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To: All Members of the Full Council

Dear Member,

Full Council - Monday, 20th November, 2023

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:

- 9. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES (PAGES 1 - 4)**

- 13. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10 (PAGES 5 - 10)**

- 14. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13 (PAGES 11 - 14)**

Yours sincerely

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Report for: Full Council 20th November 2023

Title: Appointment to Outside Bodies

Report

Authorised by: Fiona Alderman Head of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer

Lead Officer: Ayshe Simsek, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/ Non-Key
Non Key Decision:**

1 Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 At the Annual Council meeting on the 15 May 2023 appointments were made to Outside Bodies. The Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment, and Transport and Deputy Leader of the Council was appointed to the North London Waste Authority.
- 1.2 The Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment, and Transport and Deputy Leader of the Council had been due to attend three meetings of the North London Waste Authority between June and November 2023 and attended one meeting online and could not attend one meeting due to illness. The Cabinet Member attended the September meeting in person and this meeting was inquorate. Under the Local Government Act 1972, the membership of an authority to the North London Waste Authority is dependent on attending one meeting during a 6-month period.
- 1.3 There has been further consideration by the North London Waste Authority of whether attendance at inquorate meetings count for the purposes of the six-month attendance rule and it has been determined that it would do under NLWA Standing Orders and S85 of the Local Government Act 1972. Therefore, while Cllr Hakata is not in breach of the rule, reappointing him to the North London Waste Authority would remove any doubt.

2 Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that:

- The Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment, and Transport and Deputy Leader of the Council be re-appointed to the North London Waste Authority until the next annual full Council in May 2024

4 Reason for Decision

- 4.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies are reserved to Full Council, and making a re- appointment before the next meeting of the North London Waste Authority in December 2023 would allow the Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment, and Transport and Deputy Leader of the Council to participate and vote without any reservation.
- 4.2 The advice from the North London Waste Authority is to err on the side of caution in dealing with any issue which could be used to suggest that decisions were not properly taken.

5 Alternative Options Considered

- 5.1 None – this is a statutory outside body and the appointment needs to be made by Full Council in line with Part 2 of the Constitution, paragraph 4.02 (p).

6 Background information

- 6.1 Part 2 of the Constitution, paragraph 4.02 (p) indicates that Full Council will appoint representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment is a cabinet function or has been delegated by the Council.
- 6.2 Section 10.08 of Part 2 of the Constitution advises that the Council has nomination rights to a large number of different external bodies, referred to as 'organisations'. The practice of making nominations to organisations is a benefit to the Council and the links created contribute to the social well-being of the borough.
- 6.3 These organisations can be categorised as follows:
- A. Association bodies, such as the Local Government Association or Association of London Government joint committees and panels.
 - B. Community or voluntary bodies which cover a very wide spectrum of organisations serving the community, or community groups, in various ways.
 - C. Partnership bodies which will usually involve the Council working with other agencies on local issues or projects.
 - D. Statutory bodies, where the Borough of Haringey needs to be represented by law.

E. Trusts and Foundations which generally have more specific and prescribed objectives.

6.4 As set out in section 10.08(b) the nominations to all outside bodies are made and confirmed at each Annual General Meeting. Where there is an association or partnership body exercising executive functions, then nominations of the Cabinet Member will be made by the leader of the council, or the Cabinet with the Leader's agreement and recorded in the list approved at the AGM.

6.5 The constitution continues to advise that future nominations to voluntary or community bodies will generally be in a non – voting, "observer" capacity only, in order to avoid the greater potential for conflicts of interest. Nominated members will not participate in management or decision – making within the organisation. Their role will be to assist in the exchange of information and views between the organization and the council.

6.6 The North London Waste Authority is a statutory Body.

7 Statutory Officers' comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities

7.1 Finance

N/A

7.2 Legal

The legal and constitutional implications are set out in the body of the report.

7.3 Equalities

N/A

9 Use of appendices

None

10 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A

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WRITTEN Questions

1. Cllr Rossetti to Cllr Hakata

Last July Council I was told that Haringey is exploring ways of resolving the traffic issues currently being experienced in Crescent Road and Palace Gates Road. Residents should not be made to wait for the end of the Bounds Green LTN trial for action on this separate issue, so what is the result of this exploration and what measures will be implemented as a result?

Response

We will be progressing with a traffic and transport review of the area in the New Year. Residents, businesses and ward councillors will be fully engaged in this process which will analyse the main traffic and transport issues in the area and investigate the most appropriate interventions to overcome these.

2. Cllr Barnes to Cllr das Neves

This council unanimously passed the 'End Period Poverty' motion at Full Council last July. What steps have been taken to follow up the action we called for?

Response

Like many other London boroughs, in response to issues with access to period products the Council initiated a scheme with partners in 2020 to provide free period products to residents which many relied on during the pandemic. In light of the cost of living crisis, we are keen to expand this provision further.

We've established the Haringey Period Dignity Coordination Group (PDCG) internally, bringing together public health, housing support, libraries, localities, schools, comms, policy and council buildings. Through this group we are seeking innovative and sustainable ways to ensure inclusive access to a range of products for our residents and staff. Our future ambition is that this will become a partnership group.

Mulberry Junction was the first Council provision in Haringey to provide free period products. This was set up with a simple stock monitoring system; products are freely available in the bathroom but there is a sign out sheet to discreetly record what has been taken. This allows monitoring and timely replenishment. Mulberry Junction has so far relied on donations and its own budget to replenish stock.

This work was expanded to all Haringey Libraries which all provide free period products. Current stock levels are good, with products available currently and a top up process in place. Residents are able to access these with no questions asked at the library counter in each library. Libraries currently do not leave products in the public lavatories as previous experience indicates that products would be taken and not be available in a fair manner.

Most recently the Northumberland Park Resource Centre (NRC) has become an established venue for the provision of free period products – they currently have good stock (with over 200 tampons and over 1000 pads currently available). NRC have reported a high uptake which they have seen increasing recently (nighttime/heavy usage brands being the most popular). They report that residents most often access individual products via public toilets and approach the reception for packets – this has increased since the products have been clearly displayed on the reception with residents encouraged to take what they need. All toilets hold products and there is no requisite for anyone wishing to receive the free products at reception.

We are working with colleagues to gain a better understating of the breadth of need across the borough and our services, as well as Schools & Learning. As this picture becomes clearer, we will be able to calculate the required provision and quantify this. Currently each smaller programme relies on a combination of donations, small usage of local budget and a top-up from Public Health funds.

We are also working to develop a resource for residents on where else they else they can access free products such as the Morrisons 'Package for Sandy' scheme. Alongside this, we will be developing a resource for the VCS partners to advise them of organisations they can work with to access funding and/or free period products.

Links are also being built with health partners to better coordinate and develop responses across the borough – we are currently exploring a collaboration with North Mid hospital trust and will be taking the item to a future Neighbourhoods and Health Inequalities Borough Partnership Board to widen this approach in 2024.

3. Cllr Cawley-Harrison to Cllr Arkell

What interim measures are being put in place to ensure residents can continue to use leisure facilities in the 12 months remaining of the contract with Fusion Lifestyle?

Response

There is continuing dialogue between senior Council officers and senior representatives of Fusion Lifestyle to ensure transition to the replacement service provider is conducted smoothly.

In the meantime, Fusion Lifestyle has indicated it will continue to meet its contractual obligations and deliver a leisure management service until the beginning of October 2024.

4. Cllr Isilar-Gosling to Cllr Chandwani

Families whose children are entitled to free school meals and are going to secondary school are able to apply for a school clothing grant from the council. Does this apply to all children on Haringey's expanded free school meal entitlement, or just to children on the national scheme?

Response

In January 2021, the decision was taken by Cabinet to fund expanded eligibility for free school meals to defined groups of primary school children in years 3-6.

The school clothing grant is available to pupils transferring to secondary school eligible for government assisted (national) free school meals.

Residents not eligible for this but still on a low income and experiencing financial hardship can apply for one-off emergency payments through the Haringey Support Fund which can include help towards the purchase of clothing and footwear: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/community/here-help-financial-support-residents/haringey-support-fund>

5. Cllr Emery to Cllr Hakata

Barnet Council is rolling out on-pavement flush sunken EV chargers that users can plug in to using a 1.5M wand. Not only are they more sympathetic to old neighbourhoods than the current towers, they are also less intrusive to pedestrians, wheelchair users and the elderly. Is this something Haringey will consider going forward?

Response

On-pavement flush sunken EV chargers are just one of many solutions to diversify the options for charging electric vehicles in the borough. The team are currently undertaking a review of all these options and the on-pavement flush sunken EV chargers will be included in the research and analysis.

6. Cllr da Costa to Cllr Arkell

Ealing recently had to close its Central Library after bed bugs were discovered there. What contingency plans does Haringey have in place for if bed bugs are found in one of the council's buildings?

Response

Haringey Council has contingency plans covering closure of any of its buildings, through its business continuity plans. Specifically in relation to bed bugs, we would take advice through the Council's Pest Control service and specialist contractors as required to eradicate the problem as quickly as possible.

7. Cllr Connor to Cllr Arkell

Can you guarantee that, following renovation of Haringey's tennis courts by the LTA, there will be no reduction in hours when residents can book to play for free?

Response

The funding from the Lawn tennis Association for the renovation of Haringey's tennis courts does not impose any limit on the timings of use of those courts following completion of the work.

The hours of operation are for the Council to determine, not the LTA. The programme for the tennis court usage is kept under review and there will always be a good balance between programmed and casual usage.

The Council has had the Clubspark booking system for a number of years now and the benefits are clear. Customers can be assured of getting a court, whereas before they had to attend on the off chance. This has increased participation. We also can retrieve data from the system around gender, age and postcode of the booker. The courts can also be booked out for development activities, such as our free holiday programme.

Adding the gate linked to the booking system (already in place at Down Lane) has the following benefits:

- As an award condition from the LTA it has unlocked £325K of refurbishment funding;
- The gate deters unauthorised use such as dog walking, football and other more serious anti-social behaviour;
- Where lights are available the system is linked to the light controls – so the lights will only go on when the code the booker has, is typed into the gate. This will save on electricity;
- Ensuring that the courts are used only for tennis activity will reduce maintenance costs around net replacement etc;
- The booking system and the gates working together ensures that the courts are not dominated by very confident tennis players. The Council and

the LTA across the country have observed that this widens and increases participation amongst women, young people and people from communities not traditionally associated with tennis.

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Cllr Motion E Labour Amendment~~Abolish~~ Garden Waste Charges in HaringeyProposer: Cllr Seema Chandwani ~~Scott Emery~~Seconder: ~~Cllr Dawn Barnes~~ Cllr Erdal Dogan

Council notes that:

- Austerity measures which began under the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government led to a significant cut to the council's budget, resulting in approximately 30% decrease in our budget;
- Haringey introduced garden waste charges in 2017 when many councils in England began charging for garden waste to remove burdens on shrinking local authority budgets including Liberal Democrat controlled Sutton Council who charge £80.52 a year; Liberal Democrat controlled Richmond Upon Thames council who charge £41 for a 6month service, and Liberal Democrat Kingston Council charge £86 a year.
- All three Liberal Democrat Council's provide a fortnightly collection as opposed to a weekly service in Haringey, and Haringey's charges are lower than all Liberal Democrat controlled councils in London.
- ~~Haringey's recycling rate peaked in 2016/17, the year garden waste charges were introduced;~~
- ~~Haringey's recycling rate was falling well before the Covid-19 pandemic and the current cost of living crisis;~~
- ~~Levels of use in the garden waste service are still running below those in 2017 when charging was introduced;~~
- ~~Local Authority data indicates that free collections can achieve up to 80-90% participation rate in households with garden waste when compared to an estimated 35% only under charged services;~~
- The long awaited Government changes to recycling; now named "simpler recycling" sets out that all households must be eligible for a garden waste collection by 31 March 2026 and that where a collection is requested, local authorities can charge for the collection.

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- ~~The MTFS income target for increased subscription charges is not expected to be hit this year, for a second year running;~~
- ~~Haringey is committed through 'Destination 50%' to recycle 50% of household waste by 2030, but is currently achieving a level of just 30.4%, and targeting an increase to only 32.5% by 2025;~~
- ~~As of 2022, 10/32 London Boroughs offered free garden waste collections.~~

Council believes that:

- ~~Stopping charging for garden waste collection is the only way the scheme will achieve satisfactory take-up from residents;~~
- ~~Failure to remove charges for garden waste collection would signify that the council is not truly committed to recycling;~~
- ~~Reaching the target of 50% of waste being recycled will only be possible if the council is willing to put significant resources into this area;~~
- ~~The experiment of charging for garden waste has been a failure.~~
- ~~Pushing the UK Government to properly finance the~~
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- ~~End charging for garden waste collection by the end of the 2024/25 financial year.~~

Write to the UK Government on behalf of the council to support this request to provide the funding to deliver free garden waste services as initially proposed across the country.

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