

NOTICE OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL

Monday, 20th July, 2026, 7.30 pm - Tottenham Town Hall Town Hall Approach Road London N15 4RY (watch the live meeting, [Here](#) watch the recording [here](#))

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

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 20TH OF MAY 2026 (PAGES 1 - 8)**
6. **TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
7. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Update on Political Proportionality and Council Appointments.

Report to follow.

8. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES**
9. **CSO 3.1 (VI) ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CABINET MEMBERS - EXTERNAL AUDITOR RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF SCHEDULE 7 OF THE LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 AND THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS (PAGES 9 - 42)**

Statutory recommendation in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Required Public Notice is attached to the agenda.

10. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Report to follow

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 43 - 76)

a) Standards Committee

12. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM

13. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10

1.Councillor Andrea Hodgson to Councillor Mark Blake

What does the Leader of the Council see as the role of the local authority in relation to the current dispute between the NEU and Highgate Wood School?

2.Councillor Mike Hodges to Councillor Erin Wolson

Can the Cabinet Member outline what improvements the Council is taking to help residents stay safe and cool during periods of extreme heat, which is in addition to the current provision of paddling pools, water play facilities.

3.Councillor Sarah Williams to Councillor Gio Iozzi

Given this minority administration's stated commitment to tree protection, could the Cabinet Member confirm the current position and future prospects for the Oakfield Road tree in Stroud Green.

4.Councillor Bethany Anderson to Councillor Gio Iozzi

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Council's approach to reducing the use of glyphosate across the borough, including any progress made in trialling alternative methods of weed management and the challenges involved in moving towards lower-pesticide maintenance of our public spaces?

5.From Councillor Michael Brookes to Councillor Ata Berk Aksit

The Council owns a broad range of land and property assets, from corporate properties where staff provide services, to retail outlets, commercial units, and community spaces. These assets provide a valued source of income and social value to residents. However, they also incur significant running and maintenance costs.

As a corporate landlord, the Council has a responsibility to manage these assets with the greatest level of care on behalf of taxpayers and for the benefit of all residents.

The Council in recent years undertook an extensive review of its land and property assets and approved a Land and Property Disposal Policy, which set out a robust and transparent governance process. This policy strengthened the approach already taken in the Strategic Asset Management and Property Improvement Plan (SAMPIP).

With this in mind, could this administration outline the purpose of its proposed Popular Assets Commission?

6.From Councillor Andrew Reid to Councillor Jo Kuper

The long-term waste contract with Veolia was agreed subject to the completion of a section 20 consultation by the previous administration in March, shortly before the change in political leadership. Can the Cabinet Member update the Council on the work within that contract to deliver the administration's priorities on waste reduction, recycling and environmental sustainability, including what opportunities exist to improve outcomes over its lifetime?

7.Councillor Eva Bell to Cllr Gio Iozzi

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the implementation of Haringey's Walking and Cycling Action Plan, including what progress has been made so far and what the key priorities will be over the next year to encourage more residents to choose active travel?

8.Cllr Ahmed to Cllr Erin Wolson

The Liberal Democrat Group have long called for a change in the way Finsbury Park is managed by the council. At the election, the Green manifesto promised to "[renegotiate] or [end] bad deals with companies, from Tottenham Hotspur Stadium to Finsbury Park" and to "strictly limit major commercial events in Finsbury Park". Given the contract signed by the council in March, how do you intend to keep this promise to residents?

9.Councillor Simon Clark to Councillor Jo Kuper

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the work being undertaken to reduce delays in responding to residents' enquiries and service requests, including what further improvements residents can expect over the coming year?

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

Motion A

Appointment of a Haringey Windrush Champion

Proposer: Cllr Andrew Reid

Seconder: Cllr Dan Johnson

This Council notes:

1. People who arrived from Caribbean countries between 1948-1973 to help rebuild Britain, many of whom settled in Haringey and worked in the NHS, transport, and public services. The Windrush scandal saw hundreds of Commonwealth citizens wrongly denied healthcare, housing, jobs, and in some cases wrongly detained or deported due to lack of paperwork.

2. While the scandal primarily impacted Black Caribbean communities, the Windrush Compensation Scheme is also open to other Commonwealth nationals and their children who arrived before 1973, and those with settled

status before 1988. This includes residents of Black African, South Asian, and other Commonwealth backgrounds living in Tottenham, Seven Sisters, Wood Green and across the borough.

3. Haringey is one of London's most diverse boroughs. Census 2021 data shows approximately:

- Black / Black British: 17.3% of residents. Within this, Black Caribbean 5.9% and Black African 9.2%
- Asian / Asian British: 9.2%
- Other ethnic groups including Turkish, Kurdish, and Mixed: significant populations, particularly in North Tottenham.

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

4. As of July 2024, 8,800 claims have been made nationally to the Windrush Compensation Scheme, with £94 million paid out. The Home Office estimated 15,000 may be eligible, meaning less than 20% have come forward. Campaigners report delays, complex forms, and distrust as barriers.

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

This Council believes:

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

This Council Resolves:

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

- Act as a point of contact for residents, community organisations and stakeholders, affected by Windrush.
- Increase awareness and uptake of the Compensation Scheme and Windrush Documentation Scheme, and available sources of advice and support in the borough.
- Work alongside relevant cabinet members and Council officers to champion the interests of the Windrush generation

- Request the Home Office provide borough-level data on Haringey claims, and publish an annual Haringey Windrush Report on claims made, payments received, and support given.
- Make recommendations to the cabinet on how the council can improve awareness, accessibility and uptake of the compensation scheme.

Motion B

Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Proposed by Councillor Seema Chandwani

Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim Ali

This council notes:

- The cost of living crisis remains acute, exacerbated by several wars, tariffs and global warming.
- Many residents in Haringey are unable to absorb rising costs in rents, utilities and food.
- Haringey is the fourth most deprived borough in London, and with rising house and rent prices, some residents are being forced to leave the borough they have called home.
- Haringey Council has always offered a strong Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) and applied the use of section 13a to assist a range of groups, including Care Leavers to either exempt or discount low income households.
- The previous administration pushed the envelope of what can be done within its constraints. By lifting council tax relief to 100% for hundreds of Haringey families on low incomes.
- The previous administration also introduced the Haringey Support Fund which helps residents in crisis. Since 2022, it has helped 7500 residents.
- To note the Green Party's Manifesto ambition to "ban the bailiff" on council tax debt however, with a caveat that the use of "attachment to benefits" or "attachment to earnings" is not used as a form of debt collection without sign off from an independent FCA advisor (such as Citizen Advice) that such an approach is not financially leaving residents without sufficient funds to live.

This council believes:

- Council tax is a regressive tax and a deeply flawed way of funding local services, increasing the gap between those who can pay and those who can not.
- Charging low-income households including disabled people, children in households in poverty, and low-income pensioners is counterproductive and pushes people into debt.
- The costs to the Council associated with seeking to collect council tax from those unable to pay is an ineffective use of Council funding and resources.
- That residents facing financial hardship should be supported, not be burdened by additional costs by their own council.
- That removing the CTRS currently in place would result in thousands of families facing a financial cliff edge.

This council resolves:

That it wishes to consider:

- Through the appropriate governance route no changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) during the upcoming budget round.
- To ask Cabinet to continue to find creative ways to expand the Council Tax Hardship Fund to assist low-income households who are facing debt.
- To ask Cabinet to ensure the Crisis and Resilience Fund is not used to fund CTRS or any Council Tax Deductions (Section 13a, SMI etc)
- To ask Cabinet to ensure the Crisis and Resilience Fund is used to help residents build financial resilience and/or crisis situations through a robust anti-poverty strategy and not be used to substitute council revenue.

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