

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.04 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL

Members Present:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Member)	Councillor Kabir Hussain (Member)
Councillor Faroque Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Kamrul Hussain (Member)
Councillor Kabir Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Shahaveer Shubo Hussain (Member)
Councillor Leelu Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Asma Islam (Member)
Councillor Musthak Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Sirajul Islam (Member)
Councillor Saied Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Ahmodul Kabir (Member)
Councillor Shafi Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Saif Uddin Khaled (Member)
Councillor Suluk Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Ahmodur Khan (Member)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Sabina Khan (Member)
Councillor Sabina Akhtar (Member)	Councillor James King (Member)
Councillor Amina Ali (Member)	Councillor Amy Lee (Member)
Councillor Asma Begum (Member)	Councillor Abdul Malik (Member)
Councillor Maisha Begum (Member)	Councillor Abdul Mannan (Member)
Councillor Nathalie Bienfait (Member)	Councillor Ana Miah (Member)
Councillor Mufeedah Bustin (Member)	Councillor Ayas Miah (Member)
Councillor Bodrul Choudhury (Member)	Councillor Harun Miah (Member)
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury (Member)	Councillor Abdi Mohamed (Member)
Councillor Jahed Choudhury (Member)	Councillor Amin Rahman (Member)
Councillor Abu Chowdhury (Member)	Councillor Rebaka Sultana (Member)
Councillor Mohammad Chowdhury (Member)	Councillor Maium Talukdar (Member)
Councillor Marc Francis (Member)	Councillor Bellal Uddin (Member)
Councillor Peter Golds (Member)	Councillor Abdal Ullah (Member)
Councillor Iqbal Hossain (Member)	Councillor Abdul Wahid (Member)

AGENDA ORDER

During the meeting, Members agreed to vary the order of business to take Agenda Item 12.2 Motion to remove and reappoint the Chairs of Committee before agenda item 9.1 Report of Cabinet, Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy 2024 - 2027. For clarity, the minutes are presented in the order the items appear on the agenda.

**THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR SAIF UDDIN KAHLED
IN THE CHAIR**

The Speaker of the Council provided his update to the Council. He said he continued to attend Citizenship ceremonies in the borough and loved to meet the people making this huge change in their lives and hearing their stories.

He had presented numerous awards to people working for a diverse range of services from care workers to catering. He said all of them needed to be congratulated. Other highlights included:

- Marking milestone anniversaries of organisations in the borough;
- Participating in the peace walk in remembrance of Altab Ali as part of the National Hate Crime Awareness Week and the Council's No Place for Hate campaign, as well as the Global Peace and Unity festival;
- Welcoming Revd Alanna Harris as the new Lead Chaplain of Canary Wharf multifaith Chaplaincy led by the Bishop of Stepney;
- Attending the London Mayors' Association annual Civic Service held at Westminster Abbey; and
- Remembrance events this month in City Hall, Trinity Square Gardens and in the Town Hall, in honour of those who served 'to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life', and to 'acknowledge the innocent civilians who have lost their lives'.

Finally, the Speaker welcomed the two new Corporate Directors; Georgia Chimbani, Corporate Director of Health and Adult Social Care, and David Joyce, Corporate Director for Housing and Regeneration.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received from members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

In relation to Item 8 – Opposition Motion to adopt the Migrant Care Workers' Charter, Councillor Amy Lee declared a non-pecuniary interest that she worked for Unison and Councillor Sirajul Islam stated he was a member of Unison.

3. MINUTES

The Council **RESOLVED** to:

1. Agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council of 2nd October 2024 and approve them as a correct record of the proceedings. The Speaker was authorised to sign the minutes accordingly.

4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Steve Halsey, Chief Executive provided an update to the Council meeting, highlighting the following issues:

Best Value Inspection – Mr Halsey said the inspection report had been published by the Government. He said the senior management team and himself had met with the Local Government Minister and welcomed the partnership approach to address the recommendations made. Mr Halsey said they were working with government representatives and partners following the formal representation period. He gave an in-depth briefing on how this was to be achieved.

Annual Governance Statements – Mr Halsey said considering the BVI report the Annual Governance Statements had been updated. He said these would be presented with the audited accounts at the Audit Committee meeting of 4th December 2024.

OfSted Inspection into Children's Social Care Services – Mr Halsey said this inspection was ongoing and the findings of this would be important for the Council to demonstrate the direction of travel regarding leadership, service delivery and how well the Council works in partnership with others.

Self-Referral to the Housing Regulator – Mr Halsey informed members the Council had self-referred itself to the Housing Regulator on the 4th October 2024. He said this was a necessary step to ensure the Council improves the way in which it manages the Council's Housing Stock and engages with tenants.

Homecare Procurement Contract – Mr Halsey said the contract had been abandoned due to concerns relating to value for money and risk.

5. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

5.1 Petition requesting the Council reject or significantly reduce proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) against dogs.

Alisha Eastep, Aryan Mishra and Bernadette Moriarty presented their petition requesting the Council to reject or significantly reduce the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) against dogs. Ms Eastep said the PSPO order included two measures which were detrimental to the well-being of dogs. 1. The mandatory leashing of dogs at all times in public spaces and 2. The restriction on the number of dogs a dog walker can handle.

Ms Eastep said most dog owners were responsible owners. Having an open space for dogs to exercise was not only good for the animal but also provided social interaction for people and owners in the community. She said the enforcement of the current legislation to deter dangerous dogs was enough, and a blanket requirement of leashing dogs in public spaces was not needed.

Members asked questions of the petitioners.

Members debated the petition and considered the motion **moved** by Councillor Sirajul Islam and **seconded** by Councillor Amy Lee, as set out in Supplemental Agenda 1.

Councillor Shafi Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency responded to matters raised in the petition. Councillor Shafi Ahmed stated the consultation had not come to an end however the Council would analyse the responses and feedback, and would be presenting its final proposal at Cabinet in Spring 2025.

Council **RESOLVED** to **AGREE**

1. The motion put forward by Councillor Sirajul Islam was unanimously agreed by members; that

This council notes:

- The petition presented today and the contributions of the present residents.

This council resolves to:

- Request that the lead member meets with responsible dog owners/local dog owner groups to ensure that the council is doing everything it can to ensure that responsible dog owners are not penalised by a decision on a PSPO.
- Instruct the Lead member/Mayor to review and consider the alternative actions detailed in the petition and circulated to members this evening, before making a decision on a PSPO.

2. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director for Communities and Regeneration for a written response within 28 days.

5.2 Petition regarding the Issue with the dock side path on the Isle of Dogs.

Andrew Wood presented his petition regarding the dock side path on the Isle of Dogs. He called upon the Council to meet with the Canal and River Trust – a national charity and consider ways in which the Council can support the area.

Mr Wood said the area could benefit from public bins, a clean up of the routes as well as S106/CIL/NHB money to fix the pathway plus help the Canal River Trust to install lifebuoys as well as improve the maintenance of the docks, pumping station and bridges. He said CCTV in key locations would also help ensure public safety.

Members asked questions of the petitioners.

Councillor Shafi Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency responded to matters raised in the petition. He said the land was owned by the Canal and River Trust and as such was not under the local authority's jurisdiction. However, it was in the local authority's best interest to take responsibility for the maintenance of private land and therefore the Council would be willing to meet with the Canal and River Trust to discuss any support the Council could offer them to manage their land.

Council **RESOLVED** to **AGREE**

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director for Communities and Regeneration for a written response within 28 days.

5.3 Petition requesting the Council to provide more Social Housing for residents.

Terry McGenera presented his petition requesting the Council to provide more social housing for residents. He called upon the Council to increase the number of affordable homes available to the residents of Tower Hamlets. He said housing was the biggest issue in the borough. He referred to the recent planning application approved in June, whereby approximately 400 new council homes were part of the scheme. He expressed his disappointment that of the 407 homes, 232 were to be privately owned homes. He said this had to change, with the Council working with developers to ensure affordable homes meant 'social' housing and not private-owned homes.

Members asked questions of the petitioner.

Councillor Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding responded to matters raised in the petition. Councillor Kabir Ahmed said housebuilding had to follow the national planning framework, the Local and London Plan and give consideration to conservation areas. He said the key behind this was project viability and finance. He said the council had already increased the threshold from 35% social housing by habitable room, which is the London Plan requirement to 40% social housing in the local plan. He said they had increased intermediate and affordable housing from 75% to 80%. Majority of housing development is from private developers and therefore the Council is dependent on this.

Council **RESOLVED** to **AGREE**

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director for Housing and Regeneration for a written response within 28 days.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lutfur Rahman presented his report to the Council.

The Opposition Group Leader, Councillor Sirajul Islam then responded briefly to the Mayor's report.

Mayor Rahman provided concluding remarks.

7. ADMINISTRATION MOTION DEBATE

Council considered a motion as printed in the agenda on Pensioner Health through eating and meeting that had been **moved** by Councillor Maium Talukdar and **seconded** by Councillor Kabir Ahmed.

Following debate, the motion moved by Councillor Maium Talukdar and seconded by Councillor Kabir Ahmed was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

Council **RESOLVED** to:

This Council notes

- That pensioners are some of the most vulnerable and isolated residents, not only in Tower Hamlets, but across London and the UK more broadly.
- That according to a recent Age UK study, over 1.4million elderly residents said they were isolated, and lacking in key support and social networks.
- More than 2million people over the age of 75 live alone in the UK.
- That while many elderly residents in Tower Hamlets have excellent, loving support networks, many fall into this 2million category.
- That pensioner poverty in Tower Hamlets remains a critical issue with many older residents struggling to afford basic needs like heating, food supplies and other essentials, particularly during winter.
- That this compounds isolation and contributes to health inequalities, as well as placing additional pressures on the NHS.
- That according to data from June 2024, 12% of low-income pensioner households in Tower Hamlets are living below the poverty line.
- That according to a University of Manchester study, on average 16% of pensioners across the UK are in Low Food Security, meaning that the household in question "reduces the quality, variety, and nutritional value of their diets".
- That Tower Hamlets is one of the most deprived areas in the country, with 69% of its neighbourhoods falling into the 10% most deprived in England for income deprivation affecting older adults

- That at the last Cabinet meeting, the council pledged to support up to 9,000 poor pensioners with their fuel bills, offering a £175 payment to all those not on pension credit and no longer in receipt of a Winter Fuel Payment.

This Council believes

- That while this scheme will help vulnerable pensioners with their heating bills, many will continue to struggle to eat a hot, square meal each day.
- This could be due to financial, physical, or psychological impediments that mean they may go without a nutritious meal.
- That the existing meals on wheels policy – introduced in 1994 and cut during the previous administration – provided hundreds of vulnerable pensioners with a daily hot, nutritious meals and a warm conversation.
- That at its peak in 2015, the scheme serviced over 350 elderly residents with a daily meal and dessert.
- That this boosted the wellbeing, health and morale of pensioners across the borough.
- That the service was neglected under the previous administration, seeing the number of elderly residents receiving the support drop by more than half to 160 in 2019.
- That the cutting of the service in 2020 further isolated many needy elderly residents, depriving them of a key lifeline.
- That this also represented another cut to key frontline council jobs.
- That this cut further contributed to the reduction in key frontline services across the borough and plunged more vulnerable residents further into poverty.
- That luncheon clubs – another invaluable lifeline for many pensioners to socialise and eat a healthy meal – were also cut by the previous administration.
- That every pensioner has the right to healthy eating, as well as good heating.

This Council resolves

- To instruct Officers to model the financial and logistical cost of reintroducing the *Meals on Wheels* scheme, to understand its resource viability and deliverability.
- To continue to promote access to the council's Winter Fuel Payment scheme in the meantime, to ensure that affected elderly residents have access to support with their heating.
- Further to this, instruct officers to model the financial and logistical cost of reintroducing elderly luncheon clubs via quality assured 3 sector providers.
- To have a report presented at the next Cabinet meeting outlining options should such these schemes be feasible.
- To launch a borough wide campaign to promote healthy eating and social inclusion for pensioners and vulnerable residents in Tower Hamlets.

8. OPPOSITION MOTION DEBATE

Council considered a motion as printed in the agenda to adopt the Migrant Care Workers' Charter that had been **moved** by Councillor Amy Lee and seconded by Councillor Asma Islam.

Council also considered an amendment proposed and **moved** by Councillor Abu Talha Chowdhury and **seconded** by Councillor Sabina Akhtar as set out in the tabled papers as follows:

Amendment Proposed by Councillor Abu Talha Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor Sabina Akhtar.

Additions Underlined
Deletions Struck through

This Council notes:

1. That the **adult social care sector** relies heavily on migrant care workers, who play an essential role in providing compassionate and quality care for residents.
2. That since the introduction of the Health and Care Worker Visa, there has been a marked increase in reports of **modern slavery** and **exploitation** of migrant care workers within the sector, including issues such as excessive recruitment fees, debt bondage, withheld wages, and poor working conditions.
3. That the [Migrant Care Workers' Charter](#), developed by UNISON, seeks to address these abuses and protect migrant care workers from

exploitation by setting out standards for fair recruitment, accommodation, employment practices, and rights in the workplace.

4. That the current administration has tried to strengthen the rights of care workers through the guarantee that no care worker is obliged to accept a zero hours contract, and that all providers must offer between 16-32 hours contracts to their carers.
5. That **Salford Council** has already signed and adopted this charter as part of its commitment to support the rights and welfare of migrant care workers.

This Council believes:

1. That all care workers, including migrants, deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness, regardless of their nationality or immigration status.
2. That adopting the Migrant Care Workers' Charter will strengthen Tower Hamlets' commitment to **combat modern slavery and labour exploitation** in our local care sector, ensuring ethical practices in recruitment, fair employment conditions, and a safe working environment for all.
3. That this Council has a responsibility to protect migrant care workers from exploitation, enhance oversight of contracted care providers, and lead by example by committing to ethical employment standards in the social care sector.
4. That taking this step will improve the standards of care in Tower Hamlets, protect the wellbeing of care workers, and foster a fairer, more inclusive community.
5. That any individual or provider found to be exploiting migrant workers economically should be reported to the police immediately.

This Council resolves to:

1. **Be the first London Borough to sign the Migrant Care Workers' Charter** and formally adopt its commitments to promote ethical recruitment, safe and fair working conditions, and equal rights for migrant care workers across the borough.
2. **Implement the Charter's Standards** by mandating that all contracted care providers and agencies adhere to the principles outlined in the charter, including ensuring that:
 - Ensure all providers publish an annual **modern slavery statement**.
 - Recruitment fees are borne by employers, not workers, in line with the **'employer pays' principle**.
 - Migrant care workers are given equal access to **employment rights**, fair wages, and necessary workplace protections.
3. **Appoint a Dedicated Oversight Officer** to monitor compliance with the charter and to review all council contracts within the care sector, ensuring providers meet these standards and take proactive steps to prevent exploitation.
4. **Work in Partnership with all the Council's recognised Trade Unions** such as UNISON to support migrant care workers, providing

- access to union representatives, clear terms and conditions of employment, and information on how to raise concerns safely.
5. **Apply to the Home Office** for a licence to sponsor migrant care workers, enabling the Council to act as a **sponsor of last resort** to protect workers who face sudden job loss or exploitation by unethical employers.
 6. **Raise Awareness and Support** by launching an information campaign within the care sector and across the borough to educate both employers and workers on their rights and responsibilities under the charter. This campaign should be visible across the council's assets.
 7. By adopting this charter, Tower Hamlets Council will take a stand against exploitation in the care sector and commit to upholding the highest standards of dignity and respect for migrant care workers.
 8. Establish a joint taskforce with borough commander to ensure that those found guilty of imposing exploitation and modern slavery will be prosecuted with the swiftest action.
 9. To explore the establishment of an anonymous hotline in collaboration with the borough commander to provide residents and carers with the opportunity to report such behaviours.

Following debate, the amendment moved by Councillor Abu Talha Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor Sabina Akhtar was accepted as a friendly amendment by Councillor Amy Lee. The motion as amended was then put to the vote and approved.

Council **RESOLVED** to:

This Council notes:

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2. That since the introduction of the Health and Care Worker Visa, there has been a marked increase in reports of **modern slavery** and **exploitation** of migrant care workers within the sector, including issues such as excessive recruitment fees, debt bondage, withheld wages, and poor working conditions.
3. That the **Migrant Care Workers' Charter**, developed by UNISON, seeks to address these abuses and protect migrant care workers from exploitation by setting out standards for fair recruitment, accommodation, employment practices, and rights in the workplace.
4. That the current administration has tried to strengthen the rights of care workers through the guarantee that no care worker is obliged to accept a zero hours contract, and that all providers must offer between 16-32 hours contracts to their carers.
5. That **Salford Council** has already signed and adopted this charter as part of its commitment to support the rights and welfare of migrant care workers.

This Council believes:

1. That all care workers, including migrants, deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness, regardless of their nationality or immigration status.
2. That adopting the Migrant Care Workers' Charter will strengthen Tower Hamlets' commitment to **combat modern slavery** and **labour exploitation** in our local care sector, ensuring ethical practices in recruitment, fair employment conditions, and a safe working environment for all.
3. That this Council has a responsibility to protect migrant care workers from exploitation, enhance oversight of contracted care providers, and lead by example by committing to ethical employment standards in the social care sector.
4. That taking this step will improve the standards of care in Tower Hamlets, protect the wellbeing of care workers, and foster a fairer, more inclusive community.
5. That any individual or provider found to be exploiting migrant workers economically should be reported to the police immediately.

This Council resolves to (call on the Mayor to implement the following):

1. **Be the first London Borough to sign the Migrant Care Workers' Charter** and formally adopt its commitments to promote ethical recruitment, safe and fair working conditions, and equal rights for migrant care workers across the borough.
2. **Implement the Charter's Standards** by mandating that all contracted care providers and agencies adhere to the principles outlined in the charter, including ensuring that:
 - Ensure all providers publish an **annual modern slavery statement**.
 - Recruitment fees are borne by employers, not workers, in line with the **'employer pays' principle**.
 - Migrant care workers are given equal access to **employment rights**, fair wages, and necessary workplace protections.
3. **Appoint a Dedicated Oversight Officer** to monitor compliance with the charter and to review all council contracts within the care sector, ensuring providers meet these standards and take proactive steps to prevent exploitation.
4. **Work in Partnership with all the Council's recognised Trade Unions** such as UNISON to support migrant care workers, providing access to union representatives, clear terms and conditions of employment, and information on how to raise concerns safely.
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8. Establish a joint taskforce with borough commander to ensure that those found guilty of imposing exploitation and modern slavery will be prosecuted with the swiftest action.
9. To explore the establishment of an anonymous hotline in collaboration with the borough commander to provide residents and carers with the opportunity to report such behaviours.

GUILLOTINE

Council had been meeting for three hours by this point and so the guillotine fell and as set out in Procedure Rule 9 the remaining reports on the agenda were voted on without debate.

9. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

9.1 Report of the Cabinet, Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy 2024 - 2027

Council considered the report which went to Cabinet on the 16th October 2024 relating to the Cumulative Impact Assessment.

The report was **moved** by Councillor Shafi Ahmed and was **seconded** by Councillor Maium Talukdar.

Council **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the recommendations made in the report to:

1. Agree to:
 - i. Retain the Brick Lane CIA (Cumulative Impact Assessments), and expanding it to its southeastern edge,
 - ii. Remove the Bethnal Green CIA (Cumulative Impact Assessments)
2. Consider and agree the CIA Policy Statement, which has been reviewed in light of the consultation. The Policy Statement can be found in **Appendix One**.

The Council should note paragraph 9.11 of the Policy, which states if there are no representations, the Council must grant the application in terms that are consistent with the operating schedule submitted, in line with the Council's delegated authority."

3. That the proposed Cumulative Impact Assessment, as part of the Statement of Licensing Policy will take effect from 20th November 2024 until 20th November 2027. The existing Cumulative Impact Policy, which is contained in Appendix 5 of the Statement of Licensing Policy will be rescinded on the 19th November 2024.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report - Tower Hamlets Response

Council considered a report on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 report – Tower Hamlets response.

The report was **moved** Councillor Kabir Ahmed and **seconded** by Councillor Maium Talukdar.

Council **RESOLVED** to

1. Note the findings and recommendations of the Grenfell Inquiry Phase 2 report, and the relevant actions and activity currently being undertaken (Appendix 1, draft response plan).
2. Note the development of a partnership position statement which sets out the strategic commitment to implementing the recommendations from the Phase 2 report. This will be prepared with partners and report to Cabinet by March 2025 and subject to consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Committee and a cross-party Member workshop.

10.2 Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2024/25

Council considered a report entitled the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2024/25.

The report was **moved** Councillor Saied Ahmed and **seconded** by Councillor Maium Talukdar.

Council **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy appended to the report.

10.3 ER/VR - Approval of Exit Payments

Council considered a report on the ER/VR – Approval of Exit Payments.

The report was **moved** Councillor Saied Ahmed and **seconded** by Councillor Maium Talukdar.

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- a) Note and approve the exit payments, including redundancy and the cost of the early payment of pension benefits, the applications for Early Retirement and Voluntary Redundancy, as set out in Appendix 1.

- b) Note that the redundancy payment is part of the individuals' contractual terms and conditions of employment and that the early payment of pension benefits is linked to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

10.4 Proportionality and Allocation of Places on Committees of the Council 2024/25

An update to the report and recommended allocation of seats on committees was tabled.

Councillor Maium Talukdar **moved** and Councillor Kabir Ahmed **seconded** the recommendations as amended by the tabled report.

Council **RESOLVED** to:

1. Maintain the existing arrangement in respect to proportionality calculations and allocation of places on Committees, until discussion with groups and ungrouped councillors had taken place, considering the decisions taken by Council in respect to Motion 12.2.
2. The report to return to the next meeting of Council.

10.5 Constitution Update - Construction Procurement

Council considered a report on Constitution. The report requested Council to update its Procurement Rules in Part C of the Constitution due to the introduction on a new online procurement process.

The report was **moved** Councillor Maium Talukdar and **seconded** by Councillor Kabir Ahmed.

Council **RESOLVED** to:

1. The additional paragraph to be added to the Contract Procurement Rules in Part C of the Constitution as set out in paragraph 3.6 of the report.

11. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Due to the lack of time, no questions from members were considered. A written response to be provided to the questions asked.

12. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Due to the lack of time, only Motion 12.2, which was moved up the running order and taken after item 8, was considered by Council.

12.2 MOTION TO REMOVE AND REAPPOINT THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Council considered a motion as printed in the agenda on the removal and reappointment of Chair of Committees that had been **moved** by Councillor Asma Islam and **seconded** by Councillor Amy Lee.

Following debate, the motion moved by Councillor Asma Islam was put to the vote and was agreed:

Council **RESOLVED**:

Following the changes to proportionality on the council and it moving to a state where there is no overall control of the council by a political group, this council finds it reasonable to resolve to:

1. Remove all chairpersons of council committees from post;

and;

2. immediately vote to elect new committee chairs to fill the vacant positions.

On the approval of the motion, Council considered each vacant Committee Chair position in turn and voted on the nominations received. Council confirmed the following Committee Chairs:

Committee	Nominations	Movers and Seconders	Chair appointed:
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Asma Islam	Moved by: Councillor Marc Francis Seconded by: Councillor Amy Lee	Councillor Asma Islam
Development Committee	Councillor Iqbal Hossain	Moved by: Councillor Kabir Ahmed Seconded by: Councillor Maium Talukdar	Councillor Iqbal Hossain
Strategic Development Committee	Councillor Amin Rahman Councillor	Moved by: Councillor Kabir Ahmed Seconded by: Councillor Maium Talukdar	Councillor Jahed Choudhury

	Jahed Choudhury	Moved by: Councillor Kabir Hussain Seconded by: Councillor Nathalie Bienfait	
General Purposes Committee	Councillor Ahmodul Kabir Councillor Rebaka Sultana	Moved by: Councillor Maium Talukdar Seconded by: Councillor Kabir Ahmed Moved by: Councillor Asma Islam Seconded by: Councillor Amy Lee	Councillor Rebaka Sultana
Audit Committee	Councillor Mufeedah Bustin Councillor Harun Miah	Moved by: Councillor Asma Islam Seconded by: Councillor Sirajul Islam Moved by: Councillor Kabir Ahmed Seconded by: Councillor Maium Talukdar	Councillor Mufeedah Bustin <i>*vote tied. Speaker uses casting vote.</i>
Pensions Committee	Councillor Ana Miah	Moved by: Councillor Maium Talukdar Seconded by: Councillor Kabir Ahmed	Councillor Ana Miah
Licensing Committee	Councillor Peter Golds	Moved by: Councillor Nathalie Bienfait Seconded by: Councillor Jahed Choudhury	Councillor Peter Golds
Human Resources Committee	Councillor Abdul Malik	Moved by: Councillor Maium Talukdar Seconded by: Councillor Kabir Ahmed	Councillor Abdul Malik

[Note – Standards Advisory Committee has delegated authority to appoint its own Chair of Committee.]

The meeting ended at 10.26 p.m.

Speaker of the Council