



## Summons to Attend

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# Full Council

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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, 24TH NOVEMBER, 2008 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**

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature

of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

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4. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2008 (PAGES 1 - 10)**
5. **TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
6. **TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**
7. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
8. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES**
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 RECEIVE A STATEMENT FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**
12. **TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO12.**
13. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10**

**Oral Question 1 - To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Councillor C Harris:**

Is the cabinet member confident of receiving a good star rating in our most recent Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) assessment of adult social care?

**Oral Question 2 – To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Gorrie:**

What actions to recover the £37m invested by this Council in failed Icelandic Banks has the Leader taken since the last Full Council meeting?

**Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Diakides:**

Given that works to Sheltered Accommodation schemes have not been included in the Council's Decent Homes Programme on the basis that there is a review of the future of Sheltered Accommodation provision; will the cabinet member assure this meeting tonight that there will be no stock transfer proposals for any of its sheltered housing stock?

**Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Williams:**

With regard to the recent findings of the Standards Board regarding the allegation that he disclosed confidential information in relation to the future of the Wellbourne Centre, will he apologise to the Council for yet another finding that calls into question his fitness to hold his portfolio?

**Oral Question 5 –To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise from Councillor Peacock:**

In the current economic climate it is essential to make sure that people in our borough have access to adequate jobs and training for employment; can the cabinet member update us on what the council is currently doing to provide this access?

**Oral Question 6 - To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise from Councillor Edge:**

Does the cabinet member agree with her colleague and former NDC board member Cllr Diakides that the NDC has been 'antagonistic and evasive' on Wards Corner?

**Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Councillor Kober:**

Can the cabinet member tell us what recent progress has been made towards our commitment to make every park in the borough a Green Flag Park?

**Oral Question 8 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Weber:**

With regard to the recent findings of the standards Board regarding the allegation that he disclosed confidential information in relation to the future of the Wellbourne Centre, will he state why did he not seek further legal advice from council officers and/or through council channels, rather than seek his own advice?

**14. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 11 - 26)**

- a) Cabinet – Report 7 – 2008/9

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

Motion H (2008/09)

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

Mobility Benefits for Blind Residents

This Council Notes:

1. That blind people experience significant barriers to independent mobility
2. That blind people are often isolated and find it difficult to access basic services without mobility assistance
3. That blind residents face additional costs as a result of their impairment, such as using taxis or private hire vehicles

This Council Further Notes:

1. That blind people are not entitled to the higher rate mobility component of disability living allowance
2. Loss of usable sight clearly causes significant independent mobility problems and incurs significant additional and unmet costs

This Council resolves:

1. To ask the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Work & Pensions, the Rt Hon. James Purnell MP, expressing these concerns
2. To ask the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to our local MPs asking that they sign up to EDM number 1982 and write to the Secretary of State expressing these concerns
3. To support the Royal National Institute of Blind People's (RNIB) campaign on securing the higher rate mobility component of DLA for blind people.

Motion I (2008/09)

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

This Council notes:

- that 16 and 17 year olds can leave school, get married, have a full-time job, must pay taxes on their income, and can join the armed forces, but are not allowed to vote in public elections;
- that 16 and 17 year olds have been calling for the right to vote for many years through the Votes at 16 coalition;

- that disconnection between young people and the political establishment is growing.
- the continuing good work by Haringey's Youth Council and its members

This Council believes:

- that young people are interested in politics and have valid views on issues that affect them;
- that 16 and 17 year olds are old enough to have the right to vote in public elections;
- that refusing to allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote is likely to further depress turnout and encourage young people to give up on formal political structures.

This Council resolves:

- to support the moves to lower the voting age for all public elections to 16;
- to call on the Government to establish the Youth Citizenship Commission with a clear remit to develop the necessary framework for reducing the voting age to 16.
- that the leader of the Council write to Bridget Prentice MP, minister in charge of reform in electoral administration, to show the Council's commitment to pushing for votes for 16 and 17 year old and requesting that the government seriously considers decreasing the voting age.

#### Motion J (2008/09)

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

This Council:

1. Welcomes the introduction of the Sustainable Communities Act, which became law in October 2007. It also welcomes the establishment of the principle that 'local people know best what needs to be done'.
2. Notes the cross party support in the House of Commons that the Act received.
3. Notes that the Act gives local authorities the power to make proposals to government on the action government must take to reverse community decline and promote sustainable communities.
4. Notes that the Act also gives local authorities the power to argue for a transfer of public money and function from central to local control.
5. Notes that the Act also requires central government to produce "spending reports" detailing the expenditure of all government bodies in each local area. The Act

requires that the first arrangements for the spending reports should be taken by April 2009.

6. Views the Act as an opportunity to further the empowerment of local communities in seeking local reforms regarding Economic, Social and Environmental issues.
7. Appreciates the need to be fully committed to the process to ensure that the residents of Haringey have a chance to have their say on local services.

This Council therefore:

1. Resolves, when invited to by central government in autumn 2008, to use the Act by preparing and submitting proposals on how central government can help promote sustainable communities in Haringey.
2. Seeks to establish a representative panel of residents to consult with the Council in deciding on which local issues will be submitted to the Communities and Local Government Minister.
3. Petitions the government to release the planned information regarding local funding for services as soon as possible.
4. Advertises the Act as widely as possible using all forms of media to inform residents of the acts existence and how they can get involved.
5. Looks for other authorities and stakeholders (including the Voluntary and Community Sectors) who can assist/support the development of the local panels and formulate these ideas into practical submissions to the government.
6. Looks at replacing the current community engagement (through citizen panels etc) with these proposed representative panels.

#### Motion K (2008/09)

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

This Council:

Expresses its profound regret over the tragic death of Baby P, and offers our greatest sympathy to all those who knew him and cared about him.

Acknowledges the swift apologies made by police and local health services, recognising that they could have done more to help baby P.

Regrets that it took councillors in charge 48 hours to apologise on behalf of the Council for the death of Baby P and the lack of responsibility shown for the failures of the their services.

Welcomes the investigation by the government as the beginning of the process to help restore public confidence in Haringey's children services but recognises that further actions are required.

Therefore:

Recognising that this is firstly an issue of leadership, given the failures of services for which they are responsible, and in light of their public response to this tragedy, this Council has no confidence in the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet member for Children and Young people.

Furthermore, calls for a fully independent public inquiry into this case and the state of Children's Services in Haringey in order that the residents of Haringey can have complete confidence in the protection of the most vulnerable members of our society.

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