



Council Assembly (Annual Council)

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Annual Council) held on Wednesday 23 May 2012 at 7.00 pm at The Atrium, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2011/12, Councillor Lorraine Lauder
The Worshipful the mayor for 2012/13, Councillor Althea Smith

Councillor Kevin Ahern	Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor James Barber	Councillor Catherine McDonald
Councillor Columba Blango	Councillor Tim McNally
Councillor Catherine Bowman	Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Chris Brown	Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Michael Bukola	Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Denise Capstick	Councillor Jonathan Mitchell
Councillor Sunil Chopra	Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Poddy Clark	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Neil Coyle	Councillor Helen Morrissey
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton	Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Rowenna Davis	Councillor Wilma Nelson
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Nick Dolezal	Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Toby Eckersley	Councillor the Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole
Councillor Gavin Edwards	Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Dan Garfield	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Mark Gettleson	Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Norma Gibbes	Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Mark Glover	Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Stephen Govier	Councillor Cleo Soanes
Councillor Renata Hamvas	Councillor Nick Stanton
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Geoffrey Thornton
Councillor Helen Hayes	Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Claire Hickson	Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Jeff Hook	Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor David Hubber	
Councillor Peter John	
Councillor Paul Kyriacou	

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Lauder, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The outgoing Mayor made the following announcements:

- That Councillor Lisa Rajan gave birth to a baby girl on 27 April and Councillor Fiona Colley gave birth to a baby boy on 8 May 2012. The meeting congratulated them both on their new arrivals.
- Congratulations were sent to Southwark born Ryan Bertrand who made his champions league debut in Germany on Saturday night as part of the victorious Chelsea team.

The outgoing Mayor announced that Councillor Toby Eckersley had served on the council for 30 years. Councillor Lewis Robinson paid tribute and thereafter the outgoing Mayor presented Councillor Eckersley with a ceremonial certificate and a silver tankard bearing the Southwark Crest.

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

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

The outgoing Mayor asked for nominations for Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2012/13.

Councillor Peter John, seconded by Councillor Rowenna Davis, moved that Councillor Althea Smith be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Southwark for the municipal year 2012/13.

The nomination was put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Althea Smith be elected Mayor for the 2012/13 municipal year.

Councillor Althea Smith accepted the office of Mayor. The outgoing Mayor declared that Councillor Althea Smith was duly elected Mayor of Southwark for 2012/13. Thereafter the outgoing Mayor announced that the meeting would stand adjourned to allow the Mayor-elect to be robed. The outgoing Mayor, followed by the Mayor-elect, were escorted to the Mayoral robing room by the mace bearer.

Upon their return the retiring Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Lauder, invested the Mayor-elect, Councillor Althea Smith, with the badge of office. The new Mayor signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair. The new Mayor stated that her consort would be her daughter, Serena Dyett, and that she would also be inviting local teenagers and residents to accompany her on her various Mayoral duties.

The Mayor appointed Councillor Abdul Mohamed as Deputy Mayor and announced that his consort would be his partner, Caroline McDonald. The Deputy Mayor was invested

with the badge of office.

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Lauder, gave her outgoing speech. Thereafter, the retiring Mayor and her consort, her son John Lauder were presented with a replica of the Mayoral badge of the London Borough of Southwark.

At 8.00pm the fire alarm sounded and the building was evacuated. At 8.40pm the meeting reconvened.

2. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

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

The Mayor invited Councillors Peter John, Nick Stanton and Lewis Robinson to pay tribute to Gill Davies, strategic director of environment and leisure, who was leaving the council at the end of May 2012 after 10 years of service.

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

There were no late items of business.

The clerk stated that the following papers had been circulated:

- Nominations for chairs and vice chairs of committees and community councils (on cream paper)
- nominations to LGA General Assembly (on cream paper)
- the voting sheet (on green paper)
- Questions on reports (yellow paper).

2.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The clerk advised that in respect of the member allowances report, members did not need to declare an interest as they were deemed to have a personal and non-prejudicial interest in the report.

There were no further declarations.

2.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Fiona Colley, Lisa Rajan, Patrick Diamond and Linda Manchester.

2.5 MINUTES

(See supplemental agenda 1 pages 1 - 51 of the main agenda)

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the ordinary and extraordinary meetings of council assembly held on 28 March 2012 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. OTHER REPORTS

3.1 EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS 2012/13

(See pages 1 - 4 of the main agenda)

There was one question to the leader, the written response to which was circulated on yellow paper at the meeting. A supplemental question was asked of the leader. The questions and written responses are attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes.

The leader of the council, Councillor Peter John, reported on the following appointment of members of the cabinet and the determination and allocation of their functions:

Cabinet

Councillor Peter John – Leader of the council

Councillor Ian Wingfield - Deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management

Councillor Catherine McDonald - Health and adult social care

Councillor Barrie Hargrove - Transport, environment and recycling

Councillor Richard Livingstone - Finance, resources and community safety

Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle - Children's services

Councillor Claire Hickson - Communities and economic development

Councillor Veronica Ward - Culture, sport, the Olympics and regeneration (South)

Councillor Fiona Colley (currently on maternity leave)

Deputy Cabinet Members

Renata Hamvas – School admissions and families

The Right Rev Emmanuel Oyewole – Faith communities

Neil Coyle – Welfare.

In closing, the leader thanked Councillor Abdul Mohamed for his hard work over the year

as cabinet member for equalities and community engagement.

A copy of the cabinet portfolios was circulated at the meeting.

The Mayor informed the meeting that as a consequence of the above announcement on the appointment of the cabinet the monitoring officer would 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 AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES 2012/13

(See pages 5 - 48 of the main agenda)

There were four questions on the report, the written responses to which were circulated on yellow paper at the meeting. Three supplemental questions were asked of the leader. All questions and written responses are attached in Appendix 1 to the minutes.

The Mayor stated that in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11(2), this being an officer report, the recommendations set out in the report were deemed to have been moved and were subject to amendment only. She announced that she intended to consider each recommendation where a decision was needed separately. The remaining recommendations would be considered as part of the substantive motion.

The Mayor moved Recommendation 3 – establishment of ordinary committees. The recommendation was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor moved Recommendation 4 – establishment of the size and composition of the overview and scrutiny committee. The recommendation was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor announced she had received one amendment to Recommendation 5 – establishment of the size and composition of community councils. Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, seconded by Councillor Paul Noblet, moved Amendment A.

Following debate (Councillors Columba Blango, Richard Livingstone, Mark Gettleston, Stephen Govier, Abdul Mohamed, Eliza Mann, Gavin Edwards, Robin Crookshank Hilton, Mark Glover, Lewis Robinson, Catherine Bowman, Peter John, Michael Mitchell, Claire Hickson, Poddy Clark, Veronica Ward and Nick Stanton), Councillor Tim McNally, seconded by Councillor Paul Noblet, moved that council assembly procedure rule 1.12(6) (suspension of the guillotine) be agreed in order to extend the debate. The procedure motion was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

The debate continued (Councillor Nick Dolezal). Thereafter Amendment A was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

At 10.08pm the bell was rang and the Mayor informed the meeting that the guillotine had fallen, therefore each recommendation would be voted upon without further debate.

The Mayor moved Recommendations 6 to 7 – establishment of the size and composition of the licensing committee. The recommendations were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

In moving Recommendation 8 - appointment of chairs and vice chairs of committees and community councils, the Mayor announced that there was one change to the cream papers circulated at the meeting in respect of the new standards committee effective from 1 July 2012, Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle's nomination for chair was invalid as she was a member of the cabinet and cabinet members cannot chair the standards committee. Councillor Helen Morrissey was nominated but council assembly having agreed to appoint Councillor Morrissey, the appointment was declined and the nomination withdrawn. Subsequently Councillor Peter John, seconded by Councillor Ian Wingfield, nominated Councillor Cleo Soanes as chair of the standards committee.

No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nomination was put to the vote and council assembly appointed Councillor Cleo Soanes as chair of the new standards committee, with effect from 1 July 2012.

The Mayor stated that two nominations had been received for the position of chair of the audit and governance committee, Councillors James Barber and Mark Glover. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nominations were put to the vote and council assembly appointed Councillor Mark Glover as chair of the audit and governance committee.

Thereafter the Mayor moved the uncontested nominations in respect of Recommendation 8 for the appointment of chairs and vice chairs of committees and community councils. The nominations set out on the cream paper circulated at the meeting were put to the vote and declared to be carried

The Mayor moved Recommendation 9 – establishment of a standards committee until 30 June 2012. The recommendation was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor moved Recommendation 15 – establishment of panels. The recommendation was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

As part Recommendation 15 the Mayor announced that the meeting needed to appoint the chairs of the constitutional steering panel and the voluntary bodies appointment panel. The nominations set out on the cream paper circulated at the meeting were put to the vote and declared to be carried

The Mayor moved Recommendation 16 – Council assembly dates. The recommendation was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

The Mayor moved Recommendation 18 – allocation of representative and votes on the Local Government Association General Assembly. The nominations set out on the lilac paper circulated at the meeting were put to the vote and declared to be carried

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

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

Labour Group

Leader Councillor Peter John
 Deputy Leader Councillor Ian Wingfield
 Chief Whip Councillor Helen Morrissey

Liberal Democrat Group

Leader Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
 Deputy Leader Councillor Paul Noblet
 Chief Whip Councillor Tim McNally

Conservative Group

Leader Councillor Lewis Robinson
 Deputy Leader Councillor Toby Eckersley
 Chief Whip Councillor Michael Mitchell

2. That the size and composition of the council's regulatory and other committees be established in accordance with the number of seats each political group has on the council as a whole, as set out below:

Table 1: Committees which will operate until 30 June 2012 whilst the current standards regime applies

Committee	Total	Lab	Lib Dem	Con
Committee 1 Appointments Committee	7	4	3	0
Committee 2 Planning Committee	7	4	3	0
Committee 4 Audit and Governance Committee	7	4	2	1
Committee 5 Corporate Parenting Committee	7	4	3	0
Total	28	16	11	1

Note on Table 1: In the period until the end of June 2012, a standards committee be established comprised of six councillors, with seats allocated to political groups as follows:

- *Labour 3 places*
- *Liberal Democrat 2 places*
- *Conservative 1 place.*

Table 2: Committees from 1 July 2012 when the new standards regime takes effect

Committee	Total	Lab	Lib Dem	Con
Committee 1 Appointments Committee	7	4	3	0
Committee 2 Planning Committee	7	4	3	0
Committee 3 Standards Committee	9	5	3	1
Committee 4 Audit and Governance Committee	7	4	2	1
Committee 5 Corporate Parenting Committee	7	4	3	0
Total	37	21	14	2

Overview and scrutiny committee

3. That an overview and scrutiny committee be established, with a total of 11 seats with the following proportionate allocation of seats:
- 6 Labour
 - 4 Liberal Democrat
 - 1 Conservative.

Community councils

4. That in line with the council assembly decision of 29 February 2012, the community councils be established as set out below:
- Bermondsey and Rotherhithe
 - Borough, Bankside and Walworth
 - Camberwell
 - Dulwich
 - Peckham and Nunhead.

Licensing committee

5. That a licensing committee be established with a total of 15 seats with the following allocation of seats:
- 8 Labour
 - 6 Liberal Democrat
 - 1 Conservative.

Licensing sub-committee

6. That a licensing sub-committee be established with delegated authority to hear licence applications including Licensing Act 2003, Gambling Act 2005, street trading and markets and other licensing responsibilities granted by statute. The sub-committee to include members of the licensing committee with a quorum of three members.

Appointment of chairs and vice chairs

7. That the following be appointed as chairs and vice chairs for the committees and community councils outlined below:

Overview and scrutiny committee

Chair: Councillor Catherine Bowman
Vice Chair: Councillor Dan Garfield

Planning committee

Chair: Councillor Nick Dolezal
Vice Chair: Councillor Darren Merrill

Licensing committee

Chair: Councillor Sunil Chopra
Vice Chair: Councillor Jeff Hook

Appointments committee

Chair: Councillor Peter John
Vice Chair: Councillor Ian Wingfield

Audit and governance committee

Chair: Councillor Mark Glover
Vice Chair: Vacant

Corporate parenting committee

Chair: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle
Vice Chair: Councillor Eliza Mann

Standards committee (effective from 1 July 2012)

Chair: Councillor Cleo Soanes
Vice Chair: Councillor Tim McNally

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community council

Chair: Councillor Nick Stanton
Vice Chair: Councillor Michael Bukola

Borough, Bankside and Walworth community council

Chair: Councillor Martin Seaton
Vice Chair: Councillor David Noakes

Camberwell community council

Chair: Councillor Norma Gibbes
Vice Chair: Councillor Dora Dixon Fyle

Dulwich community council

Chair: Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton
Vice Chair: Vacant

Peckham and Nunhead community council

Chair: Councillor Cleo Soanes
Vice Chair: Councillor Mark Glover.

Note: The vacant position of vice-chair for the audit and governance committee and of Dulwich community council will be considered at the first meeting.

Establishing a standards committee (until 30 June 2012)

8. That until 30 June 2012, a standards committee be established under the Local Government Act 2000.
9. That it be noted that the current constitution states all political groups must be represented on the standards committee and it should comprise of at least four councillors and up to seven councillors. Council assembly noted the decision in previous years to allocate the councillor membership proportionately. In order to comply with its constitutional requirements, council assembly agreed to establish a standards committee comprising of six councillors and the five independent members up until 30 June 2012. The seats to be allocated to political groups as follows:
 - Labour 3 places
 - Liberal Democrat 2 places
 - Conservative 1 place.
10. That political groups will be entitled to nominate reserves on the following basis:
 - The number of reserves is equivalent to the number of places on the standards committee.
11. That it be noted that in accordance with the constitution, the election of chair and vice chair of the standards committee (until 30 June 2012) takes place at its first meeting in the 2012/13 municipal year.
12. That the terms of office of the following independent members be extended to allow them to serve on the standards committee after annual council until 30 June 2012:

Name of independent member and term of office on appointment

- Peter Bibby - until annual council May 2012 (1st term)
- Wendy Golding - until annual council May 2012 (2nd term).

Establishing a standards committee (from 1 July 2012)

13. That it be noted that a new standards committee under the new regime will be established with effect from 1 July 2012 (see recommendation 3).

Establishment of the council's panels

14. That the following council panels be established:

- **Council assembly business panel** – The panel is chaired by the Mayor and also consists of one representative from each political group. The panel acts as an advisory panel to the Mayor on council assembly, including the annual programme and the setting of themes for debate. Groups can nominate a reserve to attend in the absence of a representative.
- **Constitutional steering panel** – That council assembly agrees to establish a constitutional steering panel comprised of the whip and one other member from the Labour Group and the political whips of the other groups represented on the council.
- **Pensions advisory panel** – The panel has a composition of members, officers, independent advisors and a trade union representative. The purpose of the panel is to advise the advice to the finance director when performing functions relating to the council's pension scheme.
- **Voluntary bodies appointment panel** – The panel has a composition of three Labour and two Liberal Democrat members. The panel will be responsible for recommending the appointment of charity trustees to specific Southwark charities and recommending appointments to the position of school governor on local education authority secondary and special school governing bodies.

15. That the following members be appointed chair of the panels outlined below:

Constitutional steering panel

Chair: Councillor Helen Morrissey

Voluntary bodies appointment panel

Chair: Councillor Ian Wingfield.

Council assembly dates

16. That the following dates be agreed for meetings of council assembly and that these

dates be fixed in the council calendar for the municipal year 2012/13:

Council Assembly Meetings 2012/13	Theme
Wednesday 4 July 2012	Health in Southwark
Wednesday 17 October 2012	Opportunities for young people, including youth employment
Wednesday 28 November 2012	Transport in Southwark
Wednesday 23 January 2013	Affordable housing and social housing
Wednesday 27 February 2013	Budget and council tax setting
Wednesday 27 March 2013	To be confirmed
Wednesday 22 May 2013	Annual meeting (Mayor making & constitutional)

Council calendar

17. That the calendar of council meetings for the 2012/13 municipal year ahead as shown at Appendix 6 of the report be noted.

Appointments to Local Government Association General Assembly

18. That two representatives with an allocation of five votes be appointed to the representatives to the LGA General Assembly as follows:
- Councillor Peter John - 3 votes
 - Councillor Anood Al-Samerai - 2 votes.

Other appointments to joint committees/outside bodies

19. That it be noted that the cabinet and other committees will make appointments to all other outside committees and bodies for the municipal year 2012/13 as required by part 3S of the constitution.

Urgency committee

20. That the role of the urgency committee between a municipal election and the annual meeting of council assembly be reviewed in light of the post-election period in 2010 and the new executive arrangements. Officers will report to the constitutional steering panel with proposals on future urgency arrangements.

3.3 NOMINATIONS TO LONDON COUNCILS COMMITTEES, GREATER LONDON EMPLOYMENT FORUM AND NOMINATIONS OF LEAD BOROUGH MEMBERS 2012/13

(See pages 49 - 54 of the main agenda)

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) & (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

The nominations were circulated on blue paper. The Mayor stated that none of the nominations were contested, therefore the nominations outlined on the blue paper were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

London Councils Leaders' Committee (S101 Joint Committee)

Representative

Councillor Peter John

Deputies

Councillors Fiona Colley and Ian Wingfield

London Councils Transport and Environment Committee (S101 Associated Joint Committee)

Representative

Councillor Barrie Hargrove

Deputies

Councillors Fiona Colley, Claire Hickson and Richard Livingstone

London Councils Grants Committee (Associated Joint Committee)

Representative

Councillor Claire Hickson

Deputies

Councillors Dora Dixon-Fyle, Richard Livingstone, Catherine McDonald and Veronica Ward

Greater London Employment Forum

Representative

Councillor Richard Livingstone

Deputy

Councillor Fiona Colley

London Councils Borough Lead Member – Children and Young People

Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle

London Councils Borough Lead Member – Crime and Public Protection

Councillor Richard Livingstone

London Councils Borough Lead Member – Culture, Tourism and London 2012

Councillor Veronica Ward

London Councils Borough Lead Member – Economic Development

Councillor Claire Hickson

London Councils Borough Lead Member – Health and Adult Services

Councillor Catherine McDonald

London Councils Borough Lead Member – Housing

Councillor Ian Wingfield

London Councils Limited

Councillor Peter John.

3.4 CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW 2012/13

(See pages 55 – 155 of the main agenda)

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) & (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

There were three question on the report, the written responses to which were circulated on yellow paper at the meeting. Three supplemental questions were asked. The questions and written responses will be appended to the minutes.

The Mayor stated that in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11(2), this being an officer report, the recommendations set out in the report were deemed to have been moved and were subject to amendment only.

The Mayor announced she had received three amendments to the report.

Amendment B - to Appendix 2, page 83 – section 106 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990. Councillor Nick Dolezal, seconded by Councillor Dan Garfield, moved Amendment B. Following debate (Councillor Stephen Govier), Amendment B was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Amendment C – protecting planning powers. Councillor James Barber, seconded by Councillor David Hubber, moved Amendment C. Amendment C was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Amendment D – holding the leadership to account. Councillor Tim McNally, seconded by Councillor Poddy Clark, moved Amendment D. Amendment D was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That the following constitutional changes be adopted by council assembly:

Audit and governance committee

1. That the changes to the terms of reference of the audit and governance committee as set out in paragraph 28 of the report be agreed.
2. That committee procedure rule 6.1 on the composition of the audit and governance committee be deleted (see paragraph 31 of the report) and it be noted that size of the committee is to be increased to seven as part of the decision on the establishment of committees and proportionality (see item 3.2, resolution 3).

Community councils

3. That following the decisions of council assembly on 29 February 2012 relating to changes to community councils, the following constitutional changes are recommended for approval:
 - That the Article 8 be updated as set out in paragraph 34 of the report to reflect the change in community council boundaries and names.
 - That the changes to planning function/thresholds and establishment of new structure of strategic planning committee and two sub-committees as set out in paragraphs 45-50 of the report and Appendix 2 be agreed, subject to the following amendment in Appendix 2, page 83 of the report - Part 3F: Planning Committee and Planning Sub-Committees:

Reinstate deleted clause 2 amended as follows:

2. To consider the expenditure of funds over £100,000 of strategic importance secured through legal agreements under section 106 of the

Town and County Planning Act 1990, or any previous legislation.

- That the addition of a cleaner greener safer revenue fund as set out in paragraph 52 of the report be agreed.
- That school governor appointments be delegated to the relevant chief officer (see paragraph 53 of the report).

Standards committee

4. That the following recommended constitutional changes to the standards committee as set out in Appendix 4 of the report be agreed:
 - Change to roles and functions / matters reserved of the standards committee
 - Part 4 – Rules – Change to procedure rules of the standards committee
 - Changes to scope of questions and deputations in the procedure rules for all meetings.

The changes in Appendix 4 will take effect from 1 July 2012, with the exception of the changes to clauses 6 and 14 of the matters reserved which take immediate effect.

Part 3n: Urgency committee

5. That council assembly notes the role of the urgency committee between a municipal election and the annual meeting of council assembly be reviewed in light of the post-election period in 2010 and the new executive arrangements. Officers will report to the constitutional steering panel with proposals on future urgency arrangements.

Part 4: Committee procedure rules concerning licensing and planning committee

6. That a new rule on the use of social media in relation to members sitting on the planning and licensing committees/sub-committees, as described in paragraph 71 of the report, be agreed.

Part 4: Council assembly procedure rules

7. That changes to the procedure rules on the themed debate as described in paragraph 73 of the report be agreed.
8. That the changes to members' questions on reports as described in paragraph 75 of the report be agreed.
9. That the changes to public question time as described in paragraph 76 of the report be agreed.
10. That the changes to members' question time, questions on behalf of community councils, as described in paragraph 79 of the report be agreed.
11. That a new clause be added to allow for changes to the date, time and venue of a

meeting in exceptional circumstances, as described in paragraph 81 of the report.

12. That the changes to length of speeches for relevant cabinet member and shadow cabinet member in relation to the annual budget report, as described in paragraph 82 of the report, be agreed.
13. That the changes to the order of business in relation to deputations relating to the themed debate, as set out in paragraph 84 of the report, be agreed.

Part 4: Rules – Overview and scrutiny committee

14. That the constitutional changes to the overview and scrutiny procedure rules as set out in paragraph 86 of the report be agreed in order to reflect a decrease in the number of scrutiny sub-committees from five to three and an amendment to the terms of reference of overview & scrutiny committee.

Part 4: Contract standing orders

15. That the substantive changes to contract standing orders as described in paragraph 88 and as set out in full in Appendix 6 of the report be agreed.

Part 4: Financial standing orders

16. That the substantive changes to financial standing orders as described in paragraph 91 and as set out in full in Appendix 7 of the report be agreed.

Part 5: Code of conduct

17. That the proposed new code of conduct following the Localism Act 2011, considered by the standards committee on Tuesday 24 April 2011 (see Appendix 5 of the report) be noted. The code will need to be amended once regulations on the “Disclosable Pecuniary Interests” are published and therefore the code will be brought to the July council assembly for adoption.

Part 6: Member and officer protocol

18. That the changes to the member and officer protocol and the amendments suggested by the standards committee, as described in paragraphs 104-107 of the report, be agreed (see Appendix 8).

Part 6: Communication protocol

19. That the changes to the communication protocol as described in paragraphs 108-112 of the report be agreed (see also Appendix 9).

Part 6: Member allowances scheme

20. That it be noted that there is a separate report on the member allowances scheme elsewhere on the agenda.

Consequential changes

21. That council assembly authorise officers to undertake any necessary consequential changes to the constitution as a result of the changes outlined above.

3.5 MEMBER ALLOWANCES SCHEME

(See pages 156 - 159 of the main agenda)

This report was considered after the guillotine had fallen, therefore in accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.12 (3) & (4), the report was afforded up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.11 (2), the report was formally moved by the Mayor.

Following debate (Councillors Anood Al-Samerai, Ian Wingfield, Nick Dolezal, Mark Gettleson, Stephen Govier, Adele Morris and Neil Coyle) Councillor Adele Morris made a point of personal explanation. The debate continued (Councillors Richard Livingstone, Poddy Clark and Peter John), the Mayor declared that the 15 minutes allocated to the report had elapsed.

The recommendation contained within the report was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

That the revised Member Allowances Scheme as set out in paragraphs 8 – 18 of the report, be agreed.

4. QUESTIONS ON REPORTS AND AMENDMENTS

Questions on reports and amendments are contained within Supplemental Agenda No.2, pages 1 – 6.

5. ANY OPEN ITEMS IDENTIFIED AS URGENT AT THE START OF THE MEETING

There were no late items.

The meeting closed at 10.55pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: