

PRESENT

Members of the Council

THE MAYOR: COUNCILLOR JULIE MILLS

THE DEPUTY MAYOR: COUNCILLOR MRS ELIZABETH RUTHERFORD

AHERN, Tim
ATKINSON, J Robert
BLAKEMAN, J M
BORWICK, Victoria
BUCKMASTER, Christopher
BUXTON, Fiona
BUXTON, Terence
CAMPBELL, Barbara
CAMPBELL, Mrs Elizabeth
CAMPION, David, BA (Arch), Dip TP, FRIBA, MBCS, CITP
CARUANA, Carol
COATES, Professor Sir Anthony Bt, BSc, MD, FRC Path, FRCP
COCKELL, Sir Merrick
COLERIDGE, Timothy
COLLINSON, Deborah
CONDON-SIMMONDS, Maighread
DENT COAD, Emma
DONALDSON, Ian
FEILDING-MELLEN, Rock
FOREMAN, Todd
FREEMAN, Robert
GARDNER, Joanna
HARGREAVES, Gerard
HEALY, Pat
HOIER, Bridget
HOLT, Tony
HUSBAND, James
JONES, Tim
LIGHTFOOT, Warwick
LINDSAY, David
MACKOVER, Sam
MASON, Pat
MINGAY, Robert
MOSLEY, Louis
MOYLAN, Daniel
NEAL, Matthew

O'NEILL, Dez
PAGET-BROWN, Nicholas
PALMER, Matthew
PASCALL, Will
READ, Jonathon
RITCHIE, Baroness Shireen
ROSSI, Marie-Therese
TAYLOR, Mrs Frances
WARRICK, Paul
WEALE, Mary
WEATHERHEAD, Miss Doreen M
WILL, Emma
WILLIAMS, Charles

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 7 DECEMBER 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Mayor.

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

New Year Honours

The Mayor informed the Council that a list had been circulated around the Chamber giving details of those with connections with the Royal Borough who had been honoured in the New Year Honours List.

Mr Michael Stoten

With regret, the Mayor informed the Council of the recent death of Michael Stoten, the Council's first Executive Director of Education following the transfer of that function from the Inner London Education Authority.

Councillors Sir Merrick Cockell, Lightfoot, Barbara Campbell, Jones, Champion and Warrick spoke in tribute to Mr Stoten.

Councillor Healy

The Mayor informed the Council of the deaths in recent months of two of Councillor Healy's sisters. She was sure that all Members would join with her in expressing sincere condolences to Councillor Healy at this difficult time for her.

Ms Lyn Carpenter

The Mayor welcomed Ms Carpenter, the Bi-Borough Executive Director of Environment, Leisure and Residents Services, to her first meeting.

3. TOWN CLERK AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE'S REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Faulks and Wade.

Apologies for lateness were submitted on behalf of Councillor Baroness Ritchie.

(ii) Declarations of Interest

None.

(iii) Declarations under S106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

None.

4. APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORARY RECORDER, HIS HONOUR JUDGE MCGREGOR-JOHNSON

The Mayor reminded Members that at the Council meeting on 12 October 2011 His Honour Judge McGregor-Johnson had been appointed as Honorary Recorder of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea during his tenure as resident judge at Isleworth Crown Court. The Council had also agreed that the appointment be formally recognised at an appropriate civic ceremony.

In welcoming Judge McGregor-Johnson to the meeting the Mayor thanked him for taking on the role and referred to the value of this formal link with the Judiciary.

The Mayor then presented Judge McGregor-Johnson with a scroll marking his appointment. Judge McGregor-Johnson then returned thanks for his appointment.

It was then moved by Councillor Ahern and seconded by Councillor Gardner and agreed that the meeting be adjourned for a short time to allow the Mayor, Honorary Recorder and Town Clerk to change out of their robes.

5. PRESENTATION BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting representatives of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England who would be undertaking a review of the Borough's electoral arrangements, ward boundaries and structure:

- Professor Paul Wiles CB, the lead Commissioner for the electoral review of Kensington and Chelsea;
- Mr Tim Bowden, Review Manager;
- Mr Arion Lawrence, Review Officer.

The Commission gave a presentation about its review, a copy of which is included in the minutes. Members of the Council then asked questions of the Commissioners.

The Mayor thanked the Boundary Commission representatives for attending the meeting.

6. PETITIONS

None.

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor announced that, in accordance with Standing Orders, the order of debate would be as set out in the agenda.

8. REPORT FROM THE CABINET

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Sir Merrick Cockell and seconded by Councillor Paget-Brown.

(i) Council Tax Base 2012/13

RESOLVED -

That the recommendation in paragraph 4 of the report be adopted.

(ii) Urgent Key Decisions taken since October 2011

RESOLVED -

That the report be received and noted.

9. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY COUNCIL-SIDE COMMITTEES

No matters were referred by Council-side Committees.

10. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

No matters were referred by Scrutiny Committees.

11. MATTERS RAISED UNDER STANDING ORDER 19

Lancaster West Estate

Councillor Blakeman spoke of the new Academy and Leisure Centre which would be built in the area. She made a plea on behalf of residents of the Estate, particularly those on the west side, that improvements should be made to the Estate as well. She called on the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property to give an undertaking to the residents that some of the requested improvements may be met and funded.

The Council noted the matter raised.

12. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

(i) Community Budget

An amended motion was tabled. It was moved by Councillor Dent Coad and seconded by Councillor Mingay that:

'The Council has recently received very welcome news about involvement with the prestigious Community Budget pilot with our Tri-borough partners. This will be developed over the coming year to devise an action plan, with implementation from April 2013. To give the project the best possible chance of success, this Council therefore commits fully, in every relevant business group and with immediate effect, to work towards the targets laid out in the Community Budget pilot scheme, as described in the 'Tri-government guarantee': -

- *Working together to ensure that every young person under 25 has a job or is in training or education.*
- *A commitment to achieve educational excellence where 80% of children across the three boroughs achieve five 'A' grade GCSEs including Maths and English;*

- *An assurance that people in the 'squeezed middle' (with a combined household income below £60k) have access to high-quality affordable housing.'*

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Feilding-Mellen and seconded by Councillor Coleridge:

that the motion be amended by (i) deleting after "commits fully" *in every relevant business group and with immediate effect, to work towards the targets laid out in the Community Budget pilot scheme, as described in the 'Tri-government guarantee' : -*

and replacing it with:

to supporting the fine aspirations set out in the 'Tri-Government Community Budget' Expression of Interest, including: -

and (ii) amending the second bullet point so that it reads:

- *A commitment to achieve educational excellence where 80% of children across the three boroughs achieve five A*-C grade GCSEs.*

Debate ensued.

The amendment was subsequently put to the vote and was declared by the Mayor to be carried.

Councillors Atkinson, Blakeman, Caruana, Dent Coad, Foreman, Healy, Hoier, Jones, Mason, Mingay and O'Neill asked that their names be recorded as voting against the amendment.

The motion as amended was then put to the vote and was declared by the Mayor to be carried unanimously.

(ii) Early Years

It was moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Caruana that:

'This Council welcomes the consensus that has formed by Governments, professionals and other agencies around the recognition of the importance of high quality provision in the early years. It believes that such provision can play a major part in increasing the prospects for future social mobility and achieve a reduction in the inequalities of achievement at the age of 5. It applauds the following changes:

- *To increase the free provision from 12.5 to 15 hours per week for 3/4 year olds and create greater flexibility in the take-up regulations;*
- *To expand the 15 hour free provision to 2/3 year olds of lower income households.*

It now calls on the Cabinet Member for Family and Children's Services to further augment these developments by:

- *Announcing a freeze on fees paid by parents to the Royal Borough's Children's Centres;*
- *Ensuring that there is adequate high quality provision by the Council or other providers for the 2/3 year olds coming on-stream on 2013 in affordable settings to enable parents the opportunity to buy extra hours, allowing them greater employment opportunities;*
- *Continuing to provide free full time provision for 3/4 year olds in the borough's Primary and Nursery Schools.'*

Debate ensued.

The motion was put to the vote and declared by the Mayor to be lost.

Councillors Atkinson, Blakeman, Dent Coad, Foreman, Healy, Hoier, Mason, Mingay and O'Neill asked that their names be recorded as abstaining.

12. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The Council agreed the following appointment:

Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust - Cllr Williams

13. OTHER URGENT MATTERS

None.

The meeting ended at 8.58pm.

Mayor