LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the annual Meeting of the Council of the Borough held at 6.30 pm on 19 May 2021 at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Hannah Gray

The Deputy Mayor Councillor Stephen Wells

Councillors

Gareth Allatt Peter Fortune Vanessa Allen Kira Gabbert Graham Arthur Will Harmer Yvonne Bear Christine Harris Julian Benington Colin Hitchins Nicholas Bennett MA J.P. William Huntington-Kim Botting FRSA Thresher Mike Botting Simon Jeal Katy Boughey David Jeffervs Mark Brock Charles Joel Kevin Brooks Josh King Aisha Cuthbert Kate Lymer Christopher Marlow Peter Dean Robert Mcilveen lan Dunn Nicky Dykes Russell Mellor Judi Ellis Alexa Michael Simon Fawthrop Peter Morgan

Keith Onslow Tony Owen Angela Page Neil Reddin FCCA Will Rowlands Michael Rutherford Richard Scoates Colin Smith Diane Smith Gary Stevens Melanie Stevens Harry Stranger Kieran Terry Pauline Tunnicliffe Michael Turner Angela Wilkins

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair The Mayor Councillor Hannah Gray

262 To elect the Mayor of the Borough

The Mayor reminded the Council that, as they had not met in person for the past year, they had not yet thanked the outgoing mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2019/20.

On a motion from Councillor Tony Owen, which was seconded by Councillor lan Dunn, it was

RESOLVED that at the conclusion of the year of office of Councillor Nicholas Bennett MA JP as Mayor of the London Borough of Bromley, the Council places on record its appreciation of the able manner in which he has presided at meetings of the Council and the distinction with which he has maintained and discharged the high traditions and responsibilities of that office.

The Council also recognises the committed and dedicated manner in which he has carried out Mayoral duties when representing the Borough, spreading awareness of the history and tradition of the Mayoralty, as well as strengthening our long-standing relationship with Neuwied and Mayoralty outside of the Borough.

Also recorded is his support for the Borough's schools and education, residents' associations, the business community, voluntary community groups, and other organisations.

As the Design and Heritage Champion, Councillor Bennett has promoted and supported all aspects of the historic environment in the borough, ensuring that local plans and strategies capture the contribution that the local historic environment make to the success of the area.

The Council further acknowledges his enthusiastic support and fund raising efforts through his Charity Appeal for Careplus and The Latch Project.

That the Corporate Seal be affixed to an engrossment of this resolution for presentation to Councillor Nicholas Bennett MA JP and a Past Mayor's Badge be presented to him in token of the appreciation hereby expressed.

Thereupon, the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, invested Councillor Nicholas Bennett with a badge and presented him with a copy of this citation in token of the appreciation of his services as Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Bennett expressed his thanks for the terms of the resolution and the presentation, and for the support accorded to him which had contributed so greatly to his year in office.

RESOLVED that the Council

- (1) records its appreciation of the able and courteous services of Councillor Keira Gabbert and Mr Victor Yuzhaninov when, as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor's Consort for 2020/21 they represented the Mayoralty and the Council; and
- (2) provide them with an attested copy of this resolution.

Councillor Gabbert expressed her thanks for the terms of the resolution and for the support accorded to her during her year of office as Deputy Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Michael Turner, seconded by Councillor Julian Benington and

RESOLVED that Councillor Russell Mellor be elected Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Mellor made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Mayor and thereupon adjourned from the chamber in company with the retiring Mayor to receive the insignia of office.

In the chair, Cllr Russell Mellor

On his return to the chamber, the Mayor expressed his thanks for the honour conferred on him.

263 To record the appointment of the Deputy Mayor signified to the Council in writing

The Mayor signified orally and in writing his appointment of Cllr Tony Owen as the Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor was invested by the Mayor with the insignia of his office and expressed appreciation for the honour of his appointment.

264 The Retiring Mayor and Deputy Mayor

On a motion from Councillor Judi Ellis, which was seconded by Councillor Peter Morgan, it was

RESOLVED that at the conclusion of the year of office of Councillor Hannah Gray as Mayor of the London Borough of Bromley, the Council places on record its appreciation of the able manner in which she has presided at meetings of the Council and the distinction with which she has discharged the high traditions and responsibilities of the office of Mayor.

The Council also recognises the dedication, commitment and unstinting manner in which she has carried out Mayoral duties when representing the Borough, especially during the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. During this unprecedented year she has used her expertise in the latest forms of communication. She has continuously shown support for front line staff, the Borough's voluntary groups, business community and schools. She was particularly pleased to host the Mayor of Bromley Awards albeit virtually and be part of the Celebration of Achievement Awards for young people in Care. Cllr Gray steadfastly continued with as many Civic and ceremonial duties as possible often using technology to facilitate these events.

During the Pandemic, as Mayor, Councillor Hannah Gray provided civic leadership through regular video messages on the Council website and instigated the use of a Newsletter and Mayoral social media for further communication. She also awarded Certificates of Thanks to residents, volunteers and organisations within the Borough who continued to serve the public at personal risk to themselves during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Councillor Gray led the Borough in a poignant service to mark the National Day of Reflection, when 740 candles were lit, each representing a loved one lost due to Covid-19, in the borough. Cllr Gray again led the Borough in paying tribute to HRH Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh; remembering his many years of public service and his extraordinary support for Her Majesty the Queen for more than 70 years as husband and consort.

The Council further acknowledges her enthusiastic support and fund raising through her Charity Appeal for Chartwell Cancer Trust and Cystic Fibrosis Supporters.

That the Corporate Seal be affixed to an engrossment of this resolution for presentation to Councillor Hannah Gray and a Past Mayor's Badge be presented to him in token of appreciation hereby expressed.

Thereupon, the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, invested Councillor Hannah Gray with a badge in token of the appreciation of her services as Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Gray expressed her thanks for the terms of the resolution and the presentation, and for the support accorded to her which had contributed so greatly to her year in office.

RESOLVED that the Council

- (1) records its appreciation of the able and courteous services of Councillor Stephen Wells when, as Deputy Mayor for 2020/21 he represented the Mayoralty and the Council; and
- (2) provide him with an attested copy of this resolution.

Councillor Wells expressed his thanks for the terms of the resolution and for the support accorded to him during his year of office as Deputy Mayor.

265 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kathy Bance, David Cartwright, Mary Cooke, Robert Evans, Samaris Huntington-Thresher, Chris Pierce, Suraj Sharma and Michael Tickner.

266 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Simon Fawthrop declared an interest in relation to minute 270 (Scheme of Delegation to Officers) as he had submitted a planning application which could potentially be dealt with under the Scheme.

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19th April 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th April 2021 be confirmed.

To receive an address from the Leader of the Council, if they so elect

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Colin Smith, made a short statement. Reviewing the extraordinary events of the past year, he thanked those who had worked on the frontline, and the 4,600 volunteers who had come forward in the borough to support residents who were shielding. It was important that lessons were learned, particularly about the importance of volunteers and the voluntary sector, and also about real and virtual meetings.

He outlined some of the priorities for the coming year — looking after vulnerable people would continue to be important, including dealing with the issues around loneliness, which Councillor Cuthbert would be leading on. Although the Government had provided funding to support Councils, it was likely that finances would come under pressure and it was important that the Council planned for the worst. It was essential that the local economy should be encouraged and supported, and that more housing should be provided for local people. Another priority was to see a huge proliferation of street trees planted across the borough which would be a symbol of Bromley's intention of becoming London's first carbon neutral borough by 2029.

The Leader concluded by thanking the Chief Executive and his staff for their exceptional work in response to the pandemic.

269 To appoint Committees and their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen and agree proportionality

A schedule of proposed committee appointments had been circulated. A motion to approve the appointment of Councillors to Committees and the election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen as set out in the schedule circulated was moved by Cllr Christine Harris, seconded by Cllr William Huntington-Thresher and **CARRIED.**

After the end of the meeting, Committees met to appoint their Sub-Committees and appoint chairmen and vice-chairmen. The final version of the schedule is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

To Receive the Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions 270 from the Leader of the Council and to approve the Scheme of **Delegation of Non-Executive Functions**

Report CSD21058

Councillor Simon Fawthrop raised objections to a number of the delegations proposed in the report. The Mayor advised that these matters should be considered by the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.

A motion to note the Scheme of Executive Delegation and confirm the Scheme of Non-Executive Delegation was moved by Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe, seconded by Councillor Michael Turner and CARRIED, subject to the concerns raised being considered at a future meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.

271 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor informed Members of the following events, which would take place subject to Covid 19 restrictions -

- The Civic Service would be held on Sunday 27th June at St George's Parish Church, High Street, Beckenham.
- An Autumn Ball at the Metropolitan Police Sports Club, The Warren, in Hayes, on Saturday 16th October 2021.

The Mayor announced that his charities would be the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Royal Benevolent Society and the Beckenham Parochial Charities.

The Mayor thanked the Churchill Theatre for generously allowing the Council to use their building for the annual meeting.

The Meeting ended at 8.52 pm

Mayor

Appendix A

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2021/22

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

(i) EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES AND CONTRACTS PDS COMMITTEE (To include the Chairmen of other PDS Committees)

	Councillors
1	Christopher Marlow (CH)
2	Kira Gabbert (VC)
3	Yvonne Bear
4	Nicholas Bennett
5	David Cartwright
6	Mary Cooke
7	Nicky Dykes
8	Robert Evans
9	Will Harmer
10	Colin Hitchins
11	Simon Jeal (LAB)
12	Melanie Stevens (IND)
13	Michael Tickner
14	Pauline Tunnicliffe
15	Angela Wilkins (LAB)
**	Plus Co-opted Members as
	appropriate

(ii) ADULT CARE AND HEALTH PDS COMMITTEE

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Mary Cooke (CH)
2	Gareth Allatt (VC)
3	Kim Botting
4	Kevin Brooks (LAB)
5	Aisha Cuthbert
6	Ian Dunn
7	Judi Ellis
8	Robert Evans
9	David Jefferys
**	Plus Co-opted Members as
	appropriate

(iii) CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES PDS COMMITTEE

	Councillors
1	Nicky Dykes (CH)
2	Judi Ellis (VC)
3	Hannah Gray
4	Christine Harris
5	Simon Jeal (LAB)
6	Robert Mcilveen
7	Neil Reddin
8	Ryan Thomson (LAB)
9	Stephen Wells
**	Plus Co-opted Members as
	appropriate

(iv) ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES PDS COMMITTEE

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Will Harmer (CH)
2	Robert Mcilveen (VC)
3	Ian Dunn (LAB)
4	Simon Fawthrop
5	Samaris Huntington-Thresher
6	Christopher Marlow
7	Melanie Stevens (IND)
8	Harry Stranger
9	Kieran Terry
**	Plus Co-opted Members as
	appropriate

(v) PUBLIC PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PDS COMMITTEE

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	David Cartwright (CH)
2	Colin Hitchins (VC)
3	Kathy Bance (LAB)
4	Julian Benington (IND)
5	Kim Botting
6	Mike Botting
7	Hannah Gray
8	Alexa Michael
9	Chris Pierce
**	Plus Co-opted Members as
	appropriate

(vi) RENEWAL, RECREATION AND HOUSING PDS COMMITTEE

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Yvonne Bear (CH)
2	Gary Stevens (VC)
3	Vanessa Allen (LAB)
4	Julian Benington (IND)
5	Aisha Cuthbert
6	Christine Harris
7	Charles Joel
8	Will Rowlands
9	Richard Scoates
**	Plus Co-opted Members as
	appropriate

COMMITTEES

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Pauline Tunnicliffe (CH)
2	Michael Turner (VC)
3	Gareth Allatt
4	Nicholas Bennett
5	Mark Brock
6	Robert Evans
7	Kira Gabbert
8	Colin Hitchins
9	Josh King (LAB)
10	Alexa Michael
11	Neil Reddin
12	Melanie Stevens (IND)
13	Harry Stranger
14	Ryan Thomson (LAB)
15	Stephen Wells

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Alexa Michael (CH)
2	Yvonne Bear (VC)
3	Vanessa Allen (LAB)
4	Julian Benington (IND)
5	Katy Boughey
6	Peter Dean
7	Simon Fawthrop
8	Christine Harris
9	Colin Hitchins
10	Samaris Huntington-Thresher
11	William Huntington-Thresher
12	Charles Joel
13	Josh King (LAB)
14	Tony Owen
15	Richard Scoates
16	Kieran Terry
17	Michael Turner

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Keith Onslow (CH)
2	Gary Stevens (VC)
3	Simon Fawthrop
4	Kira Gabbert
5	Simon Jeal (LAB)
6	Christopher Marlow
7	Tony Owen

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

	Councillors
1	Vanessa Allen (LAB)
2	Nicholas Bennett
3	Melanie Stevens (IND)
4	Michael Tickner
5	Stephen Wells

URGENCY COMMITTEE

The Mayor	Russell Mellor
Group Leader - Conservative	Colin Smith
Group Leader - Labour	Angela Wilkins
Group Leader - Independent	Melanie Stevens
Chairman of General Purposes & Licensing Committee	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Chairman of Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS	Christopher Marlow
The Relevant Portfolio Holder	-

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Kim Botting
2	Mike Botting
3	Kevin Brooks (LAB)
4	Robert Evans
5	David Jefferys
6	Kate Lymer
7	Pauline Tunniccliffe

PANELS

(i) <u>APPOINTMENT PANELS</u>

Appointment Panels to fill vacancies for Chief and Deputy Chief Officer posts should compose 8 Members as follows: the Leader of the Council, a majority Party Member of the Executive, a majority Party PDS Chairman, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, one Labour Member and up to 3 other Majority Party Members nominated by the Leader of the Council.

(ii) CHIEF OFFICER DISCIPLINARY PANEL

Chief Officer Disciplinary Panels for Chief and Deputy Chief Officer posts should compose 7 Members as follows: the Leader of the Council, a majority Party Member of the Executive, a majority Party PDS Chairman, one Labour Member, and 3 Members from the following 4 choices:

Either the Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, the Vice-Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, a second Majority Party Member of the Executive or a second Majority Party Member PDS Chairman.

(iii) CHIEF EXECUTIVE ANNUAL REVIEW PANEL

The Chief Executive Remuneration Panel should compose 9 Members as follows: the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council, the Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Portfolio Holder, the Leaders of the Minority Groups (or their nominee) and up to four other Majority Party Members.

SUB-COMMITTEES

(A) DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

(i) PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 1

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Alexa Michael (CH)
2	Christine Harris (VC)
3	Kathy Bance (LAB)
4	Katy Boughey
5	Kira Gabbert
6	Samaris Huntington-Thresher
7	Charles Joel
8	Tony Owen
9	Suraj Sharma

(ii) PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 2

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Kieran Terry (CH)
2	Michael Turner (VC)
3	Mark Brock
4	Peter Dean
5	Nicky Dykes
6	Colin Hitchins
7	Will Rowlands
8	Richard Scoates
9	Ryan Thomson (LAB)

(iii) PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 3

	Councillors
1	Katy Boughey (CH)
2	Tony Owen (VC)
3	Kevin Brooks (LAB)
4	Christine Harris
5	Samaris Huntington-Thresher
6	William Huntington-Thresher
7	Charles Joel
8	Alexa Michael
9	Keith Onslow

(iv) PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 4

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Richard Scoates (CH)
2	Colin Hitchins (VC)
3	Gareth Allatt
4	Aisha Cuthbert
5	Ian Dunn (LAB)
6	Kate Lymer
7	Neil Reddin
8	Kieran Terry
9	Michael Turner

(B) GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(i) AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

	Councillors
1	Neil Reddin (CH)
2	Robert Evans (VC)
3	Gareth Alatt
4	Simon Fawthrop
5	Tony Owen
6	Stephen Wells
7	Angela Wilkins (LAB)

(ii) INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE (to include Leader, Deputy Leader, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.)

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Colin Smith (CH)
2	Kate Lymer (VC)
3	David Cartwright
4	Josh King (LAB)
5	Christopher Marlow
6	Pauline Tunnicliffe
7	Michael Turner

(iii) LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (to include Leader or named Deputy, Chairman of Executive, Resources and Contracts Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee or named Deputy and Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee or named Deputy)

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Simon Fawthrop (CH)
2	Nicholas Bennett
3	David Cartwright
4	Josh King (LAB)
5	Christopher Marlow
6	Michael Rutherford
7	Colin Smith
8	Pauline Tunnicliffe
9	Michael Turner

(iv) RIGHTS OF WAY SUB-COMMITTEE

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Vanessa Allen
2	Mike Botting
3	Simon Fawthrop
4	Richard Scoates
5	Harry Stranger
6	Kieran Terry
7	Michael Tickner

(v) APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

Three Members be drawn as required, to constitute an Appeals Sub-Committee (excluding members of the Executive.)

(vi) LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Three Members be drawn as required, to constitute a Licensing Sub-Committee – must be members of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee.

(C) <u>ADULT CARE AND HEALTH PDS COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENTS</u>

(i) HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

	Councillors
1	Mary Cooke (CH)
2	Gareth Allatt (VC)
3	Kim Botting
4	Aisha Cuthbert
5	Ian Dunn (LAB)
6	Judi Ellis
7	Robert Evans
8	David Jefferys
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Plus Co-opted Members as appropriate, and as appointed to the Adult Care and Health PDS Committee.

(D) <u>CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PDS COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENTS</u>

(i) CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE

	<u>Councillors</u>
1	Judi Ellis (CH)
2	Nicky Dykes
3	Hannah Gray
4	Christine Harris
5	Simon Jeal
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Plus Co-opted Members as appropriate, and as appointed to the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee