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To: All Members of the Full Council

Dear Member,

Full Council - Monday, 22nd February, 2016

I attach a copy of the following reports for the above-mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda:

7. **TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL (PAGES 1 - 2)**
12. **FINANCIAL PLANNING 2016/17 (PAGES 3 - 8)**
Liberal Democrat Group amendments to the budget 2016-19

Yours sincerely

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COUNCIL MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY 2016**Item 7****MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS****Holocaust Memorials**

I spoke at Haringey's **Holocaust Memorial at Bruce Castle Museum** on **24th January 24**. The theme of our multi-faith event was "learning lessons from the past to create a safer, better future".

On **27th January** – the UK's national commemoration day, I **attended LB Southwark's Holocaust** memorial where wreaths were laid in the Garden of Imperial War Museum (IWM) – including one from the Russian Ambassador. Members may like to know that the IWM has a permanent Holocaust Memorial Exhibition.

Celebrating Success in Education in Haringey

I have celebrated success in Education in Haringey by:

- Welcoming the student council of Woodside High School on 7 January to my parlour as part of their visit to the civic centre and their Q&A session with the Leader of the Council Claire Kober.
- Visiting on 26 January Holy Trinity primary school celebrations marking the school being ranked first in the league tables for Haringey and also included in the top ten London schools.
- By visiting The Mulberry School on 1 February, visiting all classrooms, sharing a science based assembly which explained climate change, and congratulating pupils and staff on being one of the first schools in the borough to have solar panels installed.

Chinese New Year has been celebrated across London and I have and will attend these celebrations in Camden, Islington, Westminster and Haringey.

On the auspicious first day of Chinese New Year I briefly **met some of our borough's traders** at the **Haringey Business Alliance meeting**.

Deaths of two Former Councillors

Sadly, this evening, I must report on attending **two funeral services of Former Haringey Councillors**:

Former Mayor and Councillor Lawrence Bains died on 5th December, after a short illness. Lawrence was born and grew up in Hornsey. He was elected as Councillor for Hornsey Borough Council in 1949 at the young age of 29. He served as member and then chairman of a number of committees of the council, and was Hornsey Borough Council's last mayor in 1964 before its merger when Haringey

Council was formed. He continued to serve on Haringey Council until 1971. He also served on the GLC and the health authority. I attended the funeral service out of respect for such a lengthy career in public service. Remember this is the old Hornsey chain that I am wearing.

We are also remembering the passing of **Former Councillor Chris Hannington**. Chris died on 21 January 2016.

I first got to know Chris in the 90s when we were involved in a Justice and Peace project related to a global perspective on asylum seekers at our parish church. I will come back to such matters.

Chris was elected to Haringey Council in 1964 representing Stroud Green Ward and was a Haringey Councillor for 22 years. He became chair of the Housing Committee. Whilst in that post he initiated the policy of partnership with housing associations and this led to the building of many, many homes.

Chris later worked for housing associations and played a major role in the creation of many thousands of homes for social housing and later when working with the LB of H & F devoted time to major improvements of council estates.

Chris was a great advocate of fairness in policing and well respected across the political spectrum

Chris was awarded an OBE for political and public service in 1989.

Chris was Chair of the Haringey Police Consultative Group for some time.

Chris was a proud and steadfast supporter of multi-racial harmony through the Haringey Community Relations Council and later the Haringey Race and Equality Council and represented this body and laid a wreath on behalf of it at the Borough Remembrance Service in Wood Green on 8th November.

I last saw Chris a few weeks later in St Peter in Chains Church making a strong appeal for a CAFOD project to support farmers whose land and livelihood is threatened by climate change.

Though clearly not of the same party as myself Chris was supportive and encouraging to me when he knew I was standing for Hornsey Ward.

As Mayor, I was privileged to represent Haringey Council at his Funeral Mass in our parish church on 5th February.

(May I call on Cllr Rice and Cllr Peacock to speak?)

I now ask Councillors to stand for a minute's silence in respect of former Councillors Lawrence Bains and Chris Hannington.

Thank you

Liberal Democrat amendments to the Budget 2016-19

Amendment 1– General Fund Revenue Account Proposed by Cllr Engert, seconded by Cllr Morris <i>Protecting older and vulnerable people by reducing communications and agency staff budgets</i>	2016-17 £000's	2017-18 £000's	2018-19 £000's	Total £000's
<p>Stop planned closures and save day centres The Labour administration is proposing the closure of day centres for older people (including those with dementia) and for people with learning disabilities. The Liberal Democrats believe the centres should stay open.</p> <p>The Liberal Democrats would keep at least two day centres for learning disability open, not one as planned. The Roundway as well as Ermine Road would remain open, providing places for at least two thirds of current users at a cost of £1.19m. The Liberal Democrats would also keep the Grange and the Haven day centres open, at the cost of £0.5m. The total cost being £1.69m per year.</p> <p>To do this they would use the council tax precept rise of 2% which the council has already announced to save the centres, instead of adding the £1.69m raised by the precept for care packages as planned.</p> <p>The £1.69m deficit in the care packages budget created by this change would then be funded by the savings listed below.</p> <p>Funded by:</p> <p>Reduced dependency on agency staff: Spend by the council on agency staff in 2015/16 is £12.8m. A 15% reduction (excluding Children's, Early Years, Schools, Adults and income related services) would save £967k.</p> <p>Cut spending on communications and marketing: The Communications budget for 2016-17 is £1.724m (excluding translation and interpretation services). Capping the budget at £1m and stopping the production of Haringey People and In Haringey print editions (this would save £100,000 per year) would therefore save £724k.</p>	<p>1,690</p> <p>-967</p> <p>-724</p>	<p>0</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p>	<p>0</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p>	<p>1,690</p> <p>-967</p> <p>-724</p>
<p>Saving/income (-), Spending (no sign)</p>	<p>-1</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>-1</p>

Liberal Democrat amendments to the Budget 2016-19

Amendment 2 – General Fund Revenue Account Proposed by Cllr Engert, seconded by Cllr Morris	2016-17 £000's	2017-18 £000's	2018-19 £000's	Total £000's
Improving Town Centres by reducing budgets for senior staff				
<p>Returning weekly collections to the borough's streets Returning weekly rubbish collections to streets identified in the waste collection scrutiny report as needing them: Milton Ave N6, Milton Rd N6, Northwood Rd N6, Milton Park N6, Eldon Rd N22, Lyndhurst Rd N22, Spigurnell Rd N17, Cissbury Rd N15. And adding Queens Avenue N10. The cost of weekly collection on these streets has been costed by officers at £21,000 per year.</p>	21	0	0	21
<p>Green lighting The current budget assumes 45 years before all street lights in the borough will be low energy LED lights. Investing more would enable the council to replace all lights with low energy ones in 13 years, providing an eventual annual saving in power costs of £169,000 (plus maintenance savings, not budgeted for here). This would also enhance the local environment and make substantial carbon savings. The costs here represent the prudential borrowing costs of making this change minus the energy saving.</p>	141	96	93	330
<p>Supporting local town centres Funding for a town centre manager for the west of borough to support local traders in Muswell Hill, Crouch End and Highgate, promoting local town centres (Tottenham already has a town centre manager and one is coming soon for Wood Green). A town centre manager post is estimated by officers to cost £55,000 a year.</p>	55	0	0	55
<p>Funded by: Reducing the council part of the budget for TU Facilitators as Labour have done in previous years. This would not affect TU facilities time funded by the delegated schools budget. There is no statutory minimum provision for this but union employees have a statutory right to reasonable paid and unpaid time off to carry out specified union duties which this proposal would continue to provide.</p>	-53	-17	0	-70
<p>Reducing spend on the top 23 most senior managers by 10% (excluding the Chief Executive) The Senior Management team have been costed at £3.4m for 23 posts by officers. Reducing spend by around 10% would save £340k. This would be done either through salary negotiations or redundancies at the Chief Executive's discretion (redundancy costs to be met through capital reserves).</p>	-170	-170	0	-340
<p>Shared Chief Executive Sharing a Chief Executive with another borough would save £100k per year. This has been calculated on the basis that costs would be split 50/50 with the other borough.</p>	0	-100	0	-100
<p>Cannes Not sending officers and councillors to the MIPIM conference at Cannes would save the council £15k (officers say the full cost is £30k with £15k provided by sponsors leaving the council with a £15k bill)</p>	-15	0	0	-15
<p>Saving/income (-), Spending (no sign)</p>	-112	-191	93	-119

Liberal Democrat amendments to the Budget 2016-19

Amendment 3 – General Fund Revenue Account Proposed by Cllr Engert, seconded by Cllr Morris <i>Air quality and investment in local improvements in Tottenham, Muswell Hill and Crouch End</i>	2016-17 £000's	2017-18 £000's	2018-19 £000's	Total £000's
Investing in Tottenham Proposal for CIL to be reviewed, especially in Tottenham. Any resulting extra money to be spent on infrastructure projects on the Regulation 123 CIL list of infrastructure projects held by the Council. The cost of this review of CIL is £60k for statutory processes, consultation, public examination and staff costs.	60	0	0	60
Investing in air quality Increased air quality monitoring in hotspot areas with poor air quality in Tottenham, Wood Green, Muswell Hill and Highgate. These are estimated costs that include an additional staff member and intensive monitoring in hotspot areas.	70	0	0	70
Investing in Crouch End and Muswell Hill Proposal to set-up Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Crouch End and Muswell Hill. A ballot on whether to set-up BIDs in the 2 town centres would be sent with rate communications to businesses as per the regulations on the establishment of BIDs. By way of illustration if Muswell Hill had a 1% levy (excluding properties below £10k rateable value) BID income would be £94k per year. By way of illustration if Crouch End had a 1% levy (excluding properties below £10k rateable value) BID income would be £83k per year. Any money raised by the levy could be spent on local improvements in the respective town centres as set out in the regulations governing BIDs. Funded by: Scrapping ward budgets: There is an annual ward budget of £190k. At the beginning of February there had only been 9 bids for the funding. The Lib Dems believe the money would be spent more effectively on other local improvements.	20	-10	0	10
Saving/income (-), Spending (no sign)	-40	-10	0	-50

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Amendment 4– Capital Proposed by Cllr Engert, seconded by Cllr Morris <i>Making roads and pavements safer for pedestrians and cyclists, making Muswell Hill Library accessible by cutting spending on consultants</i>	2016-17 £000's	2017-18 £000's	2018-19 £000's	Total £000's
<p>Improvements to Fortis Green Repave Fortis Green Road which is currently in very poor condition and difficult for elderly and disabled residents to use.</p> <p>Muswell Hill Library Officers estimate that installing a lift at Muswell Hill Library will cost £100,000. This would make the library more accessible for residents and would mean it would not be necessary to relocate the library as the administration plans to do.</p> <p>Bedford Road crossing Local Lib Dem councillors and residents have asked for a safe crossing on Bedford Road in Alexandra. Officers estimate that this will cost £35,000.</p> <p>Priory Road crossing Local Lib Dem councillors and residents have asked for a safe crossing on Priory Road in Muswell Hill ward. Officers estimate that this will cost £35,000.</p> <p>Crossing at the Junction of Durnsford and Crescent Rise Local Lib Dem councillors and residents have asked for a safe crossing at the Junction of Durnsford and Crescent Rise in Alexandra. Officers estimate that this will cost £35,000.</p> <p>Funded by:</p> <p>Cut spending on consultants The budget for spending on consultants in 2016/17 is £2.321m, cutting this by 16% would save £371k. (One-off saving used as a direct revenue contribution to the capital programme).</p>	<p>150</p> <p>100</p> <p>35</p> <p>35</p> <p>35</p> <p>-371</p>			<p>150</p> <p>100</p> <p>35</p> <p>35</p> <p>35</p> <p>-371</p>
<p>Saving/income (-), Spending (no sign) <i>(Surplus to be used as a contingency fund for the capital investment projects if necessary)</i></p>	<p>-16</p>			<p>-16</p>

Summary of Liberal Democrat Budget Amendments 2016-19

Investments / Savings (-ve cost saving, +ve cost)	Ref	Proposal	2016-17 £000's	2017-18 £000's2	2018-19 £000's	Total £000's
Revenue amendments	Amendment 1 Revenue	OVERVIEW: Protecting older and vulnerable people by reducing communications and agency staff budgets The Labour administration is proposing the closure of day centres for older people (including those with dementia) and for people with learning disabilities. The Liberal Democrats believe the centres should stay open.				
Spend	Amendment 1 Revenue	The Liberal Democrats would keep at least two day centres for learning disability open, not one as planned. The Roundway as well as Ermine Road would remain open, providing places for at least two thirds of current users at a cost of £1.19m. The Liberal Democrats would also keep the Grange and the Haven day centres open, at the cost of £0.5m. The total cost being £1.69m per year. To do this they would use the council tax precept rise of 2% which the council has already announced to save the centres, instead of adding the £1.69m raised by the precept for care packages as planned. The £1.69m deficit in the care packages budget created by this change would then be funded by the savings listed below.	1690	0	0	1690
Saving	Amendment 1 Revenue	Reduced dependency on agency staff - reduce agency spend by 15% (excludes Children's inc Early Years, Adults and Income Collection)	-967	0	0	-967
Saving	Amendment 1 Revenue	Cut spending on communications and marketing:	-724	0	0	-724
		TOTAL IMPACT OF AMENDMENT ONE	-1	0	0	-1
	Amendment 2 Revenue	OVERVIEW: Improving Town Centres by reducing budgets for senior staff				
Spend	Amendment 2 Revenue	Returning weekly rubbish collections to streets identified in the waste collection scrutiny report as needing them: Milton Ave N6, Milton Rd N6, Northwood Rd N6, Milton Park N6, Eldon Rd N22, Lyndhurst Rd N22, Spigurnell Rd N17, Cissbury Rd N15. And adding Queens Avenue N10.	21	0	0	21
Spend to save	Amendment 2 Revenue	Accelerating low energy replacement of LED street lights.	141	96	93	330
Spend	Amendment 2 Revenue	Funding for a town centre manager for the west of borough to support local traders in Muswell Hill, Crouch End and Highgate, promoting local town centres	55	0	0	55
Saving	Amendment 2 Revenue	Reducing the council part of the budget for TU Facilitators as Labour have done in previous years. This would not affect TU facilities time funded by the delegated schools budget.	-53	-17	0	-70
Saving	Amendment 2 Revenue	Reducing spend on the top 23 most senior managers by 10% (excluding the Chief Executive)	-170	-170	0	-340
Saving	Amendment 2 Revenue	Sharing a Chief Executive with another borough could save £100k per year.	0	-100	0	-100
Saving	Amendment 2 Revenue	Not sending officers and councillors to the MIPIM conference at Cannes would save the council £15k (officers say the full cost is £30k with £15k provided by sponsors leaving the council with a £15k bill)	-15	0	0	-15
		TOTAL IMPACT OF AMENDMENT TWO	-21	-191	93	-119
	Amendment 3 Revenue	Overview: Air quality and investment in local improvements in Tottenham, Muswell Hill and Crouch End				
Spend leading to income	Amendment 3 Revenue	Investing in Tottenham - review of CIL, statutory processes, administration and staff costs	60	0	0	60
Spend	Amendment 3 Revenue	Investing in air quality - an additional officer and increased monitoring in hotspot areas	70	0	0	70
Spend leading to income	Amendment 3 Revenue	Investing in Crouch End and Muswell Hill - costs of setting up Business Improvement Districts in those areas	20	-10	0	10
Saving	Amendment 3 Revenue	Scrapping Ward Budgets	-190	0	0	-190
		TOTAL IMPACT OF AMENDMENT THREE	-40	-10	0	-50
Summary of Revenue Amendments	Amendment 1	Protecting older and vulnerable people by reducing communications and agency staff budgets	-1	0	0	-1
	Amendment 2	Improving Town Centres by reducing budgets for senior staff	-21	-191	93	-119
	Amendment 3	Air quality and investment in local improvements in Tottenham, Muswell Hill and Crouch End	-40	-10	0	-50
Total net impact of revenue amendments 1,2 and 3			-62	-201	93	-170

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Investments / Savings (-ve cost saving, +ve cost)	Ref	Proposal	2016-17 £000's	2017-18 £000's	2018-19 £000's	Total £000's
Investments / Savings (-ve cost saving, +ve cost increase)	Ref	Proposal	2015-16 £000's	2016-17 £000's	2017-18 £000's	Total £000's
Capital amendments	Amendment 4 Capital	OVERVIEW: Making roads and pavements safer for pedestrians and cyclists, making Muswell Hill Library accessible by cutting spending on consultants				
Spend	Amendment 4 Capital	Repave Fortis Green Road which is currently in very poor condition and difficult for elderly and disabled residents to use.	150	0	0	150
Spend	Amendment 4 Capital	Installing a lift at Muswell Hill Library	100	0	0	100
Spend	Amendment 4 Capital	A Crossing on Bedford Road	35	0	0	35
Spend	Amendment 4 Capital	A Crossing on Priory Road	35	0	0	35
Spend	Amendment 4 Capital	A Crossing on Dursford Road/Crescent Rise	35	0	0	35
Saving	Funded by : Revenue Contribution to the Capital Programme	Cut spending on consultants - one-off reduction of 16% (Small surplus of £16k to be used as a contingency fund for the capital investment projects if necessary)	-371	0	0	-371
Total net impact on capital programme			-16	0	0	-16