



**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY  
(EXTRAORDINARY MEETING)**

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council Assembly held on Monday December 8 2008 at 8.00pm at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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**PRESENT:**

The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Eliza Mann

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	Councillor Danny McCarthy
Councillor James Barber	Councillor Tim McNally
Councillor Paul Bates	Councillor Kirsty McNeill
Councillor Columba Blango	Councillor Jonathan Mitchell
Councillor Denise Capstick	Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Fiona Colley	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton	Councillor Gordon Nardell
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle	Councillor Wilma Nelson
Councillor Toby Eckersley	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Mary Foulkes	Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor John Friary	Councillor Chris Page
Councillor Mark Glover	Councillor Andrew Pakes
Councillor Aubyn Graham	Councillor Caroline Pidgeon
Councillor James Gurling	Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Jeff Hook	Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Michelle Holford	Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor David Hubber	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Kim Humphreys	Councillor Mackie Sheik
Councillor Helen Jardine-Brown	Councillor Tayo Situ
Councillor Peter John	Councillor Bob Skelly
Councillor Jenny Jones	Councillor Robert Smeath
Councillor Susan Elan Jones	Councillor Althea Smith
Councillor Paul Kyriacou	Councillor Nick Stanton
Councillor Jelil Ladipo	Councillor Richard Thomas
Councillor Adedokun Lasaki	Councillor Dominic Thorncroft
Councillor Lorraine Lauder	Councillor Nick Vineall
Councillor Evrim Laws	Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Richard Livingstone	Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Linda Manchester	Councillor Lorraine Zuleta

## **1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

### **1.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

There were no announcements.

At this juncture Councillor Chris Page made a point of order requesting that a minutes silence be held for the late Mrs. Engelina Lambert. The Mayor consented to the request and invited all members to stand for a minute's silence.

### **1.2 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no late items of business.

### **1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no disclosures.

### **1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ola Oyewunmi and the chief executive, Annie Shepperd.

## **2. REQUISITIONED BUSINESS**

### **2.1 REQUISITIONED MOTION (see pages 1 - 3 of the main agenda)**

Councillor Peter John, seconded by Councillor Susan Elan Jones, moved the motion.

Councillor Nick Stanton, seconded by Councillor Kim Humphreys, moved Amendment A.

Following debate (Councillors David Noakes, Danny McCarthy, Adele Morris, Anood Al-Samerai, Veronica Ward, Denise Capstick, Michelle Holford, Kirsty McNeill, Adedokun Lasaki, Lorraine Zuleta, Paul Bates, David Hubber, Caroline Pidgeon, Chris Page, Linda Manchester, Toby Eckersley, Gordon Nardell and Paul Noblet), Susan Elan Jones made a point of personal explanation.

Councillor James Barber moved that in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.11(j), the question be put. The procedural motion was seconded, put to the vote and declared to be carried

Following Councillor Peter John's right of reply, Amendment A was put to the vote and declared to be carried

Following debate on the substantive motion (Councillors Barrie Hargrove, James Barber and Richard Thomas), Councillor James Gurling moved that in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.11(j), the question be put. The procedural motion was seconded, put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Following Councillor Nick Stanton's right of reply the substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That council assembly notes the findings of the coroner's report into the tragic death of Engelina Lambert in the days before July 30 2008. It expresses its profound regret that an error of judgement meant that Mrs Lambert did not receive a visit within an adequate time-frame which could have been expected on the basis of the facts and the possible level of risk.
  2. That council assembly is saddened by Mrs Lambert's death and expresses its sympathy and condolences to her family and friends.
  3. That council assembly notes that the executive member for health and adult care requested a briefing on the circumstances surrounding Mrs Lambert's death in August 2008. Council assembly notes that after this briefing an internal review was undertaken, a public statement was issued and it was decided to cooperate with and await the outcome of the coroner's inquest, as is normal practice in such cases.
  4. That council assembly notes that following the inquest, fresh guidance was issued to all relevant staff and the executive member and the strategic director of health and community services issued a public statement expressing their regret at the death of Mrs Lambert.
  5. That council assembly welcomes the decision by the chief executive to appoint an independent person to conduct an inquiry into this incident and believes it is inappropriate to prejudge the findings and conclusions of this inquiry.
  6. That council assembly notes that under the member and officer protocol, article 8, it states: 'Officers have a duty to keep members of all political groups informed about developments of significance in relation to council activity.'
  7. That council assembly notes however that there is no requirement for executive members to distribute information to other councillors, but that in this case the executive member requested that all councillors should be informed of the case as soon as possible, following the coroner's verdict.
  8. That council assembly therefore believes that the executive member for health and adult care acted appropriately in response to this incident and reaffirms its confidence in him.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

**MAYOR:**

**DATED:**