

Council Assembly Annual Meeting

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Annual Meeting) held on Saturday 13 May 2017
at 11.00 am at Southwark Cathedral, Montague Close, London Bridge SE1 9DA

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2016-17, Councillor Kath Whittam (Chair)
The Worshipful the Mayor for 2017-18, Councillor Charlie Smith

Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Maisie Anderson
Councillor James Barber
Councillor Radha Burgess
Councillor Sunil Chopra
Councillor James Coldwell
Councillor Stephanie Cryan
Councillor Helen Dennis
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE
Councillor Nick Dolezal
Councillor Karl Eastham
Councillor Gavin Edwards
Councillor Paul Fleming
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Lucas Green
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Jon Hartley
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Peter John OBE
Councillor Samantha Jury-Dada
Councillor Eleanor Kerslake
Councillor Sarah King
Councillor Anne Kirby
Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Octavia Lamb

Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Vijay Luthra
Councillor Jane Lyons
Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor David Noakes
Councillor James Okosun
Councillor Leo Pollak
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Catherine Rose
Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Johnson Situ
Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Charlie Smith
Councillor Cleo Soanes
Councillor Dan Whitehead
Councillor Bill Williams
Councillor Kieron Williams
Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Ian Wingfield

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Kath Whittam, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

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

The outgoing Mayor asked for nominations for Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2017/18.

Councillor Peter John, seconded by Councillor Stephanie Cryan, moved that Councillor Charlie Smith be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Southwark for the municipal year 2017/18.

The nomination was put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Charlie Smith be elected Mayor for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Councillor Charlie Smith accepted the office of Mayor. The outgoing Mayor declared that Councillor Charlie Smith was duly elected Mayor of Southwark for 2017/18.

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Kath Whittam, invested the new Mayor, Councillor Charlie Smith, 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 his consort would be his wife, Sue Smith. The new Mayor's consort was presented with a badge.

The new Mayor appointed Councillor Jamille Mohammed as Deputy Mayor. The Deputy Mayor was invested with the badge of office.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Kath Whittam, gave her outgoing speech.

The new Mayor gave his incoming speech and announced that his chosen charities would be The Southwark Pensioners' Centre and The Change Foundation.

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 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Fiona Colley, Catherine Dale, Ben Johnson, Maria Linforth-Hall, Rebecca Lury, Hamish McCallum and Damian O'Brien.

2.4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. OTHER REPORTS

3.1 EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS 2017-18

(see pages 1 - 4 of the main agenda)

RESOLVED:

1. That council assembly received a report from the leader on the following executive issues for the coming municipal year 2017-18 and:
 - Noted the appointment by the leader of cabinet members
 - Noted the establishment and appointment of cabinet committees
 - Noted the leader's report on the delegation of executive functions to the full cabinet, cabinet committees, individual cabinet members, chief officers and community councils.

Appointment of the cabinet

2. 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 Stephanie Cryan – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing

Councillor Maisie Anderson - Cabinet Member for Public Health and Social Regeneration

Councillor Fiona Colley - Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance

Councillor Barrie Hargrove - Cabinet Member for Communities and Safety

Councillor Richard Livingstone - Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Financial Inclusion

Councillor Victoria Mills - Cabinet Member for Children and Schools

Councillor Johnson Situ - Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Social Regeneration

Councillor Mark Williams - Cabinet Member for Regeneration and New Homes

Councillor Ian Wingfield - Cabinet Member for Environment and the Public Realm

Appointment of deputy cabinet members

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

There were none.

Establishment and appointment of cabinet committees

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

Delegation of executive functions

5. That the leader reported on the delegation of executive functions between full cabinet, individual decision makers, chief officers and community councils.
6. 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.
7. 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 2017-18

(See pages 5 - 17 of the main agenda)

The nominations for chairs and vice chairs of committees and the nominations to the Local Government Association General Assembly were circulated. As there were no contested positions the Mayor moved to the vote on the nominations.

Substantive – Carried.

RESOLVED:

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

LABOUR GROUP

| | |
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| Leader | Councillor Peter John |
| Deputy Leader | Councillor Stephanie Cryan |
| Chief Whip | Councillor Sarah King |

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

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| Leader | Councillor Anood Al-Samerai |
| Deputy Leader | Councillor Damian O'Brien |
| Chief Whip | Councillor David Hubber |

CONSERVATIVE GROUP

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Leader/Chief Whip | Councillor Michael Mitchell |
| Deputy Leader | Councillor Jane Lyons |

2. That the 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 2017-18 be established.

Ordinary Committees - Total number of seats 29

| Committee | Total | Lab | Lib Dem | Con |
|---|--------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Committee 1 Appointments Committee | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Committee 2 Planning Committee | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Committee 3 Audit, Governance and Standards Committee | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Committee 4 Corporate Parenting Committee | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 29 | 22 | 6 | 1 |

Other committees - Total number of seats 29

| Committee | Total | Lab | Lib Dem | Con |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Overview and Scrutiny | 11 | 8 | 3 | 0 |

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| Committee | | | | |
| Licensing Committee | 15 | 11 | 3 | 1 |

Community councils

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|----|--------------------------------|
| 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 38 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 be appointed as chairs and vice chairs for the following committees and community councils:

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Peter John
Vice chair – Vacant

AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Paul Fleming
Vice chair – Councillor James Barber

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Victoria Mills (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 Gavin Edwards

Vice chair - Councillor Ben Johnson

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Nick Dolezal

Vice Chair - Councillor Lorraine Lauder

COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe

Chair - Councillor Bill Williams

Vice chair - Councillor Lucas Green

Borough, Bankside and Walworth

Chair - Councillor Eleanor Kerlake

Vice chair - Councillor Samantha Jury-Dada

Camberwell

Chair - Councillor Kieron Williams

Vice chair - Councillor Octavia Lamb

Dulwich

Chair - Councillor Jon Hartley

Vice chair - Councillor Anne Kirby

Peckham and Nunhead

Chair - Councillor Sunil Chopra

Vice chair - Councillor Sandra Rhule.

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:

Panels - Total number of seats 18

| Panel | Total | Lab | Lib Dem | Con |
|--|--------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Council assembly business panel | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Constitutional steering panel | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Pensions advisory panel | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Voluntary bodies | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 |

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| appointment panel | | | | |
| Total | 18 | 12 | 4 | 2 |

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

8. That Councillor Sarah King be appointed chair of the Constitutional Steering Panel and Councillor Barrie Hargrove be appointed chair of the Voluntary Bodies Appointment 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 55 - 57 of the report.

Appointments to Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly

10. That the three representatives and allocation of the seven votes to representatives to attend the LGA General Assembly be as follows:

| Representative | No. of votes | Group |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Councillor Peter John | 3 | Labour |
| Councillor Stephanie Cryan | 3 | Labour |
| Councillor Adele Morris | 1 | Liberal Democrat |

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

(See pages 18 - 23 in the main agenda)

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 Stephanie Cryan and Fiona Colley

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 Ian Wingfield

Deputies

Labour nominations Councillor Mark Williams

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 Barrie Hargrove

Deputies

Labour nominations Councillors Fiona Colley, Maisie Anderson, Ian Wingfield and Johnson Situ

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

1 representative and up to 2 deputies

Labour nomination Councillor Fiona Colley

Deputy

Labour nomination -

5. GREATER LONDON EMPLOYMENT FORUM

1 representative and 1 deputy

Labour nomination Councillor Fiona Colley

Deputy

Labour nomination Councillor Johnson Situ

6. LEE VALEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

1 nominee

Labour nomination Deferred

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

Labour nomination Councillor Victoria Mills

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

Labour nomination Councillor Barrie Hargrove

9. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – CULTURE AND TOURISM

Labour nomination Councillor Johnson Situ

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

Labour nomination Councillor Mark Williams

11. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

Labour nomination Councillor Johnson Situ

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

Labour nomination Councillor Richard Livingstone

13. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – HOUSING

Labour nomination Councillor Stephanie Cryan

14. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – PLANNING/ INFRASTRUCTURE

Labour nomination Councillor Mark Williams

15. LONDON COUNCILS LIMITED

1 representative

Labour nomination Councillor Peter John

4. AMENDMENTS

There were none.

The meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: