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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, 18TH JANUARY, 2010 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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4. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER AND 14 DECEMBER 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**

Public Question 1 to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Janet Harris:

Is the council aware of the traffic chaos outside Bruce Castle Museum in Lordship Lane? Is it willing to consider replacing the current crossing with actual traffic lights and ensuring that a safe crossing from the east-west of the northern end of Bruce Grove be created.

The current crossing is always busy and also serves two very local schools - the Lancasterian and Risley Avenue so, during term time, has a lot of pedestrian traffic comprising young children and their teachers/parents. There is also the close proximity of the Drapers' Almshouses (sheltered accommodation for the elderly) to be considered.

Traffic from Wood Green or The Roundway speeds around the mini roundabout at the junction of Lordship Lane and The Roundway and also the one at the junction of

Lordship Lane and Bruce Grove with no regular interruption such as that caused by controlled traffic lights. These junctions are a disaster waiting to happen, as there are so many near misses.

In view of my remarks, will the council make representation to TfL to have this traffic blackspot made safer for both pedestrians and motorists?

Public Question 2 to the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement from Sarah Cope:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month has been marked in the US since 1994, and is promoted in the UK by School's Out. What did the council and local schools do to mark LGBT History Month 2009, which fell in February? Do you agree that such events, held to acknowledge and explore LGBT history, should have a place in the schools calendar and how will the council be marking LGBT History Month in 2010?

Public Question 3 to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Anna Bragga:

The Green Party has been contacted by members of Haringey's disabled community asking for help, having had their Blue Badge renewal applications either turned down or mysteriously lost by the council following the introduction of new rules. As a result, aside from causing immense stress and additional health problems, some disabled people have now clocked up parking fines that they cannot afford and are being chased by bailiffs. Others have become housebound – prisoners in their own home.

Can the council answer this question: In the light of recent cases highlighted, does the council now accept that the new Blue Badge application system, including the mobility assessment process and discretionary criteria, is flawed? What action is the council prepared to take to administer a fair and equal Blue Badge Scheme based on medical evidence rather than mobility assessments by Occupational Therapists which are clearly open to abuse and the misjudgment of serious health conditions?

Public Question 4 to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Mahir Gul:

Does the Council back the campaign organised by Cllr. Simche Steinberger (L.B. Hackney), Cllr. Dean Cohen (L.B. Barnet), Justin Hinchcliffe and Isaac Revah (Seven Sisters Conservatives) to extend the 210 bus to South Tottenham/Stamford Hill, so that local residents can be within 7-8 minutes of Finsbury Park Station for tube and overground connections, easy travelling distance of the Whittington Hospital, Golders Green and Brent Cross? If so, will it undertake to join the above named campaigners in lobbying Transport for London to help make sure the extension of this popular bus route becomes a reality?

Public Question 5 to the Leader of the Council from Michael Olajide:

Haringey has lost several hospitals over the last four decades and it is the only Borough in London not to have its own A&E unit. With the local population set to rocket in the next decade, will She support the campaign for an A&E in Haringey - based at Tottenham's St. Ann's Hospital - by adding her name, on behalf of her Party and the Council as a whole, to the petition at www.aeforharingey.org ? If not, why not?

Oral Question 1 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Alexander:

How is the Council tackling inequality for children and young people in Haringey?

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

Can the Leader of the Council please update me on the decision made by Secretary of State to stop Hornsey Rail Depot being built without consultation with residents?

Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Beynon:

What transport projects funded by the Local Implementation Funding (LIP) from Transport for London are under threat after the Council received less funding than expected?

Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Santry:

Can the Lead Member for Environment and Conservation please advise me how the Council's successful bid for a Low Carbon Zone will help achieve our Green vision for the borough?

Oral Question 5 –To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Winskill:

Regarding the 21st Dec snowfall – what liaison was there between the Council and the Haringey Police control to try and ensure smooth traffic flow by keeping junctions clear and providing on-the-spot advice to pedestrians and motorists?

Oral Question 6 – To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Mallett:

Can the Lead Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities let me know what progress the Haringey Youth Offending Service has made in relation to preventing re-offending?

Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Weber:

What progress has been made by the Council to make the 10 Haringey blocks/estates at most risk of fire as identified by the BBC safe for local residents?

Oral Question 8 - To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Peacock:

Can the Lead Member for Housing please advise me on the Council's work in bringing empty properties back into use?

Oral Question 9 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Dobbie:

Can the Leader please indicate what action has she done as Council leader to secure the Freedom Pass following the decision of Transport Minister, Sadiq Khan's decision to tear up a previously agreed 3-year funding deal London's Freedom Pass which would affect so many older Haringey residents?

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 11 - 48)

- a) Cabinet – Reports 8 & 9 – 2009/10
- b) Constitution Review Working Group – Reports 4 & 5 – 2009/10

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

Motion I (2009/10)

Councillor Butcher 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 must take steps to help those residents who are affected by the recession, through schemes such as the Haringey Guarantee

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

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”

Motion J (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 K (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”

Motion L (2009/10)

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

“This Council;

Notes

- The difficulty faced by many local residents during recent severe winter weather, especially for elderly and disabled people.
- Problems faced by motorists, pedestrians and buses travelling throughout the borough in icy and snowy conditions.
- The cost to the local economy due to loss of business and absenteeism.

Commends the work of Haringey Council staff who try to keep roads clear and vital services running.

Further notes

- The need for the Council to prioritise gritting of major routes and shopping centres.
- Lack of gritting side roads and pavements.
- That many local schools were closed.
- Reports from residents that priority roads were still dangerous despite being on Council’s gritting priority lists.

Resolves

- To carry out an investigation into ways that the Council can provide a better service to cope with winter conditions, including asking local residents for feedback from their experiences, such that any lessons can be learned from recent events to enable better preparedness in the future”.

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Friday, 8 January 2010

