

Minutes of: THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BURY

Date of Meeting: 20 May 2020

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (T Holt in the Chair);
Councillors J Black, S Briggs, R A Caserta, R Cathcart, , P Cropper, C Cummins, A J Cummings, J Daly, I B Gartside, R Gold, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, S Hurst, K Hussain, D Jones, N Jones, O Kersh, K Leach, J Mason, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, T D Pickstone, A Quinn, M Powell, T Rafiq, I Schofield, D Silbiger, A Simpson, L Smith, M Smith, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, C Tegolo, K Thomas, D Vernon, R E Walker, S Walmsley, C Walsh and M Whitby and Y Wright

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Councillors G Keeley, S Wright and A McKay

Public attendance: Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the meeting was undertaken via Microsoft Teams and streamed live on the Council's website.

C.01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

C.02 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 March 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.03 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported that this has been an extremely difficult few weeks and paid tribute to all key workers on the frontline of hospitals and care homes, in shops, delivering public services. The key workers have been backed by an army of volunteers in the fantastic community hubs, getting vital support out to the most vulnerable.

C.04 CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATES REPORT

The Leader moved, and Councillor Tariq seconded, Constitutional Updates Report be approved and adopted.

Councillor Nick Jones moved and Councillor Cropper seconded an amendment to the report to retain the current Cabinet Structure.

On being put, with 18 voting for, 26 against and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the vote on the amendment lost.

On being put, with 29 voting for, 0 against and 17 abstaining, the Mayor declared the substantive motion carried.

C.05 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2020/21

A) APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Simpson moved that Councillor E O'Brien be elected Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

Councillor Tariq seconded the nomination.

On being put, with 29 voting for, 0 against and with 18 abstaining, the Mayor announced that Councillor E O'Brien was duly elected Leader for a four year term of office.

B) ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS REPORT

The Leader moved, and Councillor Tariq seconded, that the report on the Annual Appointments for the 2020/21 Municipal Year be approved and adopted, and **On being put, with 46 voting for, 0 against it was;**

RESOLVED:

1. That the Strong Leader arrangements adopted by the Council in 2011/12, with an increase in the Cabinet to 9 Members be confirmed for 2020/2021.
2. That the appointments of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
3. That the appointment of the Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members and spokespersons for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted.
4. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
5. That the appointment of other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.

6. That the appointments to the Combined Authority and Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year, set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.
8. That the appointments to outside bodies for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
9. That the Members Allowance Scheme for 2020/2021 as set out in Appendix H be noted.
10. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups on the Council, be authorised to determine any appointments to bodies which remain to be filled and any changes in appointments or any new appointments to be made during the 2020/2021 Municipal Year and that any such appointments be reported to the Cabinet for information.
11. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make consequential changes to the Constitution as a result of any changes to Cabinet Portfolios

C.06 STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE

Councillor E O'Brien Leader of the Council, made a statement on the State of the Borough describing the main achievements of the Council during 2019/2020.

C.07 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2020/21

Councillor Richard Gold moved that Councillor Tim Pickstone be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2020/2021, with Mr Wayne Burrows as his consort.

Councillor Tegolo seconded the nomination.

The Worshipful the Mayor, after calling for and not receiving any other nominations, declared the nomination carried and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Tim Pickstone be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2020/2021, with Mr Wayne Burrows as his consort.

The newly-elected Mayor then occupied the Chair, made and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked the Council for the honour conferred on her in electing him Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

Councillor Tim Pickstone, the newly elected Mayor assumed the Chair.

C.08 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Cropper, seconded by Councillor Hayes and it was:

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Trevor Holt be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for 2020/21 and the Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Holt and Mrs Evelyn Holt for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Mayor and Consort of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices.

C.09 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYOR AND OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYORESSES

It was proposed by Councillor Tariq and seconded by Councillor Walsh and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Shaheena Haroon and Mr Raja Haroon Khan, for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Deputy Mayor and Deputy Consort of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTE: The meeting started at 2pm and finished at 4.48pm)