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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF  
BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON 26 MAY 2015 AT 2.00 p.m.**

- P The Lord Mayor - Councillor Champion-Smith
- P The Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Watson
- P The Mayor - George Ferguson
- P Councillor Abraham
- P Councillor Alexander
- P Councillor Bolton
- P Councillor Bradshaw
- P Councillor Brain
- P Councillor Breckels
- P Councillor Budd
- P Councillor Cheney
- P Councillor Clark
- P Councillor Clarke
- P Councillor Cook
- A Councillor Daniels
- P Councillor Davies
- P Councillor Denyer
- P Councillor Eddy
- P Councillor Fodor
- P Councillor Frost
- P Councillor Glazzard
- P Councillor Gollop
- P Councillor Goulandris
- P Councillor Greaves
- A Councillor Hance
- P Councillor Harvey
- P Councillor Hickman
- P Councillor Hiscott
- P Councillor Holland
- P Councillor Hopkins
- P Councillor Hoyt
- P Councillor Jackson
- P Councillor Jama
- P Councillor Joffe
- A Councillor Kent
- P Councillor Khan
- P Councillor Kirk

P Councillor Langley  
P Councillor Leaman  
P Councillor Lovell  
P Councillor Lucas  
P Councillor Malnick  
P Councillor McMullen  
P Councillor Massey  
P Councillor Mead  
P Councillor Means  
P Councillor Melias  
P Councillor Milestone  
P Councillor Mongon  
P Councillor Morgan  
P Councillor D Morris  
P Councillor G Morris  
P Councillor Negus  
P Councillor Payne  
P Councillor Pearce  
P Councillor Phipps  
P Councillor Quartley  
P Councillor Radice  
P Councillor Rylatt  
P Councillor Shah  
P Councillor Stafford-Townsend  
P Jenny Smith  
P Councillor Stone  
P Rob Telford  
P Councillor Thomas  
P Councillor Threlfall  
P Councillor Tincknell  
P Councillor Weston  
P Councillor Windows  
P Councillor Wollacott  
A Councillor Wright

**Honorary aldermen and alderwomen in attendance:**

S Comer, R Griffey, P Main, W Martin, A Massey, J McLaren, M Moore, J Patterson, G Poultney, B Price, M Sykes, S Townsend, R Walker, and C J N Williams

**1. ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR**  
(agenda item 1)

Councillor Hopkins moved that Councillor Clare Campion-Smith be elected as Lord Mayor for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Councillor Holland seconded the motion.

On being put to the vote, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- **That Councillor Clare Champion-Smith be elected as Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol for the 2015/16 municipal year.**

Councillor Champion-Smith then signed the declaration of acceptance of the office of Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol.

The Lord Mayor then addressed the Full Council and took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

On the motion of Councillor Gollop, seconded by Councillor Morgan, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- **That a vote of thanks be approved by the Full Council to Councillor Alastair Watson in recognition of his work and duties carried out during his year as Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol.**

Councillor Watson then addressed the Full Council.

On the motion of Councillor Jama, seconded by Rob Telford, it was:

**RESOLVED:**

- **That a vote of thanks be approved by the Full Council to Faruk Choudhury in recognition of his work and duties carried out during his year as Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol.**

Faruk Choudhury then addressed the Full Council.

On the motion of Councillor Goulandris, seconded by Councillor Massey, it was:

**RESOLVED:**

- **That a vote of thanks be approved by the Full Council to the retiring Lady Mayoress in recognition of her work and duties carried out during her year as Lady Mayoress.**

**2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR**  
(agenda item 2)

Councillor Weston moved that Councillor Alastair Watson be elected as Deputy Lord Mayor for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Councillor Morgan seconded the motion.

On being put to the vote, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- **That Councillor Alastair Watson be elected as Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol for the 2015/16 municipal year.**

Councillor Watson then signed the declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol.

The Lord Mayor then proposed that Council adjourn for 30 minutes for refreshments and re-convene at 3.00 pm. It was then

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the Full Council adjourn for 30 minutes for refreshments and reconvene at 3.00 pm.**

**3. MINUTES - FULL COUNCIL - 17 MARCH 2015**

(agenda item 3)

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Watson, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 17 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(agenda item 4)

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(agenda item 5)

**a. Olive Cooke**

The Lord Mayor referred to the recent death of Olive Cooke, Bristol's oldest and longest serving poppy seller, drawing attention to the many tributes paid from all over the country, in recognition of her contribution to many charities over nearly 8 decades.

The Full Council then stood and observed a minute's silence in remembrance of Olive Cooke.

## **b. Local sporting success**

On behalf of the Full Council, the Lord Mayor congratulated Bristol City and Bristol Rovers football clubs on their respective promotions following the recently concluded football season, and wished Bristol Rugby the best of luck for the forthcoming second leg of their Championship play-off final.

## **c. Cllr Naomi Rylatt**

On behalf of Full Council, the Lord Mayor congratulated Cllr Rylatt on the recent birth of her child.

## **6. THE MAYOR OF BRISTOL'S ANNUAL STATEMENT TO FULL COUNCIL** (agenda item 6)

The Full Council received and noted the annual statement from the Mayor of Bristol, George Ferguson, reviewing his most recent year in office, and outlining key aims for the year ahead. It was noted that a document had been circulated setting out the delegation of executive functions agreed by the Mayor for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Each political group leader then responded and delivered their own statements.

The Mayor then responded to the political group leader statements.

## **7. BRISTOL CITY YOUTH COUNCIL MANIFESTO** (agenda item 7)

The Full Council received and noted a document setting out the Bristol City Youth Council manifesto / priorities for the year ahead.

The manifesto / priorities were presented at the meeting by:

- Daisy Newbold-Harrop, Chair of Bristol City Youth Council
- Ella Marshall, Bristol UK youth member of Parliament
- Sophie Giltinan, Bristol UK youth member of Parliament
- Neha Mehta, Bristol Youth Mayor
- Thanushan Jeyarajah, Bristol Youth Mayor
- Elise Brindley, Elected youth member - Bristol north
- Letisha Christopher, Elected youth member - Bristol south

The Mayor, and then Councillors Massey, Hiscott, Glazzard and Morgan (on behalf of their respective political groups), and Councillor Frost responded to the Youth Council representatives regarding the presentation of their manifesto.

On behalf of the Full Council, the Lord Mayor thanked the youth representatives for their presentation, and suggested that it would be appropriate for a progress report to be brought back to the Full Council later in the year.

## **8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

(agenda item 8)

The Full Council considered a report of the Service Director - Legal and Democratic Services seeking approval of proposed amendments to the constitution for 2015/16.

The Service Director - Legal and Democratic Services advised the Full Council of the following point of clarification:

- In relation to Officer Employment Rule (OER) 3 as set out on page 153 of the agenda papers, and Officer Employment Rule (OER) 6 as set out on page 155 of the agenda papers, it should be noted that all references to “the authority” should be read as meaning “the Full Council.”

The Full Council having noted this alteration / point of clarification, the Mayor moved the report and the recommendations set out therein.

Councillor Pearce seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That Council Procedure Rule 2.1.2 be suspended in order that the constitutional amendments approved at this meeting can take immediate effect.**
- 2. That (subject to noting the above clarification / alteration to the Officer Employment Rules) the proposed amendments to the constitution as summarised in Appendix 1 and as detailed in full in Appendix 2 of the report be adopted.**
- 3. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make such further amendments to the constitution as required pursuant to future implementation of the draft Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2015.**
- 4. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any other minor editorial amendments to the constitution as may be required from time to time.**

## **9. ESTABLISHMENT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEES**

(agenda item 9)

The Full Council considered a report of the Service Director - Legal and Democratic Services on the establishment and terms of reference of committees for 2015/16.

The Lord Mayor advised the Full Council that an additional document had been circulated, setting out the proposed Overview and Scrutiny Management Board membership and Scrutiny Commission chairs, as discussed with the party group whips (and taking account of the political balance considerations referred to at agenda item 10).

The Full Council having noted the above information, Councillor Jackson moved the report and the recommendations set out therein.

Councillor Goulandris seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED, and it was:

**RESOLVED:**

**1. that the following committees be established for the 2015/16 municipal year:**

- a. Overview and Scrutiny bodies:**
- Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
  - Place Scrutiny Commission
  - People Scrutiny Commission
  - Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission
  - Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission

***Joint scrutiny bodies:***

(it was noted that the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, the West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee and the South West Ambulance Service Trust Joint Scrutiny Committee did not need to be formally re-established as they remained extant).

- b. Regulatory Committees:**
- Development Control Committee A
  - Development Control Committee B
  - Public Safety and Protection Committee
  - Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee

**c. Appeals Committee**

- d. Other non-executive committees:**
- Human Resources Committee
  - Selection Committee
  - Audit Committee

- e. Statutory committees:**  
(Licensing Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board).

**2. That the terms of reference of the committees for the 2015/16 municipal year be approved, as set out in Appendix A of the report.**



**3. That the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions be appointed as follows:**

- **Overview and Scrutiny Management Board - Councillor Pearce**
- **Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission - Cllr Lovell**
- **Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission - Councillor Negus**
- **Place Scrutiny Commission - Councillor Bolton**
- **People Scrutiny Commission - Councillor Alexander**

**4. That members be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (to include the chairs of the scrutiny commissions referred to in 3. above) as follows:**

**Councillor Alexander  
Councillor Bolton  
Councillor Goulandris  
Councillor Hickman  
Councillor Holland  
Councillor Hopkins  
Councillor Lovell  
Councillor Melias  
Councillor Mongon  
Councillor Negus  
Councillor Pearce  
Rob Telford**

**10. ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE SEATS AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES**

(agenda item 10)

The Full Council considered a report of the Service Director - Legal and Democratic Services seeking agreement on the size of committees and the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules, and approval of the appointment of members to serve on committees for 2015/16 (and substitution arrangements).

Councillor Hoyt moved the report and the recommendations set out therein.

Councillor Hopkins seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the vote, the recommendations were CARRIED, and it was

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That approval be given to the allocation of seats on committees as set out in the report.**
- 2. That Councillor Frost be offered a seat on the Place Scrutiny**

**Commission.**

- 3. That 15 members be appointed to the Licensing Committee as follows:**

**Councillor Abraham  
Councillor Budd  
Councillor Clark  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Davies  
Councillor Fodor  
Councillor Hance  
Councillor Jama  
Councillor Khan  
Councillor D Morris  
Councillor Payne  
Councillor Pearce  
Rob Telford  
Councillor Windows  
Councillor Wollacott**

- 4. That all members of Council be appointed to serve on the Appeals Committee, comprising of any 3 members of the Council, subject to them having first received the necessary training and not having been involved in the original decision which is subject to appeal.**
- 5. That the Council be represented by 3 members, one from each of the 3 largest political groups, on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, the South West Ambulance Service Trust Joint Scrutiny Committee, and the West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee.**
- 6. That the continuation of the membership arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Board be noted.**
- 7. That named members be provided for the committees by the Group Whips by 5.00 p.m. on 29 May 2015 (to be sent to the Monitoring Officer). If named substitutes are not also provided, then any councillor of the relevant group may attend a meeting as a substitute other than in the case of (a) a Development Control committee, where the substitute must be a member of another Development Control committee (and be appropriately trained) or (b) any Scrutiny committee, where the substitute may not be a member of the executive.**

**11. DATES AND TIMES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
(agenda item 11)

The Full Council considered a report of the Service Director - Legal and Democratic Services seeking approval of the dates and times of meetings of the Full Council for the 2015/16 municipal year, and the date and time of the 2016/17 annual Full Council meeting.

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Goulandris, it was

**RESOLVED:**

**That dates and times of meetings be agreed as follows:**

- 6.00 pm - Tuesday 21 July 2015 \*
- 6.00 pm - Tuesday 15 September 2015 \*
- 6.00 pm - Tuesday 10 November 2015 \*
- 6.00 pm - Tuesday 15 December 2015 \*
- 6.00 pm - Tuesday 19 January 2016 \*
- 2.00 pm - Tuesday 16 February 2016 (budget setting meeting)
- 6.00 pm - Tuesday 15 March 2016 \*
- 2.00 pm - Tuesday 24 May 2016 (annual meeting)

**\* Note: on these dates, a member forum (up to one hour) will be held prior to the start of the Full Council meeting.**

**12. REPORT OF THE MEMBERS REMUNERATION INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL**

(agenda item 12)

The Full Council considered a report setting out the recommendations of the Members Remuneration Independent Review Panel.

For the purposes of enabling a debate to take place, the Mayor moved the report, and Councillor Watson (as Deputy Lord Mayor) seconded the report.

Following debate, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- **That having considered the report of the Members Remuneration Independent Review Panel, the recommendations be rejected.**

Note: the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Full Council stressed that the decision taken by the Council to reject the recommendations should not be seen in any way as a criticism of the quality of the work undertaken by the Panel. In particular, it was noted that greater clarity should have been given to the Panel at the outset in relation to the overall budget envelope available for member remuneration. The Lord Mayor then, on behalf of the Full Council, formally expressed thanks to the Panel for their work.

(The meeting ended at 6.00 p.m.)

LORD MAYOR