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To: All Members of the Full Council

Dear Member,

Full Council - Monday, 4th April, 2011

I attach a copy of the following tabled reports 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 - 6)**
7. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES (PAGES 7 - 16)**
12. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10 (PAGES 17 - 30)**
13. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 31 - 38)**
  - b) Governance Review Delivery Group Report No. 1 – 2010/11
14. **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13 (PAGES 39 - 44)**

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Item 2COUNCIL MEETING – 4 APRIL 2011LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**The Chief Executive**

Mr Mayor, there are three late item 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**

The information contained in this report was not received until 1 April 2011. Changes to proportionality need to be notified to the Council at the earliest opportunity.

**Item 7 – Report of the Monitoring Officer**

The report could not be circulated earlier as decisions were awaited from the Standards Determination Hearing Panel of 30 and 31 March 2011, as well as a recommendation to extend the period of office of a retiring Independent Member of the Standards Committee to cover the maternity cover of an existing member for six months.

**Item 12 – Questions and Written Answers**

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

**Item 13 b – Governance Review Delivery Group**

The Group met on 31 March 2011 and it is necessary to report their recommendations to Council.

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Haringey Council

Agenda item:

**Council****on 4 April 2011**

Report Title: **Changes to Political Groups, Appointments to Committees & Sub Bodies.**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable): n/a

Report of: **Chief Executive**

Wards(s) affected:

Report for: Non key decision.

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To note the changes to Political Groups as notified to the Chief Executive.
- 1.2 To agree changes to Committee memberships.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the changes to Political Group composition as detailed in paragraphs 8.1 & 8.2 be noted.
- 2.2 That the resultant changes to Council body memberships as detailed in paragraphs 8.7 & 8.8 be agreed.

Report Authorised by: **Chief Executive**

Contact Officer: **Ken Pryor, Deputy Head of Local Democracy and Member Services**  
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**3. Chief Financial Officer Comments**

- 3.1 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report and has no further specific comment to make given that the other changes detailed will have no direct financial implications.

**4. Head of Legal Services Comments**

- 4.1 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.

4.2 The rules in section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require that a party with a majority on full Council shall have a majority of seats on each non-executive body and this rule takes precedence over the rules requiring an exact political balance on those bodies individually and taken as a whole.

## **5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

### Background papers

5.1 Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

5.2 Local Government Act 2000.

5.3 Report to Annual Council on Committee Appointments

The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ken Pryor on 0208 489 2915.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no changes to Member allowances or to Special Responsibility Allowances arising from this report.

## **7. Legal Implications**

7.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to ensure there is political balance on its non-executive Committees so far as reasonably practicable.

## **8. Background**

8.1 The Chief Executive was notified on 1 April 2011 of a change to Political Groups within Haringey. With effect from that date Councillor Adje would serve as an “Independent Labour” member for the White Hart Lane Ward for the rest of his term of office and until further notice.

8.2 The Annual Meeting appoints Committees of the Council. Wherever possible bodies are constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in terms of political balance. Resulting from Councillor Adje resigning from the Labour Group and becoming an Independent Councillor, Labour Councillors now constitute 57.89% of the available seats on the Council; Liberal Democrat Councillors occupy 38.59%, and the Independent Members occupy the remaining 3.51% of seats. Where practicable the allocation of seats on Committees should be in line with the proportion of seats on the Council held by the political groups. The rule about proportionate allocation of seats on bodies overall takes precedence over the rule

about proportionate allocation on any individual body.

- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 In calculating the allocation of seats on Committees, the following bodies were excluded:
- the Cabinet and its subordinate bodies
  - the disciplinary pool
  - Licensing Committee
  - the Standards Committee and
  - other Committees where membership is determined on the basis of electoral ward represented (eg. Area Assemblies)
- 8.5 With the advent of Independent members, the ability to achieve a precise balance is more difficult.
- 8.6 The number of seats available on Committees and Sub-Committees as agreed by Council on 24 May 2010 was 67. Of this number 39 or 58.21% are allocated to the Labour Group and 28 or 41.79% to the Liberal Democrat Group.
- 8.7 The Labour Group will need to consider who will be appointed as vice chair of Pensions Committee and chair of Miscellaneous Functions Sub-Committee.
- 8.8 Councillor Adje will now be shown as an Independent member on the Northumberland Park and White Hart Lane Area Assembly membership.
- 8.9 Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the Municipal Year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.

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Harlingey Council

Agenda item:

**COUNCIL****On 4 APRIL 2011**

**Report Title: i. Notification of Standards Committee Hearing Panel Decision – 30 and 31 March 2011**

**ii. Extension of office of retiring independent member for standards committee from 23 May 2011 to 30 September 2011**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable): N/A

Report of: John Suddaby, Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Decision

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To inform the Council Meeting of decisions taken by the Standards Committee Determination Hearing Panel in response to complaints made against an elected Member of the Council; and
- 1.2 To request Full Council to extend the term of office of a current Independent member of Standards Committee (Carol Sykes) which was due to end on 23 May 2011 to 30 September 2011 in order to cover the maternity absence of Independent Member – Rachel Hatch.

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Council note these decisions taken by the Hearing Panel as part of the Standards Committee's responsibility to determine complaints of breach of the Code of Conduct made against Members of this Council
- 2.2 To approve the extension the term of office of a current Independent member of Standards Committee (Carol Sykes) which was due to end on 23 May 2011, to 30 September 2011 in order to cover the maternity absence of Independent member – Rachel Hatch .

Report Authorised by: John Suddaby, Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

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### **3. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

- 3.1 Local Government Act 2000
- 3.2 Council's Constitution
- 3.3 Standards Board for England Guidance
- 3.4 Member Services and Legal Services files.

## **4. Background**

- 4.1 On Wednesday 30 March 2011 and Thursday 31 March 2011, the Standards Committee Determination hearing panel met to consider a complaint against an elected member, Councillor Charles Adje.
- 4.2 At the hearing, the panel found that Councillor Charles Adje had acted in breach of Paragraph 5 of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members conducting himself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing his office as Councillor and the Council into disrepute. The panel suspended Councillor Adje from his office for a period of 4 months from 7 April 2011 to 7 August 2011, and recommended that on his return from suspension, the Councillor undertake training under the supervision of the Council's Monitoring Officer or his representative in respect of the Member code of conduct, and the roles of Chairs and Vice-Chairs in relation to council decision making. The findings of the hearing panel have been published in the press as required by law and have been placed on the Council's website and are attached to this report.
- 4.3 In respect of the current independent membership of the Standards Committee the term of office of one of the members – Carol Sykes will cease on 23 May 2011, and this vacancy will be filled by Christopher Watts who was recruited to the position in the autumn of 2010.
- 4.4 In view of a maternity absence of six months of one of the existing Independent Members – Rachel Hatch, and in order to maintain continuity in respect of the Independent Membership of the Standards Committee it is proposed to extend the period of office of the retiring member – Carol Sykes until 30 September 2011 to cover the maternity absence. Ms Sykes has been consulted as to the proposal and has confirmed her agreement to the extension. Full Council is therefore requested to extend the term of office of a current Independent member of Standards

Committee (Carol Sykes) which was due to end on 23 May 2011, to 30 September 2011 in order to cover the maternity absence of Independent member – Rachel Hatch.

**5. Recommendation**

5.1 That the Council note the decisions taken by the Determination Hearing Panel as part of the Standards Committee's responsibility to determine complaints of breach of the Code of Conduct made against Members of this Council

5.2 To approve the extension the term of office of a current Independent member of Standards Committee (Carol Sykes) which was due to end on 23 May 2011, to 30 September 2011 in order to cover the maternity absence of Independent member – Rachel Hatch .

**6. Comments of the Chief Financial Officer**

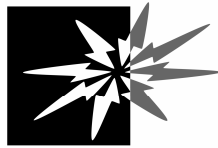
6.1 There are no financial implications.

**7. Comments of the Head of Legal Services**

7.1 The legal position is set out in the report.

**8. Equalities Implications**





**Haringey** Council

**COMPLAINT BY CLIVE CARTER AGAINST COUNCILLOR CHARLES ADJE – LOCAL REFERENCE SC2/0910**

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY – STANDARDS COMMITTEE – DETERMINATION HEARING PANEL – WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH AND THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2011

PANEL CHAIR – MS A LOYD – INDEPENDENT MEMBER

MEMBERS OF HEARING PANEL – CLLRS DEMIRCI AND REECE, AND MS R.HATCH, INDEPENDENT MEMBER AND MR P. SKINNER, INDEPENDENT MEMBER

JOHN SUDDABY - MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES - LEGAL ADVISER TO THE PANEL

TERENCE MITCHISON - INVESTIGATING OFFICER ' REPRESENTATIVE

CLERK TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE – CLIFFORD HART

DATE OF HEARING – WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH AND THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2011

TIME OF HEARING – COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

LOCATION OF HEARING – HARINGEY CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22

**Notice of Finding of Standards Determination Hearing relating to Councillor Charles Adje.**

On Wednesday 30 March and Thursday 31 March 2011, the Standards Committee – Determination Hearing Panel found that Councillor Charles Adje had failed to comply with Paragraph 5 of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members by conducting himself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing his office or authority into disrepute.

The Panel heard that the key facts in this matter were not in dispute, these being as follows:

1. Cllr Adje was the Chair of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board between 22/05/06 and 21/05/07. In 2005 and 2006 a process of competitive bidding established Firoka as the preferred redeveloper of Alexandra Palace. After the recommendations of its professional advisers, and authorisation by the APPB on 14/11/06, Haringey Council as trustee of the charity entered into a binding Master Agreement with Firoka. This was a complex document but it provided for the Council to grant a 125 year lease of the Palace to Firoka once the formal consent of the Charity Commission had been granted by Order.
2. The Charity Commission consulted publicly on the terms of its draft Order in late 2006 and January 2007. A large number of representations were received from the public mostly unhappy with the proposed redevelopment by Firoka. Consideration of these delayed the decision by the Charity Commission which did not make its Order permitting the lease until 04/05/07.
3. Meanwhile, in early April 2007 Firoka was becoming very concerned at the delay and made suggestions that it might withdraw from the redevelopment project entirely. Cllr Adje and Keith Holder, the then General Manager of the Palace, met Firoz Kassam, the principal of Firoka, on 11/04/07 to discuss these concerns.
4. Telephone conversations took place between Councillor Adje and Firoz Kassam during the weekend of 14 and 15 April 2007. Following the 11 April meeting Cllr Adje asked Keith Holder to prepare a briefing note and Keith Holder did so on 16/04/07. This was emailed by Keith Holder to Cllr Adje who read the contents. The briefing note advised that (i) Firoka had no legal grounds for "walking away" from the redevelopment project, (ii) there was no case for the Council giving financial assistance/support to Firoka/Kassam and (iii) there was no need for any action at this point and (iv) there were risks associated with giving financial assistance/support to Firoka/Kassam
5. Shortly afterwards Cllr Adje had a meeting with the then Leader of the Council when some of the issues involving Firoka and Alexandra Palace were discussed.
6. On 24/04/07 Keith Holder tabled a short written report at the meeting of the APPB. This report recommended a phased transfer of the charity's business, staff and contracts to Firoka following the making of the Charity Commission's Order. This was to involve the termination of the licence to occupy the Palace currently granted to APTL, the charity's wholly owned trading subsidiary company, and the secondment of staff to Firoka.
7. Neither the briefing note dated 16/04/07 nor the advice contained within it was disclosed to other Councillors serving on the APPB or to other officers or advisers present at the meeting. Cllr Adje was present

as Chair of the APPB at the meeting on 24/04/07 and accepted the tabled report which Keith Holder then presented. Councillor Adje, the Chair said nothing himself about Keith Holder's previous advice or queried the apparent change of mind indicated by the tabled report.

8. The APPB agreed the recommendation to transfer the charity's business to Firoka. The licence agreement was granted to Firoka on 04/05/07 and it permitted Firoka to occupy Alexandra Palace and to use it for income generating purposes consistent with the charity's objectives.

### **Facts in dispute**

There were a number of facts in dispute summarised as follows:

1. The allegation under paragraph 5 of the Code was that Cllr Adje failed to disclose Keith Holder's briefing note to his fellow Board trustees before their decision on the licence to Firoka and this brought into disrepute both Haringey Council and Cllr Adje's office as Chair of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board.
2. In a pre-hearing written response Cllr Adje stated "It is customary that confidential briefings are deemed to be such and especially where there is no need to discuss such." Cllr Adje also referred to a previous statement that he had made which states as follows: "I do not accept that I deliberately withheld information from my colleagues which would have affected the outcome of their decision.....I had asked for the briefing and, as a former local authority officer, you (referring to the investigator) know that not all briefings are made available to other Members or made public, especially where there is no requirement for this. I do not believe that the briefing would have had any effect on the decision of the Members, as the organisation [Alexandra Palace Trading Limited or APTL] was trading at a loss and was therefore insolvent and being liquidated.
3. The response of the investigator's representative was that the briefing note from Keith Holder should have been disclosed to the other trustees at the Alexandra Palace and Park Board (APPB) at their 24 April 2007 meeting and it should not have been deemed confidential. This was because:
  - (i) Councillors, generally, and charity trustees in particular, were under a duty to reach their decisions collectively and on the basis of their own individual knowledge;
  - (ii) this was a decision to transfer the whole business of the charity which was of the greatest importance and should have been informed by the fullest advice from officers, including Keith Holder as the Chief Officer/General Manager, on the legal and financial issues; and

(iii) Cllr Adje, as Chair, was well aware that quite different and contradictory advice (i.e. Keith Holder's briefing note as compared to his tabled report) had been provided by the Chief Officer a few days before and, in all the circumstances, this should have been available to the other trustees.

4. As to the point about the effect of the briefing on the other trustees, Cllr Adje cannot have been certain that Keith Holder's briefing would not have influenced the decision of the other trustees on 24 April.
5. The allegation under paragraph 3 (2) (d) of the Code was that Cllr Adje improperly put pressure on Keith Holder, as General Manager, to conceal the contents of his briefing note dated 16/04/07 and to submit a report recommending wholly contrary action to a meeting of the APPB on 24/04/07. This it was alleged amounted to action which compromised, or was likely to compromise, the impartiality of those who worked for the authority. In this context "impartiality" does not only mean not being subject to party political pressure, it also means maintaining an officer's professional integrity and right to advise as he/she considers proper.
6. In his evidence, Keith Holder alleged that Councillor Adje had asked him not to distribute his briefing note of 16 April which he, Councillor Adje, said was considered not helpful and instructed him to prepare a report for the next Board meeting which would provide authority for placing Firoka in the same position as they would be under the lease.
7. Councillor Adje disputed this saying that following the briefing note of 16 April, Keith Holder independently made a different suggestion about the possibility of a transfer to Firoka as a way of getting round the impending insolvency of APTL). Councillor Adje stated that Keith Holder was the mover behind the report tabled at the Board meeting of 24/04/07, which he accepted without properly probing the reason for Mr Holder's change of mind or getting Keith Holder to document this reason.
8. The Panel found as a fact that Keith Holder had not volunteered an alternative solution to that proposed in the briefing. It found that Councillor Adje had indicated that the briefing was not supported at the level of the Council leadership and that an alternative way forward should be found to prevent Firoka from withdrawing from the process. The Panel accepted Keith Holder's evidence that he was asked to present a further report encompassing this way forward.



### **The Panel's findings**

Having reached conclusions on the relevant facts of the case, the Panel made the following findings as to whether on the basis of these facts Councillor Adje had breached the code of conduct as alleged.

1. That Cllr Adje breached Paragraph (5) of Haringey Council's Code of Conduct for Members when he failed to disclose the key information and advice contained in the briefing note of 16 April to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meeting on 24 April. The Panel made this finding in the context of the importance of the decision that the Alexandra Palace and Park Board was to take, the importance of the advice contained in the briefing for that decision and the duties that Councillor Adje had as Chair of the Board, a committee of the Council and a board of trustees. The Panel concluded that by this failure Councillor Adje brought his office and the Council into disrepute.
2. The Panel found that Cllr Adje had not breached Paragraph 3(2)(d) of Haringey Council's Code of Conduct for Members. The panel accepted that in the course of the telephone conversation held between Councillor Adje and Keith Holder which discussed the briefing note of 16 April, that Keith Holder was asked not to distribute the briefing note and instead produce a new report. However, the Panel did not consider on the basis of the evidence it heard that Councillor Adje's request compromised or was likely to compromise Keith Holder's professional impartiality, there being insufficient evidence that undue pressure was applied to Keith Holder.

### **SANCTION**

Having considered the representations made by Councillor Adje and by the Investigating Officer's representative and taken note of the relevant guidance provided by Standards for England, the Panel decided that Councillor Charles Adje should be suspended from his office as Councillor for four months from Thursday 7 April 2011 to 7 August and that within 6 months of returning to office he should undertake training under the supervision of the Council's Monitoring Officer or his representative in respect of the Member code of conduct, and the role of Chairs and Vice-Chairs in relation to the decision making process of the Council.

The Panel clarified that full suspension meant that during this period Councillor Adje would not receive a Council allowance, would not be able to take part in any formal business of the authority or have access to Council facilities, which will mean that he would have to hand in any pass-card, mobile and laptop and which is why the sanction would not commence until 7 April 2011 in order to permit the necessary arrangements to be made.

Councillor Adje may apply for permission to appeal against the findings.

**DATE: 1 APRIL 2011**

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**COUNCIL – 4 APRIL 2011 - QUESTIONS****ORAL QUESTIONS****ORAL QUESTION 1 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR WILSON:**

What has the Council done to increase the number of battery recycling points in the last 12 months?

**ORAL QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR STEWART:**

Can the Cabinet Member outline the Council’s position in relation to Alexandra Park School’s consultation on academy status?

**ORAL QUESTION 3 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR SOLOMON:**

Why has Haringey not taken the trouble to send any information to its own residents about the proposal for the Pinkham Way waste disposal facility?

**ORAL QUESTION 4 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR DEMIRCI:**

What is the impact on Haringey tenants of the coalition government’s decision to slash the Decent Homes programme by 75 per cent?

**ORAL QUESTION 5 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR GORRIE:**

What steps will the Leader of the Council be taking to publicly correct her misrepresentation of the facts contained in her written introduction to the Council Guide recently mailed to all residents with their Council Tax Bills which refers specifically to a budget reduction over three years of more than £83 million when her own budget papers show funding, including Council Tax, last year of £307.8m and forecast funding for 2013/14 of £273.0m, a reduction of £34.8m?

**ORAL QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR PEACOCK:**

What measures is the council taking to protect children and young people from under age alcohol sales?

**ORAL QUESTION 7 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR ALLISON:**

How will Children's Services be scrutinised under the proposed new governance arrangements?

**ORAL QUESTION 8 - TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR EJIOFOR:**

What difference do you think the new Haringey credit union will make to those on low incomes in the borough?

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**WRITTEN QUESTION 1 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR ALEXANDER:**

How many enforcement cars does the Council currently own, what is their average life span and what is the cost of the new replacement fleet of vehicles?

**ANSWER**

The Council uses four vehicles in its parking and traffic enforcement service. The vehicles are not owned by the Council, they are used on a lease arrangement.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 2 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR ALLISON:**

How much will each school receive from the pupil premium?

**ANSWER**

The amount is determined by the number of pupils eligible for free school meals at the school on 20 January 2011. The premium does not take into account the area cost adjustment so does not reflect higher cost areas. Although the value of the premium is £430 per eligible child and school allocations vary from £860 to £332,390. The individual allocations are attached in the Appendix.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 3 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR BEACHAM:**

What are the current plans for the re-development of the Civic Centre site?

**ANSWER**

The Cabinet meeting in December 2010 agreed to retain the Civic Centre in the medium term.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 4 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR BLOCH:**

What were the changes introduced by the Value of Money Review of Planning Enforcement undertaken in 2008? Has any assessment been done of the effect of the changes introduced as a result of the Value of Money Review of Planning Enforcement undertaken in 2008?

**ANSWER**

A performance review of planning enforcement was commissioned by the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety in 2007. This review generated an action plan that was agreed in 2008 and monitored through a project board chaired by the Assistant Director for Frontline Services. The action plan was signed off as completed in 2009. Performance monitoring continues to be reported on a quarterly basis to Planning Committee.

The report recommended a number of actions to achieve a stable and competent workforce, headed by a qualified planner.

- The service currently has permanent funding for a Team Leader and 3 Planning Enforcement Officers and a part time administration post. All are permanently employed. Temporary funding for fourth officer was withdrawn in 2009/10.
- The Team Leader and all 3 Planning Enforcement Officers are qualified planners.
- All officers have received enforcement training relevant to their roles.

The report identified the importance of joining up enforcement activity with building control, HMO enforcement, out-of-hours enforcement and street enforcement.

- The service currently works closely with all identified services.
- A corporate strategy for HMO enforcement is being delivered which will focus on extending licensing controls supported by planning enforcement activity as appropriate.

The report identified that historic performance in a number of areas was affected by a very high case load, which meant that cases took too long to be investigated and too long to resolve and close. The review noted that there had been significant improvements to the volume of cases, but by the time of the review at the close of 2006/7 this was still over 1,300 cases.

- Caseloads are currently at approximately 350 for 3 officers against a target set at the time of the review of 480 for 4 staff.
- Difficult cases are resolved through case conference with Development Control and Legal Services.

The report recommended that the service increase its use of actions available to tackle unauthorised development and publicises its successes.

- In the last available published (2009) CIPFA records Haringey issued more Enforcement Notices than any other London Local Authority.
- The use of stop notices remains limited due to restrictions in statutory guidance, although the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods has lobbied government for stronger powers, particularly in relation to rogue landlords.
- The use of direct action is rarely used due to high levels of compliance being obtained.
- All successful prosecutions are publicised and posted on Haringey's news page.

The report recommended that a range of new performance indicators and activity measures should be adopted and regularly reported to the Planning Committee. Monitoring of these measures should be used to improve performance. In all areas

where a performance target has been set, the service is exceeding this target. The last reported performance to Planning Committee was as follows -

- 47% of all cases are being resolved within 8 weeks
- 88% of all cases are closed within 6 months
- 97% have an onsite investigation within the published target date
- Formal enforcement action - 62 planning contravention notices, 54 enforcement notices and 20 prosecutions.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 5 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR BUTCHER:**

The total of all grants rolled into the Early Intervention Grant (EIG) are reducing from £20.2million to £15.7million next year. Considering this is a 22.3% reduction why has the Council made the decision made to reduce Children’s Centre funding, which is part of the EIG, from £9.6million to £4.8million (i.e. a 50% decrease) in 2011/12?

**ANSWER**

There are a number of services which the Council provides which are funded by the Early Intervention Grant (EIG). The EIG was created from a number of previous grant funding streams including those relating to Children’s Centres; however the EIG itself is not ring-fenced, either to its previous components or more generally. It is not possible to identify the component grant elements from 2010-11 since the grant is expressed only as a single sum, some £4.5m less than in 2010-11.

All of the Council’s grants for 2011-12 were reduced in real terms with some being abolished altogether. As members will be aware there are a number of statutory services which CYPS is required to provide, services for disabled children, looked after children and safeguarding. Members will also be aware of the significant increase in demand for these services. As such in order to meet these statutory obligations the Council has taken the decision to use EIG funds to meet statutory obligations. This explains the reason as to why the Council has not been able to uniformly apply the 22.3% cut in funding which Cllr Butcher identifies.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 6 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR ENGERT:**

How is the Council planning to support local residents to take advantage of Neighbourhood Planning, as outlined in the Localism Bill, to shape their communities?

**ANSWER**

The Council is currently considering its approach to neighbourhood planning through the Governance Review, with the intention that local communities shall be able to influence the priorities for their area in line with the Borough UDP/LDF and the London Plan. These arrangements shall be developed further once the Localism Bill is passed.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 7 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR ERSKINE:**

Withdrawn

**WRITTEN QUESTION 8 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY FROM COUNCILLOR GORRIE:**

What changes have been made to any of the Labour Administration's budget proposals as presented to Full Council on the 24th February as a result of any consultations that have been carried out with service users or staff. Please specify the budget item, change and constituency consulted. Please provide a list of any consultations that are ongoing.

**ANSWER**

The Council took a decision on 24 February 2011 to approve the budget in principle, subject to the completion of appropriate consultations. Cabinet delegated final decisions on the savings to be adopted to directorates, and where appropriate to the relevant Cabinet members. Consultations have either been held, are underway, or are proposed for all the budget lines reported to Council and Cabinet. A copy of the budget lines is available at the following link:

[www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MId=4530&Ver=4](http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MId=4530&Ver=4)

**WRITTEN QUESTION 9 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR HARE:**

What will be the reduction in the full-time equivalent numbers of union officials paid for by Haringey Council in the coming financial year?

**ANSWER:**

A report will be taken to General Purposes Committee in April proposing a reduction in full-time equivalent union official time-off of 4.6 officials. This represents a reduction in time-off for trade union activity of approximately 40%.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 10 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR JENKS:**

The Government recently announced the expenditure of an extra £100 million for the repair of potholes in roads. How much of this money did Haringey Council get?

**ANSWER**

£ 214,071.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 11 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND COHESION FROM COUNCILLOR NEWTON:**

Given the closure of Youth Clubs and reductions in Youth Workers, how is the Council proposing to tackle the potential increase in youth anti-social behaviour and gang related crime?

**ANSWER**

Consultation is underway with staff and young people to assess and attempt to mitigate the impact of the proposed youth centre closures. The Council is focused on reducing the risk to service delivery by a) concentrating funding on service delivery, b) locating teams of youth workers in areas of need and c) ensuring that youth work is targeted at the young people who need the service most. Included in this category are, those:

- at risk of involvement in crime/gang activity (as victims or perpetrators)
- in public care
- on a child protection plan
- who live in a household where there is domestic violence
- who are already, or who are at risk of becoming NEETS (not in education, employment or training).

In relation to anti-social behaviour, the case work team (ASBAT) deals with more adults than young people as perpetrators. Their approach will continue as it currently is, to prevent where possible and to enforce along a sliding scale from warnings, referrals, acceptable behaviour contracts, dispersal orders, injunctions and, where appropriate, ASBOs.

In relation to gangs, the Police and Council officers in Haringey and Enfield continue to successfully work together to address cross border violence and gang issues. This group has expanded to include representatives from various agencies in both Boroughs, and diverse local partners ranging from the Police to Benefits and Taxation officers. Over the past few months this group (known as the Gang Action Group) has been sharing information about individuals known to be involved in serious violence and identifying a lead agency for each individual, devising bespoke action plans to divert them from gang activity.

The Youth Offending Service will continue to work with all young people receiving court sentences or police warnings to aim at preventing further offending by these young people. The Triage programme will be maintained as it has greatly assisted in reducing the number of children and young people entering the youth justice system.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 12 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR REECE:**

Why has the Council decided to go against government advice in regard to reducing rubbish collections to fortnightly?

**ANSWER**

To date there has not been any official advice issued by Government preventing local authorities reducing rubbish collections to fortnightly. Clearly the Council would consider any such guidance. The Council will within the new waste contract continue to collect on a weekly basis 75% of the current waste stream, focussing on all recyclable materials including dry materials, green waste and composting organic materials. The frequency



of collection on all high rise properties and Flats above Shops will remain the same. Alternate collection proposals apply to residential properties and only for residual waste. There will be a rolling programme of implementation starting from January 2012.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 13 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY FROM COUNCILLOR REID:**

Please name all bailiff firms used by the authority in the collection of Council Tax during the last five years.

**ANSWER**

Phoenix Commercial Collections, Newlyn PLC, Equita, AQC and CCS.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 14 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR SCHMITZ:**

Given that after school clubs are depended upon by working mothers, what was the justification for holding the consultation event on the future of the Falkland Centre on 14 March 2011 in the middle of the working day?

**ANSWER**

I am not aware of any such event for after school childcare being held on 14 March.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 15 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR SCOTT:**

Are decisions to locate new car bays for the Street Car Club influenced by public consultation? Do officers visit proposed bay sites before a decision is taken?

**ANSWER**

The locations of new car club bays are largely determined by membership, with demand greater in areas of higher membership. Officers will use membership data collated by our car club provider, Streetcar, to consider locations for the expansion of the scheme. Site visits are carried out to confirm the suitability of the proposed locations. As part of the legal process for the bays we are required to notify of our intentions and provide a minimum 21 day period for any interested party to make representation. This is normally done by placing a Public Notice on site and in the local press as well as writing to frontages directly affected by the proposed bay. All representations, are considered prior to deciding if the bay should be introduced.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 16 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR SOLOMON:**

What is the ratio between the annual total cost to employ the highest paid Haringey Council employee and the annual total cost to employ for the lowest paid Haringey Council employee. Is this fair and what actions is the lead Member taking to improve the ratio?

**ANSWER**

The ratio between the cost of the Chief Executive and a significant number of workers at the bottom end of the salary scales Sc1B is 12.4 times. The pay of the Chief Executive was approved by General Purposes and Remuneration Committees in October 2009.

The pay rates of senior managers in the organisation have not increased for the last 2 years.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 17 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY FROM COUNCILLOR STRANG:**

As part of his launch of Haringey's Green Strategy, the Member for Finance and Sustainability informed the council that the aim was to mitigate impact of climate change but that global warming was inevitable. What review / revision of contingency plans for extreme weather events are underway as a consequence of that conclusion?

**ANSWER**

Since the launch of the Greenest Borough Strategy in 2008, Haringey has made significant progress in tackling carbon. At the meeting of full Council in January the Member for Finance and Sustainability presented Haringey's first Annual Carbon Report, a crucial ingredient in delivering the environmental programme, and the first of its kind to be produced by a local authority. The report sets a framework for reporting on the borough's progress against ambitious targets to cut climate change. As acknowledged in both the Greenest Borough Strategy and Haringey's Carbon Report, adapting to the impacts of climate change will be an important element in our approach around environmental sustainability.

The Council's Emergency Plan is based on the Civil Contingencies Act requirements and longstanding arrangements between statutory agencies about roles and responsibilities in emergencies, including extreme weather events. These plans are informed by a multi-agency Community Risk Register prepared in consultation with the Environment Agency and the Met Office. Specific work has been undertaken to:

- Develop a Multi-agency Flood Plan for Haringey.
- To put in place arrangements under the NHS Heatwave Plan for England
- Learn the lessons from the heavy snow of recent winters

Responses to extreme weather events such as flooding are embedded within our council policies. For example, the emerging Core Strategy for Haringey has policies for climate change mitigation and adaptation. Cabinet approved a draft Supplementary Planning (SPD) document in October 2010 as a guide for developers.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 18 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR WEBER:**

Would the Cabinet Member please explain to residents how they are to dispose of disposable nappies or pet litter, in high summer, to avoid waste product stench, when she moves some residents onto the fortnightly black waste collections?

**ANSWER**

The Council will within the new waste contract continue to collect on a weekly basis 75% of the current waste stream, focussing on those materials which the collection will

have real environmental value by either recycling dry materials or composting organic materials. The frequency of collection on all high rise properties and Flats above Shops will remain the same.

In other places where Veolia has introduced fortnightly collections, there have not been problems associated with disposable nappies or pet litter. However, it is recognised that some residents could be concerned about these types of materials when the non-recyclable refuse collections for street level properties move to a fortnightly frequency during 2012, and the Council and Veolia will be addressing this by:

- encouraging residents who do use disposable nappies to double-bag them before putting them out in their wheelie bin
- issuing guidance to residents to help them use their refuse collection service
- promoting reusable nappies as an alternative option to cut down on waste.

Veolia will work in partnership with the Council to find solutions for problems that do arise with the introduction of fortnightly collections for residual waste, and engage with residents to discuss and resolve their individual needs and concerns.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 19 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR WHYTE:**

Would the Cabinet Member for Housing indicate how many new homes were built by the Council in the last year?

**ANSWER**

No new homes have been built by the Council in the last year due, in the main, to financial disincentives within the local government finance system. These disincentives were relaxed in 2009 with the launch of the last Labour Government's Local Authority New Build (LANB) programme which enabled councils to bid for HCA grant in return for investment through prudential borrowing.

Haringey was bringing forward proposals in line with these changes as outlined in the Borough Investment Plan, however subsequent changes in Government policy following last May's elections – and the withdrawal of the LANB programme - threw this into doubt.

The new HCA Framework 2011-15, published in February 2011, sets out proposals for local authorities to bid for funding under the new Affordable Rent programme. As with all of the other homes delivered under this programme, the Council would be required to let any new homes at 80% of market rents. The effect of the HRA self financing determination will also need to be taken into account.

If the Council is to build new homes, it would make sense to commence after the HRA debt settlement in 2012. We are currently exploring the opportunities that this will present and assessing the financial implications for the Council. Members will consider these options later this year. In the meantime, the Council has set aside £850,000 for 2011/12 with a view to assisting the development of new affordable housing with or without HCA grant. Officers in Planning, Housing and Homes for Haringey are in the

process of identifying and assessing small sites that have the potential for development during 2011/12.

We continue to work with Registered Providers and the HCA to identify new build opportunities and we are currently exploring a range of options that include joint venture working with our partners and alternative models of funding as a way of generating new investment streams. We are in the process of carrying out an asset audit of all HRA owned land and property assets in order to identify development opportunities. This process should conclude in summer 2011.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 20 – TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS:**

Has she read the political impartiality rules contained in Section II of the local government act 1986 and the resulting code, and if not, will she do so consider whether her own contributions to Haringey People magazine amount to breaking the law and misuse public funds for party political purposes for which she may be subject to action to recover the costs of this misuse, and will she desist from using council resources in this way in future.

**ANSWER**

Yes.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 21 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR WILSON:**

To date how many responses have been received to the Adult Social Care consultation which asked local residents' views on Labour plans to close older people's day centres, drop-in centres and luncheon clubs?

**ANSWER**

There have been 72 responses to the consultation survey so far. Moreover, a further 145 letters or emails have been received from people expressing their views and/or asking for information. We have also received 4 petitions.

We have carried out extensive consultation with users, their families and carers. We have written to them and organised regular meetings including interpreters, advocates, translated material into Braille and are making available in audio. We stand ready to do so in other formats and languages if asked. The result is that over 300 users, relatives and carers have taken part in one of our monthly meetings in the homes and centres. More meetings are planned for April, totalling some 60 meetings by the time the consultation ends. We have also briefed a number of other groups, including a pensioners' action group in Muswell Hill and facilitated or met with individuals/ organisations to discuss their alternative plans for residential homes and drop-in centres. All of the views have been noted. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to Councillors when they make their final decision about the proposed closures of homes and centres in June and July 2011.

**WRITTEN QUESTION 22 – TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR WINSKILL:**

How many times have Council vehicles been caught parking illegally on double yellow lines including the Council's CCTV smart cars?

**ANSWER**

Mobile CCTV enforcement vehicles are operated and managed by our contractor Ontime parking solutions, they have not been issued with any PCNs for being parked on Double Yellow lines as they have been issued with a dispensation to park on single yellow or double lines when carrying out enforcement duties.

**Appendix – Written Question 2**

	Pupil Premium	£
Alexandra Primary	48,160	
Belmont Infant	18,060	
Belmont Junior	24,940	
Bounds Green Infant	24,510	
Bounds Green Junior	37,410	
Broadwater Farm Primary	74,820	
Bruce Grove Primary	71,810	
Campsbourne Infant	21,930	
Campsbourne Junior	39,130	
Chestnuts	48,590	
Coldfall Primary	20,640	
Coleraine Park Primary	70,950	
Coleridge Primary	33,110	
Crowland Primary	39,990	
Devonshire Hill Primary	79,980	
Downhills Primary	81,700	
Earlham Primary	68,370	
Earlsmead Primary	74,820	
Ferry Lane Primary	26,660	
The Green CE Primary	22,790	
Highgate Primary	35,260	
Lancasterian Primary	82,130	
Lea Valley Primary	97,180	
Lordship Lane Primary	135,020	
Mulberry Primary	117,820	
Muswell Hill Primary	18,490	
Nightingale Primary	56,330	
Noel Park Primary	108,790	
North Harringay Primary	65,790	
Our Lady of Muswell RC Primary	11,180	
Rhodes Avenue Primary	7,310	
Risley Avenue Primary	126,850	
Rokesly Infant	27,950	
Rokesly Junior	38,700	
St.Aidan's Primary	12,040	
St.Ann's CE Primary	29,240	
St.Francis de Sales RC Infant	39,560	
St.Francis de Sales RC Junior	48,160	
St Gildas' RC Junior	12,900	
St.Ignatius RC Primary	55,470	
St.James' CE Primary	860	

St.John Vianney RC Primary	20,210
St.Martin of Porres RC Primary	2,580
St.Mary's CE Infant	24,510
St.Mary's CE Junior	29,240
St.Mary's RC Infant	22,790
St.Mary's RC Junior	27,950
St.Michael's CE Primary N6	10,320
St.Michael's CE Primary N22	17,200
St.Paul's & All Hallows CE Infant	22,790
St.Paul's & All Hallows CE Junior	34,830
St Paul's RC Primary	27,520
St.Peter in Chains RC Infant	9,460
Seven Sisters Primary	47,300
South Harringay Infant	26,660
South Harringay Junior	38,700
Stamford Hill Primary	39,990
Stroud Green Primary	58,910
Tetherdown Primary	3,010
Tiverton Primary	67,940
Welbourne Primary	70,090
West Green Primary	40,420
Weston Park Primary	10,320
<b>PRIMARY SCHOOL TOTALS</b>	<b>2,708,140</b>

Alexandra Park	92,020
Fortismere	52,460
Gladesmore	332,390
Highgate Wood	121,260
Hornsey	188,770
John Loughborough	24,940
Northumberland Park	228,330
Park View	189,200
St Thomas More	99,330
Woodside High	188,770
<b>Total Secondary Schools</b>	<b>1,517,470</b>

Blanche Nevile	15,050
Moselle	12,542
Vale	17,200
William C Harvey	3,225
<b>Total Specials</b>	<b>48,017</b>

Heartlands	29,240
Riverside	12,542

The Brook	9,532
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>4,324,940</b>



**Report of the Governance Review Delivery Group  
Council 04 April 2011**

**Chair: Councillor Claire Kober**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This report notes the progress of the Governance Review Delivery Group for implementing the recommendations of the Governance Review, previously noted by Council in January 2011.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 At the Council meeting in January 2011, the Council resolved to: 'establish an informal Delivery Group of Members, as described in paragraph 5.3.3 of the report and in accordance with Article 15.03(a) of the Constitution, to consider in detail all proposed text changes to the Constitution outlined in, or related to, the report at Appendix 1 with a view to making recommendations for adoption by full Council and implementation as from Annual Council in May 2011.'
- 2.2 The Delivery Group has considered the constitutional amendments and a set of protocols which shall comprise the main elements of implementing the proposed changes outlined in the Governance Review undertaken by Shared Intelligence.
- 2.3 Since its establishment, the informal Delivery Group has been convened on three occasions. It has met on 8 February 2011, 8 March 2011 and 31 March 2011.
- 2.4 In addition to these meetings the Delivery Group has consulted the Constitutional Review Working Group over the proposed constitutional changes given its experience in constitutional matters. As such the CRWG met on 21 February 2011 and was also invited to make further comments via email to the proposed constitutional changes.
- 2.5 This report outlines the Delivery Group's proposals for implementing the Governance Review, which are reflected in the protocols and constitutional changes. The Delivery Group will report the detailed text changes to the Constitution at Annual Council in May 2011.

**3. Delivery Group considerations**

**3.1 Area Committees**

Area Committees shall be created to have a number of responsibilities and decision-making powers, namely the development of Area Committee Plans to set out the local priorities. Area Committee meetings will include an open public forum, and as a result Area Assemblies in their current form will no longer exist.

**3.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Delivery Group proposes that the OSC comprises the Area Committee Chairs, and additional members where necessary to achieve political proportionality. The new Committee will consider how best to focus its reduced resources and time available on effective scrutiny of the Executive, given overall it is intended that OSC shall hold fewer meetings each year and undertake fewer standalone task and finish Scrutiny Reviews.

### 3.3 Non-Executive Committees

It is recommended by the Delivery Group that the General Purposes, Audit, Pensions and Remuneration Committees be combined into a Corporate Committee. The Planning and Licensing Committees (and their Sub-Committees) along with the Miscellaneous Functions Sub-Committee will be combined into a single Regulatory Committee and its Planning Sub-Committee and its Licensing Sub-Committee.

Under the proposed new arrangements, it is intended that these bodies would hold fewer meetings in alignment with their defined work programmes.

### 3.4 Full Council

The Delivery Group are recommending that there will be five full Council meetings per year, taking place from 19:00 – 21:30. Those meetings would include the Annual Council, the Budget-setting Meeting, and three ordinary meetings that would involve a 'Haringey Debate'.

It is recommended that every year one debate topic is allocated to each group, and the remaining debate would be on the Mayor's theme. In addition there will be two motions at each ordinary meeting, one from each group, alternating in agenda order. In light of this arrangement, it is proposed that the specific Opposition Business item would no longer be on the agenda.

A review is being carried out on making appropriate access to information and answers to questions effective and prompt. When that is successful it is intended that the current overuse of written Council Questions will be significantly reduced.

### 3.5 Special Responsibility Allowances

The recommended changes to SRAs for Haringey reflect that:

- The number of cabinet Members has reduced from 9 to 7;
- The SRAs can be deleted for Chairs of those Committees that are being removed from the Constitution;
- Chairs of the Area Committees shall also sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, therefore duplication of SRAs can be deleted.

## 4. Members' Allowances Scheme 2011/12

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, a Scheme of Members' Allowances must be annually approved and adopted by full Council. The Scheme for 2010/11 was in force until 31 March 2011, and therefore Council must adopt a new Scheme for 2011/12. It is proposed that the existing Scheme is approved and adopted, as

outlined in Appendix 2, for review at Annual Council in light of the proposed new Committees structure through the Governance Review.

A minor amendment to the existing Scheme is proposed, to align the Babysitting Allowance with the London Living Wage rather than the Minimum Wage as at present.

## 5. Recommendations

5.1 We recommend that members resolve:

- I. To approve the Delivery Group's proposals for implementing the Governance Review.
- II. To consider the detailed text changes to the Constitution at Annual Council in May 2011.
- III. To approve the Scheme of Members' Allowances for the municipal year 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 2 and to adopt this as the revised Part 6 of the Council's Constitution. This scheme shall be subject to review at the Annual Council meeting, with the proposed new Committees structure.

### Appendix 1 – Composition of Proposed Committees

Area Committees	OSC	Corporate Committee	Regulatory Committee
Ward Cllrs for each area:	Total 9 Members	Total 7 Members	Total 10 Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Ann's and Harringay</li> <li>• Wood Green</li> <li>• Crouch End</li> <li>• Muswell Hill</li> <li>• Tottenham and Seven Sisters</li> <li>• West Green and Bruce Grove</li> <li>• Northumberland Park and White Hart Lane</li> </ul>	<u>7 AC Chairs:</u> 5 Labour 2 Lib Dem  <u>2 non-AC Chairs:</u> 2 Lib Dem	4 Labour 3 Lib Dem	6 Labour 4 Lib Dem

**Appendix 2 – Members’ Allowances Scheme 2011/12**

# **Part 6**

## **Members’ Allowances Scheme**

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### **1. SCHEME FOR THE PAYMENT OF MEMBERS’ ALLOWANCES**

1.01 Made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 and in force for the municipal year 2011/12 (i.e. 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012).

### **2. BASIC ALLOWANCE**

2.01 Each Councillor will be entitled to receive the sum of £10,500 by way of Basic Allowance.

2.02 If a Councillor does not serve as such for the whole 12-month period or becomes disqualified, he/she will only be entitled to receive pro-rata payment for the period(s) during which he/she actually was a serving Councillor. This principle applies to service on Council bodies by independent Standards Committee members and education representatives on scrutiny bodies.

### **3. INCLUDED EXPENSES**

3.01 Travel Expenses.

The Basic Allowance includes all travel within the M25. Councillors are not entitled to any form of concession or special permit as Councillors for parking in the Borough.

3.02 Telephones and I.T.

The Basic Allowance includes Councillors’ telephone call charges, both mobile and landline, for which Councillors are billed individually. The Council meets the rental for apparatus, including broadband, and all datacharges.

### **4. MAYORAL ALLOWANCES**

4.01 The additional allowances for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are:

(a) The Mayor is entitled to an additional allowance of £15,750.

(b) The Deputy Mayor is entitled to an additional allowance of £3,936.

## 5. SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

5.01 Haringey Council will allocate Special Responsibility Allowances in four bands, to Councillors who take on certain additional roles.

Band	Position	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
Band 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader</li> </ul>	£31,497	£41,997
Band 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 or fewer x Cabinet Members</li> <li>• Opposition Leader</li> <li>• Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul>	£23,622	£34,122
Band 2  Band 2 (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of General Purposes Committee</li> <li>• Chief Whip</li> <li>• Chair of Planning Committee</li> <li>• Chair of Licensing Committee</li> <li>• Chair of Alexandra Palace and Park Board</li> <li>• Chair of Audit Committee</li> <li>• Chair of Pensions Committee</li> <li>• Opposition Deputy Leader</li> <li>• Opposition Chief Whip</li> <li>• 6 x Councillors on Overview and Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul>	£15,750	£26,250
Band 1	7 x Chairs of Area Assemblies	£7,875	£18,375

## 6. MULTIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES

6.01 Where a Councillor holds more than one post of special responsibility, he/she may only receive one Special Responsibility Allowance. Where a Councillor holds more than one post of special responsibility and the posts have Special Responsibility Allowances of different monetary values, the Councillor would receive the higher one. For the purposes of this paragraph, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor count as posts of special responsibility.

**7. CO-OPTEEES' ALLOWANCES**

7.01 Each independent Standards Committee member and each education representative on scrutiny bodies is entitled to an allowance of £616.50 excepting the Chair of the Standards Committee who is entitled to an allowance of £1,263. This incorporates all other allowances, with the exception of babysitting and dependants allowance. No allowances are payable to others who are not elected Councillors.

**8. BABYSITTING AND DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE**

8.01 Councillors and non-elected members can claim this allowance based on the following :

(a) That reimbursement be made at a maximum rate of ~~£5.80~~ £7.85 per hour. The period of payment should include the time of the meeting, together with reasonable travelling time of the member, plus any necessary travelling expenses of the carer to and from their home.

(b) Children over the age of 16 must not be claimed for, unless suffering from an illness or disability making constant care essential.

**9. TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE**

Councillors can claim this allowance for attending approved meetings, training and conferences etc. only to the extent that it involves travel outside the M25. Claims must be based on the following :

(a) The mileage rate for travel by private car is 34.6 pence per mile. An extra 3 pence per mile is payable for each passenger for whom a travelling allowance would otherwise be payable. The cost of tolls, ferries and parking charges can be claimed.

(b) The mileage rate for travel by solo motor cycle is :

Not exceeding	150 cc	8.5 pence per mile
Over	150 cc but not over 500 cc	12.3 pence per mile
Over	500 cc	16.5 pence per mile

(c) On public transport only the ordinary or cheaper fare can be claimed where more than one class is available.

(d) The cost of a taxi, including a reasonable tip, can be claimed only in case of urgency or where public transport is not practicable or reasonably available.

(e) The maximum rates for subsistence allowance on approved duties are as follows:

For an absence of more than 4 hours before 11.00	£4.92
For an absence of more than 4 hours including lunchtime between 12.00 and 14.00	£6.77
For an absence of more than 4 hours including the period 15.00 to 18.00	£2.67
For an absence of more than 4 hours ending after 19.00	£8.38

## **10. CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS**

10.01 The Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances will be paid in equal monthly instalments.

10.02 The Co-optees' Allowance must be claimed by, and will be paid at, the end of the municipal year, subject to paragraphs 2.02 above and 10.04 below.

10.03 All claims for Travelling and Subsistence Allowance and Babysitting and Dependants Allowance must be made within two months of the relevant meeting or the costs being incurred by the Councillor or non-elected member, subject to paragraph 10.04 below..

10.04 If any Allowance under paragraphs 10.02 or 10.03 is not claimed within the prescribed time limit, the Head of Local Democracy & Members' Services shall have a discretion to make the payment nonetheless.

10.05 Any Councillor or non-elected member may elect to forego his/her entitlement to all or part of any allowance by giving written notice at any time to the Head of Local Democracy & Members' Services.

## **11. WITHHOLDING AND REPAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES**

11.01 The Standards Committee or any of its Sub-Committees is authorised to withdraw the payment of the allowances set out below in whole or in part, as appropriate, in the event of a Councillor being suspended or partially suspended. The allowances covered by this provision are the following:

- (a) Basic Allowance;
- (b) Special Responsibility Allowance;
- (c) Travelling and Subsistence Allowances; and
- (d) Co-optees' Allowance.

11.02 Where the Standards Committee/Sub-Committee withdraws any of the above allowances in whole or in part and it transpires that the Councillor has already been paid in whole or in part for the relevant period of suspension or partial suspension, then the Standards Committee/Sub-Committee may require that the Councillor repay the relevant amount to the Council.

## **12. MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME**

12.01 All eligible Councillors are allowed to join the Local Government Pension scheme in respect of the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances paid to them as part of this scheme of allowances.



## Item 14

COUNCIL MEETING – 4 APRIL 2011

Amendment to Motion U (2010/11)

(Amendments are shown in bold, deletions have been struck through)

***This Council Notes:***

~~This Council supports~~

- Moves to change our parliamentary voting system, ***including a Referendum to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011***
  - ***That the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituency Act 2011 places responsibility with the Electoral Commission to promote the Referendum and will be provided with adequate funding to do so***
  - ***Haringey Council's £41 million funding shortfall for the next financial year***
- ~~———, which will see Haringey's Members of Parliament elected under a fairer system.—~~

***This Council Believes:***

- ***In the current financial climate, promoting the referendum would be an inappropriate use of Haringey public funds***
- ***Tying the Referendum to other provisions is an undemocratic and partisan approach by the Coalition***
- ***Proposed changes to constituency boundaries excluding 8-16% of eligible voters, the abolition of public inquiries into decisions of the Boundary Commission and an arbitrary reduction in the size of the House of Commons are cynical moves to gerrymander votes.***

***This Council Resolves:***

- ***To call on the Government to ensure that all residents are provided with information on the pro and cons of the proposed voting systems.***

~~Council calls on the Returning Officer to take steps to promote participation in the Referendum.~~

Propose: Cllr George Meehan  
Second: Cllr Ann Waters

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COUNCIL MEETING – 4 APRIL 2011

Amendment to Motion V (2010/11)

(Amendments are shown in bold, deletions have been struck through)

This Council notes:

- ***Commitments in Haringey Labour's One Borough manifesto to "use all of our powers to tackle rogue landlords who flout the law through illegal conversions, and push for the stiffest penalties" and "use the new powers from the Labour government to regulate houses in multiple occupation and tackle slum landlords through licensing, so all private tenants have decent homes"***
- ***This Council's support of the amendment to the Housing Act 2004 and commitment to fully utilise discretionary powers in Haringay and St Anns pilot area.***
- A recent survey by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) showing that of those officers working on housing enforcement in the private rented sector, nine out of ten had encountered landlords engaging in harassment or illegal eviction, and 78% had dealt with landlords who persistently refuse to maintain their property to a safe condition
- It is only a minority of private landlords that are threatening and abusive to their tenants
- The damage rogue landlords can have on vulnerable tenants and the wider community
- The lack of protection for tenants if they make a complaint against a landlord
- Local authorities can serve an improvement notice or prohibition order where housing conditions fall below an acceptable standard. If the landlord fails to comply they can be prosecuted.
- Harassment and illegal eviction are criminal offences. Local authorities can prosecute landlords who commit these crimes.
- Shelter's recent survey with the CIEH, shows 66% of Environmental Health Officers working in the private rented sector said that in their area no landlords had been prosecuted in the last 12 months for failure to comply with an order under the 2004 Housing Act, although over 40% said that under a quarter of such orders issued by their local authority had been complied with.

The Council resolves

- To take a zero tolerance approach to rogue landlords

- To use the full range of tools and powers at our disposal to tackle rogue landlords
- ~~To carry out regular housing conditions surveys, focusing on areas in which the stock is poorly maintained and the level of private renting is highest.~~
- ~~To use in instances where the Councils becomes aware of rogue landlords operating in low demand areas, to consider using power to introduce a selective licensing scheme.~~
- ***Upon the successful completion of Harringay and St Anns pilot, to commit to roll out utilising discretionary powers to other areas in Haringey.***
- ***In areas where we commit ourselves to roll out discretionary powers we will carry out an evidence gathering audit of conditions of properties.***
- ***Continue to utilise available resources effectively to make the biggest impact*** ~~To back up their enforcement policies with adequate resources to make them enforceable as the cost of rogue landlords' activities will be picked up in other ways, such as a higher number of tenants requiring homelessness assistance.~~
- To ***continue to*** take advantage of the provisions of the 2004 Housing Act, which allows a recoup of costs by charging the landlord.

Propose Amends: Cllr Nilgun Canver

Second Amends: Cllr Zena Brabazon

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Amendment to Motion W (2010/11)

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Sustainable Transport

This Council Notes:

- ~~• Cuts of £1.7bn to London's bus services and £16m cut to London Underground.~~
- Boris Johnson's decision to axe plans to make London Underground step free and close 400 ticket offices across the capital.
- Under Tory Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, bus fares have already increased by 20% last year, with further planned Tube and bus fares increases of approximately 7%.
- **Between 2005 and 2007, a single Oyster bus fare rose, under former Labour Mayor Ken Livingstone, by 42 per cent (from 70p to £1) – with a 25 per cent increase in 2005 alone.**
- ~~• The Coalition's decision to impose revenue savings of 21% to the Department of Transport, 28% cuts to TFL budgets, reduction of the bus subsidy by 20% and cuts of local government resource grants by 28%.~~
- ~~• The scrapping of the Western Congestion Charge resulting in a Transport for London revenue loss of £55 million per annum~~
- The low car ownership in the east of borough, and the subsequent importance of public transport
- ~~• The successful completion of Labour's manifesto pledge to establish a Sustainable Transport Commission.~~
- ~~• The Labour manifesto commitment to continue educational and awareness raising work on sustainable transport.~~
- Ongoing work to extend the successful car club, to reduce private car use in the borough.
- **The Liberal Democrat manifesto commitment implemented in government: "To help the transition to a green economy over the longer term, we will set up a United Kingdom Infrastructure Bank (UKIB) to attract private finance." - The creation of a UK-wide Green Investment Bank will be funded by a £1 billion spending allocation and additional proceeds from the sale of Government-owned assets. The bank will encourage significant additional investment in green infrastructure."**

- **The Liberal Democrat manifesto commitment implemented in government to include “promotion of safer cycling and pedestrian routes in all local transport plans.” - In September Norman Baker MP announced plans for a new Local Sustainable Transport Fund to challenge local transport authorities outside London to develop packages of measures that support economic growth and reduce carbon in their communities, as well as delivering cleaner environments, improved safety and increased levels of physical activity.**

This Council Believes:

- ~~That cuts to transport funding do not represent a “soft cut” and severely undermine our capacity to tackle climate change.~~
- Increased costs of public transport will place residents under greater financial strain.
- Reducing private car usage should continue to be a priority.
- ~~Income from the Western Congestion Charge could have been invested in services or used to keep bus and tube fares down~~

This Council Resolves:

- To lobby the ~~Tory~~ Mayor of London, and ~~Coalition~~ **government** ministers to ~~reconsider these plans.~~ **focus on sustainable transport**
- To continue to work towards ~~our~~ **the** goal of reducing carbon emissions ~~in spite of swingeing cuts to Local Government funding.~~

Propose – Cllr Robert Gorrie  
Second – Cllr Richard Wilson