

NOTICE OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL

**Monday, 18th November, 2024, 7.30 pm - Tottenham Town Hall,
Tottenham Town Hall Approach Road, N15 4RY (watch the live [Here](#)
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Councillors: Anna Abela, Gina Adamou, Peray Ahmet, Ibrahim Ali, Kaushika Amin, Emily Arkell, Dawn Barnes, Nicola Bartlett, John Bevan, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Cathy Brennan, Lester Buxton, Dana Carlin, Liam Carroll, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Seema Chandwani, Lotte Collett, Pippa Connor, Eldridge Culverwell, Nick da Costa, Lucia das Neves, Isidoros Diakides, Erdal Dogan, George Dunstall, Sarah Elliott, Scott Emery, Ruth Gordon, Mark Grosskopf, Makbule Gunes, Mike Hakata, Holly Harrison-Mullane, Tammy Hymas, Emine Ibrahim, Marsha Isilar-Gosling, Thayahlan lyngkaran, Sue Jameson(Mayor), Cressida Johnson, Anna Lawton, Ahmed Mahbub, Mary Mason, Khaled Moyeed, Sean O'Donovan, Felicia Opoku, Ajda Ovat, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Alessandra Rossetti, Adam Small, Michelle Simmons-Safo, Anne Stennett, Joy Wallace, Elin Weston, Matt White, Sarah Williams and Alexandra Worrell

Quorum: 15

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2. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **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**

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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- 5. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND OF JULY 2024 AND 10 OCTOBER 2024 (PAGES 1 - 28)**
- 6. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
- 7. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PAGES 29 - 32)**
 - i) Appointment of Honorary Recorder of Haringey
- 8. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES**
- 9. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 33 - 196)**
 - a) The Cabinet
 - b) Audit Committee
 - c) Standards Committee – report to follow
- 10. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM**
- 11. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10**

Cllr Connor to Cllr Arkell

1. There have been a number of complaints regarding the running of the leisure centres since the council took over; and in particular shock and anger at the reduction in hours to the Lido - something that was not publicly proposed prior to the takeover. The justification for bringing the service in-house was a better service for residents, but when will residents see improvements and much better engagement?

Cllr Barbara Blake to Cllr Williams

2. We have embarked on an ambitious house building programme with 3000 council homes due to be completed. Many of these properties are acquisitions and form part of larger developments. Can the cabinet member outline how this and other measure are helping to address the housing crisis facing many families in Haringey.

Cllr Emery to Cllr Williams

3. Haringey housing workers walked out on strike in the middle of October over a number of issues, including representatives of the Union saying that resident safety was not being taken seriously. Talking to the press in response, Cllr Williams said that "All repairs can be reported to us in the usual way, and we expect to deal with emergencies within the usual 24 hours to keep our residents safe and comfortable." However when a resident reported an emergency repair for a ceiling leak they were told that due to the strike, unless it was life-threatening, nothing could be done at that time. Just a couple of days later this ceiling collapsed on her daughter's cot. What is being done on strike days to ensure that urgent repairs like this are attended to in a timely manner, to avoid potentially catastrophic results?

Cllr Sheila Peacock to Cllr Ruth Gordon

4. Haringey's Civic Centre is a central part of Haringey's history, and many residents have fond memories of it. We are proud that we are investing in this building. Can the cabinet member provide an update on the Civic Centre Redevelopment Programme?

Cllr Cawley-Harrison to Cllr Carlin

5. How confident are you that you will be able to close the budget gap this year and set a balanced budget, and are you already in discussions with the government about if you are unable to?

Cllr Grosskopf to Cllr Brabazon

6. The new Government has put education at the heart of the Autumn Budget. Tripling of Breakfast club funding, £6.1 Capital investment for

building and maintenance, and £1bn for SEND provision. Can the cabinet member tell us about the work the council is doing to support young people in the Borough?

Cllr Mason to Cllr Ovat

7. Twenty nine thousand and seventy three people (one third) in Haringey are struggling to pay rents, buy food, and pay their bills. 12.7% of whom are at risk or in crisis. Increasing numbers of households are filling an essential gap for these families. Currently at least four food banks in Haringey do not have premises or are threatened with having to leave their premises.

Please can you assure us that you will actively and urgently support the use of empty council owned properties by Food Banks and ensure that the scheme is running before the Christmas break.

Cllr Simmons-Safo to Cllr Chandwani

8. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Council's work supporting residents with the Universal Credit migration?

9. Cllr Ibrahim to Cllr Ovat

Can the Cabinet Member outline the work being done to tackle hate crime in Haringey?

12. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13

Motion E

Winter Fuel Allowance

Proposer: Cllr Scott Emery

Seconder: Cllr Nick da Costa

Council notes:

- The Labour Government has restricted eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments to those on means-tested benefits (primarily Pension Credit); reducing the number of people eligible for Winter Fuel Payments from around 12 million to 1.2 million;
- The government is set to receive a windfall of £1.5 billion from Octopus Energy, which would be enough to reinstate Winter Fuel Payments for this year;
- The most recent statistics showed 27,145 households in Haringey were in receipt of the winter fuel allowance, an estimated 74% of whom will lose out under the government's rule changes;

- To receive Pension Credit a single pensioner must have an income of less than £11,343.80 per year, compared with a full-time living wage salary of £20,820.8 per year;
- 37% of those eligible do not claim pension credit, and 780,000 pensioners earning below £11,400 per year will no longer receive the Winter Fuel Payment under Labour's plans, according to the government's own equalities analysis;
- Data from Policy in Practice shows that almost £17 million of pension credit goes unclaimed in Haringey each year, affecting over 4000 households;
- Haringey's analysis shows that there are 815 eligible residents not claiming pension credit in the borough;
- 4 out of 5 pensioners due to lose the Winter Fuel Payment are on or below the poverty line according to Age UK;
- The Energy Price Cap has risen by 10% in October, which, combined with restricted eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments, will push thousands of local pensioners into fuel poverty;
- Many councils are planning to use the Household Support Fund to provide payments to pensioners who are missing out on the winter fuel payment, and Haringey has confirmed its plans to provide a payment from the council to 2,804 pension aged households claiming council tax reduction scheme.

Council believes:

- Balancing the government's budget on the back of vulnerable pensioners is morally wrong;
- The government's decision to use claiming pension credit as its criterion for receiving the winter fuel payment, whilst knowing that more than a third of those eligible do not claim, was an unethical choice;
- It is wrong for councils to have to compensate for central government cutting support for some of the least affluent in society, particularly at a time of stretched budgets;
- Elderly people with an income as low as £218.15 per week are not affluent, and many are vulnerable and at risk of health problems from cold weather;
- It has responsibilities to the most vulnerable to protect them from avoidable public health risks;
- That a review of the eligibility criteria for the Winter Fuel Allowance should take place immediately, in consultation with pensioner representative groups, ensuring that pensioners on low and middle incomes are protected this winter.

Council resolves:

- To use the Household Support Fund to provide a payment from the council to pension aged households claiming council tax reduction scheme;
- To examine what support can be provided to these same households in future years, once the Household Support Fund has been removed by government;

- To redouble public information campaigns to encourage greater uptake of Pension Credits by those who are entitled to them;
- To instruct the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, copied to Haringey's Members of Parliament, to set out Haringey Council's concerns on this matter, to request that a review along the lines described above takes place, and to request that they reverse the policy of linking Winter Fuel Allowance payments to receipt of Pension Credit.

Motion F

Title: SEND provision in Haringey

Proposer: Cllr Zena Brabazon

Seconder: Cllr Makbule Gunes

This Council notes:

In England, 1.6 million young people have special educational needs, a rise of 6.3% since 2023;

In Haringey, there are approximately 8,000 children and young people who require SEN support and 2,974 who have an education, health and care plan (EHCP). Compared with the previous year, there has been a 22% increase in the number of requests for an assessment for an EHCP and an overall increase of 6% for children with EHCP's;

In the Autumn budget, the new government announced a package of investment measures to support young people and families across the UK. These included tripling breakfast club funding, £6.1bn in capital investment for rebuilding and maintaining schools and £2.3bn for revenue investment which includes £1bn in additional SEND funding;

The Mayor of London has announced the extension of universal free school meals to primary aged children which has allowed schools to access additional essential pupil premium funding;

This administration is committed to strengthen Children's Services in Haringey and officers have worked collaboratively with partners and community groups such as SEND Power to enhance our support to young people and families in;

Children's Services were awarded a Good by Ofsted for the first time in its history and was awarded the highest rating in its SEND service provision by a joint Ofsted and CQC inspection;

The Safety Valve Programme, implemented by this administration, has enabled the council to create an additional 170 places for young people with SEND in partnership with mainstream and special schools across the borough;

The Safety Value Programme has supported us in extending capacity in mainstream and special schools in-borough, which enables a local and integrated education, care, and support to be close to families and support networks, especially those with the most complex needs.

This Council believes:

That 14 years of underinvestment in SEND has put local authorities and their ability to deliver their statutory obligations and provide the best support under strain;

That future investment, resources and research in how local authorities meet the most complex needs in the SEND high needs block is vital;

Ensuring that funding is available and sufficient for all young people who require additional support to be able to access it.

This Council resolves:

To call on the UK government to enhance routes to accessing support for all that need it such as providing better diagnosis of special needs;

To call on the UK government for further funding for local authorities to improve outcomes for children and young people;

To write to the Secretary of State for Education to highlight our implementation of the Safety Valve programme, invite her to visit and see firsthand the success it and other measures have had on SEND provision in Haringey.

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