



Summons to Attend

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To: The Mayor and Councillors of Haringey Council.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Haringey will be held at the The Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8LE on MONDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 2010 at 19:30 HRS, to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO ASK THE MAYOR TO CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature

of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

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4. TO ASK MEMBERS WHETHER THEY NEED TO MAKE A DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 IN RELATION TO UNPAID COMMUNITY CHARGE OR COUNCIL TAX LIABILITY WHICH IS TWO MONTHS OR MORE OUTSTANDING.

Members to whom this applies must make a declaration if they are present at any part of the meeting and must not vote on any matter relating to the budget. It is not sufficient for such members to refrain from voting or to absent themselves from the chamber for particular parts of the meeting. Failure to make a relevant declaration constitutes a criminal offence.

5. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2010. (PAGES 1 - 6)

6. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

7. TO CONSIDER A "STATE OF THE BOROUGH" REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

8. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PAGES 7 - 10)

1. Appointment of Interim Section 151 Officer / Chief Financial Officer: To appoint an Interim Section 151 Officer / Chief Financial Officer.
2. Changes to Political Groups, Cabinet Portfolios and Appointments to Committees and Sub Bodies: To note the changes to Political Groups as notified to the Chief Executive; to agree changes to Committee membership numbers resulting from the recent changes in political group composition; to agree changes to Cabinet portfolios.

9. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

10. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

11. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM
12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 11 - 150)
 - a) Cabinet – Report 10 – 2009/10
 - b) Constitution Review Working Group – Report 6 – 2009/10
13. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN RESPECT OF FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR 2010/11 - 2012/13 AND TO AGREE THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2010/11 (PAGES 151 - 198)
14. TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12
15. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10

Public Question 1 to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Dan Isebor:

Does the Council have any plans to introduce much-needed speeding restrictions on Devonshire Hill Lane and Norfolk Avenue, both residential roads, to reduce rat-running and make the lives of local residents safer and quieter?

Public Question 2 to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Sarah Cope:

In Kirklees Council in Yorkshire, Green Party Councillors fought to introduce a free mass insulation scheme, which, as well as reducing carbon emissions, is now delivering fuel-bill savings of around £150 per year for each household.

The scheme has also stimulated the local economy, with the establishment of a new national training centre and depot in the district. It has directly helped those on low incomes who experience 'fuel poverty', and contributes to improved health in terms of dealing with cold-related and respiratory illnesses.

The scheme was funded in part by an energy company, as part of their Carbon Emissions Reduction Target.

Although many of houses in Haringey don't have cavity walls, it is possible to improve the level of insulation, with increased loft insulation, cladding, underfloor insulation, draught stripping and secondary/double glazing.

As part of Haringey council's commitment to reduce the borough's emissions by 40% by 2020, would the council look into introducing a free mass insulation scheme, funded in part by an energy company?

Public Question 3 to the Cabinet Member for Resources from Anne Gray:

How much did the Council, including the Education Service, spend on gas, electricity and water during the financial year 2008-2009 and how much is budgeted for these items in 2009-10?

Public Question 4 to the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Justin Hinchcliffe:

Will the Council take this opportunity to publicly support the Shomrim patrols carried out by members of the Orthodox Jewish Community in Seven Sisters and Stamford Hill? The Shomrim patrol scheme has around a dozen volunteers who are the eyes and ears on the ground for the police and a key ally in the fight against crime. They are also active in safety and rescue operations. What practical support and encouragement will she give to any volunteer organisation that wishes to work with the Met Police to reduce street crime and allow local residents feel safer on our streets?

Public Question 5 to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Pamela Harding:

I would like to ask if the Council are considering dropping charges for roads wanting to hold a Big Lunch this year? This year it will be on Sunday 18 July.

Last year I gather that people wanting to hold an event in their roads were charged for street closure (£60), an event licence (£21), road closure signs (£32) AND liability insurance (£50 to £100).

The whole point of the event is for people to celebrate their communities by eating together and if possible to also celebrate local food growing. I would like to think that the council would want to encourage such events in Haringey.

Oral Question 1 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Egan:

Can the Leader of the Council please provide an update on the progress of the Haringey Heartlands development and its likely completion?

Oral Question 2 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Wilson:

Brighter streets are safer streets. Does the Cabinet member agree?

Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Councillor Peacock:

Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Services please inform the Council how the Haynes day centre at the Hornsey Neighbourhood Health Centre is contributing to the Council's aim of helping residents stay in their homes longer?

Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Engert:

Does the Cabinet member agree that Children's centres provide a vital source of childcare family support for the most vulnerable children and parents?

Oral Question 5 –To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Demirci:

Going into the economic downturn, research suggested that we would see a rise in robbery, motor vehicle crime and residential burglary. What has been done to prevent this in Haringey?

Oral Question 6 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Davies:

Would the Cabinet member agree that modern facilities in local residents' homes are vital to provide a good standard of living for our Council tenants?

Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Bull:

Can the Cabinet Member for Resources explain what the impact of a Local 'Mansion Tax' would be on the people of this borough?

Oral Question 8 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Gorrie:

By May this year how much will the Council have spent on Haringey People, and publicity and marketing since May 2006?

16. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13

Motion M (2009/10)

Councillor Canver has given notice that she will move in the following terms:

Tackling unauthorised conversions and HMO's

"This Council Notes:

- The announcement from the Labour Government that there will be new local powers for Councils to control the spread of high concentrations of shared rented homes and to tackle pockets of unsafe and substandard accommodation run by bad landlords.
- That this legislation, due to come into effect from April would change the planning rules, giving local authorities the powers to manage the development of HMOs in their area
- The changes also mean that landlords will need to apply for planning permission in order to establish a new HMO with a change of use and the Council also would have extra flexibility to license landlords

- That badly managed HMO's can create serious problems for residents, when the landlord does not comply with the law and does not provide safe and adequate facilities.
- The current trials of risk rating systems to assess HMO's in the borough, which targets resource at high risk accommodation.
- The plan to target those problem HMO's on the Ladder and carry out compliance inspections to ensure building and housing standards are in accordance with Building and Planning Law
- The recent work by the Housing Improvement team in Harringay ladder area, via a letter drop informing residents in HMO's of the standards required
- That the recently allocated migration fund is being used to identify and co-ordinate speedy multi-agency action
- The new strategic Corporate HMO Strategy currently under development which will target at problem premises through coordinating services in Street Action plans.
- The strengthening of the application process for Certificates of Lawfulness, including reinvestigating suspicious applications.
- The Council has begun to revoke Certificates of Lawfulness where relevant
- The development of a Rogue Landlords/Property Initiative, which will establish a target list of offenders who will face action from a number of services including Legal Services, Police and Enforcement Officers.
- The work of the HMO Members Advisory Group in tackling problem HMO's and unauthorised developments.

This Council Believes

- That we have a duty of care to all residents to ensure that standards of housing are of a decent level, and do not have a negative effect on vulnerable residents.
- That badly managed HMO's can be a source of anti social behaviour in the borough, particularly issues relating to noise.
- The increased number of HMO's provides strain on infrastructure and services in Haringey, specifically regarding parking and waste collection.
- We should engage with cooperative landlords whilst ensuring that those landlords who fail to work proactively with the council and its strategic partners shall face repercussions.
- That prosecuting those landlords who do not comply with legislation sends a strong message to other rogue landlords but the courts need to use the full powers available to them
- That as soon more information on the recent legislative change is available the Council should commit to use all of the powers available

This Council Resolves:

- To liaise with the Department of Communities and Local Government and relevant ministers to provide greater clarity on HMO legislation and remove bureaucracy.
- To work with landlords, occupants of HMO's, and resident groups to accommodate the needs of all, particularly providing education about anti social behaviour.
- Finalise and implement the Corporate HMO Strategy and Rogue Landlords/Property Initiative to tackle at risk premises in the borough.

- To support those landlords who are cooperative and ensure that those who fail to comply with the law face repercussions”.

Motion N (2009/10)

Councillor Peacock has given notice that she will move in the following terms:

Creating a safer borough

“This Council Notes:

- The damaging effect that alcohol misuse can have on both crime and health inequalities, and is correlated strongly with anti social behaviour and criminal activity.
- The NHS Statistic that 33% of men and 16% of women drink levels of alcohol which are detrimental to their health.
- The implementation of Designated Street Drinking Control Zones in hotspot areas in the borough to tackle anti social behaviour and crime related to alcohol consumption.
- In January 2009, all Safer Neighbourhood Teams reported a significant reduction in alcohol related anti social behaviour and nuisance related to alcohol consumption within Haringey Controlled drinking zones.
- The perception by residents that Designated Street Drinking Control Zones have had a positive effect on the reduction of alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour, reflected in the reduced number of complaints to the Police about street drinking.
- The significant reduction of alcohol related litter in Seven Sisters ward due to the implementation of Designated Street Drinking Control Zones.
- The Haringey Crime Audit which evaluated that nearly a quarter of arrests in the borough were alcohol related.
- The excellent work of Haringey Council’s Licensing Team which have completed over 700 risk assessments of alcohol license venues in the last year with a regularly revised list of target license holders for inspection.
- A study showed that alcohol is a major driver behind domestic violence and the vast majority of alcohol related violence in the borough is domestic violence
- Haringey Council’s funding of voluntary support groups including Haringey Advisory Group on alcohol, which offers a number of services to problem drinkers and their families.
- The planned yellow/red card scheme which will ensure that those venues which breach alcohol licensing laws will face consequences, including withdrawal of their licence.
- The proposed ‘code’ to be distributed to all alcohol retailers stating mandatory national conditions including limits on promotions and targeted conditions for hot spots.
- That a number of under age sales test purchases have been carried out to crack down on underage sales
- That it has currently embarked on migrant research programme to look at the relationship with street drinking

This Council Believes:

- That tackling alcohol misuse has an important role to play in eradicating crime and health inequalities in the borough.
- That those licensees who choose to act irresponsibly, and breach legislation shall face serious repercussions from the Council and our strategic partners.

This Council Resolves:

- To utilise the stronger powers for local authorities to tackle the misuse of alcohol licenses under The Policing and Crime Act 2009 Bill
- To continue to try and tackle the problems that alcohol can create, such as health inequalities, anti-social behaviour and crime”

Motion O (2009/10)

Councillor Aitken has given notice that he will move in the following terms:

“This Council notes with concern the London Mayor’s plan to cut £16.4million from Police budgets which will result in a cut of 455 police officer posts in London by the financial year 2012/13.

This Council is opposed to cuts in Police numbers.

This Council supports national Liberal Democrat proposals that would fund 10,000 extra police officers over and above the Government’s current commitment by scrapping the unnecessary and illiberal ID cards scheme and through wider savings in the Home Office budget.

This Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to write to the London Mayor voicing this Council’s opposition to the Police cuts proposed”.

Motion P (2009/10)

Councillor Weber has given notice that she will move in the following terms:

Cold Weather Payments

“Council notes that:

- Cold Weather Payments of £25 per week are paid to people on low incomes who receive a qualifying benefit, such as Pension Credit.
- The form to apply for Pension Credit is 18 pages long. The advisory notes on how to fill it in are 19 pages long.
- Last year 1.7million pensioners missed out on an average of over £1700 each of pension credit

- The Government has saved £17.5billion in 11 years that has not gone to struggling pensioners in pension credit payments.

This Council is concerned that the complexity of the system to claim Pension Credit has put so many people off claiming the credit and that consequently they also do not receive the additional cold weather payments.

This Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State expressing Councils wish to see the system for claiming pension credit simplified”.

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