



Haringey Council

Full Council - Monday, 23rd March, 2015

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COUNCIL MEETING – 23 March 2015**Item 5****Mayoral Communications**

Since the last Full Council meeting on 23 February I have been very busy attending events and functions throughout the borough and across London. Here are just a few.

On Sunday 1st March I took part in the annual London Mayor's Walk. The London Mayor's Walk has taken place for the past 40 years and covers the original walk of Dick Whittington over 600 years ago. Luckily it was a beautiful day and we had a very enjoyable walk.

It was my pleasure on Friday 6th March to open the Protecting Our Women (POW) awards ceremony at Haringey Civic Centre.

The POW project is part of the Public Health prevention programmes and was developed by Solace Women's Aid as an educational training programme for young people aged 13-25 years as well as professional and volunteers who work with young people.

I would like to thank my colleagues Councillors Peter Morton and Bernice Vanier for their help at this event presenting certificates to the young people.

I attended a splendid service at Westminster Abbey on Sunday 8th March to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the re-organisation of Local Government in London. Thank you to Tara Scott and Reverend 'Bunmi' Fagbemi for accompanying me to this event and I hope my specially invited guests enjoyed the occasion too.

I was honoured to read out a specially written message from the Queen at the annual fly a flag for the Commonwealth day event on Monday 9th March. This was followed by a new initiative from the National Association of Civic Officers to commemorate the centenary of World War 1. I was joined by our Chief Executive, Nick Walkley, Haringey's Deputy Lieutenant, Captain Peter Baker, fellow councillors and ex servicemen and women. The ceremony was based on a feeling of darkness that came over people all over Europe 100 years ago and used candle light as a symbol of hope for the future.

I hosted a reception in my parlour on 16th March where I was delighted to receive a cheque for £2000 for my special fund from the organisers of the London New Years Day Parade. The donation was in recognition of Haringey's Hornsey Carnival float winning 5th prize at the New Years Day Parade. Members of Hornsey Carnival Queens including their Chairman, Gordon Rathbone, were awarded medallions for their contribution to the parade.

And finally I would like to thank everyone who attended the Haringey's Artistic Talent event on Thursday 19th March in support of my special fund. In particular I would like

to thank Nitin Ganatra, Andy Abraham and the wonderful young people of Haringey whose performance always makes me very proud of Haringey.

FULL COUNCIL: 23 MARCH 2015**QUESTIONS****ORAL QUESTIONS****ORAL QUESTION 1 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR GALLAGHER:**

After many months of hard work, it is brilliant that the GLA has now publicly confirmed that Tottenham has been awarded Housing Zone status. Will the Cabinet Member tell us exactly what this means for Tottenham and what the next stages of this regeneration project will be?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 2 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR NEWTON:**

Has the council or Homes for Haringey returned any EU funding in the last 3 years, if so much how much funding was returned?

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

This year marks the 50th anniversary of our borough; can the Cabinet Member tell us what plans have been put in place to celebrate this great occasion?

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

Why has Haringey Council refused to ban cigarette marketing units in Finsbury Park during large-scale 'family' concerts?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 5 - TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR BEVAN:**

Can the Leader of the Council update us on the heritage restoration project at Alexandra Palace?

ANSWER

ORAL QUESTION 6 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR HARE:

How many times in the last 3 years have the council and Homes for Haringey breached employment law?

ANSWER

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

WRITTEN QUESTION 1 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIS:

How many children in the borough with special needs have waited for more than a month for an occupational therapy referral?

ANSWER

Under the terms of the commissioning agreement that Haringey has with Whittington Health, children with a learning need should be seen within 12 weeks. In the most recent period for which performance is available, 80% of children were seen within that time.

In February 2015 there was a significant increase in the referral rate from a typical number of two-three per month to 12. This directly relates to referrals being made as part of Education Health and Care needs assessments. There are currently 30 children waiting for their first occupational therapy appointment; 25 are in early years and five are in mainstream schools.

WRITTEN QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR NEWTON:

What percentage of babies in the borough are having their first health visit within 14 days?

ANSWER

All women receive postnatal visits from a midwife on the first day home after the birth, on day 5 and a discharge visit on day 10 when the family is then transferred to the health visiting service. Some families may receive additional visits from the midwife depending on need. Families can also access postnatal support from midwives at children's centres.

Coverage of new birth visits within 10-14 days improved from 21% in September 2011 to 85% by September 2012. Currently, coverage remains at 85% of families receiving a new birth assessment by a health visitor within 10-14 days after birth.

WRITTEN QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING FROM COUNCILLOR CARTER:

How many square meters of Metropolitan Open Land have been included in the draft site allocation document as being suitable for development and please list the sites?

ANSWER

There is only one site within the draft Site Allocations document that proposes development entirely on land designated as Metropolitan Open Land (MOL). This is the Hornsey Water Treatment Works (which is previously developed land), at 0.7Ha (7,000m²). The filter beds were put forward by Thames Water as surplus to their strategic infrastructure needs, and therefore it is appropriate to test, through consultation on the draft allocations, the acceptability of using this land for residential development.

There are a further four sites within the site allocation DPD that incorporate MOL:

- The Broadwater Farm site (SA63) includes 66,000sq.m of MOL (part of Lordship Recreation Ground), but only on the basis of there being no net loss of MOL, and development of the MOL taking place only in the exceptional circumstances that use of the Recreation Ground is necessary to provide for decant required to enable further improvements on the estate itself.
- Alexandra Palace and Park (site area = 77.5 Ha) – The site allocation (SA55) is not intended to promote development of the MOL, but to improve the existing palace buildings and use of the grounds.
- Highgate School campus (of which 81,000sq.m is MOL) is captured by the site allocation (SA44). That allocation proposes exploration of how school facilities can be enhanced, while simultaneously benefiting local communities including potentially increasing accessibility through the site.
- Rowan's Bowling Alley – includes circa 5600 sq.m of MOL provision for the potential to restructure the MOL to enable the improvement of public access and use of the Park, in line with the aspiration to that effect in the adopted Joint Finsbury Park Town Centre SPD.

WRITTEN QUESTION 4 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR ENGERT:

How much has the council and Homes for Haringey spent on consultants in each of the last 3 years?

ANSWER

- Year 2012/13 £155,798
- Year 2013/15 £423,131
- Year 2014/15 (costs up to the end of January 2015): £723,109

The increase in interim consultancy costs over 2014/15 has been carefully planned, and is due to the circumstances relating to the Housing Transformation Programme.

The future model for housing delivery in Haringey is currently being considered. It is not cost effective to permanently appoint to senior positions when the future of housing services and Homes for Haringey is under review, and when the management agreement between the council and Homes for Haringey is due to expire in March 2016. These costs are closely monitored and are part of an overall reduction in senior management costs over this period.

WRITTEN QUESTION 5 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR ELLIOTT:

In the last 5 years have any council or Homes for Haringey IT projects overspent their original budget and if so by how much?

ANSWER

The IT Capital Programme (covering council IT projects) has been delivered within its original budget in each of the last five years.

During this period, only one individual IT project has overspent its original budget (by £15K = 6% of original budget) and this was offset by underspends on other IT projects delivered that year.

WRITTEN QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER PLANNING FROM COUNCILLOR HARE:

Last year, what percentage of homes given planning permission in the borough were affordable homes?

ANSWER

In the period April 2013 to March 2014, the council granted permission for 457 new units across 173 development sites within the borough. The vast majority, 164 of the 173 sites (or 94.8%), were from development schemes of fewer than ten units, for which affordable housing is not required. These 164 schemes accounted for 274 new residential units. Of these, one scheme secured an on-site provision of affordable housing (one unit), which amounts to 1% of the total. In addition, financial contributions in the order of £600k were secured towards off-site affordable housing provision from these small sites.

The remaining nine out of the total 173 sites were major applications (i.e. schemes permitted for 10 or more units). 183 new residential units were granted permission from these nine developments. Two of the developments (providing 31 net units) were for “prior approvals” for change of use from offices to residential use, for which affordable housing is not required. Of the remaining 152 units, 29 units were affordable (19%). For two schemes, a financial contribution in lieu of on-site affordable housing was secured (amounting to £375k).

WRITTEN QUESTION 7 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER HOUSING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR ROSS :

How much have Homes for Haringey/council leaseholders been charged for works in each of the last 3 years?

ANSWER

2012/13

Capital Works = £630,045.16

Decent Homes works = £111,886.38
Total = £741,931.54

2013/14

Capital Works = £882,178.40
Decent Homes works = £4,435,241.08
Total = £5,317,419.48

2014/15

Capital Works = £ 795,916.49
Decent Homes works = £4,997,296.42
Total = £5,793,212.91

WRITTEN QUESTION 8 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULT FROM COUNCILLOR BEACHAM:

How many times in each of the last 3 years have the council and Homes for Haringey missed the legal deadline for responding to a Freedom of Information request?

ANSWER

2012-2013

Homes for Haringey, total = 45, out of time = 5
Haringey Council, total = 1151, out of time = 263
Overall percentage out of time = 22%

2013-2014

Homes for Haringey, total = 57, out of time = 9
Haringey Council, total = 1347, out of time = 213
Overall percentage out of time = 16%

2014-2015 (YTD)

Homes for Haringey, total = 75, out of time = 19
Haringey Council, total = 1410, out of time = 187
Overall percentage out of time = 14%

WRITTEN QUESTION 9 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH & WELL BEING FROM COUNCILLOR CONNOR:

Who will chose the advocacy service for the re-provision of services from the Roundway Centre to Ermine Road Centre and will the service be independent of the council?

ANSWER

There will be a tender process for selection of the advocacy service which will support all service users to contribute to the transformational service redesign needed across adult social care. It will be available therefore to those service users attending the Roundway Centre as well as other service users likely to be affected by service redesign and change. The service will not be delivered by the council but by an independent organisation in the community.

We are proposing to engage service users in the tender process which will be used to select the advocacy provision. The final decision on the service provider will be made by the council as the party initiating the tender evaluation process to ensure a balance of cost and quality.

FULL COUNCIL - 23 MARCH 2015**MOTION G 2014/15****LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT**

Amend the motion to delete struck-through words and insert underlined words:

Protecting women and girls in Haringey from Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

This Council recognises that FGM is an issue in Haringey and commits to tackling the problem and raising awareness.

This Council notes:

- That performing FGM in the UK and taking a child abroad to undergo FGM are both illegal.
- The World Health Organisation has condemned FGM for many years, and it has now been unanimously rejected by a Memorandum of the United Nations
- It is estimated that over 60,000 girls under the age of 15 are at risk of FGM in the UK, including girls in Haringey.
- 137,000 girls and women are living with the consequences of FGM in the UK
- Experts, including professionals and the third sector, believe that FGM will only be eradicated in the longer term by changing practice and custom in communities where it happens. This requires working with and empowering members of these communities to change their views towards FGM.

~~This Council also notes:~~

- That FGM can cause a range of serious health problems including severe pain and emotional /psychological trauma to, in some cases, death.
- ~~Health issues caused by some types of FGM include – urinary problems, difficulty with menstruation, pain during sex, psychological problems, infertility, infections, problems during pregnancy and childbirth, flashbacks.~~
- The Serious Crime Act 2015, which got Royal Assent at the beginning of March, has brought in significant new provisions to tackle FGM.

~~This council further notes:~~

- ~~While a minister at the Department for International Development, Lynne Featherstone announced a £35 million programme to support the African-led movement for change and help end FGM within a generation.~~
- ~~That the Coalition Government has introduced mandatory reporting of FGM~~
- ~~That the Coalition Government has also introduced mandatory recording so for the first time FGM is recorded by the NHS~~
- ~~That statutory guidelines on FGM are being introduced for all front line professionals~~
- ~~That Lynne Featherstone has organised a FGM conference in the borough bringing together communities and frontline professionals from health,~~

~~education, police and social care sectors to discuss working together to end FGM~~

- ~~• Lynne Featherstone has held roundtable discussions with the council, police and NHS.~~

This Council also notes that:

- Both Whittington Health and North Middlesex Hospital have specialist clinics for adult women who have undergone FGM who are now pregnant and need a procedure to enable them to give birth.
- The Whittington also carries out counselling and education with these women and their partners. A referral to Children's Social Care is automatic if there is any concern regarding the risk to female children of having FGM performed and this service functions in conjunction with other agencies.
- FORWARD also offer support to women affected. FORWARD – Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development – is an African Diaspora women led UK-registered campaign and support charity dedicated to advancing and safeguarding the sexual and reproductive health and rights of African girls and women. This work is currently funded through London Councils.
- Since April 2013 FORWARD have delivered FGM services in Haringey through the Ascent Ending Harmful Practices partnership led by the Asian women's Resource Centre (with IMECE Women's Centre and Latin American Rights Service). Their aim is: to improve service provision for those affected by sexual and domestic violence, specifically honour based violence (HBV), forced marriage (FM), FGM and other harmful practices in London. There are delivery targets on casework and counselling for all London boroughs.

~~This Council calls for:~~

- ~~• All schools in the borough to raise awareness of FGM.~~
- ~~• The Cabinet Member to publish a FGM strategy setting out how the council will work together with partners such as the NHS, schools, police and religious leaders to stop FGM in Haringey, protecting the vulnerable and supporting victims.~~

This Council resolves to:

- Encourage all schools in the borough to teach sex and relationship education and raise awareness of violence against women and girls, including FGM.
- Back the #ENDFGM campaign (This is a campaign run by The END FGM European Network calling for EU action to adopt a comprehensive approach to end FGM and protect women and girls fleeing their countries for fear of being mutilated)
- Ensure there is a coordinated, multi-agency approach to this serious issue by developing a comprehensive, integrated violence against women and girls strategy.

Proposed by Cllr ~~Pippa Connor~~ Bernice Vanier

Seconded by Cllr ~~Gail Engert~~ Charles Wright

Amended motion to now read as follows:

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Proposed by Cllr Bernice Vanier
Seconded by Cllr Charles Wright