



## 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, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2009 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.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest and if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct and/or if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

**4. TO ASK MEMBERS WHETHER THEY NEED TO MAKE A DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 IN RELATION TO UNPAID COMMUNITY CHARGE OR COUNCIL TAX LIABILITY WHICH IS TWO MONTHS OR MORE OUTSTANDING.**

Members to whom this applies must make a declaration if they are present at any part of the meeting and must not vote on any matter relating to the budget. It is not sufficient for such members to refrain from voting or to absent themselves from the chamber for particular parts of the meeting. Failure to make a relevant declaration constitutes a criminal offence.

**5. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2009.**

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

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

**8. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT 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 CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN RESPECT OF FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR 2009/10 - 2011/12 AND TO AGREE THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2009/10**

**12. TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12**

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

**Oral Question 1 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Adamou:**

What success has Haringey Council had in influencing Government policy on gambling premises?

**Oral Question 2 – To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Scott:**

Can the Council formally announce that plans to move the Council Chamber to Woodside House have been abandoned, not merely put on hold?

**Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Catherine Harris:**

Would my colleague, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation be able to outline the usefulness of the newly opened Mary Neuner Road in Wood Green in easing traffic flow through residential streets such as Hornsey Park Road, and as such reducing the environmental impact on some residents homes, and update us on how current traffic could be encouraged to use it more frequently?

**Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Alexander:**

Considering that the Heartlands School project is now running two months behind schedule (as I believe that building work was scheduled to start in November 2008) can the Cabinet Member provide an update on where the project is now and give her assurance that the project will be delivered on time and the school will be ready to open to their first intake of pupils in September 2010?

**Oral Question 5 –To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Mallett:**

Following the award of the property maintenance contract to an outside firm, can we look forward to planned maintenance of and a systematic approach to the running of the Community Buildings portfolio?

**Oral Question 6 – To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Engert:**

How many Serious Case Reviews is the Local Safeguarding Children's Board currently investigating?

**Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Dogus:**

Can the cabinet member provide some further detail about the council's plan to spend an extra £ 2 million on street lighting in the borough this year?

**14. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 1 - 12)**

- a) Cabinet – Report 11 – 2008/09
- b) Constitution Review Working Group – Report 1 – 2008/09 (to follow)

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

Motion Q (2008/09)

Councillor Peacock 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 R (2008/09)

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

This Council notes

- The importance of effective scrutiny to ensure the best service to our residents
- The criticism of Haringey Council's scrutiny of Children's Services in Ofsted's Joint Area Review, in particular

"Arrangements for scrutinising performance across the Council and the partnership are insufficiently developed and fail to provide systematic support and appropriate challenge to both managers and practitioners."

"Current management arrangements within the Council and across the partnership do not facilitate sufficient independent challenge on safeguarding matters."

Further notes

- That the approach to scrutiny of the JAR response has limited public involvement and does not include an opportunity for the Full Council to debate and express a view prior to the response going to the secretary of state.

Therefore, this Council resolves to,

- Ensure that the Joint Area Review response formally notes that the timetable demanded by the Secretary of State has prevented effective public engagement or Full Council discussion on this vital issue.
- Establish a permanent Children's Services scrutiny committee to focus on safeguarding issues, chaired by an opposition member. The purpose of this committee is to tackle the shortcomings of scrutiny in the Council, provide robust challenge to services that protect our most vulnerable children and provide public involvement in the scrutiny of their services.
- Furthermore, this Council believes that these measures are essential for the recovery of Haringey's Children's Services and for the restoration of public confidence in the service.

#### Motion S (2008/09)

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

This Council notes;

- Thousands of Haringey residents rely on public transport, and deserve high standards of safety and service
- Recent threats to staffing at stations in Haringey by First Capital Connect
- Delays by Transport for London (TfL) and train operating companies in implementing the Oystercard scheme at all rail stations in Haringey

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Oppose all plans to reduce staffing levels at Haringey stations.
2. Work with the Greater London Authority, Metropolitan Police and transport companies to reduce crime on public transport and take action to make passengers feel safer.
3. Create a new Haringey public transport forum to give residents and councillors an opportunity to question and discuss with TfL, the Transport Police, and rail and bus companies, local concerns and ideas for improvements to services.

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