

COUNCIL FORUM

Thursday, 1st October 2020

PRESENT – *The Mayor Councillor Iftakhar Hussain, Councillors Afzal, Akhtar, H, Akhtar P, Batan, Bateson, Brookfield, Browne, Casey, Connor, Daley, Davies, Desai, Fazal, Floyd, Gee, Gunn, Hardman, Harling, Hussain I, Hussain M, Hussain S, Jan- Virmani, Kay, Khan M, Khan Z, Khonat, Liddle, Mahmood, Marrow, McFall, McGurk, Oates, Patel, Rawat, Rigby C, Rigby J, Riley, Salton, Sidat, Shorrocks, Slater Jacq, Slater Ja, Slater Ju, Slater N, Smith D, Smith J, Talbot, Taylor and Whittle.*

RESOLUTIONS

24 Welcome and Apologies

The Chief Executive read out the notice convening the meeting and the Mayor advised how the remote meeting would operate.

25 Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held of the Annual Council meeting held on 16th July 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

26 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

27 Mayoral Communications

The Mayor reflected on unprecedented and challenging times, commenting that there had also been hope and a lot of community spirit as the Borough adapted to the pandemic.

The Mayor advised that he was proud of how the Council had responded to the crisis, and gave thanks to colleagues, both Councillors and Officers of the Council, and all volunteers in the Borough, for all their hard work and support in a strange and challenging year.

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The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received from members of the public under Procedure Rule 12.

29 Motions

The Chief Executive reported that no Motions had been received under Procedure Rule 10.

30 Updates from Other Committees

An update from the Standards Committee was submitted, and the Chair also advised Council that an advertisement had been placed on the Council's website for an Independent Person or Persons to serve on the Committee, as the current appointments for the existing Independent Persons, Alan Eastwood and Stewart Wright were coming to an end. The terms of Mr Eastwood and Mr Wright had been extended until 3rd December 2020, where at the Policy Council meeting, the results of the recruitment process would be reported and the Council asked to ratify the successful applicant or applicants.

The Chairs of the PEOPLE and PLACE Committees gave verbal updates on the recent meetings of the Committees.

The Chair of the Policy and Corporate Resources Committee, Councillor Dave Harling, reported that the Committee had not met as scheduled, as a Call-in on Executive Member Decision on the extension of the lease of the Reel Cinema had taken its place, and that, as Vice Chair of the Call-in Committee, he had chaired the meeting.

Members of the Council debated the circumstances around the arrangement of the Call-in Committee meeting, the attendance issues and the actual meeting itself, which had resulted in the Executive Member Decision being upheld.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the update from the Standards Committee and extension of term of the Independent Persons be noted; and
- 2) That the updates from the Chairs of the PEOPLE, PLACE, Policy and Corporate Resources Committee and Vice Chair of the Call-in Committee be noted.

31 Reports of Executive Members with Portfolios

The Leader and Executive Members presented their update reports to the Council Forum, providing verbal updates as appropriate.

RESOLVED – That the reports of the Leader and Executive Members be noted.

32 Questions from Members

The Chief Executive reported that no questions from Members had been received under Procedure Rule 11.

In his closing comments, thanking the Mayor for his running of the meeting, the Leader advised the Council of the Roadshow that would be arriving in the Borough to publicise the use of the Covid- 19 App.

Signed at a meeting of the Policy Coucil
on Thursday, 3rd December 2020

(being the ensuing meeting of the Council) by

MAYOR