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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 The Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8LE on MONDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 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

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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 19 OCTOBER 2009 (PAGES 1 10)
- 5. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL
- 6. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
- 7. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES
- 8. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES
- 9. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM
- 10. TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12
- 11. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10

<u>Public Question to the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities</u> <u>from Justin Hinchcliffe:</u>

Is She aware of the policy of Conservative-run Wandsworth Council, with Labour support there, to introduce compulsory dog chipping? Both parties in that Authority believe it will curb the number of stray, neglected, dangerous and stolen dogs. Owners who refuse to comply may be fined and may lose their right to keep their pet. This scheme is also supported by the National Dogs Trust. Will She have a look at this policy with an open mind and consider following Wandsworth's excellent lead, which I believe will be supported by the majority of our residents from across the borough?

<u>Oral Question 1 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer</u> <u>Communities from Councillor Peacock:</u> How will restructuring the Street Enforcement Service help to tackle environmental crime?

<u>Oral Question 2 – To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation</u> from Councillor Baker:

Does the Cabinet member and his colleagues support the campaign for a one hour bus ticket for Haringey's bus users?

<u>Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer</u> Communities from Councillor Demirci:

Could the Cabinet Member explain how enforcement and planning are dealing with roque landlords who are responsible for multiple occupancy?

<u>Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor</u> Davies:

When did the Cabinet Member for Housing last review the payment terms offered to leaseholders and how do they compare to neighbouring boroughs?

<u>Oral Question 5 –To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Santry:</u>

Will the Cabinet Member join me in congratulating our Member of the Youth Parliament, Funmi Abrai, for making history as the first person to open a parliamentary debate by under-18s?

<u>Oral Question 6 – To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing</u> from Councillor Scott:

How does the future of the St Ann's MHT site fit into the plans for health provision in the Borough?

Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Councillor Dodds:

Can the Cabinet Member explain the progress the Council have made on planting trees in the Borough?

<u>Oral Question 8 - To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer</u> <u>Communities from Councillor Aitken:</u>

Will the Cabinet member give assurances that the changes to Police bases in Wood Green will not result in any reduction in public access to Police front counter services?

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 11 - 92)

- a) Special Committee Report 1 2009/10
- b) Cabinet Reports 6 & 7 2009/10

- c) Audit Committee Report 1 2009/10
- d) General Purposes Committee Report 2 2009/10

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

Motion E (2009/10)

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

"This Council notes:

- The government's proposal to scrap excess payments to local housing allowance claimants where their rent is lower than the rate of the allowance
- That this plan would see over 2,000 of the poorest families in Haringey up to £15 a week and £780 a year worse off
- As a result, £1.5million would be taken out of the local economy

This Council believes

 that these changes undermine the original objectives of local housing allowance which were to bring choice and fairness to the benefits system while combating poverty;

Therefore, this Council resolves

- To write to the Chancellor for the exchequer to reverse the government's plan to scrap excess payments to local housing allowance claimants.
- Urges local MPs to sign Liberal Democrat Sarah Teather's EDM 2069 to back the campaign against the change in policy".

Motion F (2009/10)

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

"This Council notes:

- 1. The Labour Government is currently consulting on plans to review the last year of the 3-year special grant for concessionary fares to support the introduction of the English National Concession which could very well lead to the grant to London Councils being cut by up to £29 million a year;
- 2. that any move by central Government threatens the future of the much cherished Freedom Pass for elderly and disabled people;
- 3. that as the concessionary fares scheme in London is currently only 66% funded by Government grant and that if the special grant is withdrawn this would reduce to about 50%;

 with alarm that London Councils estimate that the possible shortfall in funding could equate to £18 on the average Council Tax bill at a time of economic hardship;

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- 1. Call upon the Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Sadiq Khan MP, to announce that he will not be withdrawing the special grant to London.
- 2. Urge local MPs to write to Ministers and demand funding for London is maintained at the promised level.
- 3. Continue to support efforts to ensure London gets an equal share of future concessionary fare funding".

Motion G (2009/10)

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

"This Council

Notes that:

- The current financial climate is difficult for Haringey residents
- Haringey Council is taking steps to help those residents who are affected by the recession, through schemes such as the Haringey Guarantee
- That all Labour controlled London boroughs have announced plans to help residents by freezing their council tax

Believes:

- That the Council has a responsibility to help our residents when they need it the most
- The Council must spend tax payer's money wisely and ensure value for money
- That excessive Council Tax increases, like those introduced in Lib Dem controlled Kingston, Sutton and Richmond, really hit residents in their pockets

Resolves

- To freeze Council Tax for all Haringey residents next year
- To continue to improve services by moving resources from the back office to the frontline"

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