

Council Assembly (Annual Meeting)

MINUTES of the Council Assembly (Annual Meeting) held on Saturday 14 May 2016
at 10.45 am at Southwark Cathedral, Montague Close, London Bridge SE1 9DA

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor for 2015/16, Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE (Chair)
The Worshipful the Mayor for 2016/17, Councillor Kath Whittam

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 Fiona Colley
Councillor Stephanie Cryan
Councillor Catherine Dale
Councillor Helen Dennis
Councillor Nick Dolezal
Councillor Karl Eastham
Councillor Gavin Edwards
Councillor Paul Fleming
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Lucas Green
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Jon Hartley
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Peter John OBE
Councillor Samantha Jury-Dada
Councillor Eleanor Kerlake
Councillor Sarah King
Councillor Anne Kirby

Councillor Octavia Lamb
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Rebecca Lury
Councillor Vijay Luthra
Councillor Jane Lyons
Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Damian O'Brien
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 Kieron Williams
Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Bill Williams
Councillor Ian Wingfield

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thereafter she welcomed Councillor James Coldwell following his election as councillor for Newington ward and Councillor Catherine Rose following her election as councillor for College ward.

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 2016/17.

Councillor Peter John, seconded by Councillor Stephanie Cryan, moved that Councillor Kath Whittam be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Southwark for the municipal year 2016/17.

The nomination was put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Kath Whittam be elected Mayor for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Councillor Kath Whittam accepted the office of Mayor. The outgoing Mayor declared that Councillor Kath Whittam was duly elected Mayor of Southwark for 2016/17.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle invested the new Mayor, Councillor Kath Whittam, with the chain 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 her consort would be her husband, Dr Julian Holmes, and that family and friends would accompany her to some events. The new Mayor's consort was presented with a badge.

The new Mayor appointed Councillor Charlie Smith as Deputy Mayor. His consort will be his wife, Mrs Sue Smith. The Deputy Mayor was invested with the badge of office.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle, gave her outgoing speech.

The new Mayor gave her incoming speech and announced that her chosen charities would be the National Autistic Society and Surrey Docks Farm.

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 interests or dispensations.

2.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Renata Hamvas, Ben Johnson, Sunny Lambe, Eliza Mann, Darren Merrill, Hamish McCallum, James Okosun and Leo Pollak.

3. REPORTS FOR DECISION

3.1 EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS 2016/17

(See pages 1 – 4 of the main agenda)

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 resolution 3 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 recommendation 6 of the report, 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. 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 Stephanie Cryan – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing

Councillor Maisie Anderson - Cabinet Member for Public Health, Parks and Leisure

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, Employment and Culture

Councillor Mark Williams - Cabinet Member for Regeneration and New Homes

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

Deputy Cabinet Members

Councillor Evelyn Akoto – Young People and Careers

Councillor Helen Dennis – Mental Health

Councillor Octavia Lamb – Cultural Strategy

3.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY COUNCILS, PANELS AND RELATED MATTERS 2016/17

(See pages 5 – 26 of the main agenda)

There was one question to the leader of the council from Councillor David Noakes, the answer to which had been circulated. There was no supplemental question.

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 stated that the nominations for chairs and vice chairs of committees and the nominations to the Local Government Association General Assembly had been circulated.

As there were no contested positions or amendments to the report the Mayor moved to the vote on the nominations and the substantive motion was 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 Stephanie Cryan
Chief Whip	Councillor Sarah King

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 at the time of publication of the agenda (Friday 6 May 2016), as set out in the report at Table 1, be noted.

Note: A revised division of seats as at 14 May 2016 including the outcome of the election in College and Newington wards on 5 May 2016 is set out below as follows:

Division of seats

Group	Total	%
Labour	48	76.19
Liberal Democrat	12	19.05
Conservative	2	3.17
Vacancies	1	1.59
Total	63	100.00

3. That the following committees and community councils be established for the coming municipal year 2016/17:

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 Committee	11	8	3	0
Licensing Committee	15	11	3	1

Community Councils

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

Audit, governance and standards committee - Role and functions and changes to committee procedure rules

- That the audit, governance and standards committee be constituted with the role and functions as set out in Appendix 2 of the report and consequential changes to the committee procedure rules as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

Health and wellbeing board

- 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 below (see also paragraph 44 of the report):
 - Local authority councillors, who will be (or be nominated by) the leader of

the council

- The leader of the council
- The cabinet member for public health, parks and leisure
- The cabinet member for adult care and financial inclusion
- The chief executive of the council
- The strategic director of children's and adults' services
- The director of public health
- Three representatives from the NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group
- A representative of Healthwatch Southwark
- A representative from King's Health Partners
- The chief executive of Community Southwark.

Note: A representative from the Southwark Headteachers Executive has been invited to join the board.

6. 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

7. 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 Stephanie Cryan

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 and scrutiny committee

Chair - Councillor Gavin Edwards

Vice chair - Councillor Rosie Shimell

Planning committee

Chair - Councillor Nick Dolezal
Vice Chair - Councillor Lorraine Lauder

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community council

Chair - Councillor Bill Williams
Vice chair - Councillor Lucas Green

Borough, Bankside and Walworth community council

Chair - Councillor Eleanor Kerslake
Vice chair - Councillor Samantha Jury-Dada

Camberwell community council

Chair - Councillor Kieron Williams
Vice chair - Councillor Octavia Lamb

Dulwich community council

Chair - Councillor Jon Hartley
Vice chair - Councillor Anne Kirby

Peckham and Nunhead community council

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

8. That the following council panels be established:

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

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

9. That Councillor Sarah King be appointed chair of the constitutional steering panel and Councillor Stephanie Cryan be appointed chair of the voluntary bodies appointment panel.

Urgency committee

10. 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 61 – 63 of the report.

Appointments to Local Government Association General Assembly

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

Representatives	No. of votes	Group
Representative 1, to be nominated by the group whip	3	Labour
Representative 2, to be nominated by the group whip	1	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 26 – 31 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 were put to the vote and declared to be carried.

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

Nomination Councillor Peter John

Deputies

Nomination 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

Nomination Councillor Ian Wingfield

Deputies

Nomination 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

Nomination Councillor Barrie Hargrove

Deputies

Nomination Councillors Fiona Colley, Maisie
Anderson, Ian Wingfield and Johnson
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4. LONDON COUNCILS PENSIONS COMMON INVESTMENT VEHICLE (CIV) SECTORAL JOINT COMMITTEE

1 representative and up to 2 deputies

Nomination Councillor Fiona Colley

Deputy

Nomination -

5. GREATER LONDON EMPLOYMENT FORUM

1 representative and 1 deputy

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| Nomination | Councillor Fiona Colley |
| <u>Deputy</u> | |
| Nomination | Councillor Johnson Situ |
| 6. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE | |
| Nomination | Councillor Victoria Mills |
| 7. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – CRIME AND PUBLIC PROTECTION | |
| Nomination | Councillor Barrie Hargrove |
| 8. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – CULTURE AND TOURISM | |
| Nomination | Councillor Johnson Situ |
| 9. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/REGENERATION | |
| Nomination | Councillor Mark Williams |
| 10. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS | |
| Nomination | Councillor Johnson Situ |
| 11. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES | |
| Nomination | Councillor Richard Livingstone |
| 12. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – HOUSING | |
| Nomination | Councillor Stephanie Cryan |
| 13. LONDON COUNCILS BOROUGH LEAD MEMBER – PLANNING/ INFRASTRUCTURE | |
| Nomination | Councillor Mark Williams |
| 14. LONDON COUNCILS LIMITED | |
| 1 representative | |
| Nomination | Councillor Peter John |

4. AMENDMENTS

There were none.

The meeting closed at 11.40 am.

CHAIR:

DATED: