

London Councils

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the London Councils Leaders' Committee held on 13 October 2020

Cllr Georgia Gould chaired the meeting from item 3

Present:

BARKING AND DAGENHAM
BARNET
BEXLEY
BRENT
BROMLEY
CAMDEN
CROYDON
EALING
ENFIELD
GREENWICH
HACKNEY
HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM
HARINGEY
HARROW
HAVERING
HAVERING
HILLINGDON
HOUNSLOW
ISLINGTON
KENSINGTON & CHELSEA
KINGSTON
LAMBETH
LEWISHAM
MERTON
NEWHAM
REDBRIDGE
RICHMOND UPON THAMES
SOUTHWARK
SUTTON
TOWER HAMLETS
WALTHAM FOREST
WANDSWORTH
WESTMINSTER
CITY OF LONDON

Cllr Darren Rodwell
Cllr Daniel Thomas
Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE
Cllr Muhammed Butt
Cllr Colin Smith
Cllr Georgia Gould
Cllr Tony Newman
Cllr Julian Bell
Cllr Nesil Caliskan
Cllr Danny Thorpe
Mayor Philip Glanville
Cllr Sue Fennimore
Cllr Joseph Ejiofor
Cllr Graham Henson
Cllr Damian White
Cllr Roger Ramsey
Cllr Jonathan Bianco (Deputy)
Cllr Steve Curran
Cllr Richard Watts
Cllr Elizabeth Campbell
Cllr Caroline Kerr
Cllr Jack Hopkins
Mayor Damien Egan
Cllr Stephen Alambritis MBE
Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz
Cllr Jas Athwal
Cllr Gareth Roberts
Cllr Kieron Williams
Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE
Mayor John Biggs
Cllr Clare Coghill
Cllr Ravi Govindia
Cllr Rachael Robathan
Ms Catherine McGuinness

Apologies:

HILLINGDON

Cllr Sir Ray Puddifoot MBE

Cllr Peter John OBE (from item 3 onwards) and Officers of London Councils were in attendance.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Kieron Williams (LB Southwark) to his first meeting of the Leaders' Committee. Congratulations were also given to Cllr Sir Ray Puddifoot MBE (LB Hillingdon) on his recent Knighthood. The Chair also thanked him for his work as the London Councils Health and Care Portfolio Lead, from which he was standing down. The Chair also congratulated Cllr Stephen Alambritis (LB Merton), who had been awarded an MBE and acknowledged that this would be the

last meeting of the Leaders' Committee at which both Cllr Alambritis and Cllr Tony Newman (LB Croydon) would be present as both were standing down. The Chair paid tribute to their respective contributions and thanked them for their service.

1. Declarations of interest

Cllr Julian Bell declared an interest in that he was a member of the TfL Board.

2. Apologies for absence and notification of deputies

Apologies were as listed above.

3. Election of Chair

Cllr Peter John called for nominations for the position of Chair of London Councils and Cllr Georgia Gould (Camden, Labour) was nominated by Cllr Darren Rodwell (Barking and Dagenham, Labour) and seconded by Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Bexley, Conservative). There were no other nominations.

Cllr Georgia Gould was elected Chair of London Councils and took over chairing the meeting.

The Chair (Cllr Georgia Gould) reflected on how challenging the last few months had been for all, but how it had also shown the power of local leadership. She mentioned the impact of the Pandemic on London's economy and communities, but recognised that over the past few months London Leaders had worked effectively across parties and with City Hall to tackle the crisis.

The Chair paid tribute to Cllr John for his service as Chair of London Councils. His calm and purposeful leadership had been an anchor for London and Londoners. She felt that he left a significant legacy both for the London Borough of Southwark and London generally, and she wanted London Councils' work going forward to build on the foundations he had put in place.

Other members also paid their own tributes to Cllr John and thanked him for his service to London Councils and the capital.

4. Election of Deputy Chair and up to three Vice-Chairs

The Chair then invited nominations for the Deputy Chair and up to three Vice-chairs. The Chair nominated Cllr Darren Rodwell (Barking and Dagenham, Labour) as Deputy Chair and that nomination was seconded by Cllr Ruth Dombey (Sutton, Lib Dem).

Cllr Rodwell was elected as Deputy Chair of London Councils.

The Chair nominated the following who were seconded by Cllr Darren Rodwell (Barking and Dagenham, Labour).

Vice-Chair Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Bexley, Conservative)

Vice-Chair Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Sutton, Lib Dem)

Vice-Chair Ms Catherine McGuinness (City of London)

Cllrs O'Neill, Dombey and Ms McGuinness were elected as Vice Chairs of London Councils.

5. Minutes of the meeting of the AGM Leaders' Committee on 4 June 2019

Leaders' Committee agreed to note the minutes of the meeting of the AGM of Leaders' Committee on 4 June 2019 already agreed by Leaders' Committee on 9 July 2019.

6. Appointment of London Councils Co-Presidents for 2020/21

The Chair asked for nominations for the posts of Co-Presidents and Cllr Rodwell nominated and Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (Kensington & Chelsea, Conservative) seconded the following: The Lord Harris of Haringey (Labour Peer), The Lord Tope CBE (Liberal Democrat Peer) and The Rt Hon. The Lord Barwell (Conservative Peer). All were appointed as Co-Presidents of London Councils.

The Chair thanked the Co-Presidents for their work. Cllr O'Neill paid tribute to the work of Baroness Hanham CBE, who was standing down as the Conservative Co-President after six years in the role.

7. - 13. Composition of London Councils' member bodies and appointment of office-holders

The Chair proposed that items 7-13 be taken *en bloc*.

At items 7-9, the Leaders' Committee noted the membership of Leaders' Committee, the Transport and Environment Committee (TEC), the Grants Committee and the Greater London Employment Forum on the nomination of boroughs.

At items 9 -13 the Leaders' Committee agreed the appointment of the Employers Side of the Greater London Provincial Council, the London Councils Executive (including Portfolios), the appointment of party group lead members, the Group Whips, the appointment of the Audit

Committee and election of its Chair and the appointment of YPES board members as detailed on the following pages.

7. LEADERS' Committee

Borough	Rep	Party	Deputy 1	Party	Deputy 2	Party
Barking & Dagenham	Darren Rodwell	Lab	Saima Ashraf	Lab	Sade Bright	Lab
Barnet	Daniel Thomas	Con	Cllr. D Longstaff	Con	Barry Rawlings	Con
Bexley	Teresa O'Neill	Con	Louie French	Con	David Leaf	Con
Brent	Muhammed Butt	Lab	Margaret McLennan	Lab		
Bromley	Colin Smith	Con	Peter Fortune	Con	Kate Lymer	Con
Camden	Georgia Gould	Lab				
Croydon	Tony Newman	Lab	Alison Butler	Lab	Stewart Collins	Lab
Ealing	Julian Bell	Lab	Yvonne Johnson	Lab	Bassam Mahfouz	Lab
Enfield	Nesil Caliskan	Lab	Ian Barnes	Lab	Mary Maguire	Lab
Greenwich	Danny Thorpe	Lab	David Gardner	Lab	Jackie Smith	Lab
Hackney	Philip Glanville	Lab	Anntoinette Bramble	Lab	Rebecca Rennison	Lab
Hammersmith & Fulham	Stephen Cowan	Lab	Sue Fennimore	Lab	Adam Connell	Lab
Haringey	Joseph Ejiofor	Lab	Seema Chandwani	Lab	Charles Adje	Lab
Harrow	Graham Henson	Lab	Keith Ferry	Lab		
Havering	Damian White	Con	Robert Benham	Con	Roger Ramsey	Con
Hillingdon	Sir Ray Puddifoot	Con	Jonathan Bianco	Con	Philip Corthorne	Con
Hounslow	Steve Curran	Lab	Lily Bath	Lab	Katherine Dunne	Lab
Islington	Richard Watts	Lab	Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Lab	Paul Smith	Lab
Kensington & Chelsea	Elizabeth Campbell	Con	Kim Taylor-Smith	Con		
Kingston upon Thames	Caroline Kerr	LD	Tim Cobbett	LD	Hilary Gander	LD
Lambeth	Jack Hopkins	Lab	Claire Holland	Lab	Jennifer Braithwaite	Lab
Lewisham	Damien Egan	Lab	Kevin Bonavia	Lab		
Merton	Stephen Alambritis	Lab	Mark Allison	Lab		
Newham	Rokhsana Fiaz	Lab	John Gray	Lab	Charlene McLean	Lab
Redbridge	Jas Athwal	Lab	Kam Rai	Lab	Elaine Norman	Lab
Richmond upon Thames	Gareth Roberts	LD	Liz Jaeger	LD	Alexander Ehmann	LD
Southwark	Kieron Williams	Lab	Jasmine Ali	Lab		
Sutton	Ruth Dombey	LD	Jayne McCoy	LD		
Tower Hamlets	John Biggs	Lab	Rachel Blake	Lab	Asma Begum	Lab
Waltham Forest	Clare Goghill	Lab	Clyde Loakes	Lab	Grace Williams	Lab
Wandsworth	Ravi Govindia	Con	Kim Caddy	Con	Jonathan Cook	Con
Westminster	Rachael Robathan	Con	Melvyn Caplan	Con	Tim Mitchell	Con
					Sheriff Christopher	
City of London	Catherine McGuinness	Ind	Tom Sleigh	Ind	Hayward	Ind

8. TEC

Borough	Rep	Party	Deputy 1	Party	Deputy 2	Party	Deputy 3	Party
Barking & Dagenham	Syed Ghani	Lab	Cameron Geddes	Lab				
Barnet	Peter Zinkin	Con	Dean Cohen	Con	Alan Schneiderman	Con	Geoff Cooke	Con
Bexley	Peter Craske	Con	Alex Sawyer	Con	Melvin Seymour	Con		
Brent	Krupa Sheth	Lab	Shama Tatler	Lab	Promise Knight	Lab	Neil Nerva	
Bromley	William Huntington-Thresher	Con	Will Rowlands	Con	Will Harmer	Con	Kieran Terry	Con
Camden							Richard	
	Adam Harrison	Lab	Danny Beales	Lab	Meric Apak	lab	Olszewski	Lab
Croydon	Stuart King	Lab	Paul Scott	Lab				
Ealing	Julian Bell	Lab						
Enfield	Ian Barnes	Lab	Guney Dogan	Lab	Nneka Keasor	Lab		
Greenwich	Sizwe James	Lab	Denise Scott McDonald	Lab				
Hackney	Mayor Philip Glanville	Lab	Jon Burke	Lab				
Hammersmith & Fulham	Wesley Harcourt	Lab	David Morton	Lab				
Haringey	Kirsten Hearn	Lab	Seema Chandwani	Lab	Matthew White	Lab		
Harrow	Varsha Parmar	Lab	Jerry Miles	Lab	Chloe Smith	Lab		
Havering	Osman Dervish	Con	Jason Frost	Con	Viddy Persuad	Con	Robert Benham	
Hillingdon	Keith Burrows	Con	Philip Corthorne	Con				
Hounslow	Hanif Khan	Lab				Lab		
Islington	Rowena Champion	Lab	Phil Graham	Lab	Asima Shaikh	Lab	Janet Burgess	Lab
Kensington & Chelsea	Johnny Thalassites	Con	Cem Kemahli	Con	Will Pascall	Con	Malcolm Spalding	Con
Kingston upon Thames	Hilary Gander	LD	Tim Cobbett	LD	Rebekah Moll	LD	Dave Ryder-Mills	LD
Lambeth	Claire Holland	Lab	Nigel Haselden	Lab				
Lewisham	Sophie McGeever	Lab	Brenda Dacres	Lab				
Merton	Martin Whelton	Lab	Mark Allison	Lab				
Newham	James Asser	Lab	Nilufa Jahan	Lab				
Redbridge	John Howard	Lab	Sheila Bain	Lab	Kam Rai	Lab	Jas Athwal	Lab
Richmond upon Thames	Alexander Ehmann	LD	Martin Elengorn	LD				
Southwark	Johnson Situ	Lab	Catherine Rose	Lab				
Sutton	Manuel Abbelan	LD	Ben Andrew	LD	Hanna Zuchowska	LD	Steve Penneck	LD
Tower Hamlets	Asma Islam	Lab	Dan Tomlinson	Lab				
Waltham Forest	Clyde Loakes	Lab	Naheed Asghar	Lab	Grace Williams	Lab		
Wandsworth	Richard Field	Con	John Locker	Con	Guy Humphries	Con		
Westminster	Tim Mitchell	Con	Richard Smith	Con				
City of London	Alistair Moss	Ind	Keith Bottomly	Ind	Jeremy Simons	Ind	Oliver Sells	Ind
TfL	Alex Williams		Colin Mann					

8. GRANTS Committee

Borough	Rep	Party	Deputy 1	Party	Deputy 2	Party
Barking & Dagenham	Saima Ashraf	Lab	Sade Bright	Lab		
Barnet	John Hart	Con	Daniel Thomas	Con	D Longstaff	Con
Bexley	David Leaf	Con	Alex Sawyer	Con		
Brent	Margaret McLennan	Lab	Promise Knight	Lab		
Bromley	Colin Smith	Con	Peter Fortune	Con	Diane Smith	Con
Camden	Anna Wright	Lab	Angela Mason	Lab		
Croydon	Hamida Ali	Lab	Oliver Lewis			
Ealing	Jasbir Anand	Lab	Julian Bell	Lab	Bassam Mahfouz	Lab
Enfield	Nesil Caliskan	Lab	Mary Maguire	Lab		
Greenwich	Adel Khairah	Lab	Miranda Williams	Lab		
Hackney	Christopher Kennedy	Lab	Carole Williams	Lab		
Hammersmith & Fulham	Larry Culhane	Lab	Adam Connell	Lab		
Haringey	Joseph Ejifor	Lab	Mark Blake	Lab	Reg Rice	Lab
Harrow	Sue Anderson	Lab	Simon Brown	Lab	Keith Ferry	Lab
Havering	Viddy Persaud	Con	Jason Frost	Con		Con
Hillingdon	Douglas Mills	Con	J Bianco	Con		
Hounslow	Shantanu Rajawat	Lab				
Islington	Richard Watts	Lab	Gill Satnam	Lab	Kaya Comer-Schwartz	
Kensington & Chelsea	Anne Cyron	Con	Sarah Addenbrooke	Con		
Kingston upon Thames	Caroline Kerr	LD	Tim Cobbett	LD	Emily Davey	LD
Lambeth	Donatus Anyanwu	Lab	Andy Wilson	Lab		
Lewisham	Jonathan Slater	Lab	Amanda De Ryk	Lab		
Merton	Edith Macauley	Lab	Caroline Cooper	Lab	Caroline Cooper-Marbiah	Lab
Newham	Charlene McLean	Lab	Muzibur Rehman	Lab		
Redbridge	Helen Coomb	Lab	Kam Rai	Lab	Elaine Norman	Lab
Richmond upon Thames	Gareth Roberts	LD	Michael Wilson	LD		
Southwark	Alice MacDonald	Lab				
Sutton	Marian James	LD	Ruth Dombey	LD		
Tower Hamlets	Candida Ronald	Lab	Murfeeda Bustin	Lab	Asma Begum	
Waltham Forest	Louise Mitchell	Lab	Clyde Loakes	Lab	Ahsan Khan	Lab
Wandsworth	Jonathan Cook	Con	Melanie Hampton	Con	John Locker	Con
Westminster	Paul Swaddle	Con	Mark Shearer	Con		
			Dr Giles Robert Evelyn			
City of London	Dhruv Patel	Ind	Shilson	Ind		

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Borough	Rep	Party	Deputy	Party
Barking & Dagenham	Sade Bright	Lab	Irma Freeborn	Lab
Barnet	Daniel Thomas	Con	D. Longstaff	Con
Bexley	Steven Hall	Con	Nick O'Hare	Con
Brent	Margaret McLennan	Lab	Shama Tatler	Lab
Bromley	Pauline Tunncliffe	Con	Stephen Wells	Con
Camden	Danny Beales	Lab		
Croydon	Simon Hall	Lab	Patsy Cummings	Lab
Ealing	Jasbir Anand	Lab		
Enfield	Nesil Caliskan	Lab	Mary Maguire	Lab
Greenwich	Chris Kirby	Lab		
Hackney	Carole Williams	Lab	Philip Glanville	Lab
Hammersmith & Fulham	Zarar Qayyum	Lab		
Haringey	Matthew White	Lab	Dhiren Basu	Lab
Harrow	Adam Swerksy	Lab		
Havering	Robert Benham	Con	Viddy Persuad	Con
Hillingdon	Douglas Mills	Con		
Hounslow	Katherine Dunn	Lab		
Islington	Satnam Gill	Lab	Asima Shaikh	Lab
Kensington & Chelsea	Catherine Faulks	Con		
Kingston upon Thames	Tim Cobbett	LD	Andreas Kirsh	LD
Lambeth	Andy Wilson	Lab	Jacqui Dyer	Lab
Lewisham	Amanda de Ryk	Lab	Kevin Bonavia	Lab
Merton	Mark Allison	Lab	Caroline Cooper-Marbiah	Lab
Newham	Terry Paul	Lab	Rokhsana Fiaz	Lab
Redbridge	Kam Rai	Lab	Jas Athwal	Lab
Richmond upon Thames	Richard Baker	LD		
Southwark	Rebecca Lury	Lab		
Sutton	Richard Clifton	LD	Sunita Gordon	LD
Tower Hamlets	Mayor John Biggs	Lab	Candida Ronald	Lab
Waltham Forest	Clyde Loakes	Lab	Simon Miller	Lab
Wandsworth	Guy Senior	Con		
Westminster	Melvyn Caplan	Con	Tim Mitchell	Con

9 (b) Appointment of Greater London Provincial Council Employers Side

Barking & Dagenham	Cllr Sade Bright (Labour)
Camden	Cllr Daniel Beales (Labour)
Croydon	Cllr Simon Hall (Labour)
Enfield	Cllr Nesil Caliskan (Labour)
Greenwich	Cllr Chris Kirby(Labour)
Hackney	Cllr Carole Williams (Labour)
Havering	Cllr Robert Benham (Conservative)
Hounslow	Cllr Katherine Dunn (Labour)
Hillingdon	Cllr Richard Lewis (Conservative)
Lewisham	Cllr Amanda de Ryk (Labour)
Sutton	Cllr Richard Clifton (Liberal Democrat)
Tower Hamlets	Mayor John Biggs (Labour)
Waltham Forest	Cllr Clyde Loakes (Labour)
Wandsworth	Cllr Guy Senior (Conservative)
Westminster	Cllr Melvyn Caplan (Conservative)

10. Appointment of London Councils Executive (including Portfolios)

Leaders' Committee agreed to establish an Executive comprising twelve members

- **Cllr. Georgia Gould** (Camden – Labour) Chair
- **Cllr Darren Rodwell** (Barking & Dagenham – Labour) Deputy Chair; Housing & Planning
- **Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE** (Bexley – Conservative) Vice Chair
- **Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE** (Sutton – Liberal Democrat) Vice Chair
- **Ms Catherine McGuinness** (City of London Corporation) Vice Chair
- **Cllr Muhammed Butt** (Brent – Labour) Welfare, Empowerment & Inclusion
- **Cllr Clare Coghill** (Waltham Forest – Labour) Skills & Employment
- **Mayor Philip Glanville** (Hackney - Labour) Transport & Environment
- **Cllr Elizabeth Campbell** (Kensington & Chelsea – Conservative) Schools & Children's Services (including Education, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding)
- **Cllr Damian White** (Havering – Conservative) Health & Care (Including Adult Care Services)
- **Cllr Danny Thorpe** (Greenwich – Labour) Business Europe and Good Growth
- **Cllr Jas Athwal** (Redbridge – Labour) Crime & Public Protection
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Substitutes: Labour: Cllr Clyde Loakes (Waltham Forest); Mayor Philip Glanville (Hackney), Mayor John Biggs (Tower Hamlets)

Conservative: Cllr. Ravi Govindia CBE (Wandsworth);

Liberal Democrat: Cllr Gareth Roberts (Richmond).

Portfolios and Portfolio Holders and Party Leads 2020/21:

Policy area	Portfolio Holder/Chair	Party Lead and or Committee Vice Chair (Labour)	Party Lead (Conservative)	Party Lead (Liberal Democrat)
Finance and Resources Devolution and Public Service Reform	Cllr Georgia Gould (Camden)		Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Bexley)	Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Sutton)
Welfare, Empowerment & Inclusion	Cllr Muhammed Butt (Brent)		Cllr Osman Dervish (Havering)	Cllr Emily Davey (Kingston)
Business, Europe and Good Growth (including high streets, lead liaison with wider South East, leisure, sport & culture)	Cllr Danny Thorpe (Greenwich)		Cllr Matthew Green (Westminster)	Cllr. J-F Burford (Richmond)
Transport & Environment	Mayor Philip Glanville (Hackney)	Cllr Claire Holland (Lambeth)	Cllr Tim Mitchell (Vice Chair, Westminster)	Cllr Manuel Abellan (Vice Chair, Sutton)
Housing & Planning	Cllr Darren Rodwell (B&D)		Cllr Rachel Robathan (Westminster)	Cllr Jayne McCoy (Sutton)
Skills & Employment	Cllr Clare Coghill (Waltham Forest)		Cllr Catherine Faulks (RB Kensington & Chelsea)	Cllr Alison Holt (Kingston)
Crime & Public Protection	Cllr Jas Athwal		Cllr Rachel Robathan (Westminster)	Cllr Gareth Roberts (Richmond)
Health & Care (including Adult Care Services)	Cllr Damian White (Havering)	Cllr Steve Curran (Hounslow)		Cllr Piers Allen (Richmond)
Schools & Children's Services (including Education, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding)	Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (RB Kensington & Chelsea)	Cllr Nesil Caliskan (Enfield)		Cllr Penny Frost (Richmond)
Greater London Employment/ Greater London Provincial Council	Mayor John Biggs (Tower Hamlets)		Cllr. Guy Senior (Wandsworth)	Cllr Richard Clifton (Sutton)
Audit Committee	Cllr Roger Ramsey (Chair, Havering)	Cllr Yvonne Johnson (Ealing) Cllr Stephen Alambritis (Merton)		Cllr Robin Brown (Richmond)
Grants	Cllr Richard Watts (Islington)	Cllr Joseph Ejiofor (Vice Chair, Haringey)	Cllr David Leaf (Vice Chair, Bexley - interim)	Cllr Caroline Kerr (Vice Chair, Kingston)
Digital Lead	Mayor Philip Glanville (Hackney)		Cllr Daniel Thomas (Barnet)	Cllr Jon Tolley (Kingston)

11. Appointment of Party Group Whips:

- **Labour:** Cllr Clyde Loakes (Waltham Forest);
- **Conservative:** Cllr Ravi Govindia CBE (Wandsworth);
- **Liberal Democrat:** Cllr Gareth Roberts (Richmond).

12. Appointment of Audit Committee and election of its Chair and Deputy Chair - Five members:

Cllr Roger Ramsey (Chair, Havering - Conservative), Cllr Yvonne Johnson (Deputy Chair, Ealing - Labour), Cllr Stephen Alambritis (Merton – Labour), Cllr. David Gardner (Greenwich - Labour), Cllr Robin Brown (Richmond- Liberal Democrat)

Substitutes: Labour: Cllr Rebecca Lury (Southwark)
Conservative: Cllr. Damian White (Havering)
Lib-Dem: TBC

13. YPES Board

Two Members:

- Cllr Clare Coghill (Chair – Waltham Forest, Labour)
- Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (Kensington & Chelsea, Conservative)

14. Constitutional matters

Leaders' Committee agreed the variations set out in the reports to:

A: London Councils Standing Orders

B: London Councils' Scheme of Delegations to Officers

C: Establishing of and Terms of Reference for, Sub Committees and forums

D: Amendments to London Councils Financial Regulations

The meeting ended at 11:50.