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To: All Members of the Full Council

Dear Member,

Full Council - Thursday, 17th March, 2016

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

- 3. 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 (PAGES 1 - 2)**

Note on the reasons for lateness of item 12.

- 12. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10 (PAGES 3 - 8)**

Responses to Written Questions

- 13. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13 (PAGES 9 - 16)**

Amendment to Motion E

Yours sincerely

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Item 3

COUNCIL MEETING – 17 March 2016

LATE ITEM OF URGENT BUSINESS

Item 12 – 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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FULL COUNCIL: 17 MARCH 2016**QUESTIONS****ORAL QUESTIONS****ORAL QUESTION 1 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR JOGEE:**

After recent reports about the serious care issues at the North Middlesex Hospital, will the Leader please detail what the council is doing to help address and resolve these problems?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL INCLUSION AND SUSTAINABILITY FROM COUNCILLOR CARTER:**

How much has the council spent on the new branding and logo in total?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR DORON:**

Will the Cabinet Member update us on the progress of the council's new My Account service and what impact it will have on our customer service delivery?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 4 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR CONNOR**

What plans does the council have to consult residents on the future of Muswell Hill Library?

ANSWER**ORAL QUESTION 5 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR WESTON:**

In light of the planned closure of Wightman Road for National Rail works, what measures have been put in place to manage the significant traffic disruption the closure will cause?

ANSWER

ORAL QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIS

Local carers are concerned that the recent changes to care packages announced by the council will mean less respite for carers. What consultation has been undertaken with carers on these changes?

ANSWER

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

WRITTEN QUESTION 1 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ENGERT

Will the council take action to ensure that the new works announced by Thames Water for Muswell Hill Broadway cause minimal disruption and loss of business to local traders, particularly in terms of rubbish collection and bus journeys?

ANSWER

The council will take action to reduce the disruption to local businesses, including:

- Reducing the length of road works on the highway at any one time
- Introducing parking bay suspensions to allow for bus stops to be temporarily relocated
- Ensuring no additional traffic signals are used
- Ensuring access is maintained to allow for waste collections to be carried out as usual

Officers will continue to carefully monitor the situation on a daily basis, and will take further action if required.

WRITTEN QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR CARTER

How much of the £190,000 ward budget money for 2015/16 has been allocated?

ANSWER

In total £161,000 of bids have been received, of which £140,000 has been approved. A further £21,000 is still pending clarification or further information prior to final approval.

WRITTEN QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR NEWTON:

How many children are currently classified as homeless in the borough?

ANSWER

There are currently 5,693 children (3023 families) living in temporary accommodation with their parent/guardian pursuant to a duty under the provisions of housing legislation. Children's Services are also accommodating 13 children (6 families) under s 17 Children Act 1989.

WRITTEN QUESTION 4 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR BEACHAM

Post Offices provide a vital service to the local community. If new franchises cannot be found for the Crouch End and Muswell Hill Post Offices, would the council consider co-locating the Post Offices in council buildings in those areas?

ANSWER

Apart from the library in Crouch End the council does not operate any buildings in these areas that would be of sufficient size to accommodate a Post Office franchise. Officers are more than happy to look at opportunities within the commercial portfolio to provide accommodation for a franchised operator.

WRITTEN QUESTION 5 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ROSS

How many of the borough's bus stops are not accessible, and please list them?

ANSWER

There are a total of 329 bus stops on borough roads, of which 311 (94%) are Bus Stop Accessibility (BSA) compliant and 18 non-compliant.

During the last three years 53 borough road bus stops have been made compliant and our BSA programme will continue to address and improve non compliance.

A full list of bus stops on borough roads is available to members on request.

WRITTEN QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR ELLIOTT

Can you please provide an update on the progress of the Housing infill programme in general and in particular what work has taken place or is due to take place on the Hillcrest Estate?

ANSWER

Housing Infill Programme

The first phase of the housing infill programme consists of eight council-owned sites, for which planning consent has been obtained to provide 20 rented and nine shared ownership affordable homes and one house for outright sale.

The 29 affordable homes are currently in a construction contract with Borrás Construction.

The schemes at Barnes Court N22 (4 dwellings), Whitbread Close N17 (4 dwellings) and Connaught Lodge N4 (7 dwellings) are scheduled to complete by September 2016. Anderton Court N22 (5 dwellings) will be completed in January 2017.

The contractor has organised site resources so that the schemes at 10-12 Muswell Hill Place N10 (2 dwellings), Fenton Road N17 (5 dwellings) and Ednam House N4 (2 dwellings) will follow-on, completing in March 2017.

Hillcrest Estate

PRP architects produced a draft concept design study analysing the constraints and opportunities of the estate and identified three potential development sites of between 26 and 34 dwellings each. This report has been posted on the council website to enable access by residents, with the caveat that it is in draft and that no decisions on any development proposals will be made until the Local Plan Adoption process has been concluded. This report can be found here:

www.haringey.gov.uk/housing/housing-consultations/hillcrest-estate.

Haringey's Local plan proposals will go to Public Examination in July and the Planning Inspector's Report is estimated to take a further two months to be issued. This report will establish the principle of development in planning terms at the Hillcrest Estate which is included within the local Plan as a potential site for development. Following Adoption of the plan by Cabinet, a decision can then be taken on whether the council wishes to proceed with any development proposals.

WRITTEN QUESTION 7 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIS

How many nursery places are needed in the borough and how many are the council supplying?

ANSWER

The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment for Haringey, carried out in Autumn 2015, was commissioned as part of the council's statutory duty to ensure sufficiency of child care places in the borough. Overall, the Assessment findings suggest a sufficiency of childcare at borough level, but with barriers to access, primarily around cost and affordability. The findings also suggest that available provision may not necessarily be in the areas or types of provision that parents say they want.

In more detail, the Assessment identified over 6,700 child care places available in the borough, carrying approximately 2,480 vacancies, with over 3,116 children waiting to be placed in provision. Whilst it is understood that a proportion of names on the waiting list for a particular provision may already have taken up a child care place in a different provision in the borough, this cannot be tested fully. This high number of names on waiting lists taken in conjunction with the high number of vacancies indicate that parents are seeking particular types of care, in particular areas and at particular times. A high number of children are waiting for a place in certain parts of the borough, for example.

In addition, all three and four year olds and 40% of all two year olds nationally are entitled to a free early learning and childcare place for 570 hours a year. In Haringey, there are 1,710 eligible two year old children who are entitled to a free early learning place. As an authority, we have created 1,296 places of which 80 places are supplied directly by the council. There is a population of 6,941 eligible three and four year old children who are entitled to a free early learning place. As an authority, we have created 5,908 places of which 180 places are supplied directly by the council.

WRITTEN QUESTION 8 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR HARE

How many deaths have there been in each of the last three years where air pollution was thought to be the cause or a contributory factor?

ANSWER

Long term exposure to air pollution is understood to contribute to early deaths from lung disease and especially cardiovascular disease; i.e. it's unlikely to be the sole cause of individual deaths.

So it is likely that air pollution contributes a small amount to the deaths of a large number of people rather than causing a specific number of individual deaths. With this understanding, officers are able to provide an estimated number of deaths (though this is indicative and not individual people) as follows:

	All over 25 deaths(registered) in Haringey	Estimated number of deaths attributed to air pollution (note not individual people)
2010	1178	84
2011	1070	78
2012	1114	75
2013	1068	73

WRITTEN ANSWER 9 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR CONNOR

How much has the council spent on security staff and measures for council and cabinet meetings in the last year?

ANSWER

The council carries out a risk assessment ahead of all council meetings to ensure the smooth running of the meeting and the safety of Members, staff and visitors.

The total expenditure on council officers, security staff and equipment for the 2015/16 is £18,213, which averages out to approximately £1,500 per meeting. Details for each meeting are set out in the table below:

Meeting date	Staff costs	External security guard	Equipment and barriers	Total per meeting
14.05.15 AGM	£1,284	-		£1,284

16.06.15 Cabinet	£1,050	-	£148	£1,198
14.07.15 Cabinet	£1,072	-	£148	£1,220
20.07.15 Full Council	£834	-	-	£834
15.09.15 Cabinet	£741	-	£148	£889
08.10.15 Full Council	£490	-	-	£490
10.11.15 Cabinet	£1,337	£1,372	£474	£3,183
23.11.15 Full Council	£1,151	£368	£148	£1,667
15.12.15 Cabinet	£1,231	£257	£148	£1,636
19.01.16 Cabinet	£450	-	-	£450
09.02.16 Cabinet	£1,270	£662	£1,614	£3,546
22.02.16 Full Council	£975	£515	£326	£1,816
Totals	£11,885.00	£3,174.00	£3,154.00	£18,213

Labour amendment to motion E - 17 March 2016

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

The Housing crisis and the impact on homelessness:

Proposer: Cllr ~~Liz Morris~~ Adam Jogee

Seconder: Cllr ~~Dave Beacham~~ Stephen Mann

This council is concerned by the effects of London's housing crisis on local people in Haringey and across London particularly with respect to homelessness.

This council is ~~further~~ concerned that:

- After years of declining trends, all forms of homelessness have risen due to the shortage of housing and ongoing effects of the economic recession combined with Government policies - particularly welfare reforms and cuts to housing benefit. Independent research carried out for Crisis and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, shows that homelessness is likely to increase further still.
- Almost one in ten people say they have been homeless at some point, with a fifth of these people saying it happened in the last five years.
- In the UK, over 54,000 people were accepted as homeless and in 'priority need' in 2014/2015 – an increase of 36% since 2009/10.
- According to Government figures, rough sleeping has increased by 55% since 2010.
- 7,581 people slept rough at some point in London during 2014/15, a 16% rise on the previous year and more than double the figure of 3,673 in 2009/10.
- ~~in 2014, 24,543 households in London were found to be homeless~~
- ~~13,034 of those households included dependent children~~
- ~~In Haringey only 420 affordable homes were delivered in 2014~~
- ~~There were 1,357 vacant homes in Haringey in 2014 and 218 council homes were lost through Right to Buy~~
- ~~In 2015 there were 5,550 children in temporary accommodation in this borough~~

This council notes:

- Local Authorities have statutory duties towards homeless households these are broadly; providing advice and assistance free of charge to prevent homelessness, providing temporary accommodation while making enquiries into whether a main homelessness duty is owed and when this is accepted, accommodating the household until a suitable offer of settled accommodation is made.
- The Council currently provides a dedicated Housing Advice and Options service which focuses on homelessness prevention and a Homelessness Assessment service which is accessed when homelessness cannot be prevented.
- In Haringey, the Council prevented 647 households from becoming homeless in 2014/15, 96 (17%) more than in 2013/14 and 28% more than in 2012/13.

- In England, the biggest single recorded reason for homelessness is now the loss of an assured shorthold tenancy (AST)- the type of tenancy most commonly held by private renters.
- The percentage of homelessness acceptances in England recorded as being due to the loss of an AST has doubled over the last five years, from 13% in 2008/9, to 26% in 2013/14.

This council further notes:

- ~~Liberal Democrat, GLA Member, Caroline Pidgeon has proposed retaining the Olympic Precept at £20 a year and converting it into a Housing Precept.~~

~~This council also notes the Housing Precept would generate £2 billion of funds:~~

- ~~to build 200,000 homes~~
- ~~to build 50,000 new council homes and 150,000 homes for private rent and sale~~

~~Caroline Pidgeon's proposal for a large scale home building which would benefit people in Haringey and across the capital, helping to tackle the housing crisis.~~

The Housing and Planning Bill currently being debated in Parliament, will (if it receives Royal Assent) have significant, far reaching and adverse implications for local residents, the supply of truly affordable housing and the Council, specifically:

- A requirement for the Council to sell 'high-value' council homes on the open market;
- The imposition of a levy or 'housing tax' on the Council to fund Housing Association right to buy tenant discounts, which could be anywhere in England;
- A requirement that the Council charges market or near market rents where households renting from the Council have an annual income of £40,000 or more;
- A new restriction on the Council to offer 5 year or shorter tenancies for new tenants;
- The introduction of 'starter homes' as new form of 'affordable' housing tenure.

The Bill in its current form will...

- undermine the Council's ability to comply with its statutory homeless obligations resulting in families staying longer in temporary accommodation.
- place further pressure on the Council's overall temporary accommodation budget.
- result in additional Council expenditure to administer and enforce the Government's pay to stay proposals.
- result in 'starter homes' being built in place of social housing which will be unaffordable to Haringey families and young people on ordinary incomes.
- further reduce the supply of affordable housing by undermining section 106 requirements on private developers to provide affordable homes.
- undermine and put at risk the Councils housing regeneration programme.
- provide no guarantee that the truly affordable social rented, homes the Council is forced to sell will be replaced like-for-like in Haringey
- undermine local democracy and decision making by taking 32 new wide and open-ended powers for the Secretary of State over councils,
 - including the power to override locally agreed plans,

- to mandate rent levels for social tenants,
- to impose a housing levy on stock-holding councils, violating the terms of the housing revenue account self-financing deal Councils agreed with the government.

Whilst the Bill takes forward some positive measures in relation to the private rented sector, it does not address the affordability, poor conditions and insecurity issues in this sector – and as such will do nothing to help arrest the recent rise in homelessness.

This Council resolves:

- To make clear its opposition to the Housing and Planning Bill and continue to warn the Government and others of the impact of the Housing & Planning Bill on Haringey
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