southwark for 2018-19.

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Charlie Smith, invested the new Mayor, Councillor Catherine Rose, with the badge of office. The new Mayor signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair.

Thereafter, the outgoing Mayor was presented with a replica of the Mayoral badge of the London Borough of Southwark.

The new Mayor stated that for the annual meeting she will be accompanied by her son Peter. For other occasions throughout her Mayoral term, Cllr Rose will offer invitations and welcome nominations for local residents from across Southwark to join her at events and occasions that have special meaning or significance to them, as the Mayor's Community Consort. The new Mayor's consort was presented with a badge.

The new Mayor appointed Councillor Sandra Rhule as Deputy Mayor. The Deputy Mayor was invested with the badge of office.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Charlie Smith, gave his outgoing speech.

The new Mayor gave her incoming speech and announced that her chosen charities would be the Family and Childcare Trust, the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education, and Dulwich Hamlet Aspire Academy.

2. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

2.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were no announcements.

2.2 NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT

There was no late business.

2.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interest.

2.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Eleanor Kerslake, who is on maternity leave.

3. REPORTS

3.1 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - 2018/19

1. Councillor Peter John was nominated as leader of the council. The nomination was put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Peter John be elected leader of the council for the period of 2018-2022.

2. That a report be received from the leader on the following executive issues for the coming municipal year 2018-19 and that the following be noted:
 - the appointment by the leader of cabinet members
 - the appointment of any deputy cabinet members
 - the establishment and appointment of any cabinet committees
 - the leader's report on the delegation of executive functions to the full cabinet, cabinet committees, individual cabinet members, chief officers and community councils
 - that as a consequence the proper constitutional officer will update Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the leader's report on the delegation of executive functions.

Appointment of the cabinet

3. That the leader reported to council assembly on the appointment of members of the cabinet and determination of their executive functions.

Cabinet

Councillor Peter John – Leader of the Council

Councillor Rebecca Lury – Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Equalities and Communities

Councillor Evelyn Akoto – Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health

Councillor Jasmine Ali – Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Adult Care

Councillor Stephanie Cryan – Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Modernisation

Councillor Richard Livingstone – Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management and Air Quality

Councillor Victoria Mills – Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Brexit

Councillor Leo Pollak – Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration, Great Estates and New Council Homes

Councillor Johnson Situ – Cabinet Member for Growth, Development and Planning

Councillor Kieron Williams – Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Innovation

Appointment of deputy cabinet members

4. That the leader reported to council assembly on the appointment of deputy cabinet members and determination of their duties and responsibilities.

Deputy Cabinet Members

Deputy Cabinet portfolio	Deputy Cabinet member
Deputy Cabinet Member for Digital Inclusion	Councillor Richard Leeming
Deputy Cabinet Member for Innovation	Councillor Peter Babudu
Deputy Cabinet Member for Tenant and Leaseholder Engagement	Councillor Victoria Olisa

Establishment and appointment of cabinet committees

5. That the leader reported on the establishment of the following cabinet committees:
 - Cabinet (Livesey Trust) Committee
 - Better Placed Joint Committee (Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark)
 - Joint IT Committee (Brent, Lewisham and Southwark).

Delegation of executive functions

6. That the leader reported on the delegation of executive functions between full cabinet, individual decision makers, chief officers and community councils (see paragraphs 18 – 21 of the report)
7. That council assembly noted the leader's report on any changes to the delegation of executive functions to the full cabinet, cabinet committees, individual cabinet members, chief officers and community councils.
8. That council assembly noted that as a consequence of recommendation 6 the

proper constitutional officer will update Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the leader's report on the delegation of executive functions.

3.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY COUNCILS, PANELS AND RELATED MATTERS 2018/19

The nominations for chairs and vice chairs of committees and the nominations to the Local Government Association General Assembly were circulated.

There were two contested positions.

RESOLVED:

1. That the appointment of political group leaders, deputies and whips be noted as follows:

LABOUR GROUP

Leader	Councillor Peter John
Deputy Leader	Councillor Rebecca Lury
Chief Whip	Councillor Sarah King

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

Leader	Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Deputy Leader	Councillor David Noakes
Chief Whip	Councillor Hamish McCallum

2. That the new division of seats and percentage allocation of each political group on the council as set out in the report at Table 1 be noted.
3. That the following committees and community councils for the coming municipal year 2018/19 be established:

Table 2: Ordinary Committees - Total number of seats 29

Committee	Total	Lab	Lib Dem
Committee 1 Appointments Committee	7	6	1
Committee 2 Planning Committee	8	6	2
Committee 3 Audit, Governance and Standards Committee	7	5	2
Committee 4 Corporate Parenting Committee	7	6	1
Total	29	23	6

Table 3: Other committees - Total number of seats 26

Committee	Total	Lab	Lib Dem
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	8	3
Licensing Committee	15	12	3

Table 4: Community councils

1.	Bermondsey and Rotherhithe
2.	Borough, Bankside and Walworth
3.	Camberwell
4.	Dulwich
5.	Peckham and Nunhead

Health and wellbeing board

4. That the health and wellbeing board be established as a committee of the council under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 with the membership set out in paragraph 39 of the report.
5. That it be noted that the local authority membership is nominated by the leader of the council. In accordance with committee procedure rules, the board is chaired by the leader.

Appointment of chairs and vice chairs

6. That the following chairs and vice chairs for the following committees and community councils be appointed:

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Peter John
Vice chair – Vacant

AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Gavin Edwards
Vice chair – Councillor Dan Whitehead

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Jasmine Ali (Appointment of cabinet member with the responsibility for children and schools formally noted)
Vice chair – Vacant

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Renata Hamvas
Vice chair - Councillor Adele Morris

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Bill Williams
Vice chair - Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Martin Seaton
Vice Chair - Councillor Lorraine Lauder

COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe

Chair - Councillor Kath Whittam
Vice chair - Councillor Leanne Werner

Borough, Bankside and Walworth

Chair - Councillor James Coldwell
Vice chair - Councillor Jack Buck

Camberwell

Chair - Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle
Vice chair - Councillor Jason Ochere

Dulwich

Chair - Councillor Andy Simmons
Vice chair - Councillor Margy Newens

Peckham and Nunhead

Chair - Councillor Sunil Chopra
Vice chair - Councillor Barrie Hargrove

Note: Any outstanding appointments will be referred to the first meeting of the respective committee in the 2016/17 municipal year.

Establishment of the council's panels

7. That the following council panels be established:

Table 5: Panels - Total number of seats 16

Panel	Total	Lab	Lib Dem
Council assembly business panel	4	3	1
Constitutional steering panel	4	3	1
Pensions advisory panel	3	2	1

Voluntary bodies appointments panel	5	4	1
Total	16	12	4

Appointments of chair to constitutional steering panel and voluntary bodies appointments panel

8. That Councillor Sarah King be appointed chair of the Constitutional Steering Panel.

Urgency committee

9. That the role of the urgency committee between a municipal election and the annual meeting of council assembly, as agreed by council assembly on 26 March 2014, be noted as set out in paragraphs 58 and 59 of the report.

Appointments to Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly

10. That up to three representatives and allocates the seven votes to representatives to attend the LGA General Assembly (see paragraphs 58 to 60 of the report) be appointed.

Representative	No. of votes	Group
To be nominated by whip	3	Labour
To be nominated by whip	3	Labour
To be nominated by whip	1	Liberal Democrat

Other appointments to joint committees/outside bodies

11. That the cabinet and other committees will make appointments to all other outside committees and bodies for the municipal year 2018/19 as required by part 3Q of the constitution be noted.

3.3 NOMINATIONS TO LONDON COUNCILS COMMITTEES, GREATER LONDON EMPLOYMENT FORUM, BOROUGH LEAD MEMBERS AND LONDON COUNCILS LIMITED 2018/19

RESOLVED:

1. LONDON COUNCILS LEADERS' COMMITTEE (S101 JOINT COMMITTEE)

Note: Council Assembly may only nominate cabinet members as representatives or deputies to this joint committee.

1 representative and up to 2 deputies

Labour nomination Councillor Peter John

Deputies

Labour nominations Councillors Rebecca Lury, Victoria Mills

2. LONDON COUNCILS TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (S101 ASSOCIATED JOINT COMMITTEE)

Note: Council Assembly may only nominate cabinet members as representatives or deputies to this joint committee.

1 representative and up to 4 deputies

Labour nomination Councillor Richard Livingstone

Deputies

Labour nominations Councillor Johnson Situ

3. LONDON COUNCILS GRANTS COMMITTEE (ASSOCIATED JOINT COMMITTEE)

Note: Council Assembly may only nominate cabinet members as representatives or deputies to this joint committee

1 representative and up to 4 deputies

Labour nomination Councillor Rebecca Lury

Deputies

Labour nominations Councillor Evelyn Akoto

4. LONDON COUNCILS PENSIONS COMMON INVESTMENT VEHICLE (CIV) SECTORAL JOINT COMMITTEE

1 representative and up to 2 deputies

Labour nomination Councillor Victoria Mills

Deputy

Labour nomination Councillor Peter John

5. GREATER LONDON EMPLOYMENT FORUM

1 representative and 1 deputy

Labour nomination Councillor Kieron Williams

Deputy

Labour nomination Councillor Leo Pollak

6. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Labour nomination Councillor Jasmine Ali

7. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – CRIME AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Labour nomination Councillor Evelyn Akoto

8. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – CULTURE AND TOURISM

Labour nomination Councillor Rebecca Lury

9. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/REGENERATION

Labour nomination Councillor Leo Pollak

10. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

Labour nomination Councillor Kieron Williams

11. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES

Labour nomination Councillor Jasmine Ali

12. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – HOUSING

Labour nomination Councillor Stephanie Cryan

13. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – PLANNING/ INFRASTRUCTURE

Labour nomination Councillor Johnson Situ

14. LONDON COUNCILS LIMITED

1 representative

Labour nomination Councillor Peter John

4. AMENDMENTS

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: