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To: All Members of the Full Council

Dear Member,

Full Council - Monday, 20th July, 2026

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:

5. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 20TH OF MAY 2026 (PAGES 1 - 12)

Includes the tabled amendment from the 20th of May 2026 and clarification .

7. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PAGES 13 - 26)

Update on Political Proportionality and Council Appointments – minor updates following clerical error.

9. CSO 3.1 (VI) ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CABINET MEMBERS - EXTERNAL AUDITOR RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF SCHEDULE 7 OF THE LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 AND THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS (PAGES 27 - 28)

Proposed Amendment to recommendation 2 in line with CSO 15.8b

10. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES (PAGES 29 - 34)

Minor update

13. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10 (PAGES 35 - 42)

Responses

14. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13 (PAGES 43 - 56)

Amendments to Motion A and B in accordance with CSO 15.8b

Ayshe Simsek, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

MINUTES OF THE Full Council HELD ON Wednesday, 20th May, 2026, 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Ash Ahmed, Imad Ahmed, Ata Berk Aksit, Ibrahim Ali, Kaushia Amin, Bethany Anderson, Emily Arkell, Dawn Barnes, Johann Beckford, Eva Bell, Beverley Berrick, John Bevan, Mark Blake, Luisa Brands, Karolina Braun, Michael Brookes, Dana Carlin, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Seema Chandwani, Simon Clark, Nick da Costa, Lucia das Neves, AJ Egemonye, Scott Emery, Fin Fitzgerald, Melanie Gingell, Anne Gray, Mark Grosskopf, Makbule Gunes, Mike Hodges, Andrea Hodgson, Tammy Hymas, Gio Iozzi, Sue Jameson, Marc Jenner, Dan Johnson, Dixie-Ann Joseph, Tehseen Khan, Marie Kristensen, Jo Kuper, Rosie Latchford, Anna Lawton, Fiona Orford-Williams, Daniela Parry, Ruairidh Paton, Tony Powell, Andrew Reid, Adam Small, Nelly Tackie, Edward Thacker, Georgia Twigg, Hannah Ward, Elin Weston, Sarah Williams and Erin Wolson

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Mayor referred to the notice of filming at meetings and attendees noted this information.

2. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2026/27

Ahmed Mahbub, the Mayor, invited nominations for the office of the Mayor of Haringey for the Municipal year 2026- 27.

Councillor Jo Kuper nominated, and Councillor Tehseen Khan seconded that Councillor Andrew Reid be elected Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

Ahmed Mahbub, called for any further nominations and Cllr Emery nominated and da Costa seconded that Councillor Dawn Barnes be elected Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

Following a vote of 27 in favour of Councillor Andrew Reid and 28 in favour of Councillor Dawn Barnes, it was

RESOLVED

1. That Councillor Dawn Barnes be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

2. The Mayor made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by Councillors Emery and da Costa.
3. The Mayor then addressed the Council and gave thanks for her election.

4. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

4. 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

The Mayor accepted the following late items of business for the reasons outlined below.

Item 7 Council minutes 16 March 2026

Item 11 – Appointments made by the political groups

Item 12 - Appointments of Committees for the Municipal Year 2026/27; and

Item 13: Appointments to outside bodies 2026/27

Item 14 – Approval of Council Calendar of meetings 2026/27

Item 16: End of the year financial statement 2025/26 of allowances paid to Members

Item 17 Attendance of councillors at meetings for 2025/26

The items were not available at the time of dispatch as they included verification of information and recent changes following party group meetings.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest put forward.

6. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Chief Executive reported that the Mayor had signified in writing the appointment of Councillor Makbule Gunes as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2026/7.

Councillor Makbule Gunes was invested with her Badge of Office.

7. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 16TH OF MARCH 2026

RESOLVED

To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 16 of March 2026.

8. TO PASS A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYOR'S CONSORTS

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, and consorts was moved by Councillor Mark Blake, Leader of the Green Group and seconded by Councillor Ibrahim Ali , Leader of the Labour Group. There was also a speech from Councillor Luke Cawley- Harrison, Leader of the Liberal Democrat group.

The retiring Mayor was presented with a badge and a framed collage in honour of his municipal year of office. Mr Ahmed Mahbub addressed the meeting, thanking the Council for the honour of being Mayor and highlighting the key events and activities from his year, expressing support from colleagues and former mayors as well as officers from Democratic services.

RESOLVED

That the Council extend its thanks and appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Ahmed Mahbub and his consorts and the services they had rendered to the Borough during the past municipal year.

9. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Mayor stated that she would inform the Council of her chosen charity in the coming weeks. The Mayor spoke about the outcome of the elections and that all councillors were present to support residents and to represent them. She shared her ward with two Labour councillors and was looking forward to working with them for the benefit of the residents of Fortis Green. She concluded that it was important to put politics to one side at all times for residents.

10. TO ELECT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE MUNICIPAL YEARS

Councillor Marc Jenner proposed and Councillor Nelly Tackie seconded that Councillor Mark Blake be appointed as Leader of the Council for four consecutive municipal years (2026 to 2030).

There being no other nominations received, the Mayor called a vote on the proposal. With 27 Members voting in favour, and 26 abstaining, it was agreed that Councillor Mark Blake be elected Leader of the Council for four consecutive municipal years (2026 to 2030).

Councillor Mark Blake gave thanks for his election as Leader of the Council, outlining that he was Haringey's first non-Labour leader in 55 years. Councillor Blake pledged cooperation, transparency and stronger scrutiny. Priorities included improving housing, repairs, homelessness prevention, tenant protections, council accountability and community engagement. Councillor Blake emphasised public ownership, climate action, protecting community assets, social justice, human rights and empowering local communities.

Councillor Ali, Leader of the Labour Group responded. Councillor Ali congratulated Councillor Mark Blake and the Green Party on forming the new administration and

urged them to honour their commitments. He highlighted Labour's achievements in housing, education, children's services and protecting residents. Labour would support successes, provide scrutiny where needed and work constructively while safeguarding key services and community cohesion.

Councillor Luke Cawley – Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group also responded. Councillor Cawley-Harrison congratulated Councillor Blake and elected councillors, noting residents had voted for change in Haringey. He urged collaborative cross-party working, recognising no party received a clear mandate to govern alone. While welcoming some Green Party proposals, he expressed concern about others and also noted the Council's worsening financial position, pledging constructive support and scrutiny.

11. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NOTING THE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE POLITICAL GROUPS, AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE

Councillor Paton, Co Deputy Leader and acting in the capacity of Chief Whip for constitutional purposes, introduced the paper that outlined appointments made by Political Groups in their recent annual meetings.

RESOLVED

That the constitution of the political groups be noted:

The Green Group

The Leader:	Cllr Mark Blake
Deputy Leader:	Cllr Tammy Hymas
Co Deputy Leader	Cllr Ruairdh Paton

Cllr Dan Johnson
Cllr Jo Kuper
Cllr Rosie Latchford
Cllr Marc Jenner
Cllr Ata Aksit
Cllr Fin Fitzgerald
Cllr Eva Bell
Cllr Johann Beckford
Cllr Simon Clark
Cllr Erin Wolson
Cllr Ash Ahmed
Cllr Luisa Brands
Cllr Georgia Twigg

Cllr Bethany Anderson
Cllr Gio Iozzi
Cllr Edward Thacker
Cllr Andrew Reid
Cllr Dixie-Ann Joseph
Cllr Nelly Tackie
Cllr Tehseen Khan
Cllr Hannah Ward
Cllr Anne Gray
Cllr Marie Kristensen
Cllr Mike Hodges

The Labour Group

Leader: Cllr Ibrahim Ali
Deputy Leader: Cllr Emily Arkell
Chair: Cllr Andrea Hodgson
Chief Whip: Cllr Elin Weston

Secretary: Cllr Daniela Parry
Treasurer: Cllr Michael Brookes
Deputy Chair: Cllr Makbule Gunes
Assistant Whips: Cllr Adam Small, Cllr Beverley Berrick

Councillors:

Cllr Aj Egemonye
Cllr Melanie Gingell
Cllr Dana Carlin
Cllr John Bevan
Cllr Mark Grosskopf
Cllr Anna Lawton
Cllr Seema Chandwani
Cllr Sarah Williams
Cllr Lucia das Neves
Cllr Sue Jameson
Cllr Kaushika Amin

The Liberal Democrat Group

Leader: Luke Cawley-Harrison
Chair: Nick da Costa
Whip: Scott Emery
Deputy Leader: Fiona Orford-Williams
Deputy Chair: Tony Powell
Deputy Whip: Karolina Braun

Councillors:

Cllr Imad Ahmed

Cllr Dawn Barnes

12. TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENTS PROCEDURE AND TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/27 INCLUDING THE SELECTION OF THE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

The Co deputy Leader acting in the capacity of Chief Whip moved recommendation 1, as detailed in the circulated report and this was agreed.

The Co deputy Leader acting in the capacity of Chief Whip moved recommendation 2, as detailed in the circulated report and this was agreed.

Councillor Ali moved a tabled amendment to Recommendation 3, seconded by Councillor Cawley - Harrison, and this outlined a number of changes to the allocated Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and memberships of ordinary committees. *This is attached as an appendix to the minutes.*

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes to allow the Green group to consider and read the amendment which had been printed and was circulated.

The Mayor re-opened the meeting and asked the Green Group to respond.

Councillor Hymas responded to the amendment, which had replaced a number of Green Party allocated councillor chair and vice chairs roles with opposition councillor allocations. Councillor Hymas questioned the ethic of democracy of the opposition groups in bringing forward the amendment. Cllr Hymas outlined how the Green Party consulted its members on decisions and would be opposing these amendments which had been put forward with no prior consultation. The Green party had the largest number of seats and the Committee chairs from the group had been nominated to support the manifesto commitments of the Green party.

A vote was taken on the amendment to Recommendation 3, as follows:

28 in FAVOUR,

27 AGAINST

NO abstentions

The amendment was AGREED as per circulated in the tabled paper put forward at the meeting. *A further vote was taken on the motion (recommendation 3) as amended and with 28 in Favour and 27 against, this was AGREED)*

The Co deputy Leader acting in the capacity of Chief Whip moved recommendation 4, as detailed in the circulated report and this was AGREED.

13. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Mayor agreed to the admittance of this item as tabled, given that it set out decisions that had been made recently at party meetings.

Councillor Paton, Co deputy Leader and Chief whip for the purposes of the Constitution, moved the report, as circulated.

RESOLVED

1. To note the appointments to the Partnership and Association bodies which mainly exercise 'executive' functions set out at Appendix 1 and in accordance with article 10.8b(i)

2. To approve the appointments to the remainder of outside bodies set out at Appendix 1.

14. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED

To agree the attached schedule of meetings for 2026/27.

15. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

There were no matters to report on.

16. TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT OF COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, AND SUB COMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

RESOLVED

That the statement of attendance, as attached, be noted.

17. TO NOTE THE END OF MUNICIPAL YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2025/26

That the allowances paid to each Member, as set out at Appendix 1, be noted.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date

Amendment to **Recommendation 3** - Annual Full Council, 20th May

Proposer: Cllr Ibrahim Ali

Seconder: Cllr Luke Cawley-Harrison

COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP

Alexandra Palace & Park Board

Cllr Marie Kristensen (~~Chair~~)

Cllr Rosie Latchford (~~Vice Chair~~)

Cllr Eva Bell

Cllr Melanie Gingell (Chair)

Cllr Daniela Parry (Vice Chair)

Cllr Nick da Costa

Audit Committee

Cllr Dan Johnson (~~Chair~~)

Cllr Fin Fitzgerald (~~VC~~)

Cllr Simon Clark

Cllr Emily Arkell (Vice Chair)

Cllr Dana Carlin

Cllr Sarah Williams

Cllr Tony Powell (Chair)

Health & Well Being Board

Cabinet Member for Climate Nominated by the Leader)

Cabinet Member for Adults Health, Social

Cabinet Member for Children, Schools (nominated by Leader of the Council)

North Central London Clinical Lead

Chair, Healthwatch Haringey

Licensing Committee

Cllr Eva Bell (~~Chair~~)

Cllr Bethany Anderson (~~VC~~)

Cllr Luisa Brand

Cllr Edward Thacker

Cllr Ruairidh Paton

Cllr Rosie Latchford

Cllr Kaushika Amin

Cllr Lucia das Neves (Vice Chair)

Cllr Sue Jameson

COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP Cllr Adam Small Cllr Nick da Costa (Chair)
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cllr Luke Cawley-Harrison (Chair) (Vice Chair) Cllr Marc Jenner (Vice Chair) Cllr Bethany Anderson Cllr Lucia das Neves (Chair) Cllr Adam Small
Combined Pensions Committee and Board Cllr Fin Fitzgerald (chair) Cllr Rosie Latchford (Vice Chair) Cllr Ash Ahmed Cllr John Bevan Cllr Anna Lawton
Cllr Fiona Orford-Williams
Strategic Planning Committee Cllr Simon Clark (Chair) Cllr Marc Jenner (VG) Cllr Anne Gray Cllr Luisa Brands Cllr Mike Hodges Cllr Kaushika Amin Cllr John Bevan (Vice Chair) Cllr Dana Carlin Cllr Melanie Gingell Cllr Sue Jameson Cllr Scott Emery (Chair)

COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP

Standards Committee

Cllr Mike Hodges (Chair)

Cllr Edward Thacker

Cllr Andrea Hodgson (Chair)

Cllr Elin Weston

Cllr Scott Emery

General Purposes Committee

Cllr Ash Ahmed (Chair)

Cllr Dan Johnson (Vice Chair)

Cllr Michael Brookes (Chair)

Cllr Dawn Barnes (Vice Chair)

Cllr Makbule Gunes

In accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Council's interests should not be represented in negotiations on council employees' terms and conditions by Members who are Local Authority employees or Trade Union employees or officials either directly or indirectly

Appointments Panel

Cllr (Leader of the Council (Chair)

Chair of General Purposes (Vice Chair) ~~Ash Ahmed~~ Michael Brookes

Cllr Dan Johnson

Cllr Ibrahim Ali

Cllr ~~Karolina Braun~~ Dawn Barnes

Disciplinary, Grievance and Dismissal Panel

Cllr (Leader of the Council (Chair)

Chair of General Purposes ~~Ash Ahmed~~ Michael Brookes (Vice Chair)

Cllr General Purposes Vice Chair – ~~Dan Johnson~~ Dawn Barnes

Cllr Beverley Berrick

Cllr ~~Dawn Barnes~~ Ash Ahmed

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Report for: Full Council 20 July 2026

Title: **Political Composition and Appointments to Committees 2026/2027 – NOC 28 Green, 21 Labour and 8 Lib Dem**

Authorised by: Fiona Alderman, Director for Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer

Lead Officer: Ayshe Simsek Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager
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Ward(s) affected: All

Report for Key/

Non-Key Decision: Non-Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration.

1.1 Council is asked to note the change in the political balance of the Council following the By Election results in Northumberland Park and Woodside Ward.

1.2 The Council is asked to agree the subsequent changes to ordinary Committee memberships and composition as a result of the above and consider the reasoning set out at section 4 of this report.

1.3 To Council is also asked to note the resignation of Councillor Bethany Anderson from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which was received on the 9 July 2026 and to approve the appointment of Councillor Anne Gray to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to fill the Green Group vacancy on this Committee.

1.4 The Council is asked to approve the addition of Councillor Andrew Reid and Councillor Edward Thacker to the Dismissal Appeal Panel Pool of members.

1.5 The Council is asked to approve the appointment of Councillor Elara Shurety to the Licensing Committee to replace Councillor Rosie Latchord as the Green Group Member allocated representative.

1.6 The Council is also asked to note that the Cabinet Member for Communities will replace the Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Transport on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

3.1 Council is asked to:

1. Note the changes to the political balance of the Council set out at paragraph 4.1.
2. To agree that Councillor Beckford will replace Councillor Ali on the Appointments Panel, giving effect to the wishes of the Political Group, and in accordance with paragraphs 4.10 to 4.13.
3. To agree that Councillor Beckford will replace Councillor Berrick on the Disciplinary, Grievance and Dismissal Panel giving effect to the wishes of the Political Group, and in accordance with paragraphs 4.10 to 4.13.
4. To approve the appointment of Councillor Anne Gray to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to fill the Green Group Vacancy to this Committee, giving effect to the wishes of the Political Group
5. To appoint Councillor Andrew Reid and Councillor Edward Thacker to the Dismissal Appeal Panel Pool giving effect to the wishes of the Political Group.
6. To appoint Councillor Elara Shurety to the Licensing Committee to replace Councillor Rosie Latchord as the Green Group Member allocated representative, giving effect to the wishes of the Political Group.
7. To note that the Cabinet Member for Communities will replace the Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Transport on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

4. Background information

- 4.1 On the 20th of May, the Annual Council meeting agreed the Committee Chair and Committee memberships for the municipal year 2026/27 set out at appendix 1 and this was following an agreement of a tabled amendment to the motion on committee chairs and committee memberships. As set out at Part 4 Section B Of the Council's Constitution, the Annual meeting of the Council shall appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair(s) for every Committee, Sub-Committee and other body for the year ahead.

On the 25th of June 2026 the Council held By Elections to elect councillors to two member vacancies on the Council. Councillor Ajda Ovat was elected as the Labour Councillor for Northumberland Park Ward and Councillor Elara Shurety was elected the Green Councillor for Woodside Ward. Therefore, the political balance of the Council of 57 councillors is now as follows:

Greens	28 councillors (49.12%)
Labour	21 councillors (36.84%)
Liberal Democrats	8 Councillors (14.04%)

4.2 The Council is required to ensure that appointments to which the statutory political balance rules apply are made in accordance with those rules. The relevant rules are summarised below (see paragraph 4.3). The Annual Meeting of the Council appoints Committees of the Council in accordance with Article 4.02(k) of the Constitution. The Council is required to comply with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 in terms of political balance when appointing 'ordinary' Committees – that is, Committees appointed under section 102(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4.3 These rules provide that seats on 'ordinary' Committees must be allocated in line with the following principles, so far as reasonably practicable:

- (a) that not all the seats on a body are allocated to the same political Group.
- (b) that the majority of the seats on the body are allocated to the political Group which has the majority of the Council's membership.
- (c) that, subject to principles (a) and (b) above, the proportion of seats allocated to each political Group out of the total number of seats across all the ordinary Committees of the Council shall be in the same proportion as their share of membership of the Council as a whole; and
- (d) that, subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, the number of seats on each individual body shall be allocated to each political Group in the same proportion as their share of membership of the Council as a whole.

4.4 The number of seats currently available on Ordinary Committees is 61.

Alexandra Park and Palace Board -	6 seats
Audit Committee	7 seats
General Purposes Committee	5 seats
Licensing Committee	11 seats
Pensions Committee and Board	6 seats
Strategic Planning Committee	11 seats
Standards Committee	5 seats
Appointments Panel	5 seats
Disciplinary, Grievance and Dismissal Panel	5 seats
Total	61 seats

4.5 Following the result of the by elections, no political group have a majority then principle (b) that the majority of the seats on the body are allocated to the political Group which has the majority of the Council's **membership will not**

apply and the membership is appointed according to principles (a), (c) and (d). These are set out above paragraph 4.3.

- 4.6 Therefore, 30 seats are allocated to the Green Group ($30/61 \times 100 = 49.18\%$) and this is as close as possible to the group's proportion of Council membership (+ 0.06 variance)
- 4.7 There are 22 seats to the Labour Group ($22/61 \times 100 = 36.06\%$) and this is as close as possible to the group's proportion of Council membership (- 0.78 variance).
- 4.8 There are 9 seats allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group $9/61 \times 100 = 14.75$ and this is as close as possible to the groups proportion of Council membership (variance of + 0.71)
- 4.9 The seat allocation more closely meets principle (a), (c) and (d). To note that principle (c) concerning proportionate allocation of seats across all the ordinary Committees of the council takes precedence over the principle (d) concerning proportionate allocation on any individual body.
- 4.10 According to the above allocation set out at paragraphs 4.6 to 4.8, all 3 groups get as close as possible percentage share of the Council. If the Green Group were to be allocated 29 seats, they would then get a 1.58% lower percentage than their membership share. Labour would get 23 seats, and this would be a 0.86% higher allocation ($23/61 = 37.70$ and $37.70 - 36.84 = 0.86$). If you provide the Liberal Democrat group with 8 seats rather than 9 the Liberal Democrat group would have a 0.93 lower percentage share. The Liberal Democrat group would also have a committee that they do not have a seat on, not meeting principle d.**
- 4.11 Therefore, the calculations set out at paragraphs 4.6 to 4.8 more closely meet each group's percentage of council members set out at paragraph 4.1.
- 4.12 Therefore, the allocation set out at below is proposed as this more closely meets Local Government and Housing Act 1989 principles (a), (c) and (d).

Ordinary Committee	Green	Lab	Lib Dem	Total number of seats
Alexandra Park and Palace Board	3	2	1	6
Audit Committee	3	3	1	7
General Purposes Committee	2	2	1	5

Licensing Committee	6	4	1	11
Pensions Committee and Board	3	2	1	6
Strategic Planning Committee	5	5	1	11
Standards Committee	2	2	1	5
Appointments Panel	3	1	1	5
Disciplinary, Grievance and Dismissal Panel	3	1	1	5
	30	22	9	61

4.13 This means that one Labour member from the Appointments Panel and one Labour member from the Disciplinary, Grievance and Dismissal Panel need to be replaced by Green political group councillors. Given the Appointments Panel and Disciplinary, Grievance and Dismissal Panel remits have strong connections with policy making and ensuring the delivery of council services, and this is mainly a responsibility of the minority administration, it is proposed that Councillor Beckford replace Councillor Ali on the Appointments Panel and Councillor Beckford replace Councillor Berrick on the Disciplinary, Grievance and Dismissal Panel. The Chair and Vice Chair of General Purposes are prescribed as members of these Panels. Councillor Beckford can be substituted by other Cabinet Members on these Panels.

4.14 In calculating the allocation of seats on ordinary Committees, the following bodies were excluded because these bodies are excluded from the statutory rules on political balance:

- The Cabinet.
- The disciplinary pool.
- Licensing Sub- Committees (Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Committee).
- The Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Cabinet

- 4.14 The Cabinet is appointed by the Leader and may only comprise councillors from the majority party. It must have between 2 and 9 members in addition to the Leader.

Licensing Sub- Committees (Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Committee).

- 4.15 The Licensing Committee establishes the Licensing Sub- Committee of 3 members which will be appointed from a pool of members from the Licensing Committee. The Sub- Committee conducts the same type of business which includes the Gambling Act 2005 applications. The political balance rules do not apply to the Licensing Sub- Committees because they are appointed under the Licensing Act 2003 and so are not ordinary Committees appointed under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972. However, it is normal practice to establish the Licensing Sub- Committee in accordance with political balance so far as reasonably practicable.

The Health and Wellbeing Board

- 4.16 The political balance rules are disapplied by the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/218). Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board is prescribed at section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 4.17 Principles (a), (b) and (d) of the rules apply to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee by virtue of section 9FA(6)(b) of the Local Government Act 2000. However, because the Committee is established under the Local Government Act 2000, it is not an ordinary Committee appointed under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and so it is not included in the political balance calculations for the total number of seats on ordinary Committees (principle c). As such, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must be balanced, but on an individual basis. Therefore, according to the proportionality rules and balancing this, and noting that there are 5 seats on this Committee, this is applied as follows:

- **Two seats allocated to the Green Group ($5/100 \times 49.12 = 2.45$ and rounded to the nearest whole number is 2 Seats.**
- **Two seats allocated to the Labour group ($5/100 \times 48.14 = 1.84$ and rounded to the nearest whole number =2.**
- **one seat to the Liberal Democrat Group. $5/100 \times 14.04 = 0.7$ and rounded to the nearest whole number is 1.**

- 4.18 Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the municipal year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.

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

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Director of Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer

- 5.2 The report sets out those Council bodies to which the political balance rules apply. The 1989 Act requires political balance in the distribution of seats on Committees to be undertaken “so far as is reasonably practicable” thus recognising that a mathematically precise split between political parties cannot always be achieved.
- 5.3 In section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, principle (b) states that a party with a majority on full Council shall have a majority of seats on each individual body. This principle would usually take precedence over principles (c) and (d) which require political Groups to be represented on the ordinary Committees taken as a whole and on the bodies individually in proportion to their representation on Full Council. However, as there is no majority this principle does not apply.
- 5.4 Principle (c) concerning proportionate allocation of seats across all the ordinary Committees of the council takes precedence over the principle (d) concerning proportionate allocation on any individual body.
- 5.5 There is no requirement to offer a seat to a single member as they do not constitute a "political Group" under the definition in the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 (S.I. 1553) Regulation 8.

6. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 - Appointments to Committees 2026/27

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 7.1 Background documents:
- *Appointments to Cttees 2026/27*
 - *Haringey Council's Constitution*
- 7.2 The background papers are located at George Meehan House 294 High Road Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.
- 7.3 To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ayshe Simsek on 0208 489 2929.

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COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP	NO. OF MEMBERS	SUBORDINATE BODIES
Alexandra Palace & Park Board Cllr Marie Kristensen Cllr Rosie Latchford Cllr Eva Bell Cllr Melanie Gingell (Chair) Cllr Daniela Parry (Vice Chair) Cllr Nick da Costa	6 Members Proportional split: 3 Green 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem Plus: 2 non-voting Members from Consultative Committee. 1 Observer (Chair of the APP Statutory Advisory Cttee) <i>Members of the Cabinet may not sit on the Board in accordance with the advice of the Charity Commission.</i>	Alexandra Palace Consultative Committee Same membership as appointed to the Board sits as members of Consultative Committee Plus up to 30 outside Representatives Chair appointed by Consultative Committee at first meeting
		Alexandra Palace & Park Panel 3 Members of the Panel, proportional split: 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem
		Alexandra Palace & Park Consultative Forum 4 Members of the Forum, proportional split: 3 Lab 1 Lib Dem Plus 4 Trade Union Representatives
Audit Committee Cllr Dan Johnson Cllr Fin Fitzgerald Cllr Simon Clark Cllr Emily Arkell(Vice Chair) Cllr Dana Carlin Cllr Sarah Williams Cllr Tony Powell(Chair)	7 Members Proportional split: 3 Green 3 Lab 1 Lib Dem	
Health & Well Being Board Cabinet Member for Communities Climate Nominated by the Leader) Cabinet Member for Adults Health, Social (Chair) Cabinet Member for	<u>Non-voting reps:</u> LB Haringey: Director of Adult & Health Service Director of Children's Services Director of Public Health Haringey Clinical Commissioning Group:	

COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP	NO. OF MEMBERS	SUBORDINATE BODIES
Children, Schools (nominated by Leader of the Council) North Central London Clinical Lead Chair, Healthwatch Haringey	Vice Chair Chief Officer Voluntary Sector Rep: Bridge Renewal Trust Chief Executive Haringey Local Safeguarding Children Board Chair N.B. Any additional persons appointed to the HWB either by the local authority or the HWB will be on a non- voting basis.	
Licensing Committee Cllr Eva Bell Cllr Bethany Anderson Cllr Luisa Brand Cllr Edward Thacker Cllr Ruairidh Paton Cllr Rosie Latchford Cllr Elara Shurety Cllr Kaushika Amin Cllr Lucia das Neves(Vice Chair) Cllr Sue Jameson Cllr Adam Small Cllr Nick da Costa(Chair)	11 Members Proportional split 6 Green 4 Lab 1 Lib Dem <u>N.B. The Membership of the Licensing Sub- Committee may comprise any three members of the Licensing Committee</u>	Licensing Sub Committee <u>N.B. The Membership of the Licensing Sub- Committee may comprise any three members of the Licensing Committee</u>
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cllr Luke Cawley – Harrison (Vice Chair) Cllr Marc Jenner Cllr Anne Gray Cllr Bethany Anderson Cllr Lucia das Neves(Chair) Cllr Adam Small	5 Members Proportional split: 2Green 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem. Plus co-opted Education representatives.	Scrutiny Review Panels The Chair of each of the Scrutiny Review Panels shall be a member of the OSC, to be determined by the OSC at their first meeting. <i>The Mayor or Members of the Cabinet may not be Members</i> The composition of each Scrutiny Review Panel shall be between 3 and 7 members, and be politically proportionate as far as possible (including the Chair).

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		If there is a Children and Young People's Scrutiny Review Panel, the membership shall include the statutory education representatives of OSC. The education representatives would also attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings where reports from a relevant Scrutiny Review Panel are considered.
Combined Pensions Committee and Board Cllr Fin Fitzgerald(chair) Cllr Rosie Latchford(Vice Chair) Cllr Ash Ahmed Cllr John Bevan Cllr Anna Lawton Cllr Fiona Orford - Williams	6 Members and 4 voting co-opted members Proportional split: 3 Green 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem. <u>Co-optees:</u> 2 employer representatives, being 1 from LB Haringey and 1 from other scheduled and admitted employers 2 scheme member representatives, being 1 active and 1 pensioner & deferred members	
Strategic Planning Committee Cllr Simon Clark Cllr Marc Jenner Cllr Anne Gray Cllr Luisa Brands Cllr Mike Hodges Cllr Kaushika Amin Cllr John Bevan(Vice Chair) Cllr Dana Carlin Cllr Melanie Gingell	11 Members Proportional split: 5 Green 5 Lab 1 Lib Dem <i>N.B. The Membership of the Planning Sub-Committee will be the same as the Strategic Planning Committee and will be appointed at its first meeting after Annual Council.</i>	Planning Sub-Committee 11 Members, proportional split: 5 Green 5 Lab 1 Lib Dem

COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP	NO. OF MEMBERS	SUBORDINATE BODIES
Cllr Sue Jameson Cllr Scott Emery(Chair)		
Standards Committee Cllr Mike Hodges Cllr Edward Thacker Cllr Andrea Hodgson (Chair) Cllr Elin Weston Cllr Scott Emery	5 Members Proportional split: 2 Green 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem	Standards Assessment Sub-Committee Standards Hearing Sub-Committee
General Purposes Committee Cllr Ash Ahmed Cllr Dan Johnson Cllr Michael Brookes(Chair) Cllr Makbule Gunes Cllr Dawn Barnes(Vice Chair) <i>In accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Council's interests should not be represented in negotiations on council employees' terms and conditions by Members who are Local Authority employees or Trade Union employees or officials either directly or indirectly</i>	5 Members Proportional split: 2 Green 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem	Officers below Director level Dismissal Appeals Panels 3 Members from the pool All Councillors will be eligible to sit on these Panels, subject to having undertaken the necessary training Pool of Chairs (Currently Trained) Cllr Amin Cllr Weston Cllr Small Cllr Jameson Green Group Cllr Reid Cllr Thacker Labour Group Cllr Bevan Lib Dem Group Cllr da Costa

COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP	NO. OF MEMBERS	SUBORDINATE BODIES
Appointments Panel Cllr Mark Blake (Leader of the Council (Chair) Cllr Dan Johnson Cllr Michael Brookes(vice Chair) Cllr Ibrahim Ali Cllr Beckford Cllr Barnes	5 Members Proportional split: 3 Green 1 Lab 1 Lib Dem	Cabinet Members will substitute on this panel in accordance with their portfolio area. CWG and Standards Committee agreed that Chair is the Leader of the Council and Vice chair is the Chair of General Purposes Committee
Disciplinary, Grievance and Dismissal Panel Cllr Mark Blake (Leader of the Council (Chair) Cllr Beckford Cllr Ash Ahmed Cllr Brookes(Vice chair) Cllr Beverley Berrick Cllr Barnes	5 Members Proportional split: 3 Green 1 Lab 1 Lib Dem	CWG and Standards Committee agreed that Chair is the Leader of the Council and Vice chair is the Chair of General Purposes Committee

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Item 9 - External Auditor Recommendations

Proposed - Cllr Michael Brookes

Seconded – Cllr Dana Carlin

Recommendation 2

2. Approve the actions in response to this Statutory Recommendations and Non-Statutory as set out in Appendix B, Subject to the following additional actions in the interests of transparency:

- *That a cross-party Member Finance Recovery Board is established (subject to appropriate confidentiality requirements), chaired by the Chief Executive and that the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources will provide this Board with monthly savings reports detailing the progress on savings in the current year using the most recent available management information. The first of these reports will be delivered within a month of this response to the auditors being passed by Full Council and they will continue to be published until superseded by the arrangements being introduced in November.*
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Association

Local Government Association, General Assembly Executive		4 members from Leader, D. Leader, Ch. Whip, Group Sec. & Deputies	
Cllr Mark Blake	Leader of the Council		May 2027
Cllr Tammy Hymas	Cabinet Member/ Deputy Leader		
Cllr Ruairidh Paton	Chief Whip (Co-deputy Leader		
Cllr Nelly Tackie	Other		
London Councils Grants Committee Executive		One voting member and up to 4 deputies.	
Cllr Mark Blake	Leader of the Council		May 2027
Cllr Tammy Hymas	Cabinet Member	Deputy	
Cllr Ruairidh Paton	Cabinet Member	Deputy	
London Councils Greater London Employment Forum – Executive		Cabinet Member responsible for Human Resources and one Deputy	
Cllr Dixie Joseph	Cabinet Member		May 2027
Cllr Ash Ahmed Cllr Michael Brookes	General Purposes Committee Chair	Deputy	
London Councils Leaders Committee Executive		One voting member (Leader) and up to 2 Cabinet Members	
Cllr Mark Blake	Leader of the Council		May 2027
Cllr Tammy Hymas	Cabinet Member	Deputy	
Cllr Ruairidh Paton	Cabinet Member	Deputy	
London Councils Transport and Environment Committee Executive		Cabinet Member for Transport/Environment & up to 4 deputies	
Cllr Gio Iozzi	Cabinet Member		May 2027

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	Cllr Johann Beckford	Cabinet Member	Deputy	
	Cllr Nelly Tackie	Green	Deputy	
	Cllr Bethany Anderson	Green	Deputy	
	London Road Safety Council, The Management Committee – Executive			
	Vacant	Lab		24/5/2027
	Cllr Gio Iozzi	Cabinet Member		
		Green		
	Newable (formerly GLEC) – Executive		Cabinet Member Resources & 1 other	
	Cllr Johann Beckford	Green	Cabinet Member for Finance	May 2027
	Cllr Jo Kuper	Green		
	Centre London Forward Executive		One voting member (Leader) and deputy (Regeneration)	
	Cllr Mark Blake	Leader of the Council Green		May 2027
	Cllr Dixie Joseph	Cabinet Member Green	Deputy	
	Consultative Committee, Highgate Wood		One Councillor for Highgate Ward and one Councillor for Muswell Hill Ward	
	Cllr Eva Bell	Green		May 2027
	Cllr Tony Powell	Lib Dem		
	Jacksons Lane, The Board of Trustees		Two reps attend each meeting one from each party	
	Cllr Adam Small	Lab		May 2027
	Cllr Eva Bell	Green		
	Cllr Nick da Costa	Lib Dem		May 2027
	Cllr Erin Wolson	Green		
	Markfield Project, The Management Committee			
	Cllr Ruairidh Paton	Green		May 2027
	Cllr Makbule Gunes	Lab		

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	RFCA for London			
	Cllr Andrew Reid	Green		May 2027
	Triangle Advisory Board (TAB)			
	Cllr Ash Ahmed	Green		May 2027
	Cllr Luisa Brands	Green		
	The Muswell Hill Youth Centre			
	Cllr Karolina Braun	Lib Dem Member		May 2027
	Cllr Tony Powell	Lib Dem Member		May 2027
	Cllr Daniela Parry	Lab		May 2027
Partner-ship	Seven Sisters Marker Partnership Advisory Group (SSMPAG)		Cabinet member responsible for Placemaking	
	Cllr Dixie Joseph	Cabinet Member for Place (or equivalent)		May 2027
	Safer Neighbourhood Board Haringey		1 from each party (Green, Labour and Lib Dems)	
	Cllr Ata Berk Aksit	Green		24/5/2027
	Cllr Seema Chandwani	Lab		
	Cllr Scott Emery	Lib Dem		
	Tottenham Green Enterprise Centre Board with CONEL			
	Cllr Dixie Joseph	Green		May 2027
Statutory	Alexandra Park and Palace, Advisory Committee		6 of the 8 Councillors to represent Alexandra Park, Bounds Green, Fortis Green, Hornsey, Muswell Hill and Noel Park wards.	
	Cllr Erin Wolson	Green		May 2027
	Cllr Marc Jenner	Green		
	Cllr AJ Egemonye	Lab		
	Cllr Elin Weston	Lab		
	Cllr Emily Arkell	Lab		
	Cllr Luisa Brands	Green		
	Cllr Dawn Barnes	Lib Dem		

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	Cllr Karolina Braun	Lib Dem		
	Haringey Council, Haringey Schools Forum		Non-Cabinet Member appointment	
	Cllr Edward Thacker	Member (Non-Cab) Green		May 2027
	Lea Valley Regional Park Authority, The Authority		1 rep and 1 deputy – Expiry appointment from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2029	
	Cllr Bevan	Lab		From 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2029
	Cllr Rosie Latchford	Green		
	London CIV		Chair of Pensions Committee	
	Cllr Fin Fitzgerald	Chair of Pensions Committee and Board Green		May 2027
	North London Waste Authority		Cabinet Member for Environment & 1 for Finance	
	Cllr Johann Beckford	Cabinet Member (Finance) Green		May 2027
	Cllr Gio Iozzi Cllr Jo Kuper	Cabinet Member (Responsible for waste management) Green		
	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, The Conference			
	Cllr Georgia Twigg	Member	Green	May 2027
	Cllr Anne Gray	Member	Green	
	Cllr Beverly Berrick	Member	Lab	
	Cllr Anna Lawton	Member	Lab	
	Cllr Vacant	Member	Lib Dem	
Trust	Bridge Renewal Trust		1 rep from the ruling admin – Cabinet	
	Cllr Hannah Ward	Green		May 2027
	Finsbury Park Trust			
	Cllr Gio Iozzi Bethany Anderson	Green		May 2027
	Cllr Jo Kuper	Green		
	Greig Trusts (The)		3-year Appointment	

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Trust	Eddie Griffith	Member		May 2029
	Selby Trust – Board of Trustees			
	Cllr Lucia Das Neves	Lab		May 2027
	Cllr Ibrahim Ali	Lab		
	Cllr Nelly Tackie	Green		
Trust	Tottenham District Charity, The Management Committee		4-year appointment – 7 Reps they don't need to be Cllrs	
	Cllr Amin	Lab		20/07/2030
	Cllr Paton	Green		
	Bibi Khan	Other		20/05/2030
	Cllr Tackie	Green		
	Cllr Reid	Green		
	Lorna Reith	Other		20/05/2030
	Cllr Brands	Green		
	Tottenham Grammar School Foundation, The Trustees			Non-Cabinet members
	Cllr Andrew Reid	Green		21/05/2027
	Cllr Sue Jameson	Lab		
	Wood Green Urban District Charity, The Management Committee		5-year appointment – 5 Reps they don't need to be Cllrs	
	Cllr Luke Cawley-Harrison	Lib Dem		20/05/2031
	Julie Ann Gregory	Other		20/05/2031
	Vacancy	Member		20/05/2031
	Cllr Elara Shurety	Green		20/05/2031
	Peter Mitchell	Other		20/05/2031

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WRITTEN Questions Response**1. Cllr Cawley-Harrison to Cllr Kuper**

Haringey currently has a contract with for-profit litter enforcers Kingdom, who are notorious for their egregious fines, for example fining individuals accused of offences such as spitting on the floor. Will you commit to ditching the Kingdom contract and moving away from a model where contractors are incentivised to give out fines?

Response

I appreciate the concerns behind this question; the scale of fines has also been raised with me directly as a ward councillor. Our residents want and deserve clean streets, but how we get there matters too.

Any enforcement model should be reviewed against questions of fairness and proportionality, including how the contractor is paid and what incentives that creates.

Kingdom operates as a supplementary service, allowing the council's in-house team to focus on fly-tipping investigations and prosecutions. Residents who receive a notice can also challenge it through the council's representations process. At the same time, litter, cigarette butts and spitting remain issues on our streets. So alongside concerns about the scale of fines, it is reasonable to look at what impact the contract is having.

As a Green administration, our approach rests on community-led action that educates and encourages people to care for our shared environment. We firmly believe that enforcement must work within these principles.

We inherited this arrangement, which was extended earlier this year to end in February 2027. As we make decisions about what follows, I will be as open with members and residents as I can.

2. Cllr Powell to Cllr Blake

At the recent election, our Group was pleased to see in the Green manifesto a commitment to 'put power back into people's hands'. Unfortunately, changes to national legislation have made it impossible to move away from the top-down 'leader and cabinet' model; but the council does still have the opportunity to create new area / neighbourhood committees, which would devolve decision-making on local matters to councillors in a specific locale. Will the cabinet member commit to exploring the creation of new area / neighbourhood committees?

Response

The new administration is committed to a full review of the Council's overall approach to engagement to seek genuine empowerment of residents by putting power back in people's hands.

Our Popular Assets Commission is one example of our commitment to explore innovative ways of empowering residents to take action for their own communities and we have begun to work with officers on how to take forward this commitment.

We will also be creating town-hall style forums across the borough where residents can quiz their representatives.

We are more interested in creating opportunities for direct empowerment of residents than new Council-led decision-making structures such as area committees of councillors. Such structures can be costly and bureaucratic to implement and maintain, which is not something we can readily commit to in our challenging financial position without there being clear purpose and benefits for our residents. Councillor-led area committees are also not always the best way to engage previously disengaged residents and to ensure marginalised and disadvantaged voices are heard.

Our review of the Council's approach to engagement will consider best practice and look at all options that offer ways to increase transparency, equity, accountability and genuine empowerment of residents.

All three party leaders will be meeting regularly with the chief executive with the primary focus of ensuring that we achieve as much cross-party consensus moving forward in relation to the council's challenging financial position. Obviously reviewing governance arrangements will feature prominently through these meetings.

3. Cllr da Costa to Cllr Kuper

There have recently been missed bin collections on Parkland Walk due to all the council's collection buggies being out of action. We are told that one of the three buggies has been 'out of action' for the past two years. What is being done to ensure that the council has a fully operational fleet?

Response

I am sorry to hear about the missed bin collections on the Parkland Walk, a beautiful space used by residents from across the borough and beyond. Every neighbourhood deserves green spaces that are properly cared for, and too often, ours are not.

It is not acceptable that one of our three buggies has been 'out of action' for two years. This appears to be yet another problem we have inherited. Years of underfunding have left this council surviving on what are effectively payday loans from government, and it shows, in equipment left broken and bins left overflowing. It's another example of our residents, and our biodiversity, paying the price.

I have asked officers what is needed to restore a fully operational fleet, and I will keep members updated on this.

We also know how much residents want to be part of the solution. That is why we will continue organising clean-ups, working with residents, and community groups to care for our public spaces.

4. Cllr Emery to Cllr Kuper

The Liberal Democrat Group have previously called for a 'pause and review' of the incinerator project in Edmonton. Incinerators are now the dirtiest way the UK produces power, emitting as much carbon as burning coal. Given the changed makeup of the NLWA board, with the Green Party now holding a majority (50% of seats plus the Chair), what action can we expect to now see from the new board regarding the incinerator project?

Response

The make-up of the Authority has changed, and with it, what residents can expect. Under new Green leadership we are bringing all seven boroughs together to understand the full picture, starting with a series of briefings over the coming weeks.

The inheritance is well known: a decision to commit north London to decades of large-scale incineration, taken despite strong and sustained opposition; a project years past its deadline; spiralling costs; and public confidence eroded.

We are committed to ending the culture of obfuscation and governing with radical transparency: with the honesty, rigour, and scrutiny this project demands.

This project impacts every household in north London, and our approach will reflect that: we will engage with interested groups, drawing on the expertise of long-term campaigners, officers and engineers alike. From the Haringey side, Cllr Johann Beckford and I commit to reporting back on decisions and process as fully as we can.

As Greens, our position on waste is clear: reduce first, then repair, reuse, recycle. We want to enable residents to do the right thing. These are the principles we will be working to in Haringey, and that we now bring to the leadership of the Authority itself.

5. Cllr Ahmed to Cllr Wolson

Despite repeated requests Park Road Lido remains beset by issues: outstanding repairs, poor upkeep, short hours and a lack of 'family swim' sessions. Residents who were pleased to see the back of Fusion are now left with no faith in the council either. When will the council finally get a grip of these issues - where solutions would also raise revenue - and take urgent action to maintain the centre and introduce family swim sessions without huge gaps in the timetable, with the pool open for the duration of daylight hours?

Response

Thank you for raising this issue. As a long-term member of Tottenham Green Leisure Centre, and now as the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, I know firsthand how Fusion's years of mismanagement still haunts our leisure centres. However, I am now excited to work with the team to make these facilities thriving spaces for residents across the borough and restore faith in the Council's ability to manage them.

I know the lack of family swim sessions has been extremely frustrating for residents. After urgently raising this issue with officers, I am happy to confirm that:

- Family swim sessions now take place every weekend and on Wednesdays after school.
- Extra evening swims have been added on Fridays.

The team has successfully recruited dozens more lifeguards and, as they are onboarded, we will be able to expand the number of family swim sessions, general lido swims and evening swims available over the summer. And we also working to improve transparency. As one immediate example a webpage has been created so residents can stay up to date with progress and improvements at the lido.

We are focused on delivering a long-term solution to the issues which have plagued Park Road Lido. Alongside operational improvements, we are developing a long-term commercial approach that will support the financial sustainability of our leisure centres, generate additional income, and develop a collaborative approach between the council and resident to ensure everyone can continue to benefit from high-quality facilities in the years ahead.

This administration is focused on getting the basics right, and that means ensuring our leisure facilities are well maintained, well programmed and accessible to the communities they serve.

6. Cllr Orford-Williams to Cllr Wolson

Once again, during a period of hot weather, the Priory Park paddling pools are closed. Given funding has been secured from national government to replace the fibreglass liner, why was this work not carried out ahead of the Summer?

Response

Thank you for raising this point. Paddling pools are crucial to the borough in summer, providing a free space for families to cool down, play and enjoy the outdoors. This administration is committed to prioritising the upkeep of these spaces and, despite the financial pressures we face, we are focused on getting the basics right and making our public spaces great.

Unfortunately, due to over a decade of underfunding of local government, the resources were not available for the necessary repairs to the paddling pools until the Pride in Place funding allocation was announced by Council earlier this year. This meant that the pools had not received the level of investment needed to address long-standing issues and this year's spring inspections identified that the Priory Park paddling pool did not meet current health and safety and accessibility requirements.

However, the team has moved quickly to progress the repairs and work is now underway at Priory Park so that the paddling pool can reopen as soon as possible. The Pride in Place funding will not only enable these repairs, but also help future-proof the paddling pool for years to come.

Alongside this work, we are continuing to invest in Priory Park more broadly. Residents will already have seen the refurbished tennis courts, delivered through investment from the Council, the LTA and government funding, helping to improve access to sport and recreation in the park.

While the pool remains closed, residents can continue to access the borough's other paddling pools and water play facilities, and I would encourage families looking to cool off during the current hot weather to make use of those sites.

I know this situation is not ideal and I apologise for the disappointment it has caused. We are committed to doing better, getting the basics right, and ensuring our parks and leisure facilities are places that residents can be proud of.

7. Cllr Braun to Cllr Kuper

In the past month there have been several large fly-tips in Queen's Wood. This has been a persistent problem over many years. Will you consider deploying the council's moveable CCTV to the area, or put in place other mitigation measures?

Response

Fly-tipping is a blight on communities across our borough. Queen's Wood is a precious ancient woodland, and it is disturbing to hear that there has been an escalation of fly-tips in the past month, compounding issues which have persisted for years. Tackling fly-tipping is a Green administration priority that I am determined to see through.

We will work with residents and community groups to prevent it, not just clear it, and I would welcome Cllr Braun's knowledge of the site as part of that. I will ask officers to assess whether the council's moveable CCTV can be deployed to Queen's Wood, and what restrictions there may be. I will also ask them to consider other mitigation options appropriate to a woodland setting, including signage, access restrictions at known hotspots, and targeted enforcement.

The council will also review the pattern of recent incidents so that whatever we deploy is matched to how and where the tipping is happening. In the meantime, I would encourage residents to continue to report incidents via the council's website or the Love Clean Streets app, as every report helps build the picture.

8. Cllr Barnes to Cllr Twigg

Reporting this year has shown that councils across the UK have placed hundreds of looked-after children into illegal, unlicensed care homes, due to a lack of provision in licensed care homes - the Public Accounts Committee has stated that around 10% of all children in residential care are placed into unlicensed settings. Could you assure us that Haringey is not and has not been using unlicensed care providers, and if not could you provide figures for the number of children placed into these settings in the past two years?

Response

There are no children placed with unregistered providers.

The local authority is very clear that the issue of having sufficient placements for all children in care is a national challenge. Locally however, we have committed to ensuring children have high quality placements and that when placing young people in care, where residential placements are required, we undertake stringent checks in relation to quality and that includes ensuring such placements are appropriately registered.

In 24/25, we had a small number of older young people living in semi – independent provision with providers progressing their registrations with Ofsted as Supported Accommodation. This was a requirement following a legislation change which came into force in October 2023.

In this year, we have had no children placed with unregistered providers. However, whilst we have two who have been placed in alternatively registered provision, regulated by the CQC. Ofsted are aware of these two placements.

In the event of exceptional circumstances arising in which there is a need to place a child in an unregistered setting, this would only occur with Senior Social Care leaders having oversight and for the shortest possible time.

Motion A - Appointment of a Haringey Windrush Champion - amendment

~~Proposer Cllr Andrew Reid~~

~~Seconder: Councillor Dan Johnson~~

Proposer: Cllr Beverley Berrick

Seconder: Cllr Ibrahim Ali

This Council notes:

1. People who arrived from Caribbean countries between 1948-1973 to help rebuild Britain, many of whom settled in Haringey and worked in the NHS, transport, and public services. The Windrush scandal saw hundreds of Commonwealth citizens wrongly denied healthcare, housing, jobs, and in some cases wrongly detained or deported due to lack of paperwork.
2. (insert) In 2018, David Lammy MP, the Member of Parliament for Tottenham, worked to expose the scandal. In conjunction with Lenny Henry and others, he organised a petition by black celebrities to the UK government to coincide with the Commonwealth Heads of Government conference in London. The petition demanded ‘amnesty for anyone who was a minor that arrived in Britain between 1948 to 1971’.
3. On 16th April 2018, David Lammy MP secured an urgent question in the House of Commons. In an emotional and brilliant speech, he described the revelations as ‘a National Day of Shame’. The then Home Secretary, Amber Rudd MP, was made to apologise to the House.
4. David Lammy continued to campaign for those effected by the Windrush scandal, both in parliament and in the media. He lobbied for a fair and accessible compensation scheme for victims, without caps or restrictions. He changed the course of history in his support for those effected by the Windrush scandal.
5. While the scandal primarily impacted Black Caribbean communities, the Windrush Compensation Scheme is also open to other Commonwealth nationals and their children who arrived before 1973, and those with settled status before 1988. This includes residents of Black African, South Asian, and other Commonwealth backgrounds living in Tottenham, Seven Sisters, Wood Green and across the borough.
6. Haringey is one of London’s most diverse boroughs. Census 2021 data shows approximately:
7. °Black / Black British: 17.3% of residents. Within this, Black Caribbean 5.9% and Black African 9.2%

8. ° Asian / Asian British: 9.2%

9. ° Other ethnic groups including Turkish, Kurdish, and Mixed: significant populations, particularly in North Tottenham.

This diversity means the impact of hostile environment policies has been felt across multiple communities in Haringey, even though Black Caribbean elders are the group most directly targeted.

7.10. As of July 2024, 8,800 claims have been made nationally to the Windrush Compensation Scheme, with £94 million paid out. The Home Office estimated 15,000 may be eligible, meaning less than 20% have come forward.

Campaigners report delays, complex forms, and distrust as barriers.

8.11. Bernie Grant MP, Haringey Labour's first Black MP, fought for Windrush residents' rights. Broadwater Farm and other estates in Tottenham remain home to many Windrush elders and their families.

This Council believes:

1. That Haringey has a duty to ensure no resident is denied their rights due to historical immigration failings.
2. That many eligible residents in Haringey have not claimed compensation because they do not know the scheme exists, do not trust it, or cannot access support to apply.
3. That ~~a named councillor acting as a "Windrush Champion" will provide leadership, visibility, and accountability on this issue.~~ (insert) the Cabinet should appoint a Windrush champion from the community to provide leadership, visibility and accountability on this issue.

This Council Resolves:

~~To create the role of Windrush Champion and appoint an elected member to take on the role to:~~

-(insert) To set up a Windrush Working Group, made up of cross-party councillor representatives, residents and key stakeholders. This group will annually appoint one of its members to take up the role of Windrush Champion, confirmed by the Cabinet,

- Act as a point of contact for residents, community organisations and stakeholders, affected by Windrush (insert) the Windrush scandal.

- Increase awareness and uptake of the Compensation Scheme and Windrush Documentation Scheme, and available sources of advice and support in the borough.

~~- Work alongside relevant cabinet members and Council officers to champion the interests of the Windrush generation (insert) Report a clear action plan and progress to the *Cabinet* on an annual basis.~~

- Request the Home Office provide borough-level data on Haringey claims, and publish an annual Haringey Windrush Report on claims made, payments received, and support given.

- Make recommendations to the Cabinet on how the Council can improve awareness, accessibility and uptake of the compensation scheme.

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Motion A - Appointment of a Haringey Windrush Champion - amendment

Proposer: Cllr Beverley Berrick

Seconder: Cllr Ibrahim Ali

This Council notes:

1. People who arrived from Caribbean countries between 1948-1973 to help rebuild Britain, many of whom settled in Haringey and worked in the NHS, transport, and public services. The Windrush scandal saw hundreds of Commonwealth citizens wrongly denied healthcare, housing, jobs, and in some cases wrongly detained or deported due to lack of paperwork.
2. *In 2018, David Lammy MP, the Member of Parliament for Tottenham, worked to expose the scandal. In conjunction with Lenny Henry and others, he organised a petition by black celebrities to the UK government to coincide with the Commonwealth Heads of Government conference in London. The petition demanded 'amnesty for anyone who was a minor that arrived in Britain between 1948 to 1971'.*
3. *On 16th April 2018, David Lammy MP secured an urgent question in the House of Commons. In an emotional and brilliant speech, he described the revelations as 'a National Day of Shame'. The then Home Secretary, Amber Rudd MP, was made to apologise to the House.*
4. *David Lammy continued to campaign for those effected by the Windrush scandal, both in parliament and in the media. He lobbied for a fair and accessible compensation scheme for victims, without caps or restrictions. He changed the course of history in his support for those effected by the Windrush scandal.*
5. While the scandal primarily impacted Black Caribbean communities, the Windrush Compensation Scheme is also open to other Commonwealth nationals and their children who arrived before 1973, and those with settled status before 1988. This includes residents of Black African, South Asian, and other Commonwealth backgrounds living in Tottenham, Seven Sisters, Wood Green and across the borough.
6. Haringey is one of London's most diverse boroughs. Census 2021 data shows approximately:
7. ◦Black / Black British: 17.3% of residents. Within this, Black Caribbean 5.9% and Black African 9.2%
8. ◦Asian / Asian British: 9.2%
9. ◦Other ethnic groups including Turkish, Kurdish, and Mixed: significant populations, particularly in North Tottenham.

This diversity means the impact of hostile environment policies has been felt across multiple communities in Haringey, even though Black Caribbean elders are the group most directly targeted.

10. As of July 2024, 8,800 claims have been made nationally to the Windrush Compensation Scheme, with £94 million paid out. The Home Office estimated 15,000 may be eligible, meaning less than 20% have come forward. Campaigners report delays, complex forms, and distrust as barriers.
11. Bernie Grant MP, Haringey *Labour's* first Black MP, fought for Windrush residents' rights. Broadwater Farm and other estates in Tottenham remain home to many Windrush elders and their families.

This Council believes:

1. That Haringey has a duty to ensure no resident is denied their rights due to historical immigration failings.
2. That many eligible residents in Haringey have not claimed compensation because they do not know the scheme exists, do not trust it, or cannot access support to apply.
3. That *the Cabinet should appoint a Windrush champion from the community to provide leadership, visibility and accountability on this issue.*

This Council Resolves:

- *To set up a Windrush Working Group, made up of cross-party councillor representatives, residents and key stakeholders. This group will annually appoint one of its members to take up the role of Windrush Champion, confirmed by the Cabinet,*
- Act as a point of contact for residents, community organisations and stakeholders, affected by *the Windrush scandal.*
- Increase awareness and uptake of the Compensation Scheme and Windrush Documentation Scheme, and available sources of advice and support in the borough.
- *Report a clear action plan and progress to the Cabinet on an annual basis.*
- Request the Home Office provide borough-level data on Haringey claims, and publish an annual Haringey Windrush Report on claims made, payments received, and support given.

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Amendments to Motion B: Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Proposed by Councillor Jo Kuper

Seconded by Councillor Johann Beckford

~~Proposed by Cllr Chandwani~~

~~Seconded by Cllr Ali~~

This council notes:

- The cost-of-living crisis remains acute [in Haringey](#), where communities continue to be impacted by 15 years of government-imposed austerity and its deep cuts to income and basic services. Residents' vulnerability has been further exacerbated by [several wars, tariffs and global warming global shocks – from the pandemic, to war, to climate chaos](#).
- ~~Too m~~Many residents in Haringey are unable to absorb rising costs in rents, utilities and food, [and are being forced to leave the borough they call home](#).
- Haringey is the [third](#) most deprived borough in London, [national data shows that healthy life expectancy – the number of years we can expect to live in good health – is now declining in Haringey more than any other part of England. and with rising house and rent prices, some residents are being forced to leave the borough they have called home](#).
- Haringey Council has always offered a strong Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) and applied the use of section 13a to assist a range of groups, including [c](#)Care [l](#)Leavers to either exempt or discount low-income households.
- ~~The previous administration also introduced the Haringey Support Fund which helps residents in crisis. Since 2022, it has helped 7500 residents.~~
- The previous administration ~~pushed the envelope of what can be done within its constraints. By lifting council tax relief to 100% for hundreds of Haringey families on low incomes.~~ [lifted council tax relief to 100% for hundreds of Haringey families on a low-income as part of the CTRS. It also initiated a review of into the levels of the support provided under the scheme, for 2026/2027, which is underway.](#)
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~~-To note the Green Party's Manifesto ambition to "ban the bailiff" on council tax debt however, with a caveat that the use of "attachment to benefits" or "attachment to earnings" is not used as a form of debt collection without sign off from an independent FCA advisor (such as Citizen Advice) that such an approach is not financially leaving residents without sufficient funds to live.~~

This council believes:

-Council tax is a regressive tax and a deeply flawed way of funding local services, increasing the gap between those who can pay and those who ~~can not~~cannot.

- Charging low-income households including disabled people, children in households in poverty, and low-income pensioners is counterproductive and pushes people into debt.

- The costs to the Council associated with seeking to collect council tax from those unable to pay is an ineffective use of Council funding and resources.

- That residents facing financial hardship should be supported, not be burdened by additional costs by their own council.

~~- That removing the CTRS currently in place would result in thousands of families facing a financial cliff edge.~~That the CTRS has played a vital role in safeguarding thousands of families in Haringey, and that it should be protected as much as possible.

~~-At the national level, the government should instead introduce transformative reforms that tackle both local government underfunding and tackle the root causes of increasingly high-cost statutory services, including a land value tax, rent controls and a national care service.~~

This council resolves:

~~That it wishes to consider:~~

~~-Through the appropriate governance route no changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) during the upcoming budget round.~~- That the Council Tax Reduction Scheme is considered as part of a holistic budget setting process to ensure that people in need of support across Haringey receive appropriate financial and welfare support within a budget which delivers good value for residents across its services.

- That the budget-setting process will ensure public consultation on different options and be subject to oversight from the Overview and Scrutiny committee at every step.

- To ask Cabinet to continue to find creative ways to expand the Council Tax Hardship Fund to assist reach more low-income households who are facing debt.

- To ask Cabinet to ~~ensure the~~ensure the Crisis and Resilience Fund is not used to fund CTRS or any Council Tax Deductions ~~., (Section 13a, SMI etc)., which we interpret to be a non-permitted use in any case.~~

- To commit Cabinet to ensuring the Crisis and Resilience Fund is used to help residents experiencing crisis situations and/or needing to build financial resilience through a robust anti-poverty strategy.

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- To ask Cabinet to develop a truly ethical debt collection policy, including a review on how to sustainably end the use of bailiffs to collect council tax.

- To write a cross-party letter to central government outlining the financial situation facing the local government sector, driven by national policy failure, and its disproportionate impact on the borough's poorest residents. The letter would include a request for funding to be able to expand on the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

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- That residents facing financial hardship should be supported, not be burdened by additional costs by their own council.
- That the CTRS has played a vital role in safeguarding thousands of families in Haringey, and that it should be protected as much as possible. -At the national level, the government should instead introduce transformative reforms that tackle both local government underfunding and tackle the root causes of increasingly high-cost statutory services, including a land value tax, rent controls and a national care service.

This council resolves:

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