



Full Council - Monday, 15 July 2013

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Item 2

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 JULY 2013

LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

The Chief Executive

Madam Mayor, there are 2 late item of business, which could not be available earlier, and which will need to be dealt with at this meeting.

Item 14 – To receive reports from the following Bodies

Report No 1 2013/14 of the Cabinet 9 July 2013

The report is late for consideration and could not be forwarded to Full Council until Cabinet had met on 9 July 2013 and had agreed recommendations for full Council in respect of the Community Safety Strategy, and also the Local Code of Corporate Governance.

Item 15 – Questions and Written Answers

Notice of questions is not requested until 8 clear days before the meeting, following which the matters raised have to be researched and replies prepared to be given at the meeting.

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Amendment to report, item 10, Progress Report-Response to the Outstanding for All Commission Final Report, 15th July 2013 Council meeting

Delete the struck through words and add the underlined words on page 6 of the report, recommendation, paragraph 2:

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~~Overview and Scrutiny Panel~~ Full Council is asked to:

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- Call on Cabinet to accept all the recommendations in the final Outstanding for All commission report and implement them in full
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- ~~give comment and feedback in order to provide support and challenge.~~

Amended section to read as follows:

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Propose: Cllr Richard Wilson

Second: Cllr Katherine Reece

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COUNCIL 15 July 2013**QUESTIONS****ORAL QUESTIONS****ORAL QUESTION 1 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND CARBON REDUCTION FROM COUNCILLOR BROWNE :**

Can the Cabinet Member outline the impact of the Coalition Government's Spending Review on Council Budgets in 2015/16?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 2 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR WILSON:**

The vast majority of the decent home work due to happen this year in Hornsey and Wood Green has been removed from the programme due to the council's legal error, will you commit to putting those works on next year's schedule?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 3 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR GRIFFITH :**

Could the Cabinet Member provide clarification on the purpose of the £500m Tottenham regeneration borrowing guarantee recently announced by government?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 4 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR JENKS:**

How much will it cost the council to implement a borough-wide 20mph zone on non-TFL controlled roads?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 5 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES FROM COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHIDES:**

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the changes to the local policing model and their impact across the borough?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 6 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND CARBON REDUCTION FROM COUNCILLOR STRANG:**

What controls are in place to stop massive overspending on capital projects such as Rhodes Avenue, where the council has so far gone £6m over budget?

ANSWER

ORAL QUESTION 7 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR MALLETT:

Could the Cabinet Member outline how the government's Use Class order changes will affect planning applications processed by Haringey Council?

ANSWER

ORAL QUESTION 8 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS:

Why have 2 council flats on Truro Road in Bounds Green been left empty for 5 and 6 years?

ANSWER

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

WRITTEN QUESTION 1 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR WINSKILL:

How many council homes are currently empty?

ANSWER

The number of homes that were empty on 1 July 2013 was 180 (1.12% of the Council's stock of rented homes). This excludes Protheroe House, which is awaiting disposal for development as an Extra Care Supported Housing Scheme.

WRITTEN QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR BEACHAM:

How many council properties have been occupied by squatters in the last two years?

ANSWER

Between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2013, 23 Council homes have been occupied by squatters at some point. On 1 September 2012, the squatting of residential property became a criminal offence. None of the Council's homes are currently occupied by squatters.

WRITTEN QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR HARE:

How much money has the council lost in rent on council properties due to a property being empty or occupied by squatters in the last two years?

ANSWER

It is estimated that between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2013, the Council lost £1,390,000 in rent on properties that were empty or being occupied by squatters. Rent losses resulting from squatting account for 1.44% of the above losses.

WRITTEN QUESTION 4 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR REECE:

How much money has the council spent removing squatters from council properties in the last two years?

ANSWER

Since 1 July 2011, the Council has spent around £19,200 removing squatters from council homes. No money has been spent on removing squatters since October 2012.

WRITTEN QUESTION 5 – TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SCHMITZ:

What has the council actually done in the last year to tackle the many issues raised in the Lipton report 'It took another riot'?

ANSWER

The recent Tottenham Delivery update report was considered by Cabinet on 9 July, which sets out some of the significant key achievements made by the Council since the publication of the Panel's Report last December.

The amount of investment we have secured in Tottenham this year is staggering. £50m for a new primary school at Brook House, £20m from TfL for a new gateway station, and a further £25m funding from the Mayor of London to deliver four trains per hour between Enfield, Northumberland Park and Tottenham Hale. Most recently, the Government has confirmed a £500 million borrowing guarantee for the entire Tottenham regeneration programme. This is a massive leap forward in reaching our vision for Tottenham.

The work being done in the community is just as significant as this much needed investment. We have been working alongside businesses and local residents on the Tottenham High Street Charter, the High Road West masterplan and the West Green Road improvement scheme. It is crucial that the plans for Tottenham involve everyone affected, and we will continue to ensure this happens.

While much has been achieved over the last 6 months, I am clear there remains much more to be done. Recent key achievements serve as a strong platform to move forward the regeneration of Tottenham for all our communities.

WRITTEN QUESTION 6 – TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BUTCHER:

Why has it taken to council so long to produce the Tottenham delivery plan?

ANSWER

We have always been clear that the regeneration of Tottenham requires coordinated and sustained effort across both the Council and our partners, as we cannot achieve this alone. The production of the delivery plan has therefore required significant forethought and extensive consultation with local communities, businesses and partners to identify what improvements are needed. The result is a plan that has the potential to make fundamental and lasting physical, social and economic improvements to the area.

WRITTEN QUESTION 7 – THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR WHYTE:

How many council tenants and leaseholders will have their scheduled decent home work delayed due to the legal error during the procurement of the contract for the decent home works for this year?

ANSWER

The procurement process for the 2013/14 programme was delayed due to an issue relating to the legal interpretation of a complex set of regulations, rather than due to a legal error.

As already explained in the briefing that was sent to all Councillors on 18 June 2013, 269 tenants and 138 leaseholders will have their Decent Homes work slightly delayed as a result of the variations to the 2013/14 programme. We have already agreed that those schemes will be carried out at the front of the 2014/15 programme.

We have however varied the 2013/14 programme so that an additional 273 tenants across the borough will benefit this year from new kitchens and bathrooms.

WRITTEN QUESTION 8 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND CARBON REDUCTION FROM COUNCILLOR ALEXANDER:

How much is the council paying fund managers to administer the pension fund for council staff?

ANSWER

At the end of 2012/13 the sum paid to fund managers was £1,462,376 (just under 0.02% of the £863m fund). This cost was met from the pension fund itself.

WRITTEN QUESTION 9 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR REID:

Will the Hornsey Depot site planning proposals from Sainsbury's and St James' include a 10-storey tower block as has been suggested?

ANSWER

The Council has not yet received a planning application from St James and Sainsbury's so it is not possible to confirm what the final proposal will be.

Sainsbury's and St James are in the process of developing a scheme for the redevelopment of the Hornsey depot site for a mixture of residential and retail uses.

Their initial proposals show a scheme for the provision of a 39,000 ft² (gross) supermarket with about 400 residential units of various sizes and tenures. The residential units are arranged in blocks varying in height from two storeys on the high street frontage up to a single ten storey feature block towards the centre of the site.

St James has undertaken pre-application consultation with local residents, including sending invitations to more than 5,000 local addresses. They are now in the process of analysing the responses to their consultations and revising their development scheme accordingly.

WRITTEN QUESTION 10 – THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR NEWTON:

Of the decent home work originally agreed at Cabinet for the 2011/12 financial year, how much work was actually carried out as a percentage?

ANSWER

100%

WRITTEN QUESTION 11 – THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR ALLISON:

How many times and in which years, has the schedule of Decent Homes works been varied under delegated powers by the Cabinet Member and/or Director?

ANSWER

The schemes in the Decent Homes Programme have been varied under delegated powers on three occasions - in 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14.

WRITTEN QUESTION 12 – THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ENGERT:

How much money will the council save by changing the pothole intervention levels as announced in May?

ANSWER

A reduction in intervention levels will result in an increased number of potholes being treated and therefore an increase in expenditure by the council this financial year. We have committed to investing £310,000 in 2013/14, which will importantly improve the physical environment of the borough and reduce the potential further deterioration of our highway infrastructure.

WRITTEN QUESTION 13 – THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ERSKINE:

How many enforcement notices has the council served to home owners to cut back hedges?

ANSWER

Since 1 April 2012 there have been 18 cases where notices had to be served under section 154 of the Highways Act, where the issue could not be resolved by verbal or written advice.

WRITTEN QUESTION 14 – THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR SOLOMON:

How many hedges have been identified by the council as needing to be cut back as a result of regular inspections by officers?

ANSWER

The Council has dealt with almost 100 overgrowing foliage issues since 1 April 2012.

REPORT OF THE CABINET TO COUNCIL: 15 July 2013

Chair: Councillor Claire Kober

Recommendations from Cabinet on:

- a. **Adoption of the Community Safety Strategy 2013 – 2017**
- b. **Review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance**

Recommendation from Cabinet: Adoption of the Community Safety Strategy 2013 - 2017

The Council has reserved the right to exercise certain functions including the approval of the Community Safety Strategy. A list of all of the functions of Full Council is specified in Part 2 Article 4 of the Constitution.

Background information

The Community Safety Partnership has developed a new Community Safety Strategy (CSS) in response to changes promoted by the Mayor of London and to the financial pressures faced by Local Authorities and their partners. The outcomes set out in the strategy are based on a comprehensive strategic assessment, multi-agency workshops and public consultation.

The strategy has been developed during a time of reducing budgets and unprecedented changes in policing, probation and the way in which services are delivered by Local Authorities. The focus is on a limited number of outcomes (set out below) that are well evidenced as providing a challenge in Haringey:

Outcome One	Rebuild and improve public confidence in policing and maintaining community safety
Outcome Two	Prevent and minimise gang-related activity and victimisation
Outcome Three	Break the cycle of domestic and gender-based abuse by working in partnership to promote healthy and safe relationships
Outcome Four	Reduce re-offending with a focus on 16 – 24 year olds
Outcome Five	Prevent and reduce acquisitive crime and anti-social behaviour (to include residential burglary, personal robbery, vehicle crime, fraud and theft)
Outcome Six	Deliver the PREVENT strategy in Haringey

The tasks to deliver each strategic outcome will be set out in an annual delivery plan which will be overseen by the CSP. For each action there will be relevant milestones, targets, timelines and an appropriate lead agency identified. The delivery plan will also seek to rationalise the range of existing action plans across the council in order that officers work from this single document in future. A Performance Management Group (PMG) will ensure that progress against milestones and targets are monitored and met. Different partners will take responsibility for oversight and reporting on the outcomes to the PMG, affording greater scrutiny.

Recommended:

That Council adopts the Community Safety Strategy 2013-2017, as set out under Item 9 of the Council agenda.

Recommendation from Cabinet on Review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance

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Background Information

The Code of Corporate Governance exists as part of the Local Authority's governance framework. The CIPFA/SOLACE framework, "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government" (2007) established principles and standards to assist Local Authorities to develop and maintain their codes of governance and discharge their accountability for the proper conduct of business. To ensure that their guidance remained fit for purposes, CIPFA/SOLACE issued an Addendum to the Guidance in December 2012.

The framework places significant emphasis on six core principles of good governance. These principles have been taken from 'The Good Governance Standard for Public Services' (2004) developed by the Independent Commission on Good Governance in Public Services with support from the Office Public Management and CIPFA. The principles have been adapted to local government purposes for the framework and are included in the Haringey Code of Corporate Governance.

The six core principles of good governance are:

- A - Focusing on the purpose of the authority and on outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area.
- B - Members and Officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles.
- C - Promoting values for the authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour.
- D - Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk.
- E - Developing the capacity and capability of members and officers to be effective.
- F - Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability.

Recommended:

Cabinet recommends that Council adopt the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance.

Amendment to Motion A (15 July 2013)

Delete “This council is concerned that” and all that follows and insert below –

Council notes:

- That the Government sets local authorities a target of determining 60% of major planning applications within 13 weeks
- That in 2010/11 and 2011/12 this target was not met by Haringey Council.
- Following the recognition of poor performance against this target, the Planning Service commissioned an external review in Summer 2012, which made a number of recommendations for improvement.
- That a number of clear steps have been taken to improve performance, including the development of an improvement plan, the establishment of an Improvement Board chaired by the director and a new dedicated major application team.

Council further notes:

- Following the implementation of a range of measures, the Council has succeeded in significantly improving performance, determining 63% of major applications in 2012/13 and thereby exceeding the national target.
- That the Council’s ambition must be excellence in planning, and as part of the improvement process, an engagement exercise will be held in the Autumn to hear views from the public, councillors, businesses and stakeholders on how the quality of the Council’s approach to planning can be further improved
- That improvements are being made despite the Governments reforms of the planning system placing an additional burden on Haringey’s planning service, while reducing its income

Council resolves:

- That regular updates on performance should continue to be provided to the Regulatory Committee and the cabinet member responsible for planning.
- To welcome the engagement exercise being held in the Autumn and encourage all councillors to contribute their views and ideas
- To thank staff for the significant amount of work that has been undertaken to successfully improve performance on major applications.

- To continue to oppose unnecessary and ill-advised attempts by the Department for Communities and Local Government to reform the national planning system

Proposer: Cllr Alan Strickland

Seconder: Cllr Ali Demirci