

'CALL IN' OF DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

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TITLE OF MEETING	Cabinet
DATE OF MEETING	17 th December 2013
MINUTE No. AND TITLE OF ITEM	<i>HARINGEY</i> Outdoor Events Policy <i>CAB575</i>

1. Reason for Call-In/Is it claimed to be outside the policy or budget framework?

It is not claimed to be outside the policy or budget framework.

The outdoor events policy goes against the wishes of many residents and causes a number of serious public safety and practical problems. It also undermines the following corporate priorities:

- To provide a cleaner, greener environment and safer streets
- To ensure the whole council works in a customer focussed way

Residents opposed the plans for more concert days in Finsbury Park and the consultation response clearly shows local people are against the changes. 79% of Haringey residents do not support or strongly do not support increasing events for example. Ignoring residents is not being customer focussed.

The Stone Roses concert led to an increase in anti-social behaviour, left the streets strewn with rubbish and caused serious disruption to local residents in addition to causing potential harm to children at the local school. Allowing more concerts will not lead to cleaner, greener, safer streets around Finsbury Park; in fact, it will have exactly the opposite effect.

Jeremy Corbyn MP has said that generating more income is not a good enough justification for the increase in the number of concerts days. He stated in his consultation response that *"even in these straightened times the council should not enable any expansion of major events"* and *"In my view it is not acceptable that it should be taken out of public use for more than a few days every year"*

Islington Council have also clearly stated in their consultation response that they are opposed to *'intensifying the number of major events to address this [funding] gap, it is of grave concern and we oppose it'* Those concerns are echoed by Hackney Council.

Not enough has been done in the revised policy to meet the concerns of

residents and neighbouring boroughs about transport, safety concerns, the use of a DPO. Nowhere has the issue of clashes with events at the Emirates stadium and Clissold Park been addressed given the obvious problems this would cause.

Residents have also repeatedly and clearly said they think the concerts should be limited to only certain parts of Finsbury Park. This policy seems to give event promoters free rein to take over the whole park if they want to.

The risk of damage to the park from over-intensive use for major events, as happened in Hyde Park and Victoria Park, seems not to have been considered by the council.

We are also concerned that the consultation did not state that the council wants a far higher income target than originally proposed. The only reference to this in the consultation was the phrase '*additional income*'. Nowhere does it say the council has an income target of £245k as stated in the Cabinet papers, which is far more than previously proposed income target. People's responses may have been different if they had been given accurate information. In our view this means the consultation was flawed.

2. Variation of Action Proposed

The council should listen to residents and other neighbouring councils. The council should maintain the current cap on the number of concert days at Finsbury Park and restrict the area of the park that concerts in which concerts can be held to the current area.

The council should ensure that neighbouring boroughs are informed of plans to hold concerts in Finsbury Park well in advance and that large events are not held at the same time as events at the Emirates stadium and in Clissold Park.

The council should ensure that large events finish well in advance of the local tube stations closing.

The council should ensure that for large events in all parks enough toilets are provided, there is proper stewarding and that residents are informed that an event will be taking place well in advance.

The Cabinet Member should not be able to authorise additional large events in Finsbury Park.

The council should ensure that in the future residents are properly consulted about the events policy that any changes and are given full information including about charges and income targets.

Signed:

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Date Submitted: 20 DECEMBER 2013

Date Received :

(to be completed by the Democratic Services Manager)

20th December 2013
@ 12.07 hrs
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Notes:

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