
Full Council – Revised running order

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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.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest and if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct and/or if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent,

licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

3A 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.

- 4. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS HELD ON 9 & 17 DECEMBER 2008. (PAGES 1 - 16)**
- 5. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
- 6. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
(A) – TO PROPOSE THE COUNCIL’S TAX BASE FOR 2009/10
(B) – TO REPORT THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER FOR THE SEVEN SISTERS WARD AND ANY CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**
- 7. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES TO INCREASE THE INDEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP FOR THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (PAGES 17 - 20)**
- 8. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
- 9. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM**
- 10. TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12**
- 11. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10**

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

Which of the major decisions, or decisions on individual cases, taken by the now discredited previous senior management of Children's Services, are going to be reviewed in the light of the JAR and Ofsted report on the poor quality of that decision making?

Oral Question 2 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Bull:

Can the cabinet member update us on the implementation of Introductory Tenancies and; what impact they feel this will have on antisocial behaviour?

Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Williams:

With regard to the published summary of Standards Board for England case SBE21513.08, can he explain in what circumstances he feels it is appropriate to obtain independent legal advice while discharging his duties a Haringey Cabinet member?

Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement from Councillor Jones:

Will the cabinet member let us know what actions he has taken, or will be taking to improve the service provided by the council's customer service centres following his visits to them in late December?

Oral Question 5 –To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Winskill:

In response to a question I posed to the Leader at December's OSC about the press and PR arrangements during the baby P case, the names of three PR and media companies were declared exempt because one did not want to have its identity revealed for fear of the negative impact of being associated with Haringey. Are there any other suppliers, contractors, consultants or others, who do or wish to do business with Haringey, that have made the same or similar conditions about revealing their name(s)? If so, how many and what areas of the council services do they represent?

Oral Question 6 - To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Dodds:

Will the cabinet member provide some detail about the proposed action plan to address non-compliant lines and signs?

Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Weber:

Will the Cabinet Member for Environment please explain for public accountability purposes why residents CPZ petitions, requesting inclusion or exclusion of the slow CPZ process or the Fast Track CPZ process are not placed in the public domain for all to see?

Oral Question 8 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Demirci:

Can the cabinet member outline what improvements will be made to public footpaths following the announcement of the Council's rights of way improvement plan?

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 21 - 78)

a) Cabinet – Report 8 & 9 – 2008/9

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

Motion M (2008/09)

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

“This Council notes:

- that 16 and 17 year olds can leave school, get married, have a full-time job, must pay taxes on their income, and can join the armed forces, but are not allowed to vote in public elections;
- that 16 and 17 year olds have been calling for the right to vote for many years through the Votes at 16 coalition;
- that disconnection between young people and the political establishment is growing.
- the continuing good work by Haringey’s Youth Council and its members

This Council believes:

- that young people are interested in politics and have valid views on issues that affect them;
- that 16 and 17 year olds are old enough to have the right to vote in public elections;
- that refusing to allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote is likely to further depress turnout and encourage young people to give up on formal political structures.

This Council resolves:

- to support the moves to lower the voting age for all public elections to 16;
- to call on the Government to establish the Youth Citizenship Commission with a clear remit to develop the necessary framework for reducing the voting age to 16.
- that the leader of the Council write to Bridget Prentice MP, minister in charge of reform in electoral administration, to show the Council’s commitment to pushing for votes for 16 and 17 year old and requesting that the government seriously considers decreasing the voting age”.

Motion N (2008/09)

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

“This Council:

1. Welcomes the introduction of the Sustainable Communities Act, which became law in October 2007. It also welcomes the establishment of the principle that ‘local people know best what needs to be done’.
2. Notes the cross party support in the House of Commons that the Act received.
3. Notes that the Act gives local authorities the power to make proposals to government on the action government must take to reverse community decline and promote sustainable communities.
4. Notes that the Act also gives local authorities the power to argue for a transfer of public money and function from central to local control.
5. Notes that the Act also requires central government to produce "spending reports" detailing the expenditure of all government bodies in each local area. The Act requires that the first arrangements for the spending reports should be taken by April 2009.
6. Views the Act as an opportunity to further the empowerment of local communities in seeking local reforms regarding Economic, Social and Environmental issues.
7. Appreciates the need to be fully committed to the process to ensure that the residents of Haringey have a chance to have their say on local services.

This Council therefore:

1. Resolves, when invited to by central government in autumn 2008, to use the Act by preparing and submitting proposals on how central government can help promote sustainable communities in Haringey.
2. Seeks to establish a representative panel of residents to consult with the Council in deciding on which local issues will be submitted to the Communities and Local Government Minister.
3. Petitions the government to release the planned information regarding local funding for services as soon as possible.
4. Advertises the Act as widely as possible using all forms of media to inform residents of the acts existence and how they can get involved.

5. Looks for other authorities and stakeholders (including the Voluntary and Community Sectors) who can assist/support the development of the local panels and formulate these ideas into practical submissions to the government.
6. Looks at replacing the current community engagement (through citizen panels etc) with these proposed representative panels”.

Motion O (2008/09)

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

Mobility Benefits for Blind Residents

“This Council Notes:

1. That blind people experience significant barriers to independent mobility
2. That blind people are often isolated and find it difficult to access basic services without mobility assistance
3. That blind residents face additional costs as a result of their impairment, such as using taxis or private hire vehicles

This Council Further Notes:

1. That blind people are not entitled to the higher rate mobility component of disability living allowance
2. Loss of usable sight clearly causes significant independent mobility problems and incurs significant additional and unmet costs

This Council resolves:

1. To ask the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Work & Pensions, the Rt Hon. James Purnell MP, expressing these concerns
2. To ask the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to our local MPs asking that they sign up to EDM number 1982 and write to the Secretary of State expressing these concerns
3. To support the Royal National Institute of Blind People’s (RNIB) campaign on securing the higher rate mobility component of DLA for blind people”.

Motion P (2008/09)

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

“This Council:

Fully understands that the growing and significant crisis in the Middle East is having impacts in the Borough of Haringey. Residents have links, family and ancestral roots in Palestine, Israel and other countries in the region and there are concerns around the conflict spilling over into other regions of the Middle East. Significant anger is also building up on events in the Middle East and this Council acknowledges the passions that this conflict inflames.

This Council also notes the inaction of the international community in immediately asking for and working towards a ceasefire when the invasion of Gaza took place and that politicians have finally been roused into action only after mass protests in countries across the world. This Council further notes the fact that Gordon Brown, like Tony Blair, has made British foreign policy effectively subservient to Washington and waiting for a change of heart in Washington is intolerable given the continuing human cost in Gaza.

This Council unambiguously condemns Israel's invasion of Gaza and tactics which have led to over 40% of Palestinian casualties being civilians and this Council also calls for an end to the blockade of Gaza and to the firing of rockets into Israel by Hamas and the deaths that these have caused. This Council calls on the Prime Minister to lead the EU into using its economic and diplomatic leverage in the region to broker peace and it must immediately suspend the proposed new co-operation agreement in Israel until things change in Gaza.

This Council also asks the Prime Minister to halt Britain's arms export to Israel and persuade our EU counterparts to do the same. The Government's own figures show Britain is selling more and more weapons to Israel, despite the questions about the country's use of force. In 2007, our government approved £6m of arms exports. In 2008, it licensed sales 12 times as fast: £20m in the first three months alone”.