



Council Assembly (Annual Meeting)

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Annual Meeting) held on Saturday 16 May 2015
at 12.45 pm at Southwark Cathedral, Montague Close, London Bridge SE1 9DA

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2014/15, Councillor Sunil Chopra
The Worshipful the Mayor for 2015/16, Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE

Councillor Evelyn Akoto	Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor Jasmine Ali	Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor Maisie Anderson	Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor James Barber	Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Radha Burgess	Councillor Jane Lyons
Councillor Fiona Colley	Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Neil Coyle	Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Stephanie Cryan	Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Catherine Dale	Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Helen Dennis	Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Nick Dolezal	Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Karl Eastham	Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Gavin Edwards	Councillor Damian O'Brien
Councillor Paul Fleming	Councillor James Okosun
Councillor Tom Flynn	Councillor Leo Pollak
Councillor Dan Garfield	Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor Chris Gonde	Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Lucas Green	Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Renata Hamvas	Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Jon Hartley	Councillor Johnson Situ
Councillor Helen Hayes	Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor David Hubber	Councillor Charlie Smith
Councillor Peter John	Councillor Cleo Soanes
Councillor Ben Johnson	Councillor Kath Whittam
Councillor Eleanor Kerlake	Councillor Bill Williams
Councillor Sarah King	Councillor Kieron Williams
Councillor Anne Kirby	Councillor Mark Williams
	Councillor Ian Wingfield

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Sunil Chopra, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thereafter he welcomed Councillor Helen Dennis to the council following her election as councillor for Chaucer ward. He went on to announce that two local councillors, Councillor Neil Coyle and Councillor Helen Hayes had been elected to take seats in Parliament, and he wished them well in their new role.

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 2015/16.

Councillor Peter John, seconded by Councillor Ian Wingfield, moved that Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Southwark for the municipal year 2015/16.

The nomination was put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle be elected Mayor for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle accepted the office of Mayor. The outgoing Mayor declared that Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle was duly elected Mayor of Southwark for 2015/16.

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Sunil Chopra invested the Mayor-elect, Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle, with the badge of office. The new Mayor signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair.

Thereafter, the retiring Mayor and his consort were presented with a replica of the Mayoral badge of the London Borough of Southwark.

The new Mayor stated that her consort would be her brother, Samuel Dixon-Fyle, and that family and friends would accompany her to some events.

The new Mayor appointed Councillor Kath Whittam as Deputy Mayor. Her consort will be her husband, Dr Julian Holmes. The Deputy Mayor was invested with the badge of office.

The retiring Mayor, Sunil Chopra, gave his outgoing speech.

The new Mayor gave her incoming speech and announced that her chosen charities would be Guy's Hospital new cancer treatment centre appeal and The British Red Cross. The Mayor also stated that she would be supporting the work of local emerging charity, The Mummum Foundation, which seeks to give mothers suffering with cancer days away at spas or other places of their choice to make them feel special and loved.

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 were no late items of business.

2.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

2.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Vijay Luthra and Hamish McCallum.

3. OTHER REPORTS

3.1 EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS 2015/16

(See pages 1 – 4 of the main agenda and pages 1 – 11 of the leader's report)

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 4.4. the leader of the council, Councillor Peter John, reported on the appointment of members of the cabinet and the determination and allocation of their functions (see below for full list of the cabinet and deputy cabinet members).

RESOLVED:

1. That council assembly noted the leader's report on changes to the delegation of executive functions.
2. That council assembly noted that as a consequence of the above the proper constitutional officer will update Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the leader's report on the delegation of executive functions.

Cabinet

Councillor Peter John – Leader of the Council

Councillor Ian Wingfield - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Business, Employment and Culture

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

Councillor Richard Livingstone - Cabinet Member for Housing

Councillor Mark Williams - Cabinet Member for Regeneration and New Homes

Councillor Darren Merril - Cabinet Member for Environment and the Public Realm

Councillor Barrie Hargrove - Cabinet Member for Public Health, Parks and Leisure

Councillor Stephanie Cryan - Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Financial Inclusion

Councillor Victoria Mills - Cabinet Member for Children and Schools

Councillor Michael Situ - Cabinet Member for Communities and Safety

Deputy Cabinet Members

The Leader appointed four deputy cabinet members to serve for the year:

Councillor Radha Burgess - Deputy Cabinet Member for Digital Strategy

Councillor Leo Pollak - Deputy Cabinet Member for Excellence in Design

Councillor Karl Eastham - Deputy Cabinet Member for Careers and Employability

Councillor Evelyn Akoto - Deputy Cabinet Member for Young People.

3.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY COUNCILS, PANELS AND RELATED MATTERS 2015/16

(See pages 5 – 17 of the main agenda)

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 Mayor stated that two nominations had been received for the position of chair of the overview and scrutiny committee, Councillors Gavin Edwards and Rosie Shimell. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore the nominations were put to the vote and council assembly appointed Councillor Gavin Edwards as chair of the overview and scrutiny committee for the municipal year 2015/16.

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

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 Ian Wingfield
 Chief Whip Councillor Dan Garfield

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

Leader Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
 Deputy Leader Councillor David Noakes
 Chief Whip Councillor David Hubber

CONSERVATIVE GROUP

Leader Councillor Michael Mitchell
 Deputy Leader Councillor Jane Lyons
 Chief Whip Councillor Michael Mitchell

2. That the division of seats and percentage allocation of each political group on the council be noted as follows:

Table 1: Division of seats

Group	Total	%
Labour	48	76.19
Liberal Democrat	13	20.64
Conservative	2	3.17
Total	63	100.00

3. That the following committees and community councils be established for the coming municipal year 2015/16:

Table 2: Ordinary Committees - Total number of seats 35

Committee	Total	Lab	Lib Dem	Con
Committee 1 Appointments Committee	7	6	1	0
Committee 2 Planning Committee	8	5	2	1
Committee 3 Standards Committee	7	5	2	0
Committee 4	6	5	1	0

Audit and Governance Committee				
Committee 5 Corporate Parenting Committee	7	6	1	0
Total	35	27	7	1

Table 3: Other committees - Total number of seats 26

Committee	Total	Lab	Lib Dem	Con
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	8	3	0
Licensing Committee	15	11	3	1

Table 4: Community councils

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

Note: The membership of community councils is set out in Article 8 of the constitution (see paragraph 46 of the report).

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 42 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 committees and community councils outlined below:

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Peter John

Vice chair – Councillor Ian Wingfield

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Paul Fleming
Vice chair - Councillor James Barber

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Victoria Mills (Appointment of cabinet member for children and schools formally noted)
Vice chair - Councillor Eliza Mann

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Renata Hamvas
Vice chair - Councillor Adele Morris

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Gavin Edwards
Vice chair - Councillor Rosie Shimell

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Nick Dolezal
Vice Chair - Councillor Sarah King

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Chair - Councillor Chris Gonde
Vice chair - Councillor David Hubber

COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe

Chair - Councillor Bill Williams
Vice chair - Councillor Sunny Lambe

Borough, Bankside and Walworth

Chair - Councillor Martin Seaton
Vice chair - Councillor Eleanor Kerlake

Camberwell

Chair - Councillor Kieron Williams
Vice chair - Councillor Chris Gonde

Dulwich

Chair - Councillor Jon Hartley
Vice chair - Councillor Charlie Smith

Peckham and Nunhead

Chair - Councillor Johnson Situ
Vice chair - Councillor Cleo Soanes.

Establishment of the council's panels

7. That the following council panels be established (see paragraph 57 of the report):

Table 5: Panels - Total number of seats 18

Committee	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 appointment panel	5	4	1	0

8. That Councillor Dan Garfield be appointed chair of the Constitutional Steering Panel and Councillor Ian Wingfield 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 59 – 60 of the report.

Appointments to Local Government Association General Assembly

10. That the three councillors listed below be appointed as the representatives to attend the LGA General Assembly (see paragraph 61 of the report), with the following votes:

Representative	No. of votes	Group
Councillor Peter John	3	Labour
Councillor Ian Wingfield	1	Labour
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai	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 of the main agenda)

The Mayor stated that, in accordance with council assembly procedure 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 nominations were circulated on green paper. The Mayor stated that none of the nominations were contested, therefore the nominations outlined on the green paper were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

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

Councillor Peter John

Deputies - Councillors Fiona Colley and Ian Wingfield

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

Councillor Darren Merrill

Deputy - Councillor Barrie Hargrove

3. LONDON COUNCILS GRANTS COMMITTEE (ASSOCIATED JOINT COMMITTEE)

Councillor Michael Situ

Deputies - Councillors Fiona Colley, Barrie Hargrove, Ian Wingfield and Darren Merrill

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

Councillor Fiona Colley

Deputy - vacant

5. GREATER LONDON EMPLOYMENT FORUM

Councillor Fiona Colley

Deputy - Councillor Ian Wingfield

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

Councillor Victoria Mills

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

Councillor Michael Situ

8. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – CULTURE AND TOURISM

Councillor Ian Wingfield

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

Councillor Mark Williams

10. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

Councillor Ian Wingfield

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

Councillor Stephanie Cryan

12. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – HOUSING

Councillor Richard Livingstone

13. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – PLANNING/ INFRASTRUCTURE

Councillor Mark Williams

14. LONDON COUNCILS LIMITED

Councillor Peter John.

7. AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments.

The meeting closed at 2.00 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: