WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 4

of proceedings at the Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Wandsworth held at the Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, London, SW18 2PU on Wednesday, 17th July, 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- The Mayor (Councillor Mrs. Jane Cooper) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

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AMBACHE, J., BA, MA, M.Phil
ANDERSON, F., BSc, Msc
BELTON, A.J., MA
BINDER, S.J.
BIRCHALL, R. J.
BYRNE, H.P., BMEd.Sc., M.B.B.Ch. B.A.O., MRCOG., MSc
CADDY, K.
CALLAND, L. R. D.
CARPENTER, P.J., BSc, FRSA
COOK, J.P., BSc
COOPER, Mrs. L.A., BA (Hons)
CRITCHARD, A., BSc
CRIVELLI, G.
DALEY, J.G.D., BSc (Hons), PGDip
DAWSON, P.M., BA (Hons)
DENFIELD, H. S. K.
DIKERDEM, A.E.O
ELLIS, J.P.
FIELD, R.
FLOOK, A. J. R
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FRASER, C., BA Hons
GASSER, J. M. H.
GIBBONS, A.R.A., BA (Hons)
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GOVINDIA, R.P., CBE
GRAHAM, Mrs., ANCM (Silver Medal), SRN
GRAHAM, P. T.
GRIMSTON, M.C., MA (Cantab), BA (Hons) (Open), PGCE
HAMILTON, Mrs. M., BA, ACII
HENDERSON, G.P., BA Hons, DipSH, CIOSH
HOGG, S.A, MSc
HUMPHRIES, G.D.R.
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STOCK, K., LLB
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SWEET, W
TORRINGTON, R.C., BA (Hons)
WALKER, P. J. R., RN MA
WALSH, T.M., BSc, LLB
WHITE, P
WINTLE, E. M., BSc, MCIPD
1. **PRAYERS**

Before the commencement of business, the Mayor informed the Council that Reverend Dr. Daniel Eshun has sent his blessings and best wishes for this meeting.

The Reverend Cannon Edwards then led the Council in prayer.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors Hart, Mckinney and Salier. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor L. Cooper.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22\(^{nd}\) May 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. **FORMER COUNCILLOR MS SAMANTHA HEATH**

The Mayor reminded the Council that former Councillor Ms Samantha Heath had passed away on 28\(^{th}\) March 2019.

The Council stood for a minute’s silence, following which Councillors Hogg and Senior paid tribute to Ms Samantha Heath.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

The Mayor welcomed back Councillor Graham Loveland and congratulated him on his recent appointment as Furzedown ward Councillor.

The Mayor informed the Council that:-

(a) item 19 is required to be considered as a matter of urgency and the reasons were set out in full at the top of that item;
(b) whilst Members are giving their speech the amber light comes on with 90 seconds remaining and the red light comes on 30 seconds before the end of their speech;
(c) in relation to adjournment debates, the one hour period to the next adjournment motion begins when the motion is made, i.e. moved and seconded – not at the end of the adjournment motion response or vote.

The Council noted the following amendments:

(a) correction to paragraph 5 of report no.1, the Members’ Allowance Scheme. The general purposes committee agreed the recommendations to Council by 10 votes to 1 as opposed to unanimously as stated in the report.
(b) correction to paragraph 6 of report no.1 – ‘Proposals for Managing the duration of Overview and Scrutiny Committees’, which has been circulated in the chamber

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

7. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

The Council received a report by the Chief Executive that, from 26th February 2019 to 4th of July 2019, the Common Seal of the Corporation has been affixed to 290 documents as described in entries 111291 to 111581 on pages 69 - 90 of the Sealing of Documents Register No. 54.

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Councillor Critchard presented a petition signed by 234 persons calling on the Council to investigate making Fishponds Road, Broadwater Road and Rogers Road closed to lorries, trucks and HGV through traffic other than for access only.

Councillor Mrs. A. Graham presented a petition signed by 200 persons (including residents of the Openview Estate) asking the Council to update their policy with regards to what is considered permitted developments within the Magdalen Conservation area.

Councillor Gilbert presented a petition (on behalf of the residents of Sparkford and Selworthy Houses, SW11) signed by 41 persons urging the Council to consult with residents before progressing with any plans or applications to install sprinklers in their flats.

Councillor Morgan presented a petition signed by 247 persons asking the Council to refuse Golden Tours plans to launch tourist boats using the slipway outside St. Mary’s Church.

Councillor Fraser presented a petition signed by 127 persons calling on the Council to consider making Mantilla Road a one-way street and in doing so undertake a feasibility study in the autumn.

Councillor Ambache presented a petition signed by 531 persons calling on the Council to make the Alton Estate regeneration a better deal for Roehampton.

Councillor Grimston presented a petition (on behalf of the residents of Ethelburga Tower) signed by 32 persons urging the Council to consult with residents and leaseholders before progressing with any plans or applications to install sprinklers in their flats.

Councillor Grimston presented a petition signed by 10,000 persons urging the Council to declare a climate emergency.
Councillor Crivelli presented a petition signed by 141 persons asking the Council to introduce road calming measures in Keswick Road, SW15.

Councillor Walker presented a petition signed by 1,260 persons demanding the Council to increase the local recycling rate.

9. **QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor then (at 7.45 p.m.) called upon Members of the Council who had given notice of questions to the Leader of the Council for oral reply under Standing Order No.11. Questions 1 to 4 were thereupon asked and the answers given as follows:-

*See questions 1 to 4 attached*

The time specified in Standing Order No.11 having expired (at 8.10 p.m.) questions 5 to 11 were deemed to have been asked and answered in writing.

*See questions 5 to 11 attached*

10. **ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

Motion moved (at 8.10 p.m.) by Councillor Gasser and duly seconded by Councillor Ambache – “That the Council do now adjourn for 30 seconds to oppose the changes to the existing structure of the Autistic Spectrum Advisory Service to create a single service”.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Children Services having duly responded, the motion was put to the vote and declared to be not carried by 31 votes to 24.

11. **MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**

Upon the motion of the Mayor (at 8.20 p.m.) it was

**RESOLVED** – That paragraph 3 (Wandsworth Environmental and Sustainability Strategy 2019-2030) of Report No. 1 be debated as next business.

12. **REPORT NO. 1 - ITEMS FOR DECISION**

At (8.20 p.m.), the Council had before it Report No.1 on items for decision including those arising out of proceedings at meetings of the regulatory committees and overview and scrutiny committees, and recommendations by the Executive.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be received.
Motion as set out on page 99 of the agenda moved (at 8.20 p.m.) by Councillor Govinda and seconded by Councillor Hogg.

Following a lengthy debate, the motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** – (unanimously) that:

“This Council notes the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which describes with high confidence the enormous harm that a 2 degree average rise global temperature will cause, compared to a 1.5 degree rise. The IPCC report also confirms that with immediate and ambitious action from national governments and local authorities between now and 2030 it may still be possible to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

To ensure this Council is playing its part, it resolves to:

1) declare a climate emergency;
2) aim to be net carbon neutral by 2030;
3) aim to be carbon zero by 2050;
4) continue the Council’s work to improve energy efficiency and reduce its carbon footprint;
5) endorses the proposed Environmental and Sustainability Strategy which commits the Council to continue all relevant OSC, Executive and officer activities to produce a comprehensive climate action plan by the end of 2019 which will deliver these objectives;
6) work with partners across the Borough to deliver these new goals;
7) Expedite the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) review of our pensions investments with particular reference to decarbonisation and climate change;
8) continue to campaign strongly against Heathrow expansion”.

13. **QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN**

The Mayor then (at 9.35 p.m.) called on Members of the Council who had given notice of questions for oral reply to Cabinet Members and Chairmen under Standing Order No.11. Questions 12 to 15 were thereupon asked and the answers given as follows:-

See questions 12 to 15 attached

The time specified in Standing Order No.11 having expired (at 9.55 p.m.) questions 16 to 26 were deemed to have been asked and answered in writing.

See questions 16 to 26 attached

14. **REPORT NO. 1 - ITEMS FOR DECISION (CONT’D)**

The Council then (at 9.55 p.m.) continued its consideration of the recommendations in Report No. 1 – Items for Decision.
Motion made and

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations in paragraph 1 (In-Year Changes to the Pay Policy Statement 2019/20) be adopted.

Motion made and having been put to the vote

**RESOLVED** – (by 30 votes to 25) That the recommendations in paragraph 2 (Annual Housing Resources and Commitments For 2019/20) be adopted.

Motion made and

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations in paragraph 4 (Treasury Management in 2018/19 and 2019/20) be adopted.

Motion made and

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations in paragraph 5 (Members’ Allowance Scheme) be adopted.

Motion made that paragraph 6 (Proposals for Managing the Duration of Overview and Scrutiny Committees) be adopted.

Amendment moved (at 10.04 p.m.) by Councillor Gibbons and seconded by Councillor Daley with additions in **bold** and deletions crossed through –

**Procedure Rule 16 - Length of Meetings**

*After sitting for three hours, including any period of time that the meetings may have been adjourned from the time of commencement upon a motion to guillotine being moved, seconded and approved by the Committee, the Chairman of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committee shall dispose of the remaining business on their agenda in accordance with the following procedure:*

(i)  That if an agenda item is being debated at the time the provisions of this Procedure Rule come into effect, that this debate shall be concluded within 10 minutes, and then a vote taken on the recommendations and any proposed amendments to those recommendations.

(ii) That the necessary motions to deal with any remaining matters for consideration and recommendation to the Executive shall be voted on immediately without debate, including any proposed amendments to those recommendations;  
*That if agenda items for decision remain to be considered that these be deferred to a later or subsequent meeting of the Committee;*
(iii) That any matters submitted to the Committee or Sub-Committee for information will be recorded in the minutes as being noted without debate;

(iv) That no deputations will be heard during the period to which this Standing Order applies; and,

(v) That if either the relevant Director, the Section 151 Officer, the Head of Paid Service or the Monitoring Officer (or their representatives) are of the view that the Committee must receive advice before determining any remaining recommendations on the agenda, they may address the Committee or Sub-Committee with the Chairman’s permission immediately before a vote is taken on the recommendations or amended recommendations. Members may ask questions for clarification only on any advice given by officers, but not debate it.

Deputations procedure – Amendment to Standing Order No.13(g)

13 (g) The time allowed for a speaker to address the Council, the Executive or a committee on behalf of a deputation shall not be more than **ten five** minutes, unless the Council, the Executive, or committee agree a longer period. After the speaker has addressed the meeting and any questions have been dealt with, the deputation shall withdraw from the Council Chamber or meeting room.

Following debate the amendment was put to the vote and declared not to be carried (by 30 votes to 26).

The motion ‘That paragraph 6 be received for adoption ’ was then put to the vote and

**RESOLVED** – (by 30 votes to 26) That the recommendations in paragraph 6 (Proposals for Managing the Duration of Overview and Scrutiny Committees) be adopted.

Motion made and

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations in paragraph 7 (Code of Corporate Governance) be adopted.

Motion made and

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations in paragraph 8 (Joint Pensions Committee Procedures) be adopted.

15. **MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD (CONT’D)**

Upon the motion of the Mayor (at 10.06 p.m.) it was

**RESOLVED** – That item 19 be debated as next business.
16. **A NO DEAL BREXIT (PAPER NO. 19-232)**

Motion moved (at 10.06 p.m.) by Councillor Hogg and seconded by Councillor Carpenter –

**A No Deal Brexit**

“This Council notes that the threat of a ‘No Deal’ Brexit has significantly increased in recent weeks.

A ‘No Deal’ Brexit would cost jobs and ruin businesses in Wandsworth and be distressing to thousands of EU citizens in our Borough left with no guarantees on their rights of residence.

This Council instructs the leader to write to local MPs and the Prime Minister to state a No Deal Brexit would be a disaster for Wandsworth’s open, prosperous, vibrant communities and must be avoided”.

Amendment moved (at 10.06 p.m.) by Councillor P. Graham and seconded by Councillor Ellis with additions in bold -

“This Council notes that the threat of a ‘No Deal’ Brexit has significantly increased in recent weeks there is still no resolution to the 2016 referendum.

A ‘No Deal’ Brexit would cost jobs and ruin businesses in Wandsworth and be distressing to **The uncertainty around Brexit is causing distress for thousands of EU citizens in our borough and for UK nationals from Wandsworth living in EU countries, who may be left** with no guarantees on their rights of residence.

This Council instructs the leader to write to the Prime Minister to state a No Deal Brexit would be a disaster for Wandsworth’s open, prosperous, vibrant communities and must be avoided. **requests the Leader of the Council to write to the next Prime Minister and the President of the European Commission, outlining these concerns and reiterating this borough’s commitment to open, prosperous and vibrant communities.**”

Following debate, the amendment was put to the vote and declared to be carried (by 30 votes to 25).

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and

**RESOLVED** – (unanimously) that

“This Council notes that there is still no resolution to the 2016 referendum.
The uncertainty around Brexit is causing distress for thousands of EU citizens in our Borough and for UK nationals from Wandsworth living in EU countries, who may be left with no guarantees on their rights of residence.

This Council requests the Leader of the Council to write to the next Prime Minister and the President of the European Commission, outlining these concerns and reiterating this borough’s commitment to open, prosperous and vibrant communities.”

17. **STANDING ORDER NO. 32**

Moved (at 10.18 p.m.) by Councillor Locker, duly seconded by Councillor Mrs. Sutters. Following debate the motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried (by 29 votes to 26).

**RESOLVED** – (by 29 votes to 26) That the remaining business of the meeting be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order No. 32.

18. **REPORT NO. 2 - EXECUTIVE - 24TH JUNE AND 8TH JULY 2019**

The Council had before it (at 10.18 p.m.) the report of the Executive (No. 2) arising out of proceedings at its meetings on 24th June and 8th July 2019.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be received.

**Strategic Planning and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Motions made and

**RESOLVED** – That paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 be received as information.

**Housing and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Motion made and having been put to the vote

**RESOLVED** – (by 29 votes and 26 abstentions) That paragraph 4 (Regeneration Update - Winstanley/York Road Estate, SW11 (Latchmere) and Alton Estate, SW15 (Roehampton and Putney Heath)) be received as information.

Motion made and having been put to the vote

**RESOLVED** – (by 29 votes and 26 abstentions) That paragraph 5 (Affordable Housing Update) be received as information.

Motion made and having been put to the vote

**RESOLVED** – (by 29 votes and 26 abstentions) That paragraph 6 (Council-led Development Programme) be received as information.
Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Motions made and

RESOLVED – That paragraphs 7 and 8 be received as information.

Education and Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Motion made – That paragraph 9 (Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Advisory Service – Outcome of Consultation) be received as information.

Reference-up amendment under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 18 moved by Councillor Gasser and seconded by Councillor Ambache -

“That the recommendations in Paper No.19-185 are not acted upon.”

The amendment was put to the vote and declared not to be carried (by 29 votes to 26).

The motion ‘That paragraph 9 be received as information’ was then put to the vote and

RESOLVED – (by 29 votes to 26) That paragraph 9 (Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Advisory Service – Outcome of Consultation) be received as information.

Motion made – That paragraph 10 (Future Delivery of Early Help by the Children’s Services Department) be received as information.

Reference-up amendment under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 18 moved by Councillor Gasser and seconded by Councillor Ambache -

The Executive is further recommended to:

(d) agree that the Council fully support the valuable work of its voluntary sector partners such as Devas Youth Club and Caius House Youth Club (“the Clubs”) in recognition of the important role that they play in tackling the surge in knife crime by:

(i) providing Council-employed staff to the Clubs to ensure that at least the same level of universally accessible front-line targeted youth services and activities can continue to be provided from these clubs.

(ii) ensuring that the criteria for the Community Led Fund allows the Clubs to access grants from this fund to cover ongoing staffing costs.

(e) Agree that the Council will fully support the borough’s children’s centres in delivering high quality universally accessible front-line targeted family services and outreach work that engages the most vulnerable families by:
(i) ensuring each Children’s Centre continues to have its own dedicated manager who has experience of the particular needs of local families and how best to engage the most vulnerable families.

(f) Agree that the implementation of the proposals in this paper be paused for the following reasons:

(i) a new Director of Children’s Services will shortly be joining the Council and they may wish to give further consideration and leadership on how best to integrate a whole family approach across all three division of the department.

(ii) so that a more detailed feasibility study can be completed in relation to the viability of funding early help services through a Community Led Fund

(iii) ensure that voluntary sector partners and young people using youth services provided through the Council’s voluntary sector partners are properly consulted not least to ensure adequate transitional arrangements are in place to guarantee that Devas and Caius House Youth clubs can continue to thrive.

The amendment was put to the vote and declared not to be carried (by 29 votes to 26).

The motion ‘That paragraph 10 be received as information’ was then put to the vote and

**RESOLVED** – (by 29 votes to 26) That paragraph 10 (Future Delivery of Early Help by the Children’s Services Department) be received as information.

Motions made and

**RESOLVED** – That paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 be received as information.

**Community Services And Open Spaces Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Motions made and

**RESOLVED** – That paragraphs 14 and 15 be received as information.

**Finance and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Motions made and

**RESOLVED** – That paragraphs 16 and 17 be received as information.
The Council had before it (at 10.21 p.m.) the report of the Planning Applications Committee (No.3) arising out of proceedings at their meetings on 27th February, 27th March, 25th April, 21st May and 26th June 2019.

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

Motions made and

RESOLVED – That paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 be received as information.

20. REPORT NO. 4 - AUDIT COMMITTEE - 18TH MARCH 2019

The Council had before it (at 10.22 p.m.) the report of the Audit Committee (No.4) arising out of proceedings at their meeting on 18th March 2019.

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

Motions made and

RESOLVED – That paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 be received as information.

21. REPORT NO. 5 - RICHMOND AND WANDSWORTH JOINT PENSIONS COMMITTEE - 21ST MARCH AND 4TH JUNE 2019

The Council had before it (at 10.23 p.m.) the report of the Joint Pensions Committee (No.5) arising out of proceedings at their meeting on 21st March and 4th June 2019.

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

Motions made and

RESOLVED – That paragraphs, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 7 and 8 be received as information.

22. REPORT NO. 6 - RICHMOND AND WANDSWORTH JOINT STAFFING COMMITTEE – 5TH JUNE 2019

The Council had before it (at 10.23 p.m.) the report of the Joint Staffing Committee (No.6) arising out of proceedings at their meeting on 5th June 2019.

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

Motions made and
RESOLVED – That paragraphs, 1 and 2 be received as information.

23. **REPORT NO. 7 - HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD - 27TH JUNE 2019**

The Council had before it (at 10.23 p.m.) the report of the Health and Wellbeing Board (No.7) arising out of proceedings at their meeting on 27th June 2019.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be received.

Motions made and

**RESOLVED** – That paragraphs, 1, 2 and 3 be received as information

24. **REPORT NO. 8 - GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - 4TH JULY 2019**

The report from this meeting was considered under item 23, Report No. 1 – Items for Decision.

25. **FURZEDOWN WARD BY-ELECTION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS (PAPER NO. 19 - 224)**

The Council then had before it (at 10.25 p.m.) the report by the Chief Executive on the result of the Furzedown Ward by-election and subsequent appointments to committees. It was

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations set out in the report be adopted; and the appointment of Councillor Mrs Hampton in place of Councillor Hart on the Joint Pensions Committee.

The Council rose at 10.25 p.m.