

## COUNCIL MEETING

7.00 PM, MONDAY 25 JUNE 2012

### LIST OF DECISIONS

1	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bosshard, Boughey, Evans, Fortune, Grainger, Humphrys, Lymer and Tickner. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Samaris Huntington-Thresher.
2	To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th March and the Special and Annual Council Meetings on 16th May 2012	Minutes confirmed, subject to correction of the minutes of the annual meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 to list Cllr Adams on the Environment Committee, rather than Cllr McBride.
3	Declarations of Interest	Councillor Douglas Auld declared an interest in agenda item 5 (Petitions) as his wife was an employee of the Council. Councillor Nicholas Bennett declared an interest in agenda item 6 (Oral Questions) as he had a tenant in receipt of housing benefit.
4	Questions from members of the public	One question was addressed to the Environment Portfolio Holder – he agreed to meet any charity representatives to discuss recycling of textiles.
5	Petitions	(i) Localised Pay and Conditions of Service: No further action until the consultation period is complete.  (ii) Scope Clothing Banks: No further action.
6	Oral questions from Members of the Council where notice has been given.	Ten questions were asked.
7	Written questions from Members of the Council	Fourteen questions were asked.
8	Statements	No statements were made.
9	Policy Development and Scrutiny - Annual Report 2011/12	Annual Report received as recommended.

10	The New Standards System Under the Localism Act 2011	<p>Dr Simon Davey, independent Chairman of the Standards Committee, addressed the meeting.</p> <p>Amended recommendations agreed as follows –</p> <p>(1) New Code of Conduct for Councillors agreed to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July, based on the DCLG model but retaining the need to register all interests presently registered, to register any changes with 28 days, and to register gifts and hospitality above the existing £25 threshold;</p> <p>(2) Amendment of Council Procedure Rules to allow Councillors with a disclosable pecuniary interest to address a Committee in certain circumstances;</p> <p>(3) Richard Allen, Dr Simon Davey and Nicholas Marcar appointed as Independent Persons under the Localism Act for a transitional period of up to one year;</p> <p>(4) Council retains a Standards Committee, with amended terms of reference and membership of Councillors Adams, Dean, Fookes, Norrie and Tickner.)</p> <p>(5) Requests for dispensations be considered by the Urgency Committee.</p>
11	Meetings of the Urgency Committee	Decisions of the Urgency Committee noted as recommended.
12	Membership of Committees and Sub-Committees	<p>The following members were appointed –</p> <p>(i) SACRE: Cllr Adams;</p> <p>(ii) Executive &amp; Resources PDS: Cllr Ellie Harmer;</p> <p>(iii) Local Joint Committee: Cllrs Ellie Harmer and Colin Smith</p>
13	Motions	<p>Two motions were considered.</p> <p><b>(i) Breaches of Security at Bethlem Royal Hospital</b>  <i>(Moved by the Councillor Tim Stevens and seconded by Councillor Douglas Auld)</i>  The motion was amended to read –  <i>“This Council expresses its deepest concern regarding the number of breaches of security at the Bethlem Royal Hospital during the last six years and the apparent lack of urgency, determination and drive to get to the root causes of these incidents. It is noted that the Chief Executive has resigned and this Council will seek a meeting with his replacement at the earliest</i></p>

		<p><i>opportunity. In the meantime, the Council demands that full security and staff training process reviews are carried out within the next three months with the results being made known to the Council.</i></p> <p><i>Further this Council calls for a proper agreed information protocol to be put in place by the end of July 2012.</i></p> <p><i>Should there be a failure to comply with the above requests the Council will write to the relevant Government Minister asking for action to be taken.”</i></p> <p>The motion as amended was unanimously agreed.</p> <p><b>(ii) Housing Need</b>  <i>(Moved by Councillor Peter Fookes and seconded by Councillor Katherine Bance)</i>  The motion was amended to read -  <i>“This Council resolves that the Care Services PDS Committee and the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee should set up a Housing Working Party to address the increasing problems of housing need in this borough.”</i>  The motion as amended was unanimously agreed.</p>
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14	The Mayor's Announcements and Communications.	<p>The Mayor announced that his charity was the Darwin Unit at the PRUH.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked those councillors who were attending his first fund raising event at Con Amore and reported that this event was now sold out.</p> <p>The Mayor would be hosting a charity appeal dinner at the RAF club on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 – details would be sent out in due course.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked those who had attended the flag-raising for Armed Forces Day, including veterans, local MPs, staff and Councillors.</p> <p>There have been sporting victories for the golf and cricket teams, while the bowls team had won one and lost one.</p> <p>The Mayor presented a scroll to the past Mayor, Councillor David McBride, comprising the resolution of thanks that was agreed at the annual meeting.</p>
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The Meeting ended at 9.37pm.