

# CITY OF WESTMINSTER

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 22nd June, 2022 at Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT.

### PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Hamza Taouzzale

### COUNCILLORS

Concia Albert	Patrick Lilley
Geoff Barraclough	Patricia McAllister
Liza Begum	Alan Mendoza
David Boothroyd	Tim Mitchell
Ruth Bush	Matt Noble
Nafsika Butler-Thalassis	Ellie Ormsby
Melvyn Caplan	Ralu Oteh-Osoka
Maggie Carman	Angela Piddock
Md Shamsed Chowdhury	Robert Rigby
Lorraine Dean	Rachael Robathan
Tony Devenish	Tim Roca
Paul Dimoldenberg	Ian Rowley
Laila Dupuy	Cara Sanquest
Robert Eagleton	Caroline Sargent
Paul Fisher	Karen Scarborough
Ed Pitt Ford	Mark Shearer
Jim Glen	Selina Short
David Harvey	James Small-Edwards
Sara Hassan	Judith Southern
Adam Hug	Max Sullivan
Louise Hyams	Paul Swaddle
Ryan Jude	Aziz Toki
Iman Less	Jason Williams

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Gillian Arrindell, Barbara Arzymanow, Elizabeth Hitchcock, Amanda Langford, Aicha Less, Jessica Toale and Jacqui Wilkinson

## **1 APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN**

- 1.1 Motion moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Matt Noble, that Councillor Ruth Bush be elected as Relief Chairman.
- 1.2 Motion put, and on a show of hands, declared **CARRIED**.

## **2 MINUTES**

- 2.1 The minutes of the proceedings at the Council meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

## **3 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Lord Mayor referred to these as set out on the agenda.

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 4.1 There were no declarations of interest.

## **5 STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS**

- 5.1 There were no urgent matters.

## **6 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY**

- 6.1 There were no petitions or deputations received.

## **7 QUESTIONS**

- 7.1 The questions, supplementary questions and replies are included as a recording on the Council's website.

## **8 COUNCILLOR ISSUES**

- 8.1 **How can the Mayor of London work with our Council to make Westminster a better place to live and work.**

Councillor Tony Devenish spoke and Councillor Adam Hug replied.

### **The Value of Pride**

Councillor Patrick Lilley spoke and Councillor Tim Roca replied.

## **9 FUTURE POLICY PLAN**

- 9.1 The meeting debated the items chosen for debate from the Future Policy Plan by the Majority Party.

### **Community Cohesion**

- 9.2 The Majority Party selected item number 26 on the Future Policy Plan, Community Cohesion.
- 9.3 A procedural motion was moved by Councillor Matt Noble and seconded by Councillor Paul Swaddle for the Council to receive a deputation. The Lord Mayor put the motion to receive a deputation to the vote and by show of hands declared the motion **CARRIED**.
- 9.4 Mr Peter Straker addressed the Full Council and the debate would be referred to the relevant Executive Director for consideration when reporting on the subject.

### **Council Management**

- 9.5 The second item selected for debate by the Majority Party was item number 31 on the Future Policy Plan: Council Management. The debate would be referred to the relevant Executive Director for consideration when reporting on the subject.

## **10 REPORT FOR FULL COUNCIL: MEMBER ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2022 - 2023: AMENDMENT**

### **10.1 RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the Members' Allowances Scheme, as amended, for 2022-2023 be approved.
- 2) That a £250 increase in the Members' IT allowance to a total of £1,250 be approved.

## **11 REPORT FOR FULL COUNCIL: BIENNIAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **11.1 RESOLVED:**

That the Biennial Standards Committee report be noted.

## 12 NOTICE OF MOTION

- 12.1 The Opposition Party had selected for debate the notice of motion as set out on the agenda. The notice of motion was moved by Councillor Rachael Robathan and seconded by Councillor Tony Devenish.
- 12.2 Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg moved and it was seconded by Councillor Max Sullivan that the notice of motion be amended, as follows:

“This Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to join with ~~write to~~ the Mayor of London in writing to the Secretary of State for Transport, to call for him to think again about the significant cuts to TfL’s budget, putting at risk vital bus services for Westminster residents.

The Council deplores both the Government’s timing of a so-called “public consultation” ahead of the Jubilee weekend and the sheer cynicism of scaring our most vulnerable Westminster residents with unnecessary bus cuts following £5 billion of taxpayers funding for TfL over the last two years. to London’s transport infrastructure, as well as its politicisation of the issue when it should be helping London councils during the capital’s recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and during the climate emergency.

This Council condemns the impact that this will have on goals of green active travel.”

- 12.3 Following debate, The Lord Mayor put the amendment to the motion to the vote and following a show of hands declared the amendment to the motion **CARRIED**.
- 12.4 The Lord Mayor then put the substantive motion as amended to the vote and following a show of hands declared the substantive motion as amended **CARRIED**.

### **RESOLVED:**

That this Council called upon the Leader of the Council to join with the Mayor of London in writing to the Secretary of State for Transport, to call for him to think again about the significant cuts to TfL’s budget, putting at risk vital bus services for Westminster residents.

The Council deplored both the Government’s cynicism of scaring our most vulnerable Westminster residents with unnecessary cuts to London’s transport infrastructure, as well as its politicisation of the issue when it should be helping London councils during the capital’s recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and during the climate emergency.

This Council condemned the impact that this would have on goals of green active travel.

The Meeting ended at 9.57pm

**CHAIR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_