

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

**of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 6.30 pm on 13 May 2020**

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Nicholas Bennett MA J.P.**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Kira Gabbert**

Councillors

Marina Ahmad	Peter Fortune	Angela Page
Gareth Allatt	Hannah Gray	Neil Reddin FCCA
Vanessa Allen	Will Harmer	Will Rowlands
Graham Arthur	Christine Harris	Michael Rutherford
Kathy Bance MBE	Colin Hitchins	Richard Scoates
Yvonne Bear	Samaris Huntington-	Suraj Sharma
Julian Benington	Thresher	Colin Smith
Kim Botting FRSA	William Huntington-	Diane Smith
Mike Botting	Thresher	Gary Stevens
Mark Brock	Simon Jeal	Melanie Stevens
Kevin Brooks	David Jefferys	Harry Stranger
David Cartwright QFSM	Josh King	Kieran Terry
Mary Cooke	Kate Lymer	Michael Tickner
Aisha Cuthbert	Christopher Marlow	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Peter Dean	Robert Mcilveen	Michael Turner
Ian Dunn	Russell Mellor	Stephen Wells
Nicky Dykes	Alexa Michael	Angela Wilkins
Judi Ellis	Peter Morgan	
Robert Evans	Keith Onslow	
Simon Fawthrop	Tony Owen	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Nicholas Bennett MA J.P.

187 To elect the Mayor of the Borough

It was moved by Councillor Judi Ellis, seconded by Councillor Peter Morgan and

RESOLVED that Councillor Hannah Gray be elected Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Gray made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Mayor and received the insignia of office.

In the chair, Cllr Hannah Gray

The Mayor expressed her thanks for the honour conferred on her, and was congratulated on her appointment by the group leaders.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Nicholas Bennett and Councillor Kira Gabbert and their consorts for their service as Mayor and Deputy Mayor in 2019/20, and announced that there would be a proper opportunity for the Council to thank them at the first meeting held back in the Council Chamber.

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

The Mayor signified orally and in writing her appointment of Cllr Stephen Wells 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.

189 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Pierce.

190 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

191 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24th February 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2020 be confirmed.

192 To receive an address from the Leader of the Council

The Leader, Councillor Colin Smith, congratulated the Mayor on her appointment and announced that the Executive would continue with its current membership, but that Councillor Yvonne Bear would become Executive Assistant for Renewal, Recreation and Housing.

Councillor Smith referred to the difficult times that all residents were currently facing in the Covid-19 pandemic, and thanked the Council's staff and contractors for their work – especially those in frontline care, but also the bin crews, traffic wardens and others serving the borough. He also thanked Vinit Shukle, Assistant Director, IT Services and his team for enabling the majority of Council staff to continue working from home, and, with the assistance and expertise of Councillor Gary Stevens, for making the annual meeting happen.

He recalled saying at the 2019 annual meeting how crucial the Ageing Well and Mental Health Strategies were, emphasising the need to start combining health with social care and the importance of the loneliness agenda, which was being taken forward by Councillor Aisha Cuthbert. These issues had come centre stage. He commended the 4,300 members of the community who had volunteered in the current crisis, and stated that it would be important to harness this spirit of service.

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

A schedule of proposed committee appointments had been circulated. A motion that the appointment of Councillors to Committees and the election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen as set out in the schedule circulated was moved by Councillor 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.

Note: As Councillor Yvonne Bear had been appointed as Executive Assistant to the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio Holder she would no longer be a member of the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee.

194 To receive the Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions from the Leader of the Council and to approve the Scheme of Delegation of Non-Executive functions
Report CSD20064

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 Stephen Wells and **CARRIED**.

195 To receive and note the Report of the Urgency Committee
Report CSD200

The report of the Urgency Committee's meetings on 19th March and 6th May 2020 was noted.

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196 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor confirmed that her Chaplain would be Major Angela Strickland of the Salvation Army.

The Mayor announced her charities and invited Michelle Simpson of the Chartwell Cancer Trust and Lisa Ellams of Cystic Fibrosis Supporters to each give a brief outline of their organisations' work.

The Meeting ended at 7.35 pm

Mayor