

London Councils

Notes of the Annual General Meeting of the London Councils Leaders' Committee held virtually on 8 June 2021

Cllr Georgia Gould chaired the meeting from item 3

Present:

BARNET
BEXLEY
BRENT
BROMLEY
CAMDEN
CROYDON
EALING
ENFIELD
GREENWICH
HACKNEY
HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM
HARINGEY
HARROW
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

CO-PRESIDENT
CO-PRESIDENT
CO-PRESIDENT

Cllr David Longstaff (Deputy)
Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE
Cllr Muhammed Butt
Cllr Colin Smith
Cllr Georgia Gould
Cllr Hamida Ali
Cllr Peter Mason
Cllr Nesil Caliskan
Cllr Danny Thorpe
Mayor Philip Glanville
Cllr Stephen Cowan
Cllr Peray Ahmet
Cllr Natasha Proctor (Deputy)
Cllr Damian White
Cllr Ian Edwards
Cllr Steve Curran
Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Cllr Elizabeth Campbell
Cllr Tim Cobbett (Deputy)
Cllr Clare Holland
Mayor Damien Egan
Cllr Mark Allison
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 CBE
Cllr Rachael Robathan
Ms Catherine McGuinness

Lord Harris of Haringey
Lord Tope of Sutton
The Rt Hon. The Lord Barwell

Apologies:

BARKING AND DAGENHAM
BARNET
HARROW
KINGSTON

Cllr Darren Rodwell
Cllr Daniel Thomas
Cllr Graham Henson
Cllr Caroline Kerr

Officers of London Councils were in attendance.

The Acting Chief Executive welcomed Members and introduced the three Co-Presidents, Lord Harris of Haringey, Lord Tope of Sutton and The Rt Hon. The Lord Barwell.

Lord Harris then chaired the meeting for the next three items on the agenda.

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Apologies for absence and notification of deputies

Apologies were as listed above.

3. Election of Chair

Lord Harris called for nominations for the position of Chair of London Councils and Cllr Georgia Gould (Camden, Labour) was nominated by Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Bexley, Conservative) and seconded by Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Sutton, Lib Dem). 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) thanked members and welcomed the new Leaders attending the Committee for the first time, namely: Cllr Peter Mason (Ealing); Cllr Peray Ahmet (Haringey); Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz (Islington); and Cllr Claire Holland (Lambeth). She also expressed her condolences concerning the recent death of Cllr Chris Robbins CBE, former Leader of the London Borough of Waltham Forest. She asked members to observe a minute's silence in his memory.

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. Cllr O'Neill OBE nominated Cllr Darren Rodwell (Barking and Dagenham, Labour) as Deputy Chair and that nomination was seconded by Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Sutton, Lib Dem).

Cllr Rodwell was elected as Deputy Chair of London Councils.

The Chair nominated the following who were seconded by Cllr Ravi Govindia CBE (Wandsworth, Conservative).

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)

and who were duly elected as Vice Chairs of London Councils.

5. Minutes of the meeting of the AGM Leaders' Committee on 13 October 2020

Leaders' Committee agreed to note the minutes of the meeting of the AGM of Leaders' Committee on 13 October 2020 already agreed by Leaders' Committee on 8 December 2020.

6. Appointment of London Councils Co-Presidents for 2021/22

The Chair 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, and invited to address members.

Lord Harris was delighted to continue as Co-President and informed members that it was important to make the case for London, to emphasise both its inequalities and common purpose, and to link with other centres of local government throughout the country.

The Rt Hon The Lord Barwell recognised three challenges facing London; the importance of the role of the capital in the levelling up debate; the decarbonisation of the economy; and devolution considerations. He also recognised the key role of boroughs in post pandemic recovery and recorded his wish to assist where possible.

Lord Tope congratulated boroughs for the leadership strength they had demonstrated over the past year and felt that this contribution had not been fully recognised.

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 noted 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'

Borough	Rep	Party	Deputy 1	Party
Barking & Dagenham	Darren Rodwell	Lab	Saima Ashraf	Lab
Barnet	Daniel Thomas	Con	Cllr. D Longstaff	Con
Bexley	Teresa O'Neill OBE	Con	Louie French	Con
Brent	Muhammed Butt	Lab	Margaret McLennan	Lab
Bromley	Colin Smith	Con	Peter Fortune	Con
Camden	Georgia Gould	Lab		
Croydon	Hamida Ali	Lab		
Ealing	Peter Mason	Lab	Deirdre Costigan	Lab
Enfield	Nesil Caliskan	Lab	Ian Barnes	Lab
Greenwich	Danny Thorpe	Lab	Denise Scott-McDonald	Lab
Hackney	Philip Glanville	Lab	Anntoinette Bramble	Lab
Hammersmith & Fulham	Stephen Cowan	Lab	Sue Fennimore	Lab
Haringey	Peray Ahmet	Lab	Mike Hakata	Lab
Harrow	Graham Henson	Lab	Natasha Proctor	Lab
Havering	Damian White	Con	Robert Benham	Con
Hillingdon	Ian Edwards	Con	Jonathan Bianco	Con
Hounslow	Steve Curran	Lab	Lily Bath	Lab
Islington	Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Lab	Rowena Champion	Lab
Kensington & Chelsea	Elizabeth Campbell	Con	Kim Taylor-Smith	Con
Kingston upon Thames	Caroline Kerr	LD	Tim Cobbett	LD
Lambeth	Claire Holland	Lab	Jacqui Dyer	Lab
Lewisham	Damien Egan	Lab	Kevin Bonavia	Lab
Merton	Mark Allison	Lab	Owen Pritchard	Lab
Newham	Rokhsana Fiaz	Lab	Charlene McLean	Lab
Redbridge	Jas Athwal	Lab	Kam Rai	Lab
Richmond upon Thames	Gareth Roberts	LD	Liz Jaeger	LD
Southwark	Kieron Williams	Lab	Jasmine Ali	Lab
Sutton	Ruth Dombey OBE	LD	Manual Abellan	LD
Tower Hamlets	John Biggs	Lab	Rachel Blake	Lab
Waltham Forest	Clare Coghill	Lab	Clyde Loakes	Lab
Wandsworth	Ravi Govindia CBE	Con	Kim Caddy	Con
Westminster	Rachael Robathan	Con	Melvyn Caplan	Con
City of London	Catherine McGuinness	Ind	Christopher Hayward	Ind

8. TEC

Borough	Rep	Party	Deputy 1	Party
Barking & Dagenham	Syed Ghani	Lab	Cameron Geddes	Lab
Barnet	Peter Zinkin	Con	Laithe Jaheh	Con
Bexley	Peter Craske	Con	Alex Sawyer	Con
Brent	Krupa Sheth	Lab	Shama Tatler	Lab
Bromley	William Huntington-Thresher	Con	Will Rowlands	Con
Camden	Adam Harrison	Lab	Danny Beales	Lab
Croydon	Muhammed Ali	Lab		
Ealing	Deirdre Costigan	Lab	Peter Mason	Lab
Enfield	Ian Barnes	Lab	Guney Dogan	Lab
Greenwich	Sarah Merrill	Lab		
Hackney	Mayor Philip Glanville	Lab	Jon Burke	Lab
Hammersmith & Fulham	Wesley Harcourt	Lab	David Morton	Lab
Haringey	Mike Hakata	Lab	Ruth Gordon	Lab
Harrow	Varsha Parmar	Lab	Jerry Miles	Lab
Havering	Osman Dervish	Con	Jason Frost	Con
Hillingdon	John Riley	Con	Eddie Lavery	Con
Hounslow	Hanif Khan	Lab	Katherine Dunne	Lab
Islington	Rowena Champion	Lab	Asima Shaikh	Lab
Kensington & Chelsea	Johnny Thalassites	Con	Will Pascall	Con
Kingston upon Thames	John Sweeney	LD	Tim Cobbett	LD
Lambeth	Mahamad Hashi	Lab	Danny Adilypour	Lab
Lewisham	Sophie McGeever	Lab	Brenda Dacres	Lab
Merton	Martin Whelton	Lab	Natasha Irons	Lab
Newham	James Asser	Lab	Nilufa Jahan	Lab
Redbridge	Jo Blackman	Lab	Sheila Bain	Lab
Richmond upon Thames	Alexander Ehmann	LD	Martin Elengorn	LD
Southwark	Catherine Rose	Lab		
Sutton	Manuel Abelan	LD	Ben Andrew	LD
Tower Hamlets	Dan Tomlinson	Lab	Asma Islam	Lab
Waltham Forest	Clyde Loakes	Lab		
Wandsworth	Sarah McDermott	Con	John Locker	Con
Westminster	Melvyn Caplan	Con	Tim Mitchell	Con
City of London	Alistair Moss	Ind	Keith Bottomley	Ind
TfL	Alex Williams			

8. GRANTS

Borough	Rep	Party	Deputy 1	Party
Barking & Dagenham	Saima Ashraf	Lab	Sade Bright	Lab
Barnet	Daniel Thomas	Con		
Bexley	David Leaf	Con	Alex Sawyer	Con
Brent	Margaret McLennan	Lab	Promise Knight	Lab
Bromley	Kate Lymer	Con		
Camden	Anna Wright	Lab	Angela Mason	Lab
Croydon	Manju Shahul-Hameed	Lab		
Ealing	Jasbir Anand	Lab	Peter Mason	Lab
Enfield	Nesil Caliskan	Lab	Mary Maguire	Lab
Greenwich	Adel Khaireh	Lab	Miranda Williams	Lab
Hackney	Christopher Kennedy	Lab	Carole Williams	Lab
Hammersmith & Fulham	Larry Culhane	Lab	Adam Connell	Lab
Haringey	Peray Ahmet	Lab		
Harrow	Sue Anderson	Lab	Simon Brown	Lab
Havering	Viddy Persaud	Con	Jason Frost	Con
Hillingdon	Martin Goddard	Con	J Bianco	Con
Hounslow	Shantanu Rajawat	Lab	Guy Lambert	Lab
Islington	Una O'Halloran	Lab	Gill Satnam	Lab
Kensington & Chelsea	Anne Cyron	Con	Sarah Addenbrooke	Con
Kingston upon Thames	Caroline Kerr	LD	Tim Cobbett	LD
Lambeth	Donatus Anyanwu	Lab	Andy Wilson	Lab
Lewisham	Damien Egan	Lab	Amanda De Ryk	Lab
Merton			Caroline Cooper-	
	Marsie Skeet	Lab	Marbiah	Lab
Newham	Rokshana Fiaz	Lab	Charlene McLean	Lab
Redbridge	John Howard	Lab	Kam Rai	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	Asma Begum	Lab
Waltham Forest	Louise Mitchell	Lab	Clyde Loakes	Lab
Wandsworth	Jonathan Cook	Con	Melanie Hampton	Con
Westminster	Heather Acton	Con	David Harvey	Con
City of London	Dhruv Patel	Ind		

9a. GLEF

Borough	Rep	Party
Barking & Dagenham	Sade Bright	Lab
Barnet	Daniel Thomas	Con
Bexley	Howard Jackson	Con
Brent	Margaret McLennan	Lab
Bromley	Pauline Tunncliffe	Con
Camden	Danny Beales	Lab
Croydon	Callton Young	Lab
Ealing	Steve Donnelly	Lab
Enfield	Nesil Caliskan	Lab
Greenwich	Linda Perks	Lab
Hackney	Carole Williams	Lab
Hammersmith & Fulham	Zarar Qayyum	Lab
Haringey	Julie Davis	Lab
Harrow	Natasha Proctor	Lab
Havering	Robert Benham	Con
Hillingdon	Douglas Mills	Con
Hounslow	Candice Atterton	Lab
Islington	Satnam Gill	Lab
Kensington & Chelsea	Catherine Faulks	Con
Kingston upon Thames	Tim Cobbett	LD
Lambeth	Andy Wilson	Lab
Lewisham	Amanda de Ryk	Lab
Merton	Caroline Cooper-Marbiah	Lab
Newham	Terry Paul	Lab
Redbridge	Elaine Norman	Lab
Richmond upon Thames	Richard Baker	LD
Southwark	Rebecca Lury	Lab
Sutton	Richard Clifton	LD
Tower Hamlets	Mayor John Biggs	Lab
Waltham Forest	Clyde Loakes	Lab
Wandsworth	Guy Senior	Con
Westminster	Rachel Robathan	Con
City of London	Tracy Graham	Ind

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

Barking & Dagenham	Cllr Sade Bright (Labour)
Camden	Cllr Daniel Beales (Labour)
Croydon	Cllr Callton Young OBE (Labour)
Enfield	Cllr Nesil Caliskan (Labour)
Greenwich	Cllr Linda Perks (Labour)
Hackney	Cllr Carole Williams (Labour)
Havering	Cllr Robert Benham (Conservative)
Hounslow	Cllr Candice Atterton (Labour)
Hillingdon	Cllr Douglas Mills (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 Rachel Robathan (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) Business, Europe and Good Growth
- **Cllr Damian White** (Havering – Conservative) Schools & Children's Services (including Education, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding)
- **Cllr Danny Thorpe** (Greenwich – Labour) Health & Care
- **Cllr Jas Athwal** (Redbridge – Labour) Crime & Public Protection

Substitutes: Labour: Cllr Clyde Loakes (Waltham Forest); Mayor John Biggs (Tower Hamlets)

Conservative: Cllr. Ravi Govindia CBE (Wandsworth)

Liberal Democrat: Cllr Gareth Roberts (Richmond).

11. Portfolios and Portfolio Holders and Party Leads 2021/22

Policy area	Portfolio Holder/Chair	Party Lead and or Committee Vice Chair (Labour)	Party Lead (Conservative)	Party Lead (Liberal Democrat)
Chair including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance and Resources Devolution and Public Service Reform 	Cllr Georgia Gould (Chair of London Councils, Camden)		Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Vice Chair London Councils, Bexley)	Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Vice Chair London Councils, Sutton)
Welfare, Empowerment & Inclusion	Cllr Muhammed Butt (Brent)		Cllr Osman Dervish (Havering)	Cllr Emily Davey (Kingston)
Business, Economy and Culture	Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (RB Kensington & Chelsea)	Cllr Steve Curran (Hounslow)		Cllr. J-F Burford (Richmond)
Transport & Environment	Mayor Philip Glanville (Chair of TEC, Hackney)	Cllr. Claire Holland (Vice Chair, Lambeth)	Cllr Peter Zinkin (Vice Chair, Barnet)	Cllr Manuel Abellan (Vice Chair, Sutton)
Housing & Planning	Cllr Darren Rodwell (& Deputy Chair of London Councils, Barking & Dagenham)		Cllr Rachael Robathan (Westminster)	Cllr Jayne McCoy (Sutton)
Crime & Public Protection	Cllr Jas Athwal (Redbridge)		Cllr Rachael Robathan (Westminster)	Cllr Gareth Roberts (Richmond)
Health & Care (including Adult Care Services)	Cllr Danny Thorpe (Greenwich)		Cllr Jason Frost (Havering)	Cllr Piers Allen (Richmond)
Skills & Employment	Cllr Clare Coghill (Waltham Forest)		Cllr Catherine Faulks (RBK&C)	Cllr Alison Holt (Kingston)
Schools & Children's Services (including Education, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding)	Damian White (Havering)	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)
Grants	Mayor Damien Egan (Chair, Lewisham)	Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE (Vice Chair, Newham)	Cllr David Leaf (Vice Chair, Bexley)	Cllr Caroline Kerr (Vice Chair, Kingston)
Digital Lead	Mayor Philip Glanville (Hackney)		Cllr Daniel Thomas (Barnet)	Cllr Jon Tolley (Kingston)

- **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 Stephen Alambritis (Deputy Chair, Merton - Labour), Cllr. David Gardner (Greenwich - Labour), Cllr Robin Brown (Richmond-Liberal Democrat); Cllr Muhammed Butt (Brent – Labour)

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

13. YPES Board

Two Members:

- Cllr Clare Coghill (Chair – Waltham Forest, Labour)
- Cllr. Damian White (Havering, Conservative)

14. Approval of Panel Members for London Councils Independent Panel for Members Remuneration

Leaders' Committee noted the re-constitution of the Panel and the following:

- the reappointment of Sir Rodney Brooke CBE, DL;
- the reappointment of Dr Anne Watts CBE;
- the appointment of Mike Cooke, who will chair the Panel.

15. Constitutional matters

Leaders' Committee noted:

A: the most recent London Councils Standing Orders

B: London Councils' Scheme of Delegations to Officers

C: Terms of Reference for Sub Committees and forums

16. London Councils Committee Dates 2021-22 and 2022-23

Members noted the meeting dates as set out in the report.

The meeting ended at 11:50.