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To: All Members of the Full Council

Dear Member,

Full Council - Thursday, 19th March, 2020

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 THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PAGES 1 - 6)**

Additional report on Attendance of a Member

**13. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10 (PAGES 7 - 16)**

Written questions response

Yours sincerely

Ayshe Simsek, Acting Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

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## **LATE BUSINESS SHEET**

**Report Title: Attendance at meetings of an authority by a Member**

### **Item 7 – Full Council**

**Date: 19 March 2020**

#### **Reason for lateness and reason for urgent consideration**

This appendix is considered urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972. That provision states *“An item of business may not be considered at a meeting of a principal council unless ... by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency”*.

This item is urgent given the current public health situation with the Coronavirus and the uncertainty around how long restrictions on movement will continue. There is potential for this member to be unable to attend meetings in the foreseeable 6 months.

**Concurrence of the Acting Democratic and Scrutiny Services Manager to the submission of this late item of business in accordance with Part 5 Section D – Protocol for Decision-Making - Paragraph 1.4.**



**Report for:** Full Council 19 March 2020

**Title:** Attendance at meetings of an authority by a Member

**Report authorised by :** Zina Etheridge, Chief Executive

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**Ward(s) affected:** N/A

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** N/A

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

1.1 To seek the approval of Full Council to extend the six month rule for attendance at meetings for a further three month period for a Member who has been unable to attend Council Committee meetings due to ill health.

**2. Cabinet Member Introduction**  
N/A

**3. Recommendations**

That Full Council:

3.1 Note that Councillor Justin Hinchcliffe has been unable to attend Council Committee meetings due to ill health, and the last meeting Councillor Hinchcliffe attended was 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2019;

3.2 Agree that on the basis of continued ill health, Councillor Hinchcliffe will continue to be a Member of this Council even if he does not attend a meeting of this local authority (as defined in section 85(2) of the Local Government Act 1972) by 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2020; and

3.3 Agree that Councillor Hinchcliffe has until 8<sup>th</sup> of September to attend a meeting of the authority (as defined in section 85(2) Local Government Act 1972) failing which he will cease to be a Member.

**4. Reasons for decision**

4.1 The Council are requested to approve the above recommendations to allow Councillor Hinchcliffe the opportunity to recover from a period of ill health, and retain his membership on the Council.

## 5. Alternative options considered

- 5.1 The Council could choose not to approve the recommendations as set out at 3.1 and 3.2, which would result in the cessation of Councillor Hinchcliffe's membership on the Council should he not attend a meeting of the local authority by 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.

## 6. Background information

- 6.1 Paragraph 11.19 of the Member's Allowance Scheme advises that a Member who is sick will continue to receive the basic allowance as long as they remain a Councillor. They will also continue to receive any SRA for a six month period. Extension of this period of leave will require prior 2 months' written notice to be given to the Political Leader of the respective political group. If the extended leave is agreed by that Political Leader, a report will be compiled to seek approval from full Council, before the point of the 6 months' leave expiry, for the extension of this leave. This is in accordance with section 85 of the 1972 Local Government Act.
- 6.2 The Acting Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager was notified that due to ill health Councillor Justin Hinchcliffe had not been able to attend any meetings of the authority, as a councillor, since 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. The Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer were subsequently notified. He has been in regular contact with the Party Whip, Councillor Cawley-Harrison, since this time.
- 6.3 Section 85 Local Government Act 1972 provides that subject to certain requirements, a Member ceases to be a Member of the authority if he/she fails to attend a meeting of a local authority throughout a period of six months beginning with his/her last attendance at a meeting unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiration of the six months. Therefore, if Councillor Hinchcliffe fails to attend a meeting of the authority by 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 he ceases to be a Member of the authority unless the Council agrees in advance of this date to extend that period due to his continued ill health. If the authority (Full Council) agrees this in advance of the expiration of this six month period then automatic vacation would not occur.
- 6.4 Section 85(2) Local Government Act 1972 defines what is meant by a meeting of the authority and includes full Council and all committees and subcommittees of the authority. Section 85(2) Local Government Act 1972 states
- “(2) Attendance as a Member at a meeting of any committee or sub-committee of the authority, or at a meeting of any joint committee, joint board or other body by whom for the time being any of the functions of the authority are being discharged, or who were appointed to advise the authority on any matter relating to the discharge of their functions, and attendance as representative of the authority at a meeting of any body of persons, shall be deemed for the purposes of subsection (1) above to be attendance at a meeting of the authority.”

**7. Statutory Officers comments**

**Finance**

- 7.1 Councillor Hinchcliffe would continue to receive his Member Allowance payment, which is provided for in the current budget and would have no further budgetary impact.

**Legal**

- 7.2 The legal provisions and implications are set out in the body of this report.

**8. Use of Appendices**

N/A

**9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

- 9.1 The following papers have been used in the preparation of this report:
- Local Government Act 1972
  - Council Constitution

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Written questions	Response
<p>1. <b>Cllr da Costa to Cllr James</b>            What steps will the Council take to protect its staff in the event that community spread of coronavirus within the UK becomes prevalent?</p>	<p>The council is making sure we follow guidance from Public Health England and the NHS in our response to the coronavirus outbreak including how we protect our staff.</p> <p>We are constantly reviewing the situation and keeping our staff informed of any steps they can take to minimise the risk of infection for themselves and others.</p> <p>We are making sure we take all steps to protect our staff in line with the recommended public health guidance.</p> <p>The latest evidence is that coronavirus is a mild illness with a fever and cough in most people. People who are frail or have existing health conditions are likely to be at greater risk of more serious symptoms.</p> <p>There are simple measures we can all take to avoid infections like coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure good hand hygiene by regularly washing your hands, including after taking public transport.</li> <li>• Carry tissues – catch sneezes in them and then bin the tissue.</li> <li>• If you're unwell with symptoms such as a fever or cough, don't come into work until you're better. Please get medical advice as you would normally or through the 111 online coronavirus service</li> <li>• Refer to the latest guidance on returning from travel</li> </ul>
<p>2. <b>Cllr Connor to Cllr James</b>            Will the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health agree to write a joint letter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care calling for a regulator for care staff?</p>	<p>The Health and Care Professions Council regulates staff working across health and care, setting standards of conduct, performance and ethics.</p> <p>In addition, the Care Quality Commission acts as the regulator for health and for social care and can take regulatory action to ensure that providers deploy enough suitably qualified, competent and experienced staff to enable them to meet all other regulatory</p>

		<p>requirements (as described in Regulation 18 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014).</p> <p>Whilst the Council is committed to ensuring the invaluable work of social care staff is valued and understood, we would be keen to work with existing regulatory organisations rather than suggesting a new approach.</p>
3.	<p><b>Cllr Dixon to Cllr Blake</b></p> <p>Does the Cabinet Member for Communities and Families agree that the Police’s decision to ban Extinction Rebellion from protesting anywhere in London was high-handed and excessive?</p>	<p>Extinction Rebellion are a non-violent movement whose ambitions we have enormous sympathy for. Climate Change is a ticking clock – we have very little time to get emissions under control before global temperature rises hit a 2C tipping point.</p> <p>It requires action from all of us – national governments, local councils and individual citizens. Extinction Rebellion have every right to remind us every day that this crisis is immediate and desperate.</p> <p>That said, it is not for local government to second guess decisions taken by the Metropolitan Police.</p>
4.	<p><b>Cllr Emery to Cllr Hearn</b></p> <p>Does the Cabinet Member for the Environment share my disappointment that the Mayor of London is proposing to spend £25 million on new cars rather than on public transport or active travel?</p>	<p>No. The Mayor invests more than billion in public transport. Transport for London’s latest Business Plan (December 2019) commits, for example, £922 million to Healthy Streets projects to increase walking and cycling and £445 million to Public Transport (not including underground) between 2020/21 to 2024/25.</p> <p>The Borough is a recipient of some of this funding through the Liveable Crouch End project and other projects set out in our Local Implementation Plan (LIP).</p> <p>So I welcome the Mayor’s project to support people in the transition to the ULEZ as part of a wider package of projects from the Mayor, TfL and the Council for public transport and active travel.</p>

5.	<p><b>Cllr Barnes to Cllr Ibrahim</b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Housing confirm how many residents are currently living in Tangmere and Northolt, and how this compares to the schedule for the decant initially agreed by the Council?</p>	<p>This is a health and safety issue that the Council is addressing as expediently as possible. All secure tenants have moved from Tangmere. 3 resident leaseholders are currently living in the block. 5 non-resident leaseholders (whose flats are vacant) still own a flat in the block. A further 16 leasehold flats have been acquired. Of the leaseholders who still own a flat, all are in negotiation with the council to sell their property.</p> <p>16 tenants are currently still living in the Northolt block. In addition to the tenants, there are 13 leaseholders, which includes 10 resident leaseholders and three non-resident leaseholders.</p> <p>The Council is seeking to move residents to safer accommodation as quickly as possible.</p>
6.	<p><b>Cllr Cawley-Harrison to Cllr Hearn</b></p> <p>Given the concerns raised by residents and safety groups about Wightman Road: will the Cabinet Member commit to an independent review along similar lines to the one conducted of Park Road?</p>	<p>No. We take resident engagement extremely seriously. Now that the works are complete, we have arranged a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit. If additional measures are recommended to improve safety on Wightman Road, they will be carried out where viable.</p> <p>The safety and accessibility improvements measures implemented on Wightman Road resulted from part of the recommendations in a recent independent transport study carried out by the Council.</p> <p>This study aimed to identify and develop measures to help address traffic and safety related concerns within the identified study area, which covered parts of Harringay, Seven Sisters and St Ann’s wards. Further information on the study can be found on the study webpage on the council’s website link: <a href="#">Green Lanes Area Transport Study. This approach was similar to</a> that undertaken in Park Road, but more extensive, covering a wider area.</p> <p>The key improvements implemented on Wightman Road are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relocation of parking from the footway onto the carriageway, freeing up the footway for pedestrians. Due to the narrow carriageway width, parking could only be accommodated on one side of the carriageway. Parking is therefore alternated along the corridor using chicanes, which has an added benefit of helping to reduce traffic speeds along Wightman Road and Alroy Road, which was of key concern to residents. The carriageway width along Wightman Road was retained.</li> </ol>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A review of the pedestrian crossing facilities along the corridor to include removal of pedestrian refuge islands along Wightman Road, which created pinch points for cyclists and the installation of additional formal and informal crossing facilities.</li> <li>3. Introduction of footway build outs at the junctions with the 'ladder roads' to improve visibility and reduce crossing widths for pedestrians.</li> <li>4. Installation of additional raised tables on Wightman Road to help moderate traffic speed along the corridor and help improve general road safety</li> <li>5. Provision of on-street planting areas and trees to help improve the street scene appearance.</li> </ol> <p>Residents and businesses were consulted on proposed measures between 12 July to 17 August 2018. In view of the safety and accessibility benefits in particular for pedestrians, scheme proposals was approved for implementation by the Cabinet Member for Environment having considered the feedback from the public consultation.</p>
7.	<p><b>Cllr Morris to Cllr Hearn</b> Does the Council have any plans for rewilding any of its parks or open spaces?</p>	<p>The Council is looking at rewilding on grass verges across the borough on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>As part of developing the new Biodiversity Action Plan the Council will be working to identify opportunities that contribute to addressing the growing concerns of climate change and biodiversity.</p> <p>At a local level this will include work to protect wildlife and diversify the range of habitats in Haringey to support our priority species and increase seasonal changes in the landscape.</p> <p>As an example of this the council is working with the Friends of Tower Gardens Park to move to a herbicide free form of management. Work on how the council can reduce the</p>

		total amount of herbicides used in the borough is ongoing.
8.	<b>Cllr Hinchcliffe to Cllr Amin</b> Please provide a breakdown of the wait times for resolving staff IT issues not involving password resets.	<p>During the period from 1/10/19 to 31/12/19 there were 5640 non password calls logged on the service desk.</p> <p>The average time spent by the service desk staff to resolve the query was 15 minutes. Of this 5640, 3038 were resolved in an average time of 7 minutes.</p> <p>Calls which take longer to deal with include site visits where cables, screens or desktops need replacing, or where a call is referred to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (for example the application supplier or Microsoft).</p>
9.	<b>Cllr Chenot to Cllr Ejiofor</b> What is the best estimate of how many EU27 citizens in Haringey have not yet successfully applied for settled or pre-settled status?	<p>45,810 Haringey residents had registered for the EUSS by end of 2019. ONS figures suggest that there are 51,000 EU nationals in the borough but we estimate based on electoral and pupil data, and National Insurance numbers that numbers may be higher.</p> <p>If we assume that the number of EU residents may be as high as 60,000, this means that around 15,000 are not yet registered.</p> <p>An action plan is being implemented which seeks to address this, targeting those groups for which we assess, based on data, that the need is greatest.</p>
10	<b>Cllr Dennison to Cllr Hearn</b> At a Full Council meeting in March 2019, an amendment to a motion on Air Quality. Its text included the following: <i>“To continue our work to develop a proposal for a potential Workplace Parking Levy for active travel/cycling and school streets”</i> . Can the Cabinet Member for Climate	<p>The Council has undertaken analysis on a Workplace Parking Levy following guidance by TfL and advice from other Councils who have investigated the levy scheme. Based on this analysis, Cabinet Members and officers agreed in early 2020 that they do not currently believe that it is workable in the borough.</p> <p>The key reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We do not have full Control Parking Zones (CPZ) coverage across the borough throughout the day, meaning that displacement is likely from business car parks</li> </ul>

	<p>Change and Sustainability explain what work had been done prior to the meeting and what, if any, of this work was independent of the Liberal Democrat budget amendment which included proposals for a Workplace Parking Levy?</p>	<p>into other areas – such as residential areas – which would not reduce car journeys but would have a negative impact on people living in those areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The public sector is the biggest employer in Haringey. We know that some of the largest car parks offering spaces are council offices, health centres, and schools, which would mean that the public sector would largely be extracting the levy from itself.</li> <li>• There are approximately 12,000 businesses in Haringey – 94% are SMEs with fewer than 10 employees. Therefore, we would almost certainly need a low threshold of spaces captured by the levy, as so few businesses have more than 10 parking spaces. If we did this, we would severely impact the SME sector in the borough, and due to increased number of companies caught by the levy, this would increase the operational costs.</li> <li>• Most businesses where the Workplace Parking Levy exists pass the charge directly onto their employees, which as a positive will incentivise their employees to change their behaviour. But this also means that low paid employees would be hit particularly hard by a charge that would be at £750 for the year – which is the value in the Mayor of London’s guidance. When we consider that 28% of Haringey residents say they’d struggle to pay an unexpected charge of £100, this policy presents obvious problems for the most economically disadvantaged of our community.</li> <li>• We will review this position as we continually improve our parking systems, and as the borough’s economic growth continues.</li> <li>• We will also continue to work proactively with businesses to help them switch to better transport alternatives, including active travel.</li> </ul>
11	<p><b>Cllr Ogiehor to Cllr Blake</b> How many section 60 notices have been issued by the Police in Haringey in the past 12 months? Does the Council support their use?</p>	<p>49 Section 60s have been authorised by the Police in Haringey between March 2019 and Feb 2020.</p> <p>The Council only supports the proportionate and intelligence-led use of Section 60 as a tool to keep the residents of Haringey safe, but notes the challenges to some communities if used disproportionately.</p>

12	<p><b>Cllr Ross to Cllr Hearn</b></p> <p>How many of the borough’s gullies have been cleared in the past year and what percentage is that of the total number of gullies in the borough? Does this conform to the current policy on street gully cleaning?</p>	<p>Our operational practice on gully cleaning involves the requirement to clean all gullies between 1 and 5 years, depending on locations. Last year we cleaned 4,767 gullies representing about 30 % of all gullies in the Borough.</p> <p>Data is collected from inspections and the cleansing programme to inform a maintenance regime, which takes account of risk, including how drainage assets perform in respect of their capacity, location on the network hierarchy and any other localised conditions. This information is used to decide the frequency of cleansing and whether any specific repair, replacement or upgrading is required to bring gullies up to an acceptable performance level is required. This enables a risk-based approach to their future maintenance.</p>
13	<p><b>Cllr Hare to Cllr Hearn</b></p> <p>To what extent does the Council intend to incorporate the recommendations of “the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission” (sic) into the Local Plan?</p>	<p>The Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission (BBBBC) report was commissioned by the Government and published in January 2020 and is concerned with improving the design quality of buildings. It largely makes recommendations to the Government, and local planning authorities are not required to have regard to it when drafting Local Plan documents or making decisions on planning applications.</p> <p>The Secretary of State has indicated that he is considering accepting most of the report’s recommendations but a formal and comprehensive Government response has not yet been published. Some of the recommendations include making changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and national Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). Should these recommendations be implemented, the Council as local planning authority would then be required to have regard to any such changes in official national policy or guidance.</p> <p>The Government only recently updated the NPPF in 2019 to give greater weight to good quality design of buildings and a National Design Guide was published in October 2019 which the Council must already have regard to. A National Model Design Code is expected to be published soon.</p> <p>The Mayor of London’s emerging new London Plan also has new policies on design and</p>

		<p>'good growth' which will form part of the Council's statutory Development Plan. This month the Mayor also published draft detailed pre-consultation Supplementary Planning Guidance on "Good Quality Homes for All Londoners" which the Council can also have regard to, should it be adopted in due course.</p> <p>This Council seeks the very best and highest quality design in new buildings which aligns with the aspirations of the BBBBC report. The Council's Local Plan already has robust policies seeking this: the number one policy of the adopted Development Management Policies document is called "Delivering High Quality Design". The Council will be engaging communities on a New Local Plan: First Steps consultation later this year which will enable communities to put forward their views on the design of new buildings.</p> <p>The Council has hosted the Haringey Design Awards in previous years to champion, and raise the bar for, good design across the borough. We are in early preparations for hosting the Haringey Design Awards 2020 in the autumn.</p>
14	<p><b>Cllr Rossetti to Cllr Ejofor</b> In light of Britain's departure from the European Union, will Haringey display the European flag together with the Union Jack in solidarity with the EU nationals amongst our residents, as well as to acknowledge the UK's continuing membership of the Council of Europe?</p>	<p>The flying of flags at the Civic Centre is governed by a Flag Flying Protocol that was adopted in 2015.</p>
15	<p><b>Cllr Palmer to Cllr Hearn</b> Will the Cabinet Member commit to providing funding to help areas that modelling shows will be affected by traffic displaced by the Liveable Crouch End scheme to commence at the point the scheme is confirmed?</p>	<p>There are currently no developed proposals for the Crouch End Liveable Neighbourhood scheme. If an option is progressed that impacts on traffic travelling through the centre of Crouch End, there will be a robust process of modelling. This modelling will inform discussions with TfL regarding the impact of the scheme on the wider area around Crouch End. Discussions are already being had with TfL with officers highlighting that if interventions are made to key roads within the Crouch End area, funding will be required to mitigate the wider impacts. A high-level meeting with TfL is being arranged to discuss this issue further and seek assurances. No interventions will be implemented prior to the modelling, discussion and approval from TfL and wider public consultation.</p>





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