

Council 18 January 2016

LONDON BOROUGH OF SUTTON**MINUTES**

**of the meeting of the Council
held on 18 January 2016
starting at 7.00 pm**

Members

**The Worshipful the Mayor
(Muhammad Sadiq)**

**The Deputy Mayor
(Joyce Melican)**

Councillors:

Manuel Abellan
David Bartolucci
Kevin Burke
Mary Burstow
Maira Butt
Richard Clifton
Steve Cook
Margaret Court
Jean Crossby
Tim Crowley
Adrian Davey
Ruth Dombey
Trish Fivey
Vincent Galligan
Neil Garratt

Martin Gonzalez
Sunita Gordon
Amy Haldane
Marlene Heron
David Hicks
Arthur Hookway
Miguel Javelot
Edward Joyce
Richard Marston
Wendy Mathys
Nick Matthey
Jayne McCoy
Patrick McManus
Jane Pascoe

Nali Patel
Steve Penneck
Nighat Piracha
Hamish Pollock
Marian Radford
Holly Ramsey
Jason Reynolds
Tony Shields
Colin Stears
Simon Wales
Jill Whitehead
Graham Whitham
Hanna Zuchowska

ABSENT

Councillors Pathumal Ali, Samantha Bourne, Richard Broadbent, Nick Emmerson, Doug Hunt, Ali Mirhashem, Callum Morton, Alan Salter, Daniel Sangster and Paul Wingfield

PART 'A'**30. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

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31. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received by Councillors Pat Ali, Samantha Bourne, Richard Broadbent, Nick Emmerson, Doug Hunt, Ali Mirhashem, Callum Morton, Alan Salter and apologies for lateness from Councillor Amy Haldane.

(b) Announcements

The Mayor announced sad news that former Councillor Edward (Ted) Crowley died on Boxing Day. Ted served on the Council from 1982 to 1994 and in that time was Head of Planning and Environment and Neighbourhoods Committees. After leaving the Council he continued in his role of Chair of Governors at Stanley Park Junior School which he held until 2011. He was also Chair of Governors at the now closed down Highview Secondary School and at Wallington High School for Girls. The meeting observed a minute silence.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

Dr Adi Cooper, the former Director of Adult Social Services at Sutton Council, was awarded an OBE for services to Adult Social Services in the Queen's New Year Honours List for 2016 earlier this month. Dr Cooper worked at the council for nine years and left following the merger of Adult Social Care and Children's Services to create the new People's Services directorate. The Mayor stated that he was delighted that Adi had been recognised for her outstanding work in adult social services in Sutton.

The other Sutton people to receive recognition were David Mason of Wallington, a trustee of Sutton Community Transport and received the OBE for services to charity and the community in Sutton. Anita McGowan, a long-serving Governor of the John Fisher School in Purley, received the MBE for services to the community in Sutton and Croydon.

The Council had held the first of eight public consultation meetings for residents to have their say on proposed changes to adult social services in the borough. These meetings were part of the Council's consultation on changes brought about by the Care Act 2014.

Nominations for the 2015 Community Awards had been received and judges would shortlist candidates in five categories, with the winners and runners-up announced in February 2016.

The Mayor reminded everyone that Wednesday 27 January was Holocaust Memorial Day, with a theme of Don't Stand By.

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The Mayor reminded all councillors and Sutton residents that there was less than two weeks left to sign up for this year's garden waste collection service and get an early-bird discount of £10.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

33. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

(a) Questions from Members of the Public

Three members of the public asked five questions, the supplementary questions and responses are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

(b) Questions from Councillors

Nine Councillors submitted fourteen questions, the supplementary questions and responses are set out at Appendix B to the minutes. The time allocated for questions concluded prior to all responses being given. The Mayor advised that answers to questions not reached would be circulated as soon as possible.

35. PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted.

36. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion - Impact of central government cuts on local communities

Councillor Ruth Dombey moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor Adrian Davey.

One Councillor asked two questions the supplementary questions and responses are set out at Appendix C to the minutes.

Following debate, the motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved

Impact of central government cuts on local communities

Council notes:

- That £43m of cuts have been imposed on the borough by central government since 2010 and a further £31m is now required by 2019, equivalent to 50% of the Council's annual revenue budget;
- That central government has delegated additional responsibilities to councils, expecting them to deliver with less funding or with funding cut altogether;

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- The concern that these further draconian cuts in funding by the Conservative Government will seriously restrict its ability to provide adequate protection for the most vulnerable people in the borough and will still require cutting some front line services to the bare minimum or stopping them altogether;
- The expectation by government that councils will need to significantly raise council tax to maintain basic services.

Council calls on the government to cease the hypocrisy of advocating localism whilst imposing additional red tape and unsustainable restrictions on local authorities' spending decisions and instead engage with local government to offer true devolution of powers and responsibilities so that they can continue to respond to local people's needs and expectations.

(b) Standards Committee Complaints Procedure

Councillor Ruth Dombey, Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, formally moved the adoption of the minute which was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved

1. That the standards committee complaints process is amended as set out in the report.

(c) Treasury Management Quarterly report Quarter 2

Councillor Hicks, Chair of the Audit Committee, moved the adoption of the minute which was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved

1. That the mid-year Treasury Review be adopted.

37. LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Resolved

Beddington & Wallington Local Committee

That Glenise Coxon be appointed as a representative for the Onslow Gardens Residents' Association on the Beddington and Wallington Local Committee.

St Helier, The Wrythe and Wandle Valley Local Committee

That Tony Mayne be appointed as representative for Denmark Gardens Residents' Association (Mr R Watson – substitute).

Cheam North and Worcester Park Local Committee

That Simon Densley be appointed to represent Worcester Park Resident’s Association, and

That Graham Jarvis be appointed to represent Friends of Daisyfield on the Cheam North and Worcester Park Local Committee.

38. REQUISITION - SCHOOL PLACES UPDATE

In accordance with Rules of Procedure (23.4) Councillor Wendy Mathys, Chair of the Children, Family and Education Committee moved the adoption of the draft resolution 61. School Places Update resolutions d) and e) considered by the committee meeting held on 17 December 2015.

One member asked one question on the debate the supplementary question and responses are attached at Appendix C to these minutes.

Following debate the minutes was but to the vote and carried.

Resolved

1. That the Sutton Hospital site is endorsed as the first site for new secondary school provision from 2018.
2. That an initial sum of £950k to develop a planning application for a new secondary school on the Sutton Hospital site (inclusive of all surveys, professional fees etc) be approved.

The meeting ended at 10.06 pm

Mayor:

Date:

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