

# CITY OF WESTMINSTER

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 15th May, 2024 at Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT.

### PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Patricia McAllister, and upon election as Lord Mayor, Councillor Robert Rigby

### COUNCILLORS

Gillian Arrindell	Patrick Lilley
Barbara Arzymanow	Alan Mendoza
Liza Begum	Tim Mitchell
David Boothroyd	Matt Noble
Ruth Bush	Ellie Ormsby
Nafsika Butler-Thalassis	Ralu Oteh-Osoka
Melvyn Caplan	Angela Piddock
Maggie Carman	Ed Pitt Ford
Md Shamsed Chowdhury	Rachael Robathan
Laila Cunningham	Tim Roca
Lorraine Dean	Ian Rowley
Tony Devenish	Caroline Sargent
Paul Dimoldenberg	Karen Scarborough
Robert Eagleton	Mark Shearer
Paul Fisher	Selina Short
Jim Glen	James Small-Edwards
David Harvey	Judith Southern
Sara Hassan	Max Sullivan
Elizabeth Hitchcock	Paul Swaddle
Adam Hug	Hamza Taouzzale
Louise Hyams	Jessica Toale
Ryan Jude	Aziz Toki
Aicha Less	Jacqui Wilkinson
Iman Less	Jason Williams

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Concia Albert, Geoff Barraclough, Amanda Langford and Cara Sanquest

The Lord Mayor invited the Council to join her in observing a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, who had sadly passed away.

## **1 ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR**

- 1.1 Proposed by Councillor Rachael Robathan and seconded by Councillor Paul Swaddle that Councillor Robert Rigby be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.
- 1.2 Upon a show of hands, the Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Robert Rigby had been elected Lord Mayor.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Robert Rigby be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

Councillor Robert Rigby thereupon made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Lord Mayor and of the Office of Deputy High Steward of Westminster Abbey. Having done so, he took the Chair and thanked the Council for his election and reported that his consort, the Lady Mayoress, would be Emiko Murai Rigby.

## **2 MINUTES**

- 2.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 March 2024 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record.

## **3 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Lord Mayor announced that he had appointed Father Christopher Colven as his Chaplain. The Chaplain then led the Council in a moment of reflection.

## **4 PRESENTATION OF PAST LORD MAYOR'S BADGE AND VOTE OF THANKS**

- 4.1 Councillor Adam Hug moved the Vote of Thanks to Councillor Patricia McAllister and her Consorts, Ellis McAllister and Kevin Murphy. Councillor Ruth Bush spoke to second the motion.
- 4.2 The motion was put, and on a show of hands, the Lord Mayor declared the motion **CARRIED**, following which Councillor McAllister replied.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council resolved to record a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Patricia McAllister for the distinguished service rendered by her as Lord Mayor and to her Consorts, Ellis McAllister and Kevin Murphy, for the constant and invaluable help given by them as the Lord Mayor's Consorts.
2. We assure them of our gratitude for, and high appreciation of, the dignity and ability with which they have carried out their many duties in

accordance with the highest traditions of the City and this Vote of Thanks be inscribed under the Common Seal and presented to them.

## 5 REPORT FOR FULL COUNCIL: KEY DECISIONS - USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE 2023/24

5.1 The report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services was noted.

## 6 CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

6.1 The report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services was submitted.

6.2 The Lord Mayor put the recommendations set out in the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared these to be **AGREED**.

### RESOLVED:

1. That the Council determined the allocation of places on the standing committees and noted the names of the Members appointed to them, following notification by the respective Party Whips, as detailed in Appendix A of the report.
2. That the Council confirmed the proportional division of seats on the Standing Committees as set out below.

Committee	Members		
	Total	Labour	Conservative
Audit and Performance Committee	4	3	1
General Purposes Committee	4	3	1
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7	4	3
Climate Action, Environment and Highways P&S	7	4	3
Vulnerable Adults, Health and Communities P&S	7	4	3
Finance, Planning and Economic Development P&S	7	4	3
Young People, Learning and Employment P&S	7	4	3
Standards Committee	5	3	2
Pensions Fund Committee	4	3	1
Planning & City Development Committee	14	8	6
Licensing Committee	15	8	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Target number (and variance)</b>		<b>47 (+1)</b>	<b>34 (-1)</b>

The Meeting ended at 20:21

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_