

NOTICE OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL

Monday, 21st July, 2025, 7.30 pm - Tottenham Town Hall Town Hall Approach Road London N15 4RY (watch the live meeting [Here](#) watch the recording [here](#))

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, Emine Ibrahim, Marsha Isilar-Gosling, Thayahlan Iyngkaran, Sue Jameson, Cressida Johnson, Anna Lawton, Ahmed Mahbub (Mayor), Mary Mason, Khaled Moyeed, Sean O'Donovan, Felicia Opoku, Ajda Ovat, Ruairidh Paton, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Alessandra Rossetti, Michelle Simmons-Safo, Adam Small, 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 19TH OF MAY 2025 (PAGES 1 - 10)**

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

7. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

To receive a report on change to the political composition and appointments to Committees 2025/26. **Report to follow**

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

9. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES**

- a) 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**

1.Cllr Connor to Cllr Carlin

Could you confirm the level of exceptional financial support Haringey was forced to draw down at the end of the last financial year, and how any support was composed in terms of loans and capital receipts?

2.Cllr Dunstall to Cllr Williams

Could the Cabinet Member share more about the Council's £570m investment in refurbishing our council homes?

3.Cllr Cawley-Harrison to Cllr Arkell

Residents who use Park Road Leisure Centre feel that communication from the centre is below expectations - the recent closure for planned works with a week's notice being the most obvious example - and that they are not being listened to, such as on longstanding requests for longer lido hours and more family swim sessions from Spring through to Autumn. Can you confirm what work is being done to improve relations and communication with centre users, and on plans for extending the lido provision?

4.Cllr Gunes to Cllr Ovat

Could the Cabinet Member explain how the Council, through its Community Networks, is supporting and listening to our many diverse communities in Haringey?

5.Cllr da Costa to Cllr Chandwani

Fly tipping is becoming a huge problem in Queen's Wood, with more than 20 large-scale incidents in the past year. With the perpetrators now causing ecological damage by dumping in the wood itself, will Haringey take proper, sustained enforcement action to catch the perpetrators, and commit to bringing in CCTV?

6.Cllr Brennan to Cllr Brabazon

The Government recently expanded the Free School Meals programme to all children in households on Universal Credit, ensuring an additional 17,000 school children in Haringey can continue learning on a full stomach. Could the Cabinet Member share how the Council is also supporting schools and children to access Free School Meals?

7.Cllr Mason Cllr das Neves

Research shows how vital it is to reduce isolation and increase opportunities for exercise and healthy eating. Working with the voluntary and community sector is key to delivery and to increasing resources. This is only possible with accessible premises in all neighbourhoods. Using Wards as 'neighbourhoods', please can you identify which wards have accessible free space which can be used to develop community and early intervention activities.

8.Cllr Small to Cllr Chandwani

Could the Cabinet Member provide an update on how the Council is progressing on its corporate delivery plan commitment to make all roads in Haringey a maximum of 20mph?

9.Cllr Amin to Cllr Hakata

As the impact of climate change takes hold and weather patterns become more erratic, greening our urban spaces becomes increasingly urgent. Could the Cabinet Member outline what the Council has done to deliver urban greening in Haringey?

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

Motion A

Title: Recognising the Latin American community in Haringey

Proposer: Cllr Ruth Gordon

Seconder: Cllr Ajda Ovat

This council notes that:

- The Latin American community is one of London's fastest growing and is among the largest non-UK born populations.
- Latin American is used to define an ethnic group encompassing people from countries in North, Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean, who share common cultural, historical, and linguistic roots.
- It is a highly diverse community, comprising people from many different countries and migration statuses, and UK-born second-generation or first-generation local descendants.
- The Latin American community in Haringey has grown significantly over the past decade. Haringey ranked 6th in London for Latin American population according to the 2011 Census. By 2021, this number had more than doubled to 10,012 residents, making Haringey the third borough for Latin American population in London - after Lambeth and Southwark.
- Latin Americans are not recognised as an official ethnic category in the UK Census, and are routinely placed in the "Other" ethnic group, resulting in statistical invisibility.
- Despite high rates of education and employment, Latin Americans face low pay and workplace exploitation. 70% earn less than the London Living Wage and they are concentrated in low-paid sectors, particularly cleaning, hospitality and care work.

- Lack of monitoring makes it more difficult to understand the take-up, targeting and effectiveness of public services. During Covid-19, Latin Americans were excluded from national monitoring.
- Other London boroughs, including Lambeth, Southwark, Islington, Hackney and Newham, and the Greater London Authority, have officially recognised Latin Americans and include the category in ethnicity monitoring.
- We are proud of and grateful for the contributions made to our local workforce, cultural sector, and community and civic infrastructure by residents from a range of Latin American backgrounds.
- The contribution of the Latin American community in Haringey is particularly evident at the Seven Sisters Market. Otherwise known as 'Latin Village', the Market plays a strong role in Tottenham's identity and history and has a unique economic, social and cultural value for Latin Americans across London and the diverse communities that live and work in Tottenham.
- This Council believes that:
- Residents from across Latin America have made Haringey their home in increasing numbers and play a valuable and welcome role in the borough.
- Low pay and workplace exploitation contribute to multiple challenges for Latin Americans, including child poverty, housing insecurity, poor mental and physical health and barriers to public services, especially for families and carers.
- Poor access to translated information, limited engagement from some public services, and language barriers severely affected outcomes during Covid-19 and continues to do so in other areas.
- Inclusion of Latin American as a category in the monitoring forms of the Council and its partner organisations will help ensure services are appropriate and effective.
- National recognition of Latin Americans, particularly by the Office of National Statistics, would ensure effective comparison across public agencies.
- The re-opening of the Seven Sisters Market is a significant moment for the community, Council and Borough, and is testament to the resilience and tireless campaigning of the market traders and Seven Sisters Market Tenant Association.
- The Community Plan has laid the foundations for a new gateway to Tottenham that directly responds to its existing social and cultural fabric and protects the tangible and intangible heritage of a celebrated and unique community asset.
- Learning from the Market's original success, the Community Plan will deliver new much-needed low-cost retail, small business, community and cultural space in the heart of the West Green Road/Seven Sisters town centre.

This Council resolves to:

- Officially recognise the Latin American community in Haringey.

- Add a Latin American category to internal and external monitoring forms across council services.
- Engage with Haringey residents from a range of Latin American backgrounds to understand how to best represent them in our categorisations
- Develop a programme of work with staff across the organisation to promote the use of equalities monitoring forms and robust data collection for all our residents.
- Work with London Councils and the GLA to implement a consistent Londonwide approach.
- Support the inclusion of an official Latin American category in the next UK Census.
- Share data on the local Latin American population with community groups in accordance with the principles of GDPR.
- Work with other communities that are or feel excluded from council and wider categorisations to better reflect their identity.

Motion B

Thames Water

Proposer: Cllr Dawn Barnes

Seconder: Cllr Pippa Connor

Council notes that:

- The Water Act 1989, which privatised existing water authorities and was opposed by both the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats, made England and Wales the only countries in the world with a fully-privatised water and sewage disposal system;
- Despite the government writing off the debts of the water authorities and injecting over a billion pounds of public money into the new private companies, those companies had, by 2024, accumulated £60 billion of debt whilst paying out £78 billion in dividends;
- Thames Water is the worst performing water company according to the Consumer Council for Water;
- After securing a £3 billion 'rescue loan' at an interest rate of 9.75% earlier this year - despite a legal challenge led by Liberal Democrat MP, Charlie Maynard - Thames Water's debts stand at over £19 billion, the highest of any UK water company;
- In May 2025, Thames Water was hit with £123 million in fines from Ofwat, including £104 million for environmental breaches involving sewage spills and £18 million for paying out unjustified dividends;
- Thames Water has been allowed dispensation to increase customer bills by 35% by 2030, despite its poor performance;
- Thames Water currently loses around one quarter of its drinking water through leaks in its own system, and leaks are frequently not properly repaired;

- Thames Water has paid out millions of pounds in bonuses to its executives in recent years, and Adrian Montague, the company's Chairman, recently told the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Select Committee that "we have a bonus scheme to protect our most precious resource, which is the senior management team."

Council believes that:

- The way water companies have essentially been asset stripped by investors is a national scandal;
- The government's Water (Special Measures) Bill was a welcome first step in strengthening the regulator and blocking bonuses for executives who pollute the UK's waterways, but did not go far enough;
- Ofwat should be replaced with a far stronger regulator, which is needed regardless of whether companies are public or privately run;
- Creditors, not customers, should bail out any water company which enters special administration;
- The government should not support Thames Water's efforts to apply for more loans unless it can guarantee that the taxpayer will not end up being liable for repayment further down the line;
- Proposed bill hikes are totally unjustifiable given both Thames Water's dreadful performance and the cost of living crisis severely impacting Haringey residents;
- The continuing failure of Thames Water to properly address leaks, resulting in days of road closures around the borough as the same problems are patched again and again instead of solved, or repair sites are left unattended by Thames instead of being prioritised for fixing and reopening, is unacceptable;
- Thames Water management's attitude to billpayers is contemptible, and no executive should receive bonuses whilst the company they run's performance is so poor.

Council resolves to:

- Declare that it has no confidence in Thames Water;
- Write to the government outlining the impact Thames Water's low performance and high bills are having on Haringey residents, and requesting that Thames Water is put into Special Administration in order to write down its unsustainable debts and protect billpayers;
- Request that government scraps the private ownership model with a single operator per area for water companies, replacing it with either public or mutual companies, and including customers, employees and environmental experts on boards.

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