

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL  
MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2009**

Councillors Dobbie (Mayor), Adamou, Adje, Aitken, Alexander, Allison, Amin, Baker, Basu, Beacham, Bevan, Beynon, Bloch, Bull, Butcher, Canver, Cooke, Davies, Demirci, Diakides, Dogus, Edge, Egan, Engert, Goldberg, Gorrie, Griffith, Haley, Hare, B. Harris, C. Harris, Jones, Rahman Khan, Kober, Lister, Meehan, Newton, Oakes, Oatway, Patel, Peacock, Reith, Santry, Scott, Stanton, Thompson, Vanier, Weber, Whyte, Williams, Wilson and Winskill.

Apologies Councillor Dodds, Mallett, Mughal and Reid

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
<b>CNCL99.</b>	<p><b>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dodds, Mallett, Mughal and Reid and for lateness from Councillor Davies.</p>	
<b>CNCL100</b>	<p><b>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</b></p> <p>See Minutes 103, 109 &amp; 113.</p>	
<b>CNCL101</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>Councillor Dobbie declared a personal interest in the deputation regarding St. Ann's Hospital and Motion Q as he was an employee in the Eye Unit at North Middlesex Hospital, he also declared a personal interest in relation to the deputation on Council rent and service charge increases as he was a Council tenant.</p> <p>Councillor Reith declared a personal interest in Motion S as she was Deputy Chair of London Travel Watch, which was part of the GLA group.</p> <p>Councillor Lister declared a personal interest in item 11 – Financial Planning and approval of the Council Tax for 2008/09 as he was an employee of Unison and Council staff would be affected by the budget.</p> <p>Councillor Adje declared a personal interest in item 11 – Financial Planning and approval of the Council Tax for 2008/09, as he was an employee of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority for which a portion of the precept was paid to.</p> <p>Councillor Dogus declared a personal interest in the deputation regarding St. Ann's Hospital as an employee of Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust and in relation to the deputation on</p>	

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	<p>Council rent and service charge increases, as she was a Council tenant.</p> <p>Councillor Thompson declared a personal interest in the deputation regarding John Loughborough School, as a Ward Councillor and in relation to the deputation on Council rent and service charge increases as he was a Council tenant.</p> <p>Councillor Butcher declared a personal interest in item 11 – Financial Planning and approval of the Council Tax for 2008/09 as he was a Member of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority for which a portion of the precept was paid to.</p> <p>Councillor Engert declared a personal interest in Motion S as she was a Board Member of London Travel Watch, which was part of the GLA group.</p> <p>Councillor Bloch declared a personal interest in the deputation regarding St. Ann’s Hospital as he was a non-executive Director of Haringey PCT based at St Ann’s.</p> <p>Councillor Aitken declared a personal interest in the deputation on Council rent and service charge increases as he was a Council tenant.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL102</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Members were reminded of the need to consider whether they needed 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 was two months or more outstanding.</p> <p>No such declarations were made.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL103</b></p>	<p><b>TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2009.</b></p> <p>The Mayor agreed to admit the minutes as urgent business. Because of the short timescale between the last meeting and this, it was not possible to circulate the minutes with the Summons. The minutes should be confirmed at the next available meeting of the Council.</p> <p>Copies of the Minutes having been circulated, they were taken as read.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 February 2009 be signed as a true record.</p>	

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<p><b>CNCL104</b></p>	<p><b>TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Mayor was delighted to attend an exhibition by Yorgos Papadopoulos in Westminster last Tuesday with Archbishop Athanasios from St Barnabas Greek Church. Yorgos is a local Tottenham resident who produced beautiful and unique glass art.</li> <li>2. The Mayor asked Members to make a note of the following fundraising events for his Special Fund. On 19 April he would be joining the London Mayor's Walk which was a six mile sponsored Walk from the Whittington Hospital to the Mansion House.</li> <li>3. On Friday 24 April the Mayor would be hosting a Quiz Night with the theme of Celebrating St George. Further details would be circulated.</li> <li>4. The Mayor asked the Council to join him in wishing good luck to Tottenham Hotspur who were playing Manchester United on Sunday in the Carling Cup Final.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>CNCL105</b></p>	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b></p> <p>There were no matters to report.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL106</b></p>	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES</b></p> <p>There were no matters to report.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL107</b></p>	<p><b>TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</b></p> <p>There were no matters to report.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL108</b></p>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM</b></p> <p>Three deputations were received as follows:</p> <p>The first deputation was from Mr Petrou of the "Save St Ann's Hospital Campaign Group".</p> <p>Members asked questions of the deputation and received responses thereto.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise responded to the deputation.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the deputation for attending.</p> <p>The second deputation was from Mr Burnham of the "Haringey Defend Council Housing Campaign Group".</p>	

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	<p>Members asked questions of the deputation and received responses thereto.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing Services responded to the deputation.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the deputation for attending.</p> <p>The third deputation was from Ms Yebiemen in respect of the John Loughborough Seventh Day Adventist School.</p> <p>Members asked questions of the deputation and received responses thereto.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People responded to the deputation.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the deputation for attending.</p>	
<b>CNCL109</b>	<p><b>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</b></p> <p>The Mayor agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report could not be circulated earlier as vital information was awaited from the preceptors. The report needed to be admitted in order that the Council Tax may be set for 2009/10.</p> <p>Councillor Adje highlighted the recommendations as detailed in the report. Other Members contributed to the debate.</p> <p>Councillor Adje then moved the budget report. There being 29 for and 22 against it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the final settlement be noted and that the way forward, as outlined in the report in respect of the budget changes agreed by Council on 9 February 2009, the position on levying authorities and the late additional specific grants be agreed;</li><li>2. That the proposal and provision in respect of children and families as set out in paragraphs 8.1.6 and 8.1.7 of the report be agreed;</li><li>3. That the business unit cash limits, set out in Appendix C of the report, be agreed;</li><li>4. That the Greater London Authority precept be noted;</li><li>5. That the reserves policy as set out in Appendix E of the report, be agreed; and</li><li>6. That the budget resolution in the specified format as set out in</li></ol>	

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	<p>appendix F of the report, and the consequent increase in council tax of 1.95% be agreed.</p>	
<b>CNCL110</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12</b> The opposition gave notice of their wish to debate “Haringey’s Streets”.</p> <p>Councillor Newton spoke on behalf of the Opposition Group. Councillor Haley responded on behalf of the Majority Group.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Councillors for their contributions.</p>	
<b>CNCL111</b>	<p><b>CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:</b></p> <p><b>CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:</b></p> <p>The Meeting agreed to vary the order of business to permit Motion R to be taken next followed by item 14 – Reports of Committees.</p>	
<b>CNCL112</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13</b> <b><u>Motion R (2008/09)</u></b></p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Engert and seconded by Cllr Alexander that:</p> <p>This Council notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of effective scrutiny to ensure the best service to our residents</li> <li>• The criticism of Haringey Council’s scrutiny of Children’s Services in OfSted’s Joint Area Review, in particular</li> </ul> <p>“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.”</p> <p>“Current management arrangements within the Council and across the partnership do not facilitate sufficient independent challenge on safeguarding matters.”</p> <p>Further notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>Therefore, this Council resolves to,</p>	

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- 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.

An amendment to the Motion was moved by Councillor Reith and seconded by Councillor Bull as follows:

Delete all after 'further notes' in second paragraph and insert

- That a special public meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was held on 17 February at which key partners were present to answer questions submitted by the public and members. A number of points made by members of the Committee have now been incorporated into the plan
- The draft Action Plan has been available on the Council website and the Scrutiny Committee itself was webcast. In addition the Action Plan will be going to the Cabinet tomorrow and the HSP on Thursday. Both meetings are open to the public.

This Council welcomes:

- The setting up of a cross-party Children Safeguarding Policy and Practice Panel. The Panel will be charged with examining the effectiveness of the Council's policies and practice relating to the safeguarding of children and will look at both quantitative and qualitative performance information. In addition the Panel will consider the effectiveness of the arrangements for co-operation on child protection matters between partner agencies. The Panel will be assisted by an independent professional with experience in child protection.
- The replacement of the Children and Young People's Consultative Committee by a Corporate Parenting Committee with new terms of reference which focus on improving the experiences and outcomes for young people in care.
- The forthcoming consultation with young people in care about how they want a 'Children in Care Council' to operate in Haringey in order that they are able to express their views and influence the

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	<p>services and support they receive from the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The training on Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting provided for all members of the Council</li> </ul> <p>On being put to the vote there were 29 in favour of the amendment and 21 against and the amendment was declared CARRIED.</p> <p>The substantive motion as amended was then put to the vote with 29 in favour and 21 abstentions and therefore declared CARRIED.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL113</b></p>	<p><b>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES</b></p> <p>The Mayor agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The meeting of the Constitution Review Working Group was held after despatch of the Summons. The report contained recommendations in relation to Constitutional changes, which needed to be considered by the Council.</p> <p>Councillor Kober moved Cabinet Report 11 - 2008/09 and the report of the Constitution Review Working Group</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Cabinet report 11 – 2008/09 be received and that the recommendation in respect of delegating to the Leader the authority to agree the final refreshed version of the Local Area Agreement for submission to the Government Office for London be agreed.</li> <li>2. That report 1 of the Constitution Review Working Group 2008/09 be received and that the recommendations concerning proposed changes to Local Choice Functions and Contract Procedure Rules be agreed and that the Constitution be amended accordingly at Parts 3A and 4J respectively.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>CNCL114</b></p>	<p><b>TERMINATION OF MEETING:</b></p> <p>The Mayor proposed that due to the hour and in accordance with Council Rules of Procedures, that written answers be given to oral questions 1- 7 and that the remaining Motions Q and S be submitted to the next meeting.</p>	

COUNCILLOR ALAN DOBBIE

Mayor

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**COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION**

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1. That it be noted that on 19 January 2009 Full Council agreed the amount of 85,060 as the council tax base for the year in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
  
2. That the following amounts now be calculated by the Council for the year 2009/10 in accordance with the Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
  - (a) £857,612,218 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) of the Act.
  
  - (b) £614,354,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) of the Act.
  
  - (c) £243,258,218 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with the Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
  
  - (d) £142,520,218 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, additional grant, or SSA reduction grant increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Act 1998 or reduced by the amount of sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with Section 97(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1998 and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1998 made on 7 February 1994 or reduced by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its general fund to its collection fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) directions under Section 98(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1998 made on 7 February 1994.
  
  - (e) £1,184.32 being the amount at 2 (c) above less the amount at 2(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.

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	£
A	789.56
B	921.14
C	1,052.73
D	1,184.32
E	1,447.39
F	1,710.70
G	1,973.87
H	2,368.65

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 2(e) above the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(l) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number in which that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(l) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

3. That it be noted that for 2009/10 the amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in respect of the Greater London Authority and its functional bodies, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

	£
A	206.55
B	240.97
C	275.40
D	309.82
E	378.67
F	447.52
G	516.37
H	619.64

4. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(f) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2009/10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Valuation Bands

	£
A	996.11
B	1,162.11
C	1,328.13
D	1,494.14
E	1,826.06
F	2,158.22
G	2,490.24
H	2,988.29