

ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

18 MAY 2021

(7:30 pm - 7:52 pm)

The Mayor (Councillor Sushila Abraham)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Malcolm Self)

Councillors on a quorum

Tim Cobbett (Deputy Leader of the Council)
Lorraine Dunstone
Simon Edwards
Sharron Falchikov-Sumner
Sam Foulder-Hughes
Ian George
Caroline Kerr (Leader of the Council)
Andreas Kirsch
Andrew MacKinlay
Nicola Sheppard
Margaret Thompson
Sharon Young

1. Apologies

In view of the decision, taken at Council on 29 April 2021, that the meeting would proceed on a quorum only basis in order to adhere to the Covid safety mitigation measures and the restricted capacity in the Council Chamber it was recorded that those Members were not in attendance.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Malcolm Self, declared a personal interest in relation to item 7 (Appointment of non-elected members to Committees and Panels) as he was a long-standing acquaintance with the non-voting Independent Person, Andrew Elmer, who was nominated to sit on the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee. Councillor Self therefore remained in the meeting and participated in the proceedings thereon.

3. Installation of the Mayor

At the meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021, Councillor Sushila Abraham had been elected to be Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames for the 2021/22 Municipal Year. Members noted that a separate Mayor-making ceremony had taken place outside on the grounds of the Guildhall earlier in the day where Councillor Abraham was invested with the Chain of Office and made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance at the event.

4. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor signified that, acting under the provisions of Paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1972, she had appointed Councillor Malcolm Self as Deputy Mayor.

5. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor was pleased to confirm that she had appointed Councillor Malcolm Self as her Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 Mayoral Year. She had also appointed her husband, Dr Mathew Abraham and her son, Mr Matthew Abraham, as her consorts for the mayoral year and her Daughter in Law Mrs Taleetha Cherian as Mayoress. The Deputy Mayor had appointed his wife, Dr Annette Self, as his Deputy Mayoress.

It was announced that Reverend Helen Hancock from St Matthew's Church, Surbiton, would be appointed as the Mayor's Chaplain for the year. It was also confirmed that following the practice of a number of the Mayor's predecessors, the Mayor would be appointing a number of Associate Chaplains from different faith groups represented in the Borough to lead Council prayers during the year.

The Mayor indicated that her charities for the year would be Anstee Bridge & Milaap. Covid restrictions permitting, the Annual Mayoral Sunday Civic Service would take place at All Saints' Parish Church, Kingston on 27th June at 11.15am. Furthermore the dinner for the retiring Mayor was scheduled to be held at The Double Tree Hilton on Friday 24th September.

The Mayor also extended her thanks on behalf of the Mayoral team, to Kingston Race and Equalities Council for the garlands they supplied at the Mayor making ceremony and took the opportunity of mentioning that the annual cricket match between KREC and the Council was provisionally scheduled to take place on either 17th or 24th July.

6. Appointments of Members to Committees, Panels and other bodies **Appendix A**

Nominations had been sought from the political groups on the Council for membership of Committees, Panels and other bodies for the 2021/22 Municipal Year and circulated prior to the meeting as late material.

RESOLVED that Members be appointed to the bodies as set out in Appendix A of the late material.

Voting - unanimous

7. Appointment and Nomination of Members to the London Councils Committees and Local Government Association

Nominations for appointments to London Councils and the Local Government Association for 2021/22 were circulated as late material prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the appointments for the 2021/22 municipal year to the London Councils committees, and to the Local Government Association be agreed, as set out in Appendix B of the late material.

Voting - unanimous

8. Appointment of non-elected members to Committees and Panels

Nominations for appointments of non-elected members of Committees for 2021/22 were circulated as late material prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the appointments of non-elected members of Committees for the 2021/22 municipal year be agreed, as set out in Appendix A of the late material.

Voting: Unanimous

9. Urgent Items authorised by the Mayor

The Mayor and members present welcomed Councillor Andrew MacKinlay following his election to represent Chessington South in the by-election held on 6 May 2021.

Signed.....Date.....

Chair

Signed:.....Date:

The Mayor