

LONDON BOROUGH OF SUTTON**MINUTES**

**of the meeting of the Council
held on 12 September 2016
starting at 7.00 pm**

Members

**The Worshipful the Mayor
(Richard Clifton)**

**The Deputy Mayors
(Steve Cook and Nali Patel)**

Councillors:

Manuel Abellan	Martin Gonzalez	Ali Mirhashem
Pathumal Ali	Sunita Gordon	Callum Morton
David Bartolucci	Amy Haldane	Jane Pascoe
Samantha Bourne	Marlene Heron	Steve Penneck
Richard Broadbent	David Hicks	Hamish Pollock
Kevin Burke	Arthur Hookway	Marian Radford
Mary Burstow	Doug Hunt	Jason Reynolds
Richard Clifton	Miguel Javelot	Muhammad Sadiq
Margaret Court	Edward Joyce	Colin Stears
Tim Crowley	Richard Marston	Simon Wales
Adrian Davey	Wendy Mathys	Jill Whitehead
Ruth Dombey	Nick Matthey	Graham Whitham
Nick Emmerson	Jayne McCoy	Paul Wingfield
Trish Fivey	Patrick McManus	Hanna Zuchowska
Vincent Galligan	Joyce Melican	
Neil Garratt		

ABSENT Councillors. Moira Butt, Jean Crossby, Nighat Piracha, Holly Ramsey, Daniel Sangster and Tony Shields

PART 'A'**58. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 23 May 2016 (Annual meeting) and 1 August 2016 (Requisition) were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

59. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**(a) Apologies for Absence**

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Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jean Crossby, Nihat Piracha, Daniel Sangster, Holly Ramsey, Tony Shields, and Moira Butt and apologies for lateness from Councillors Colin Stears.

(b) Announcements

The Mayor announced sad news that former Councillor and Mayor John Dodwell had recently passed away at home after a short illness. The Former Mayor was a Councillor for Wallington North for 12 years from 1994 to 2006. Working on a variety of topics for local residents, particularly in education and children services, he was especially concerned about support to the voluntary sector. As well as serving as deputy Mayor, he was then elected as Mayor the following year, from 2002-2003. The meeting observed a minute silence.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

The Mayor congratulated pupils and staff in Sutton's schools following the year's outstanding A-level and GCSE results. Sutton schools had yet again maintained their high performance in the examinations, with results consistently above the UK average. The proportion of students across the borough achieving the highest A-level A* (A star) and B grades is 65.5 percent. While the percentage of students achieving an A-level pass grade (A* to E) has dropped slightly to 99.3 percent from 99.4 per cent last year, this is still above the UK average of 98.1 percent.

In the GCSEs, 83.7 percent of Sutton pupils achieved five or more GCSEs. Among the standout schools were Carshalton Girls, Greenshaw, John Fisher, Nonsuch Girls, Overton Grange, St Philomena's, and Wallington Girls, all of which saw an increase in those achieving five A*-C including English and Maths, while Stanley Park High celebrated its best set of GCSE results to date.

Sutton High Street had recently hosted a creative Crafternoon and pop-up library to introduce residents to Sutton Council's plans for Market Place Sutton. The north end of the High Street was transformed into an area where visitors took part in fun activities including temporary chalk stencil painting and hopscotch as the Council unveiled some ideas for the Market Place Sutton vision. Residents' stories of Sutton were also showcased to look back at the history of the area and vote on designs for new artwork to be installed in the alleyways.

Thousands more photographic glass-plate negatives from the early 1900s are to be conserved after Sutton Council secured a grant of £95,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). More than 10,000 images of Edwardian women will be cleaned, digitised, researched, catalogued and made available for viewing by the public for the first time. The photographs were taken by local photographer David Knights-Whittome, who owned shops in Sutton and Epsom from around 1904 until 1918. The negatives are stored at Sutton Central Library and the digitising and cataloguing work will be carried out by volunteers and students.

Maria Kampioti, Waste and Recycling advisor team leader, won local authority recycling champion of the year in the letsrecycle.com awards for excellence.

The Mayor also celebrated the local sporting achievements of two athletes from Sutton. Joanna Rowsell-Shand had recently won gold at the Olympic Games in the team pursuit. Joanna was born in Carshalton and attended Nonsuch High School for Girls. David Weir, born in Wallington, was competing in five events at the Paralympics and the Mayor wished him good luck as well as sending congratulations on the recent birth of his son.

The Mayor also reported on the many events that had taken place in Sutton and which had been attended by the Mayoral team.

Finally, Amanda Beck of Sutton Shopmobility, was invited to speak as a representative of one of the Mayor's chosen charities.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

61. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

(a) Questions from Members of the Public

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

(b) Questions from Councillors

Four Councillors submitted fifteen 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 and are set out at Appendix C.

62. PETITIONS

There were no petitions submitted.

63. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Motion 1 - Poor Performance of Southern Rail

Councillor Jill Whitehead moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor Abellan.

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

Resolved

Poor Performance of Southern Rail

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This Council notes that Govia Thameslink Railway franchise – parent company for Southern Rail - are the worst performing operator for the last 12 months with over a third of trains arriving late at their destination between June and July 2016 and the lowest customer satisfaction rate of any franchise.

This Council further notes that Sutton is the 6th busiest station on the Southern network with nearly 7 million passengers using the station and a further 2 million at Wallington, 1.4million at Carshalton and over 1 million passengers at both Carshalton Beeches and Cheam.

This Council is deeply concerned that the “temporary” problems with the service have still not been resolved and that Southern have been allowed by Government to introduce an emergency timetable, cutting 341 trains per day representing 15% of their network thus providing an unacceptable level of service to residents in the borough and beyond.

This Council believes that as a borough without existing services or planned investment on London underground, London Overground or Docklands Light Railway, there is an urgent need to upgrade Sutton’s rail network and improve public transport connections so that we are able to deliver the economic growth needed in the borough.

This Council values highly the role that sustainable transport has to play in improving the quality of life at a local level, as well as tackling climate change and recognises that in addition to its economic benefits sustainable transport can have a significant impact on health and air quality as outlined in our Sustainable Transport Strategy.

This Council calls on Government to:

- formally review the franchise of Southern Railway and GTLR and assess the economic impact on the region of GTLR’s poor performance and the ongoing industrial dispute;
- set out clearly when the operator will be considered to be in breach of its franchise and what action can then be taken by Government;
- implement appropriate penalties for the failure to deliver an adequate service;
- ensure that a more effective compensation scheme is implemented with season-ticket holders in particular to receive automatic discounts when they renew their season tickets;
- work with the Mayor of London to take forward the recommendations in the “Turning South London Orange” report for TfL to take on suburban overground routes.

(b) Motion 2 - 2017/18 Budget Setting Process

Councillor Neil Garratt moved the motion which was formally seconded by Councillor Tim Crowley.

Councillor Simon Wales moved an amendment to the motion which was accepted by Councillor Neil Garratt and Councillor Tim Crowley indicated he would second the amendment.

Councillor Tim Crowley moved a motion that the question now be put, which was put to the vote and carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved**2017/18 Budget Setting Process**

An approach of applying the same uniform percentage budget cut to all directorates while reviewing individual services in isolation does not properly account for strategic priorities and differential budget pressures across directorates. It is not sustainable in the long term.

Doing the best for Sutton means focusing our resources where they will have the biggest impact on residents and residents' priorities. Achieving this requires a fundamental strategic review of services, led by members, using the commissioning outcomes agreed by the Strategy and Resources Committee, to identify lower priority or lower impact services and reshape Sutton Council around the most valued and needed services particularly those supporting the most vulnerable.

Council therefore calls on the Strategy and Resources Committee to take this approach as part of the 2017/18 budget setting process as previously agreed in the Council's Commissioning Outcomes.

(c) Treasury Management Update - Annual Report 2015/16

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

Resolved

1. That the Treasury Management Annual Report 2015/16 be approved.

64. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**Resolved**

1. That the Annual Report 2015/16 be noted.

63. COMMITTEE PLACES UPDATE

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Resolved: that

1. No change to the division of seats and the percentage allocation of seats of each political group on the Council following the by election be noted
2. The changes to committee membership as set out in paragraph 4.1 be agreed.
3. That where there are any outstanding places the relevant political group may give written notice to the Monitoring Officer of their appointments be agreed.
4. The appointment of Ifat Shah as the Council's Independent Person in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 be agreed.

66. LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Resolved

Sutton Local Committee

That Barry Brunton be appointed to replace Chris Carter as community representative of Sutton Garden Suburb Residents Association; and

That Simon Wood be appointed to represent Burnell and Lewis Residents Association.

Appendix A to Council: Public Questions - 12 September 2016

Appendix B to Council: Councillor Questions - 12 September 2016

Appendix C to Council: Councillor Questions not reached at Council - 12 September 2016

The meeting ended at 9.27 pm

Mayor:

Date: