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To: All Members of the Council

Dear Member,

Full Council - Monday, 16th July, 2007

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

2. **TO ASK THE MAYOR TO CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (PAGES 1 - 2)**
6. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PAGES 3 - 4)**
8. **TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES (PAGES 5 - 8)**
14. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10 (PAGES 9 - 30)**

Yours sincerely

Ken Pryor
Deputy Head of Local Democracy and Member Services

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Item 2

COUNCIL MEETING – 16 JULY 2007

LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**The Chief Executive**

Mr Mayor, there are three late items of business, which could not be available earlier, and which will need to be dealt with at this meeting. The reasons for lateness and urgency are given in the report laid round.

Item 6 – Report of the Chief Executive

My report was not available at the time of dispatch as it includes recent changes proposed following party group meetings. It is urgent in order to permit changes to be made to Council body appointments.

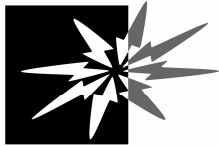
Item 8 – Appointments to outside bodies

My report was not available at the time of despatch as it includes recent changes proposed following party group meetings. It is urgent in order to permit changes to be made to outside organisation memberships.

Item 14 – Questions and Written Answers

Notice of questions is not requested until 8 clear days before the meeting, following which the matters raised have to be researched and replies prepared to be given at the meeting.

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Haringey Council

Agenda item:

6**Council****On 16 July 2007**Report Title: **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):

Report of: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Non Key

1. Purpose

1.1 To agree committee membership changes

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the membership changes as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report be agreed.

Report Authorised by: **Chief Executive**Contact Officer: **Ken Pryor, Deputy Head of Local Democracy and Member Services.**
Tel: 0208 489 2915**3. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

3.1 The following papers have been used in the preparation of this report and can be inspected at River Park House, 225 High Road Wood Green, London, N22 8HQ by contacting Ken Pryor on 020 8489 2915:

Information supplied by the Party Groups.

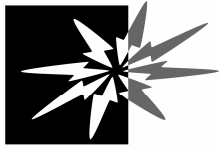
4. Background

The following changes have been notified to the Chief Executive since the last Council meeting.

- 4.1 Remuneration Committee – Increase membership by two places (1 per party)
Add Councillor Adje to the membership.
Councillor Catherine Harris to replace Councillor Rainger.
Add Councillor Portess to the membership.

- 4.2 Pensions Committee - Councillor Aitken to replace Councillor Mughal.

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



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

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Council**On 16 July 2007**Report Title: **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):

Report of: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Non Key

1. Purpose

1.1 To advise the Council of nominations of Council representatives to fill current vacancies on outside bodies and seek approval for appointments

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the appointments to outside bodies, as set out in the attached schedule, be approved.

Report Authorised by: **Chief Executive**

Contact Officer: **Ken Pryor, Deputy Head of Local Democracy and Member Services.**
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Proposed Appointments to Outside Bodies Council Meeting 16 July 2007

London Accident Prevention Council, The Management Committee						
14/lapc	2	Term of Office:	2 years			Category: Association
Granted Aid: no	1 LIBDEM, 1 LAB					
Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry	Councillor Fiyaz Mughal		01/08/07	31/05/09		
	Councillor John Bevan		16/07/07	31/05/09		New proposed appointment
Haringey Racial Equality Council, The Executive Committee						
	3	Term of Office:	1 year			Category: Community
Granted Aid: yes	2 LAB, 1 LIBDEM					
Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry	Councillor Dhiren Basu		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Dilek Dogus		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Wayne Hoban		16/07/07	31/05/08		New proposed appointment
Haringey Community & Police Consultative Group, The Consultative Group						
14/hcp	6	Term of Office:	1 year			Category: Partnership
Granted Aid: no	5 LAB, 1 LIBDEM					
Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry	Councillor Nilgun Canver		21/05/07	31/05/08	Cabinet Member	
	Councillor Matt Cooke		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Gmmh Rahman Khan		21/05/07	31/05/08	HC&PCC Exec. nominee	
	Councillor George Meehan		21/05/07	31/05/08	Leader	
	Councillor Jayanti Patel		21/05/07	31/05/08	HC&PCG Exec nominee	
	Councillor Fiyaz Mughal		16/07/07	31/05/08		New proposed appointment
Homes for Haringey, ALMO Board						
ALMO	5	Term of Office:	1 year			Category: Partnership
Granted Aid: no	3 LAB, 2 LIBDEM					
Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry	Councillor Liz Santry		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Alan Stanton		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Pat Egan		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Fiyaz Mughal		16/07/07	31/05/08		New proposed appointment
	Councillor Carolyn Baker		21/05/07	31/05/08		
Alexandra Park and Palace, Advisory Committee						
14/aps	8	Term of Office:	1 year			Category: Statutory
Granted Aid: no	2 LAB, 6 LIBDEM					
Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry	Councillor Alan Dobbie		21/05/07	31/05/08	Noel Park Ward	
	Councillor Susan Oatway		21/05/07	31/05/08	Alexandra Ward	
	Councillor Monica Whyte		21/05/07	31/05/08	Hornsey Ward	
	Councillor Jayanti Patel		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Sara Beynon		21/05/07	31/05/08	Fortis Green Ward	
	Councillor Jonathan Bloch		21/05/07	31/05/08	Muswell Hill Ward	
	Councillor Ali Demirci		21/05/07	31/05/08	Bounds Green Ward	
	Councillor Justin Portess		16/07/07	31/05/08		New proposed appointment
Haringey School Admission Forum						
14/saf	3	Term of Office:	1 year			Category: Statutory
Granted Aid: no	2 LAB, 1 LIBDEM					
Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry	Councillor Liz Santry		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Emma Jones		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor John Oakes		16/07/07	31/05/08		New proposed appointment
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, The Conference						
	5	Term of Office:	1 year			Category: Statutory
Granted Aid: no	3 LAB, 2 LIBDEM					
Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry	Councillor Emma Jones		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Liz Santry		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Eddie Griffith		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Sheila Rainger		21/05/07	31/05/08		
	Councillor Carolyn Baker		16/07/07	31/05/08		New proposed appointment

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COUNCIL QUESTIONS – 16 JULY 2007**ORAL QUESTIONS****Oral Question 1 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Jones:**

To ask the Cabinet member to comment on the decision by Fortismere School's governing body to move towards Foundation status and start the statutory consultation process.

Oral Question 2 -To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Weber:

Would he agree that fortnightly rubbish collections would not be right for Haringey?

Oral Question 3 – To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise from Councillor Cooke:

Can the Cabinet member outline the achievements of the Haringey Guarantee over the past year?

Oral Question 4 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Gorrie:

Does he think the SAP contract represents value for money for the council?

Oral Question 5 - To ask the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Egan:

To ask the Cabinet member for Children and Young People about the next steps for the new school following the Adjudicator's decision in favour of the council's bid for a community school.

Oral Question 6 - To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise from Councillor Hoban:

With reference to the Final Internal Audit Report for The Bridge New Deal for Communities, presented in September 2006, could the Cabinet member for Regeneration and Enterprise please confirm whether she is satisfied with the auditor's findings, particularly relating to evidence that Project Appraisal Forms have often not been signed off by Project Managers and reviewed by the NDC Director, resulting in an increased risk that inappropriate projects may be selected, resulting in inefficient use of resources and reputation damage to the NDC and the Council?

Oral Question 7 – To the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement from Councillor Bull:

To ask the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement to outline the steps the council is taking to further its duty to promote equalities in all aspects of its work.

Oral Question 8 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Wilson:

Please detail the reasons for the continued delay to the opening of Stroud Green Children's Centre and the most recent estimate when this will be opened?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Written Question 1 – To the Chair of Alexandra Palace and Park Board from Councillor Aitken:

What is the estimated annual cost of the maintenance of the Alexandra Palace Park road, presently shown as a cost to the charity, which will become a cost to the council as a result of the lease?

ANSWER

The Park and through road will remain the responsibility of the charity after the transfer of the Palace and immediate surrounding area to the Firoka Group. The Council has agreed to continue to provide financial support for the residual functions following the lease agreement completion

Within the budget for 2007/08 there is a provision of £20,000 in respect of repairs and maintenance for Alexandra Palace Way and the associated car parks and roadways within the park. .

Written Question 2 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Alexander:

How is the Council going to ensure that the new school in Wood Green due to open in 2010 will be ready on time and on budget?

ANSWER

The following ANSWER expands on the ANSWER to oral question 5 above:

A project board has been established for the new school project. The New School Project Board (NSPB) will meet monthly, chaired by the Director of Children & Young People's Service. Terms of Reference have been agreed, confirming the overall purpose of the NSPB is to:

- provide strategic leadership for the new school up to the appointment of formal governance arrangements and senior staff of the school;

- act as the key stakeholder, providing a forum for proposals to be discussed and agreed;
- plan timeline to ensure delivery of the project on time and on budget.

The next steps are:

1. Establish the Individual School Vision

A school strategy and vision were included in the Council’s proposal for establishing the new school. An update s being prepared to include a curriculum statement for discussion at the next NSPB meeting 31 July 2007. The curriculum statement will reflect the new secondary curriculum being introduced in 2008, based around a model of national entitlement with a locally determined curriculum. This model will also be presented to the Schools Transformation Board on 17th October.

2. Develop a Design Brief

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Client Design Advisors have been tasked to develop a design brief for the new school, to reflect the proposed curriculum model and revised individual school vision. This will include the integration of ICT and building design. The design brief will be discussed at the next NSPB meeting on 31 July 2007. The selection of a Design Team Partner from our BSF framework took place on 5th July.

3. Establish the transition budget

A draft budget paper has been developed and the 07/08 budget for transition will be identified as part of the DSG and approved by the Schools Forum.

Written Question 3 – To the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement from Councillor Baker:

How much lottery funding was received by projects in Haringey in each of the last five years?

ANSWER

The following information has been downloaded and edited from the Lottery information website www.lottery.culture.gov.uk The results of the search are based on awards made to Haringey over the last 5 years. In summary 500 projects were successful to a value of £19,837,493, an average of £3,967,498 per year.

Lottery Board	No of grants	Amount
Arts Council	65	£3,808,098
UK films	26	£243,259
Awards for All	314	£1,483,303
Big Lottery Fund	3	£320,425
Community Fund	38	£4,402,200
Sports Council	5	£1,251,710

Heritage	15	£3,131,250
New Opportunities Fund	34	£5,196,363
TOTAL	500	£19,837,493

Written Question 4 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Beacham:

Could he:

- (a) Confirm the number of occasions that council owned facilities have been used for political meetings in each of the last three financial years.
- (b) Provide full details of all political organisations that have used council owned facilities for political meetings in each of the last three financial years.
- (c) Provide full details of charges collected in respect of the above.

ANSWER

There are no central records kept which allow officers to easily distinguish political parties from any other organisation who have hired any facility. However, we have records for the meetings of the political groups which have seats on the council relating to their use of the main Council buildings at the Civic Centre and River Park House.

Political parties, as all organisations can hire Council owned facilities in accordance with the standard terms of use and are charged at the market rate.

For the Labour and Liberal Democrat Parties who have seats on the Council, meetings of the Party Groups are deemed to be a legitimate part of running the business of the Council as defined under legislation and guidance. For this reason, the Council does not charge for the use of facilities for Group Meetings.

The table below includes meetings of Labour Party and Liberal Democrat groups (and Group Executives) held in the Civic Centre or River Park House during preceding three financial years.

	Number of meetings	
	Lab	L/D
2004/05	15	28
2005/06	28	28
2006/07	23	27

Written Question 5 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Beynon:

What and how is information being collected on the Muswell Hill pay and display scheme to enable the promised six month review?

ANSWER

For this scheme, we conducted a 'before' survey to collect information on parking patterns as well as public consultation. Careful consideration will be given to 'after' surveys to enable us to measure the impact of the scheme after implementation. All reviews are the subject of many factors including the environmental impact and public feedback.

Written Question 6 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Bloch:

What is the current status and outcome of recommendations arising from the Special Overview & Scrutiny Call-In meeting held on 18 July 2006 concerning a decision to allow award of contract to Diamond Build under the New Framework Agreements.

ANSWER

Following the Overview and Scrutiny Call in meeting, regarding Diamond Build, Members requested that 'a further report be submitted to the Procurement Committee authorising the process to be followed in order to satisfy Members that further and adequate measures have been taken to ensure that Diamond Build is competent to carry out the work'

The Corporate Health and Safety Team from Haringey Council provided details to Diamond Build of Health and Safety audit organisations, and from this list, 'Safety Works' was chosen to carry out an independent Health and Safety audit of Diamond Build to determine if adequate measure had been put in place to ensure Diamond Build was competent to be included on the Framework Agreements for Minor and Major Construction Works.

Safety Works inspection took place over two days on 1-2 March 2007. The auditor's inspection consisted of a document review, reviewing documents held centrally on the electronic management system and documents held on site; verification by interview of key personnel to confirm that the documentation was in use; verification by observation, this was done by means of site visits.

The inspection was based on a brief proved by Haringey which was to provide a full report regarding Diamond Build's processes for the management of Health and Safety in all its undertakings

Safety Works produced a full report on their assessment of Diamond Build. Their findings were that Diamond Build's Health and Safety management systems were 'more robust than any other contractor that 'Safety Works' deals with for appraisal purposes'.

Safety Works visited two of Diamond Build's sites as well as their head office. Safety Works stated that they could not identify any deficiencies in the sites visited, Safety Works also stated that Diamond Build benchmarked favourably with other contractors they have audited.

Council officers from the Construction Procurement Group presented a report to Procurement Committee on 26 June 2007. This report was based on the Safety Works report and presented its findings. The Procurement Committee report recommended that Members allow invitations to tender and awards of contract to Diamond Build under the framework agreements.

It was also recommended that Diamond Build would be strictly monitored following their reinstatement to ensure that agreed procedures are in place and followed. It was also recommended that a probationary period of 1 year is imposed on Diamond Build where Diamond Build are requested to provide regular update reports on Health and Safety on site to the contract administrator and the client. This will be written into the tender documents for projects which Diamond Build tender on.

A copy of the Safety Works report is available if required.

Written Question 7 – To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Butcher:

How many miles per gallon does the Mayor's car do, how many miles did the car travel in the last municipal year and what are the CO2 emissions for the car?

ANSWER

The Mayor's car provides approximately 34.4 miles to the gallon, depending on driving conditions; the approximate mileage for the past municipal is 6,500 miles; and the rating for Co2 emissions is 216 (g/km).

Written Question 8 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Davies:

How many teachers have been trained in each Haringey secondary school in each of the last five years and what types of training opportunities do each offer?

ANSWER

All teachers in Haringey schools have opportunities to develop their practice and to further their knowledge and understanding through training and development. We do not keep central records of training and development for each secondary school teacher, but we do know that their training could have included:

- Faculty curriculum meetings which take place regularly
- Access to Local Authority Consultants who provide support for teaching and learning, data handling and analysis, assessment and pupil progress tracking
- Peer observations
- Observations and constructive feedback by senior managers
- Opportunity to work with other schools locally to share good practice and experience
- Access to training at the Professional Development centre
- Courses with external providers
- Courses through local Colleges and universities particularly Middlesex and the Institute of Education
- Post Graduate training through higher education providers
- Other programmes like Graduate Trainee Programme, Leading Teacher Programmes, Newly Qualified Teacher programmes.

In 2000 Performance Management was introduced which required one personal development objective to be set for all teachers. This was further strengthened in 2006 in the new Regulations for Performance Management where professional development is a key element. Schools keep Professional Development records for staff but it is up to each individual teacher to maintain a record of their own professional development.

Written Question 9 – To the Chair of Alexandra Palace and Park Board from Councillor Demirci:

What is the estimated annual cost of the maintenance of the Alexandra Palace Park, presently shown as a cost to the charity, which will become a cost to the council as a result of the lease?

ANSWER

The Park and through road will remain the responsibility of the charity after the transfer of the Palace and immediate surrounding area to the Firoka Group. The Council has agreed to continue to provide financial support for the residual functions following the lease agreement completion.

Within the budget for 2007/08 Alexandra Palace and Park Charitable Trust has made provision for the maintenance of the park to the sum of £478,000 which includes the cost of a dedicated park manager, the grounds maintenance contract and security provision by the Parks constabulary.

Written Question 10 – To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Edge:

How many dangerous dogs were identified by the Council in each of the last four years and what action was taken?

ANSWER

Under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 dogs that are considered to be dangerous are classified by “type”. Whether a dog is considered to be dangerous will depend on a judgment about its physical characteristics, and whether they match the description of a prohibited type.

Dog types that are considered to be dangerous are :-

- the Pit Bull Terrier
- the Japanese tosa
- the Dogo Argentino
- the Fila Brasileiro

This assessment of the physical characteristics is made by a court against the type characteristics for these dogs.

No dog in any of the four last years has been identified by the Council as a dangerous dog according to this classification.

Our Animal Warden will respond to complaints that a dog is displaying behaviour where some potential danger may exist. For example some stray dogs may demonstrate nervous or aggressive behaviour, and some dogs may be kept by their owners as a deterrent or security measure. These dogs may present a risk but are not recorded as dangerous dogs.

Written Question 11 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Engert:

Given the huge back payments and large annual increases in service costs being demanded from Haringey's community secondary schools under the PFI contract, what is Haringey Council, who originally negotiated this contract in 2000, doing to help schools meet these bills and make sure that valuable teaching posts are not lost as schools struggle to pay these vast additional fees?

ANSWER

Officers are working with schools to achieve arrangements which will enable the PFI secondary schools to continue to invest and to raise standards. I will report fully when these discussions are completed. For now, the back

payments are held on the council's account and have not been charged to schools.

Written Question 12 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Gorrie:

What specific failings in service and resident engagement does the Cabinet Member for Housing feel are responsible for the significant decline in the satisfaction of council tenants with the overall service from almost 75% to less than 60% and what specific initiatives does the Cabinet member feel are responsible for the similar significant decline in the satisfaction of Council tenants with opportunities to participate in management from almost 70% to just over 55%?

ANSWER

There are no specific failings in service and resident engagement that have led to the decline in satisfaction levels among Council Tenants.

A key factor has been a fundamental change in the methodology used to collect the relevant data which (as explained below) has made it impossible to make comparisons between these two years and, in addition there are several other possible factors that may have an impact, which are detailed below:

1. The survey which measured tenants' satisfaction is the 2006/07 STATUS survey. This survey is undertaken every three years on a national basis. Historically Councils were allowed to choose the method of survey – face-to-face, telephone, postal or a mix of all methods and which questions they could include on the survey form. To ensure consistency across all councils in 2006/07 the audit commission specified that the survey must use a standard questionnaire devised by the National Housing Federation, called STATUS, and be a postal survey.

Postal surveys traditionally have a lower response rates and record lower satisfaction levels than other methods, as service users who are happy with the service may not reply and service users who are unhappy with the service may be more likely to reply. Recent tenants' surveys in Haringey have used face to face interviews which traditionally yield higher satisfaction ratings. The change in methodology also means the 2005 and 2006/07 are not directly comparable.

2. The make up of people who responded to each survey was also significantly different. Almost half of respondents in 2006/07 were from black and minority ethnic (BME) groups compared to a quarter in the last survey. Another key difference was in the percentage of pensioners responding which was 29%, whereas in the previous three surveys it was higher at around 40%. Advice from our market research company is that pensioners tend to record higher satisfaction levels than average whereas BME respondents tend to record lower satisfaction levels.

3. The survey was undertaken at the same time as the refuse collection strike in Haringey last year and this may have contributed to a decline in satisfaction.
4. Another issue that may have had some impact on the levels of satisfaction is that tenants' expectations may have been increased as a result of the stock options appraisal – where tenants have been told that they would be receiving new kitchens, windows and bathrooms etc under the Decent homes programme. However these increased expectations can get somewhat frustrated by the significant time-lag involved in securing the anticipated extra resources. This factor has been exacerbated by the current delays in the Communities and Local Government (CLG) responses to the applications made last year for decent homes funding by new ALMOs and also by the fact that H4H is awaiting the outcome of the May 2007 Audit Commission inspection where they are optimistic of achieving 2 stars which will enable them to access the Decent Homes funding when it is made available.

Based on the figures submitted to the Audit Commission, there was a mixed picture across London regarding tenant satisfaction with 6 boroughs recording an increase, 11 staying the same and 11 recording a decrease.

There are similar findings with regards to opportunities to participate. Out of 28 London authorities who reported findings on this indicator 10 authorities reported an improvement on scores while 10 reported a decline. It is interesting to note that in the 2006/07 survey scores were down overall with the highest achieving authority scoring 70% while in 2005/06 the score for the highest achieving authority was 78%.

Notably communication was seen as a positive for Homes for Haringey in the STATUS survey results, as 75% of tenants felt that we were good at keeping them informed and 77% with taking their views into account.

The STATUS survey is only one of the means used to determine tenant satisfaction with Homes for Haringey services. Satisfaction surveys are undertaken on an ongoing basis for a wide range of services including complaints, anti-social behaviour and letting new tenancies. For repairs, from 3,500 completed repair surveys in 2006/07 91.7% of tenants were satisfied with the completed repair, which has increased to 92.2% in quarter 1 of 2007/08 (based on 1200 surveys). We respond to any negative feedback and use the results to identify where improvements are needed.

While having these sets of data is very useful, caution must be exercised as the different sets of data are not strictly comparable as different methods were used in their compilation.

Written Question 13 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Hare:

What proportion of light bulbs in Council buildings is energy saving bulbs?

ANSWER

With effect 1st April 2007, the responsibility for Building Services, e.g. structure, mechanical & electrical services, within operational buildings has been transferred from Directorates to Corporate Property Services. This initiative, which is called Corporate Management of Property (CMP) has enabled the Council to commence a systematic process of assessing needs, prioritisation and investment for all properties other than schools and educational establishments and HRA properties.

We are unable to specify the exact number of energy saving or increased efficiency bulbs across the portfolio, without physically counting those in use. However, as part of CMP, we will be implementing an integrated energy strategy, which will include re-lamping policy, across operational buildings during the forthcoming year.

Currently, the vast majority of buildings within our Office and Customer Services portfolio of buildings use energy saving fluorescent lighting or equivalent lighting.

As part of Corporate Management of Property building refurbishment works are taking place across the operational portfolio, which will include relamping where required. For example at our large Hornsey Library the current lighting system is being replaced with a modern low energy system. The 'lamp' consumption values will range between 14W and 35W for each type of fitting which will result in the overall energy usage of the building being reduced. This system is being coupled with a device called a "Power Perfector" to regulate the voltage to the optimum level.

Relamping is also a key aspect of refurbishments to our office buildings; including the completed River Park House refurbishment and the current Alexandra House refurbishment. Again the lighting systems improvements include fluorescent tube lighting systems coupled with movement sensors that turn the lighting off when there are no staff present

The new respite care centre at Osborn Grove, opening later this year, will use a lighting system of low wattage bulbs and PIR's (Passive Infra Red Detectors) in the corridor and rooms, so that lights are only on when movement is detected.

These works have been completed in consultation with the Council's Sustainability Officer and will continue as a programmed improvement of our accommodation over the next three years.

The energy management team in corporate procurement has responsibility for purchasing and administering the council's energy payments. This year a comprehensive upgrade of the system was implemented and the council now has far greater visibility of energy consumption. Corporate Procurement plan to install automatic metering reading equipment on a phased priority basis

across the estate, to further enhance our ability to track consumption and make necessary improvements.

The council appointed a sustainable energy manager in January with responsibility to develop a strategic approach to minimising energy consumption and to present business cases and cost benefit analyses for energy efficiency related projects and infrastructure, including onsite renewables, providing specialist and technical advice and support in the sustainable energy policy and work programme, negotiating demonstrable output and outcome indicators

This includes leading an innovative energy management strategy and action plan, developing business cases for alternative and efficient technology in capital projects, continuously improving the utilities procurement, billing and administration function to managing a bureau service contract.

Written Question 14 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing from Councillor Harris:

What is the council's estimate of carbon savings as a result of energy efficiency measures that would be installed to ALMO homes if or when the ALMO secures its decent homes funding

ANSWER

50% of carbon emissions in Haringey (calculated by a recent study) come from domestic energy use across all tenures. Reducing the level of carbon emissions generated by our social housing is a high priority for the council and as a result it is expecting both Homes for Haringey and other housing providers locally (like partner RSLs and Private sector landlords) to develop effective strategies to that effect.

Homes for Haringey acknowledges its key role in improving the energy efficiency of our resident's homes and it is developing an Environmental Sustainability Strategy that will build on the work already carried out to date around energy efficiency and sustainable investment as set out in our Asset Management Strategy 2007-2017. This is a priority project for completion in 2007/08.

The Strategy will also develop proposals for ensuring that sustainability is embedded throughout the activities of the organisation, to reduce our overall carbon footprint.

This is aimed at improving the quality of life for residents now and in the future and contributing to Haringey Council's 'Greenest Borough', 'Climate Change' and Anti-Poverty (Fuel Poverty) strategies as well as responding to central government's recent Climate Change Bill.

Possible Carbon savings as a result of energy efficiency measures will be determined as part of the ongoing process for drawing up a detailed action

plan, and will include a target for reducing CO2 emissions from the housing stock, and our overall organisational carbon footprint. I anticipate that we will be in a position to adopt the formal targets before the end of the current municipal year, when the ongoing detailed work for our Environmental Sustainability Strategy is completed.

We currently have performance targets for improving the energy rating of existing stock through the Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP). CO2 and energy ratings will be calculated from energy surveys which will be included in the constructor partner decent homes surveys which will be starting from July 2007.

In the meantime we are making progress against annual targets based on our current level of resources (i.e. without the anticipated extra Decent Homes funds).

Our energy efficiency rating is calculated as a SAP rating; as of 31 March 2006 we achieved a SAP rating of 66 which attracted Local Public Service Agreement funding of 75k for exceeding our original target of 62.

Written Question 15 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Hoban:

Could he please confirm:

- (a) with particular reference to residential off-road parking spaces, the council's policy with regard to installation of council bollards on the highway footpath boundary, preventing vehicular access or egress from an off-road parking space (e.g. Lordship Lane)?
- (b) Whether the installation of such bollards is limited to council owned properties only, or whether the policy is equally applied to private residential properties across the borough?
- (c) The number of such bollards that have been installed across the borough in each of the last three financial years; please provide a breakdown of the number installed on council and private residential properties.

ANSWER a

It is an offence to drive over the footway to gain access to off street parking facilities in the absence of a properly legally constructed crossover. Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 allows the authority to install barriers (ie Bollards) to prevent illegal use of the footway to gain access to off street parking. This is relevant to the public highway throughout the borough and not just Lordship Lane

Our practice, if this illegal activity is observed, is to inform the owners of the need to apply for a crossover. If this is unsuccessful we then install bollards in an appropriate location on the pavement to prevent the activity

ANSWER b

We can only install bollards on the public highway, but the above process applies to both private and council owned properties.

ANSWER c Public Highway only

Jan.-Dec. 2004 – 14 Nos, Jan.-Dec. 2005 – 23 Nos,

Jan.-Dec. 2006 – 69 Nos, Jan.-Jul. 2007 – 12 Nos.

Written Question 16 – To the Chair of Alexandra Palace and Park Board from Councillor Mughal:

Was he a member of the Alexandra Palace and Park Statutory Advisory Committee last year, and if so, will he state how many meetings he attended?

ANSWER

The information requested does not concern a body of this council and is in any case already in the public domain.

Like many councillors, Liberal Democrat and Labour, I have a full-time job and do most of my work for local people outside formal meetings. I endeavour to give apologies for meetings from which I am aware I am likely to be absent.

Written Question 17 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Newton:

Would the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation confirm the costs for Parking Beat Surveys carried out just before implementation of Stop-and-Shop as £16850 for Muswell Hill and £21475 for Crouch End and would he agree that if the data from these Parking Beat Surveys is to be used to evaluate these schemes that another equivalent Survey at a similar cost will be needed to confirm any changes in parking patterns? Would he also set out the findings of any disability impact assessment for Stop-and-Shop to risk assess the changes in parking permissions for the Muswell Hill and Crouch End areas?

ANSWER

The figures quoted above are correct. Funding for such surveys is from the Parking Plan budget in Streetscene which ultimately is parking income. The schemes to be funded from the Parking Plan budget are agreed annually as part of the Highways Works Plan.

It is too early to make assumptions as to the type of surveys required to evaluate the impact the present scheme has had. Evaluation of such schemes are the subject of many factors including public feedback and

environmental impacts. Further surveys will be the subject of quotations through the normal procedures.

Disabled parking bays have been incorporated within the two schemes. In addition all blue badge holders are permitted to use large areas of single yellow lines and designated P&D bays.

Written Question 18 – To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Councillor Oakes:

When were the structure and general condition of each of the borough's libraries last surveyed and when are they next to be surveyed and what 'costed' repair-programmes are currently envisaged for each library?

ANSWER

With effect 1st April 2007, the responsibility for Hard Building Services, e.g. structure, mechanical & electrical services, within operational buildings has been transferred from Directorates to Corporate Property Services. Corporate Property Services are now responsible for Libraries; up until April 2007, Libraries were directly responsible for all building maintenance.

In preparation for CMP, conditions surveys were carried out for all Libraries between 2005 and 2006. It is common practice to carry out condition surveys every 5 years and we intend to carry out new surveys by 2010.

Corporate Management of Property is funded by an amalgamation of Services' Hard FM budgets plus a successful PBPR bid, of £2m over three years, to assist with the backlog of maintenance. The PBPR bid includes other failed building maintenance bids, which will need to be considered during prioritisation of works.

We are currently drawing up 3 year improvement plans for all buildings within our increased portfolio. Works which were highlighted within the condition surveys are being scheduled by priority; compliance works taking priority, followed by significant works highlighted within the backlog of maintenance as urgent.

Written Question 19 – To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Councillor Oatway:

How much has been spent by the Council on mobile libraries in each of the last five years and what efforts have been made to target these services at elderly residents?

ANSWER

The following has been spent on Mobile, Housebound & Homes Services in the last 5 years:

2006/07 £211k
2005/06 £208K
2004/05 £171K
2003/04 £181K
2002/03 £182K

The key elements of the budget relate to staff, leased vehicle costs and library stock.

There are 3 strands to the service

- a **Mobile Library** that visits a site and which people come out to browse and borrow
- a **Housebound Service** that delivers a pre-selection to individuals in their own home
- The **Homes Service** that delivers a deposit collection of books, talking books and videos to book shelves in the common room of residential homes for general use. All Homes (currently 64) receive a deposit collection whilst others also make use of some of the other services we offer.

Since 1998, this service has been targeted at elderly and disabled residents and their carers.

The mobile library covers all areas of the borough and visits sheltered housing, housing estates, residential care homes, day centres and lunch clubs. It is scheduled via a fortnightly timetable. Use of the sites is regularly reviewed and discussed with homes & centre managers where appropriate, in order to ensure the service is delivered effectively and meets the needs of its target audience.

The stock carried by our mobile vehicles is tailored to the needs of the customers we serve, with a significant quantity of large print and talking books. Care is taken to provide material which reflects the individual interests of housebound customers. Our library staff select material with care and go to considerable lengths to obtain items of interest.

The main users of the Housebound Service are elderly and the service is regularly publicised to potential users through leaflet distribution e.g. to Dr's surgeries, talks to local groups and publicity in the Haringey Carers Directory. New channels for promoting and publicising the service are always being explored.

The deposit collections of material delivered by The Homes service are tailored to individual homes. Homes receive a delivery every one to three months depending on their expressed requirement.

As well as informal feedback through conversations with users, satisfaction and comments on our services have been sought formally using the Cipfa Public Library User Satisfaction Survey and its equivalent for Home Delivery Service users. These are usually conducted every three years and the

responses are used to review and refine our service delivery. In 2006 more than 95% of mobile library users described the service as very good or good: 81% of the users defined themselves as retired. In the Home Delivery Survey conducted earlier the same year, 73% of users said that they were very satisfied and 26% satisfied with the service. Many comment very personally on their experience of the service. To quote one customer,

“Thank you for 12 months of real pleasure. I am housebound and the books have helped to while away many hours. Thank you also to the friends who deliver them – they sometimes have to wait a long time for me to get to the door”

Written Question 20 – To the Chair of Alexandra Palace and Park Board from Councillor Portess:

What is the estimated annual cost to the council of monitoring and regulating the operation of the Alexandra Palace lease?

ANSWER

The Park and through road will remain the responsibility of the charity after the transfer of the Palace and immediate surrounding area to the Firoka Group. The Council has agreed to continue to provide financial support for the residual functions following the lease agreement completion.

The charity was discussing the mechanisms by which its interest as landlord would be protected as part of the development project. The Charity Commission subsequently, as a result of some of the representations received from the public after advertising the proposed lease, included specific clauses within the Order. The budget provision made by Alexandra Palace and Park Charitable Trust for the necessary quantity surveying and other professional support and advice in monitoring and regulating the lease of Alexandra Palace is £80,000 for the financial year 2007/08. Once the construction phases of the development of the Palace are complete this figure will substantially reduce.

Written Question 21 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Rainger:

How many vehicles do the Council own and how many of them fall into each of the four categories within the Council's green parking charges scheme?

ANSWER

The Council owns 28 vehicles and leases 65 vehicles.

The Council's green parking charge scheme is designed to classify cars according to their CO2 emissions and provide an incentive that encourages

residents to use cars with lower CO2 emissions for the benefit of the environment.

Of the 93 vehicles that are owned and leased by the Council, three fall into the bandings set up for the green parking charges scheme, two vehicles fall into band 2 and one vehicle falls into band 1.

The remaining 90 vehicles that are owned and leased by the Council are commercial vehicles and these are required to meet European mandatory emission standards. Also the Mayor for London has introduced a Low Emission Zone for commercial vehicles. The Mayor's emission standards will come into effect in two phases starting in February 2008 and then July 2008. The zone will apply to the area within the M25 motorway. Of the total fleet only three vehicles (3.3%) do not meet the required standard; however work has already commenced to ensure that this position is rectified before February 2008.

Written Question 22 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Reid:

We note the proposals for a stepped increase in charges for school meals proposed in the 19th June report to the Cabinet together with the suggestion that even with a worst case back pay settlement on Equal Pay the service could break even in five years. Does the service have to recover through charges for meals the full cost of the back dated element of any settlement? What level of charging, equivalent to the charges proposed for next year of £2.00 capped charge to parents and £2.20 charge to schools, is required to achieve the breakeven target? What level of charging is assumed in support of the assertion the service could break even in five years?

ANSWER

Haringey Catering Services is a direct service organisation, fully funded by revenue from school meals. It is therefore appropriate to recover any additional staffing costs in this way. Levels of charges for future years have not yet been set; neither has the level of delegated funding for schools to subsidise meals. Given that negotiations continue on Equal Pay, it would be inappropriate for the council to reveal the detailed assumptions behind future years' projections, but a full analysis will be available following conclusion of the negotiations and this will inform decisions on future years' charges.

Written Question 23 – To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Councillor Weber:

What efforts have Haringey made to help people quit smoking and what preparations were made to limit any additional litter from cigarette butts following the smoking ban?

ANSWER

Since early 2006 Occupational Health has been running weekly smoking cessation sessions at the Occupational Health offices in conjunction with Haringey PCTP and quit smoking advisors. These sessions are ongoing and will continue for the foreseeable future. The quit smoking advisors have visited workplaces if requested. Management Board have agreed that employees be permitted time from their workplace to attend these sessions. Additionally, advice and the non smoking policy is readily available on Harinet. This is regularly updated by Occupational Health and Personnel.

Personnel has circulated a briefing to all staff advising of all areas where staff are not permitted to smoke and Facilities Management is currently considering the issue of any additional cigarette waste that may ensue because of the new policy.

Written Question 24 – To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Councillor Whyte:

How much funding has the Council provided to a) The Tottenham Carnival b) the Hornsey Carnival in 2007 and how much has been provided annually for the past five years?

ANSWER

The Hornsey Carnival is a community parade and is generally supported by local traders in Crouch End. The Hornsey Carnival has not, prior to this year, sought financial support from the Council.

Tottenham is a show case event aiming to celebrate community cohesion and build pride in Tottenham. Tottenham Carnival provides an opportunity to the Council and its partners to have stalls and marquees to inform people of services and to engage with Tottenham’s communities. The Tottenham Carnival in contrast is significantly larger [approximately 50 times greater than Hornsey Carnival].

Spend to date for the last 5 years is set out below:

	<u>Tottenham Carnival</u>	<u>Hornsey Carnival</u>
2003/04	£1,200	
2004/05	£6,618	
2005/06	£7,400	
2006/07	£11,097	
2007/08	£2,654	£2,700

Written Question 25 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Williams:

Why was part of North Road (N6), in the vicinity of High Point/Hillcrest, left out of the plans to extend the Highgate Village CPZ, or was this just a mistake?

ANSWER

Part of the review included discussions with Ward Members and residents; at no time did we receive requests to include this part of North Road. However following further representations received after implementation we are currently consulting this part of North Road for inclusion into the Highgate CPZ. In light of difficulties experienced by these residents they have been afforded the opportunity to apply for permits to allow them to use the controlled part of the road whilst we are in consultation with them.

Written Question 26 – To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Councillor Wilson:

What are the reasons for abandoning plans to open a respite care 'hotel' at Osbourne Grove to offer more flexible breaks for Haringey's hard-pressed carers, and what alternative plans are you bringing forward to extend provision of respite care in the Borough?

ANSWER

Haringey Council continues to provide a range of services to support the carers of older people in the borough. Last year over £450k was spent in doing this. We have recently inaugurated a "Carer Of The Year" Award in recognition of the valuable services carers provide.

As we have begun to better understand the needs of carers, it has become apparent that not everyone wishes respite care to be delivered in a care home. Many people want community based services, such as domiciliary care, sitting services or day care. We have sought to make these services available whenever they are warranted in order to provide carers with a break.

Additionally Haringey Council continues to provide respite care on a regular basis in care homes where this is requested or appropriate. We utilise internal council provision, external block contracted placements or spot purchase as required. Many of these respite placements are now in nursing homes, reflecting the increased levels of dependency that we support in the community.

At the same time as our understanding of carers needs has developed, so we have been faced with a very volatile care market. Nursing home demand continues to increase and the cost of placements has gone up from around £450-£500 a week 2 years ago to £650-£900 a week requested by providers now. Faced with this problem, together with the fact that there are currently only 34 nursing beds in the borough for older people at this time and the increased competition from other boroughs and the NHS for all nursing beds,

it was considered wise to commission 32 nursing beds in Osborne Grove. The take up of these beds will be monitored very closely and where there are voids we will ensure that the beds are used for respite care. Does Cllr Wilson really oppose the opening of this much needed nursing facility?

We are confident that this is the best use of resources and will ensure that we deliver the best care to the most vulnerable people as close to their homes as possible. Further, we will continue to invest in services to carers, helping ensure that we do all that we can to support them in the invaluable service they provide.

Written Question 27 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Winskill:

Would he please set out how commercial/business rates are calculated on car parks attached to the large supermarkets in the Borough? Does he feel that offering free car parking to customers amounts to either a level playing field for competition with small local centres that have just had a Pay and Display imposed or a disincentive to those who drive to these outlets?

ANSWER

Business Rates are calculated by multiplying the property's Rateable Value by the Non-Domestic Rating multiplier. The Rateable Value is set by the Valuation Office Agency and the multiplier is set by Government. The multiplier is the same standard national figure for all business properties.

Where a store has its own car park, for example Morrison's in Wood Green, the car park forms part of the premises as a whole and does not have its own rateable value. The Business would therefore receive one demand for payment and this would cover both the store and the car parking area.

From the economic regeneration point of view the increase in car usage should be discouraged across the borough in line with sustainability and climate change agenda. However, it is recognised that small local centres require flexible car and transport arrangements to maintain their economic well being and our parking enforcement plan seeks to support the economic viability of town centres, whilst reducing the overall availability of long-stay parking.

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