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To: The Mayor and Councillors of Haringey Council.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Haringey will be held at the Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green, N22 8LE on MONDAY, 17TH JULY, 2006 at 19:30 HRS, to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 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**
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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becomes apparent.

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4. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 22 MAY 2006 (PAGES 1 - 34)**
5. **TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
6. **TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON A NEW INITIATIVE FOR WASTE COLLECTION TRANSPORT, PIONEERED BY HARINGEY - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION.**
7. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
8. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER**
9. **TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
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**
12. **TO REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE. (PAGES 35 - 64)**
13. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 65 - 142)**
 - a) The Executive – Report 1,2 & 3. – 2006/07
 - b) Audit Committee – Report 1. - 2006/07
 - c) General Purposes Committee – Report 1. - 2006/07

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure No. 12(1), the Chief Executive will submit a report, if appropriate, listing any recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee requiring policy change or executive action.

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

MOTION B (2006/07):

Councillor Reith has given notice that she will move in the following terms:

Time off for Council duties

“This Council notes that the government announced a set of policies on employment law and opportunity for this Parliament in March 2006, in the DTI policy statement *Success at Work*.

This Council welcomes the twin emphases of the policy statement in protecting vulnerable workers and supporting good employers, and the strong record of the government across the field of industrial relations.

However, this Council notes with concern the intention to consult on replacing the existing right to time off for certain public duties with a right to have requests for such time off seriously considered.

This Council believes that the right to time off for public duties plays a key role in helping Councillors discharge their roles effectively whilst remaining in paid employment.

This Council believes that any weakening of this entitlement will make life more difficult for existing councillors and make it more difficult to encourage members of the community to consider becoming involved in local government.

In particular, this Council is concerned that it is workers in lower-paid jobs and in the private sector who will find it more difficult to take time off and become involved in local government or other public duties, were such a change to be enacted.

This Council therefore resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and to Haringey’s two MPs, outlining these concerns; and further resolves to ensure that if a formal consultation is launched on this issue during the current Parliament, the Council responds, raises these concerns, and requests that the current right to time off for public duties not be weakened”.

MOTION C (2006/07):

Councillor Peacock has given notice that she will move in the following terms:

Tolpuddle

“This Council notes that the Trades Union Congress held its annual Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival yesterday at Tolpuddle in Dorset, commemorating the historic

victory of working people in securing pardons and return from transportation for the Tolpuddle Martyrs, and the birth of the modern Trades Union movement in Britain.

This Council notes the immense successes recorded by the current Government, working alongside the trade unions, in improving working conditions for working people, and notes that in October 2006 the adult rate of the minimum wage will be increased from £5.05 per hour to £5.35 per hour.

Across Britain between 1.28 and 2.63 million people are expected to benefit from this autumn's rise in the national minimum wage, and areas such as Haringey with high levels of deprivation will benefit particularly from this latest rise in the national minimum wage, which has risen faster than inflation since 2002.

This Council welcomes the government's determination to increase the amount of paid holiday available to all workers, and its success in introducing and implementing new rights on union recognition and membership, rights that have benefited all working people in Haringey directly and indirectly.

This Council welcomes the Work and Families Act 2006 which received Royal Assent on 21 June 2006, and particularly welcomes the increases in maternity and paternity leave to be paid by employers, the provisions to ensure that employers cannot treat Bank Holidays as part of the 20 day paid holiday entitlement promulgated by the current government, and the extension of the statutory right to request flexible working to include those who care for another adult.

This Council applauds the government's efforts to improve pay and conditions for all by focusing on increasing the incomes of the lowest paid in our society, and Council calls upon the Government and Haringey's two MPs to work together to build a secure future for working people and their families in our borough.

This Council resolves to write to Haringey's two MPs asking them to support further increases in the minimum wage, to push forward social justice in Haringey and end the disgrace of low pay in our society".

MOTION D (2006/07):

Councillor Oakes has given notice that he will move in the following terms:

"This Council:

Acknowledges the very high level of public concern over the current proposals for parking schemes in the borough;

Acknowledges that the level of consultation undertaken by the Council with residents, businesses and elected members of this Council on these schemes has been entirely ineffective and is not acceptable;

Believes that parking schemes need to be seen by residents and businesses as a positive contribution to their immediate local environment, and not as the careless creation of a remote authority greedy for every pound it can get;

Believes that a 'one-size-fits-all' solution is not correct, and that proper consultation is necessary in order to ensure that in each area the parking scheme is tailored to meet local needs;

and mindful of the new Statutory Guidance on parking imminently expected from the Department of Transport;

Resolves to suspend the current consultation process indefinitely while this new statutory guidance is pending;

Resolves to further suspend the consultation process until such time as an effective and thorough consultation process has been undertaken in every area affected, to include public meetings in each area.

MOTION E (2006/07):

Councillor Hoban has given notice that he will move in the following terms:

"This Council:

- Welcomes the announcement by Ruth Kelly that the Labour Government will be seeking to reduce the level of Whitehall interference in Local Authority matters; welcomes the proposals in the upcoming Government White Paper to reduce the number of performance targets imposed by Whitehall on Local Authorities; expresses serious regret that similar moves were not taken earlier;
- Notes the report by PriceWaterhouseCoopers that estimates the average cost to a Local Authority of monitoring and reporting under the national performance guidelines is £1.8 million; notes the estimate in the same report which shows that Councils on average spend 80% of their performance effort reporting upwards to Whitehall departments, rather than to residents;
- Nevertheless expresses serious concern that consistent underperformance of Haringey Council in those areas highlighted by performance reports has not been rectified;
- Notes with serious concern that of 12 complaints made under the Childrens' Act in the year 2005/2006, only one case was completed

within the 28-day deadline, and two of these 12 were not completed within 90 days; notes that the Liberal Democrats warned the Labour administration of this consistent and worrying underachievement at the previous meeting of the Full Council, and regrets that no action has been taken to rectify this.

- Resolves to ensure that complaints made under the Children's Act are responded to in a timely and effective manner.

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