

London Borough of Hackney
Council
Municipal Year 2016/17
Date of Meeting Wednesday, 25th May, 2016

Minutes of the proceedings of
Council held at Hackney Town
Hall, Mare Street,
London E8 1EA

**Councillors in
Attendance:**

Mayor Jules Pipe, Cllr Kam Adams, Cllr Soraya Adejare,
Cllr Dawood Akhoon, Cllr Brian Bell,
Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Cllr Will Brett, Cllr Barry Buitekant,
Cllr Laura Bunt, Cllr Jon Burke, Cllr Sophie Cameron,
Cllr Robert Chapman, Cllr Mete Coban, Cllr Feryal Demirci,
Cllr Michael Desmond, Cllr Sade Etti, Cllr Susan Fajana-
Thomas, Cllr Philip Glanville, Cllr Margaret Gordon,
Cllr Michelle Gregory, Cllr Katie Hanson, Cllr Ben Hayhurst,
Cllr Ned Hercock, Cllr Abraham Jacobson,
Cllr Christopher Kennedy, Cllr Sophie Linden,
Cllr Richard Lufkin, Cllr Jonathan McShane,
Cllr Sem Moema, Cllr Moule, Cllr Sally Mulready,
Cllr Ann Munn, Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cllr Harvey Odze,
Cllr Deniz Oguzkanli, Cllr M Can Ozsen, Cllr Benzion Papier,
Cllr Sharon Patrick, Cllr James Peters, Cllr Emma Plouviez,
Cllr Clare Potter, Cllr Ian Rathbone, Cllr Rebecca Rennison,
Cllr Anna-Joy Rickard, Cllr Rosemary Sales,
Cllr Caroline Selman, Cllr Ian Sharer, Cllr Nick Sharman,
Cllr Peter Snell, Cllr Simche Steinberger, Cllr Vincent Stops,
Cllr Geoff Taylor, Thomson, Cllr Jessica Webb and
Cllr Carole Williams

Apologies:

Cllr Tom Ebbutt, Cllr Michael Levy, Cllr Clayeon McKenzie
and Cllr Tom Rahilly

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Councillor Sade Etti [Speaker] in the Chair

1 The Speaker's Welcome

- 1.1 The Speaker welcomed all Members and guests to the meeting and referred to her newsletter which was circulated at the meeting.

2 Presentation of the I Love Hackney Mayor's Civic Awards

- 2.1 The Speaker advised that on the 10th anniversary year of the Council's hugely successful I Love Hackney campaign, the Mayor of Hackney thought it fitting and timely to celebrate and publicly recognise people who were doing extraordinary things in and for the Borough. Five residents and one organisation were each awarded the I Love Hackney Mayor's Civic Award in

appreciation and acknowledgment of the significant services they had done for the Borough.

- 2.2 Mayor Pipe thanked his fellow judges, Gazette Editor Ramzy Alwakeel, Colette Allen from youth charity Hackney Quest and Homerton A&E doctor Ronke Ikharia. Mayor Pipe presented a Civic Award to each of the following recipients and outlined their achievements:-

1. St Joseph's Hospice

St Joseph's Hospice was awarded a special award for its work in the community. Gordon Bell MBE, Freeman of the Borough, spoke in support of the nomination. Gordon Bell stated that despite the nature of the facility, St Joseph's Hospice was a jolly place and expert in providing palliative care. He commended the excellent work undertaken and wished them all the best for the future.

Mayor Pipe also spoke in support of the nomination.

2. Thomas Bailie

Thomas Bailie worked with some of the most disadvantaged people in Hackney, as part of his involvement with the Westminster Drugs Programme. It was recognised that he goes above and beyond his professional duties to support those trying to turn their lives around and get away from drugs, alcohol and illegal activity.

3. Marilyn Douglas-Hamilton

Marilyn Douglas-Hamilton volunteered for Hackney Volunteer and Befriending Service, as well as City and Hackney Mind, the Marie Curie Service and the City and Hackney Carer's Centre. Her work to end loneliness and isolation had now been used by Hackney Volunteer and Befriending Services as a model for 'best practice'.

4. Caroline Gregory

Caroline Gregory was very community minded and through her establishment of the traders' association 16 years ago, she has had a big impact on Victoria Park Village. A master potter, Caroline Gregory had also been selling pots from her shop in Lauriston Road for an impressive 41 years. Caroline Gregory was also secretary of the Well Street Common Users Group.

5. Rachel Klein

Rachel Klein had set up an organisation to provide doula (birth companions) to women in the Jewish community around the Clapton area 23 years ago. Rachel Klein now co-ordinates 16 volunteers from her home in Clapton Common. They provide one-on-one support during childbirth, often assisting mothers that were vulnerable or faced language barriers.

6. Brenda Sullivan

Brenda Sullivan had been a teacher at Holmleigh Primary School in Stamford Hill for over 30 years and had recently retired. Brenda Sullivan continues to visit the school one day a week to promote PE, entering pupils into sports competitions and assisting in the delivery of extra sports lessons for teams selected to represent Hackney at regional and national events.

RESOLVED that the following recipients receive an I Love Hackney Mayor's Civic Award:

1. St Joseph's Hospice
2. Thomas Bailie
3. Marilyn Douglas-Hamilton
4. Caroline Gregory
5. Rachel Klien
6. Brenda Sullivan

3 Election of the Speaker for the Municipal Year 2016/17

3.1 Mayor Pipe nominated Councillor Rosemary Sales for the position of Speaker for the 2016/17 Municipal Year. Mayor Pipe was pleased to nominate Councillor Sales as the 116th first citizen of the Borough. Councillor Sales had been an active campaigner within the Stamford Hill ward since the 1980's, as well as a trustee of the Hackney Migrant Centre and Secretary of the St John's Jerusalem Chorus Choir.

3.2 Deputy Mayor Linden seconded the nomination.

3.3 Councillor Steinberger stated that the Conservative Group were unhappy with the nomination and nominated Councillor Odze for the position of Speaker for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

3.4 Councillor Sharer seconded the nomination.

Votes:

For: 4

Against: Majority

Abstain: None

RESOLVED that Councillor Rosemary Sales be elected to serve as Speaker for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Votes:

For: Majority

Against: 3

Abstain: 2

- 3.5 Councillor Sales read aloud and signed her declaration of acceptance of office, which was witnessed by the Chief Executive.

(There was a short adjournment and the dais party left the Chamber where the Speaker received the chains of office. The meeting then reconvened and Councillor Sales took the Chair).

4 Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Speaker

- 4.1 Mayor Pipe moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Speaker, Councillor Etti. Councillor Etti was the 115th first citizen of the Borough. During her time as Speaker Councillor Etti had attended 370 events, including community and formal civic events, as well as assisting in the creation of over 200 Christmas parcels for the community. Councillor Etti had raised over £18,000 for her three nominated charities.
- 4.2 Councillors Steinberger and Sharer also offered their thanks to the outgoing Speaker.
- 4.3 Councillor Sales presented the Past Speaker's badge and civic album to Councillor Etti, and invited her to respond to the vote of thanks.
- 4.4 Councillor Etti thanked Members for their vote of thanks, officers from the Speakers office for all of their support during her time as Speaker, as well as Lieutenant Colonel Morriss and other Council officers.
- 4.5 Councillor Etti stated that it had been a great privilege to serve the residents of Hackney as Speaker and attend over 370 community and civic events.
- 4.6 Councillor Etti took the opportunity to congratulate former Deputy Speaker Councillor Sales on her election as Speaker and wished her all the best in her new role.

RESOLVED that Councillor Sade Etti be thanked for her contribution to the Council and the Borough of Hackney during her term of office as Speaker.

5 Apologies for Absence

- 5.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ebbutt, McKenzie, Rahilly and Levy.
- 5.2 An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Fajana-Thomas.

6 Declarations of Interest

- 6.1 There were no declarations of interest.

7 The Speaker's Programme for the Municipal Year 2016/17

- 7.1 The Speaker thanked Members for their support and was honoured to take on the role of Speaker. The Speaker stated that she had been a Councillor for a short time after retiring but had been a member of the community in Stamford

Hill over a number of years, where she was proud to stand and represent her constituents.

- 7.2 The Speaker was proud of the great improvements made within the Borough and was looking forward to meeting as many people as possible. The Speaker was a great supporter of music and intended to host a Speaker's concert next year, as well as a comedy benefit. She also took an interest in issues including mental health, road safety and cycling.
- 7.3 The Speaker's nominated charities for 2016/17 would be the Hackney Migrant Centre and the North London Action for the Homeless.
- 7.4 It was noted that the Speaker's consort would be her husband, Mr Keith Lichman.

8 Election of the Deputy Speaker for the Municipal Year 2016/17

- 8.1 Deputy Mayor Linden nominated Councillor Soraya Adejare to serve as Deputy Speaker for the 2016/17 Municipal Year. Deputy Mayor Linden was pleased to nominate Councillor Adejare, who had been a resident of Hackney since the age of seven and was a great advocate for the community, representing Dalston Ward.
- 8.2 Councillor Chapman seconded the nomination for Deputy Speaker.
- 8.3 There were no other nominations. Councillor Steinberger added that the Conservative Group would not be putting forward any nominations and that their abstention was not personal and he wished Councillor Adejare luck in her new role.
- 8.4 Votes:
- For: Majority
- Against: None
- Abstentions: 5
- RESOLVED** that Councillor Soraya Adejare be elected to serve as Deputy Speaker for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.
- 8.5 Councillor Adejare read aloud and signed her declaration of acceptance of office, which was witnessed by the Chief Executive.
- 8.6 Councillor Adejare thanked Members for the opportunity to serve as Deputy Speaker and was proud to call Hackney home. Councillor Adejare introduced her younger brother, Olu Adesanu as her consort.

9 Minutes of the previous meeting - 2 March 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held on 2 March 2016 be approved as a correct record.

10 Elected Mayor's Statement - Standing Item

- 10.1 Mayor Pipe welcomed Members and all guests to the AGM and took the opportunity to thank the outgoing Speaker and welcome the new Speaker.
- 10.2 Mayor Pipe made reference to some of the challenges that the London Borough of Hackney and London as a whole were facing. Mayor Pipe advised that there had been a £150million reduction in the amount of Government funding the Council received per year. The London Borough of Hackney currently had around 50,000 families in temporary accommodation and a growing number in bed and breakfast. This was as a result of the Government encouraging Council's to sell their own Council housing stock and the proposed introduction of 'Pay to Stay' expected to start in April 2017 for council tenants, which would increase rents for some council and housing association tenants.
- 10.3 Mayor Pipe also referred to the reduction in Police officers across the Borough, which had resulted in a 27% increase in crime re-offenders.
- 10.4 Mayor Pipe took the opportunity to thank Deputy Mayor Linden, who would be standing down as Councillor to take up a new role as Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime for the new Mayor of London at City Hall, for her time at Hackney. He stated that Deputy Mayor Linden was a talented Councillor, with a great deal of experience in community safety and crime matters. Mayor Pipe wished her all the best for the future.
- 10.5 Responding to the Mayor's statement, Councillor Steinberger on behalf of the Conservative Group, also thanked the outgoing Speaker and welcomed the new Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Councillor Steinberger referred to the nomination process and stated that the London Borough of Waltham Forest had elected a Conservative Mayor. He also congratulated Deputy Mayor Linden in her new role.
- 10.6 Responding to the Mayor's statement, Councillor Sharer on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group, recognised the issues raised by Mayor Pipe regarding the housing crisis. Councillor Sharer also congratulated Deputy Mayor Linden on her new role and stated that she would be missed.

11 Composition of the Cabinet and Sub-Committees

RESOLVED that the composition of Cabinet and Cabinet Procurement Committee be noted, as set out below, for the 2016/17 Municipal Year:-

Mayor and Cabinet:

Mayor Jules Pipe
Deputy Mayor Cllr Sophie Linden
Housing - Cllr Phillip Glanville
Neighbourhoods - Cllr Feryal Demirci
Children's Services - Cllr Anntoinette Bramble
Finance - Cllr Geoff Taylor
Health Social Care and Culture - Cllr Jonathan McShane
Regeneration - Cllr Guy Nicholson

Cabinet Procurement Committee:

Lead Member for Finance - Cllr Geoff Taylor [Chair]

Deputy Mayor Linden

Lead Member for Neighbourhoods - Cllr Feryal Demirci

Lead Member for Health Social Care and Culture - Cllr Jonathan McShane

12 Changes to the Constitution - New Senior Management Structure

12.1 The Director of Legal introduced the report and commended it to Council.

RESOLVED that the delegations of functions and amendments to the Constitution as set in the Schedule of Changes, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

13 Establishment and Composition of the Council's Committees and Commissions 2016/17

13.1 The Director of Legal introduced the report and advised that the Appendix to the report had been tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the establishment and composition of the following Committees, Commissions be approved, as set out below, for the 2016/17 Municipal Year:-

Appointments Committee:

Mayor Jules Pipe

Councillor Anntoinette Bramble

Councillor Brian Bell

Councillor Christopher Kennedy

Councillor Sophie Linden

Audit Committee:

Councillor Brian Bell

Councillor Robert Chapman

Councillor Michelle Gregory

Councillor Sem Moema

Councillor Nick Sharman

Councillor Carole Williams

One Conservative vacancy

Corporate Committee:

Councillor Will Brett

Councillor Barry Buitekant

Councillor Laura Bunt

Councillor Mete Coban

Councillor Susan Fajana-Thomas

Councillor Katie Hanson

Councillor Christopher Kennedy

Councillor Sally Mulready
Councillor M Can Ozsen
Councillor Clare Potter
Councillor Nick Sharman
Councillor Vincent Stops
Councillor Jessica Webb

Councillor Michael Levy
Councillor Ian Sharer

Licensing Committee:

Councillor Brian Bell
Councillor Barry Buitekant
Councillor Sophie Cameron
Councillor Sade Etti
Councillor Margaret Gordon
Councillor Christopher Kennedy
Councillor Sophie Linden
Councillor Richard Lufkin
Councillor Sharon Patrick
Councillor James Peters
Councillor Emma Plouviez
Councillor Peter Snell
Councillor Caroline Selman

Councillor Steinberger
Councillor Jacobson

Pensions Committee:

Councillor Kam Adams
Councillor Rob Chapman
Councillor Feryal Demirci
Councillor Michael Desmond
Councillor Patrick Moule
Councillor Geoff Taylor

One Liberal Democrat vacancy

(Co-optees of the Pensions Committee to be appointed at the next Council meeting on 20 July 2016).

Standards Committee:

Councillor Katie Hanson
Councillor Ben Hayhurst
Councillor Sophie Linden
Councillor Clayeon McKenzie
Councillor Sally Mulready
Councillor Clare Potter
Councillor Jess Webb

One Conservative vacancy
One Liberal Democrat vacancy

(Co-optees of the Standards Committee to be appointed at the next Council meeting on 20 July 2016).

Health and Wellbeing Board

Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cabinet Member, Health, Social Care and Culture
Dr Clare Highton, Chair, City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group
Paul Haigh, Chief Officer, City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group
Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Cabinet Member, Children's Services
Anne Canning, Acting Group Director, Children, Adults and Community Health, Hackney Council
Dr Penny Bevan, Director of Public Health, Hackney Council
Tracey Fletcher, Chief Executive, Homerton University Foundation Trust
Dr Navina Evans, Chief Executive, East London Foundation Trust
Paul Fleming, Chair, Hackney Healthwatch,
Alistair Wallace representative of the voluntary and community sector
Laura Sharpe, GP Confederation
Raj Radia, Chair, Local Pharmaceutical Committee

Corporate Parenting Board

Councillor Bramble
Councillor Fajana-Thomas
Councillor Hayhurst
Councillor Patrick
Councillor Rickard
Councillor Sales

Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission:

Councillor Jon Burke
Councillor Mete Coban
Councillor Tom Ebbutt
Councillor Margaret Gordon
Councillor Christopher Kennedy
Councillor James Peters
Councillor Patrick Moule
Councillor M Can Ozsen
Councillor Tom Rahilly
Councillor Caroline Selman

One Conservative vacancy
Councillor Abraham Jacobson

(Co-optees of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission to be appointed at the next Council meeting on 20 July 2016).

Community Safety and Social Inclusion Scrutiny Commission:

Councillor Kam Adams

Councillor Sophie Cameron
Councillor Sade Etti
Councillor Richard Lufkin
Councillor Sem Moema
Councillor Carole Williams

One Liberal Democrat vacancy

Governance and Resources Scrutiny Commission:

Councillor Susan Fajana-Thomas
Councillor Ned Hercock
Councillor Deniz Oguzkanli
Councillor Rebecca Rennison
Councillor Anna-Joy Rickard
Councillor Nick Sharman

One Conservative vacancy

Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission:

Councillor Ben Hayhurst
Councillor Ann Munn
Councillor Sharon Patrick
Councillor James Peters
Councillor Clare Potter
Councillor Rosemary Sales
Councillor Peter Snell

One Conservative vacancy

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission:

Councillor Jon Burke
Councillor Michelle Gregory
Councillor Clayeon McKenzie
Councillor Sharon Patrick
Councillor Ian Rathbone
Councillor Vincent Stops

One Conservative vacancy

14 Council Appointments and Nominations to Outside Bodies

14.1 The Speaker advised that the schedule had been tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Hackney nominations to Outside Bodies be approved, as set out below, for the 2016/17 Municipal Year:-

Hackney CAB – Cllr Selman
Hackney Community Law Centre – Cllr Oguzkanli
Industrial Dwellings Society – Cllr Fajana-Thomas

15 **Programme of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2016/17**

RESOLVED that the programme of meetings for the 2016/17 Municipal Year be approved.

Duration of the meeting: 7:00 – 8:50pm