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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, 22ND MARCH, 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 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2010 (PAGES 1 - 22)**
5. **TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
6. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PAGES 23 - 28)**
 1. To appoint the Chief Executive as electoral registration officer and returning officer for Council elections and to appoint the Assistant Chief Executive for People and Organisational Development as the scrutiny officer.
 2. To approve the Council Calendar for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.
7. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES**
8. **TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
9. **THE CHAIR OF THE CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL REPORT ON ITS WORK AND SUGGESTED PROPOSALS FOR ITS FUTURE.**
10. **TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM**
11. **TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12**
12. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10**

Public Question 1 to the Cabinet Member for Housing Services & Environment and Conservation from Justin Hinchcliffe:

Is the Cabinet Member for Housing even aware of the problem of damp that blights the lives of tenants in the flats on the Ermine and Plevna Crescent estates? Young

families, the disabled and elderly are all affected. Some correspondence to the council from residents on this subject goes back over ten years. Why has the Council never got to grips with the problem of damp and condensation affecting these tenants? What confidence can tenants have that their problems will ever be properly addressed by this Labour-run council given how they have failed vulnerable members of our community for so long?

Public Question 2 to the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Carol Ingram:

I understand that Wood Green library is one of the busiest in the country. Can you explain what it is that the Council have done to encourage people to make use of their library, and how the Council intends to increase the number of people who use other libraries in Haringey?

Public Question 3 to the Cabinet Member for Housing Services & Environment and Conservation from Stephen Cooke:

Having a good home can make a real difference to the quality of someone's health. How is the housing service working with residents to improve their health?

Public Question 4 to the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Hilary Kitchen:

The Council have recently introduced a street warden service. Can you explain how this service is going to help tackle fly-tipping?

Public Question 5 to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Mr Mashfiqul Alam:

Can the Cabinet member for Children and Young People explain Haringey Council's thinking behind its plans to close the only educational facility in 2011 in the borough that can handle the educational and emotional support needs of the Borough's severely disabled children and their parents? Furthermore, can you explain why Haringey appears to be on its own in thinking that the needs of our severely disabled can be met in mixed ability schools, when London Boroughs such as Barnet are providing the specialist care that many parents are looking for?

Public Question 6 to the Cabinet Member for Resources from Janet Harris:

Does the Council have any plans to re-open the public lavatories in Church Road or convert them into a community cafe? If so, which option and when? If not, why not?

Public Question 7 to the Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Mrs Kerrie Mcronna :

Could the Cabinet member for Children and Young people justify the fact that the John Loughborough School has been taken into Special Measures, in the light of the fact that exam results have not improved, but fallen during the Special Measures period, and could she tell us as anxious parents, whose views have been totally ignored and

over ridden, when we can expect the school to be restored to normal running, and our children's education to its former high standards?

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

Given the fact that Haringey is about to enter a detailed period of public consultation on the future levels of education spending in the borough and that we are fighting to get equitable funding with similar London boroughs such as Camden, can the Cabinet member for Children and Young People please tell us why Haringey has appointed the city accountants KPMG to assist in the process and how much this is costing the Council?

Oral Question 2 – To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services & Environment and Conservation from Councillor Wilson:

Why has this Labour administration failed to implement its 2006 manifesto commitment to install new modern environmentally-friendly lighting on every street in the borough?

Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Councillor Peacock:

Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing please provide an update about the recent launch of the Hornsey Neighbourhood Health Centre?

Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services & Environment and Conservation from Councillor Davies:

Why has the Labour administration, after promising before the last election that all council homes will have a modern kitchen and bathroom by 2010, failed to provide this?

Oral Question 5 –To the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities from Councillor Santry:

We know the Council has recently moved to named Street Enforcement Officers in each ward. Can the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities please inform me of the progress that the new Street Enforcement Team is making to improve the cleanliness of our streets?

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

Why has the Labour administration failed to provide a complete network of Children's Centres as promised in their last manifesto?

Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet Member for Resources from Councillor Egan:

What work is the Council undertaking to bring public buildings back into use?

Oral Question 8 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Gorrie:

What benefits have residents got from the 30% increase in the annual communications budget since 2006?

Oral Question 9 - To the Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement from Councillor Demirci:

What work has the Council undertaken to celebrate International Women's Day?

Oral Question 10 - To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Thompson:

Would the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Resources agree with me that building on public spaces as in Down Lane Park N17 be morally unacceptable and that facilities such as the Welbourne Centre N17 be treated with more sensitivity and fairness at times like this.

13. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 29 - 38)

- a) Cabinet - Report 11 – 2009/10
- b) Constitution Review Working Group – Report 7 – 2009/10
- c) Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Report 1 – 2009/10

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

Motion Q (2009/10)

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

“This Council welcomes the achievements that have been made in our community

Notes:

- Over £212 investment in Building Schools for the Future in 12 projects
- Over £200m on Decent Homes
- The £1.1m Playbuilder Funding
- Best ever GCSE results
- Record number of Green Flags
- Securing £3m funding for Muswell Hill Low Carbon Zone
- Children's Centres- by 2011 the Council will be providing services to over 16,000 children under five and their families.
- Early intervention – rolled out most innovative programme of supporting children – including health visitors, midwives, dieticians, nutritionists, family support teams,
- Built up housing stock that the Tories sold off
- Secured £1.4m from the Future Jobs Fund
- Created training for young people- Developed Apprenticeship Programme with 60 new places from 2009 onwards

- The Haringey Guarantee has helped 2300 resident access training and work and helped nearly 480 gain qualifications for life
- Built CONEL
- Created the Bernie Grant Centre
- That Wood Green Library- top ten busiest libraries in the country
- The regeneration of Heartlands, Tottenham Hale, Hornsey and Seven Sisters has created new housing, jobs and schools
- That Heartlands High will be a brand new school for our children
- The New Deal for Communities Funding to Regenerate Seven Sisters, triangle children's centre Young People and Communities Centre, St Anns Library, Laurels Centre, restored Seven Sister Bridge
- That Making the Difference Grants and Area Assemblies have allowed local people a role in decision making
- Introduced Neighbourhood Policing Teams for every ward
- That Haringey has been selected as a Biking Borough with TFL funding of £25k
- Haringey was the first Council to sign up to 40% reductions by 2020
- Introduced Personal Care Budgets
- Redeveloped the Hornsey Hospital- with £12.75m being spent on improving healthcare provision in the borough
- Increased Benefit Advice Support to 30 sites and increased benefit take up by £1.4m in response to the recession
- Introduced a Youth Council
- Introduced Breakfast Clubs across the borough
- Developed a Car Club and are expanding further
- Pledged a Council Tax Freeze for 2010/11
- Crime is down: Personal Robberies down by 26% and Youth Violence by 15%
- Tackling Fuel Poverty: £3.5 improving energy efficiency in deprived housing and a further £1.4m to make hard to treat properties in the borough more energy efficient.
- Increased year on year of numbers of people receiving drug rehabilitation.
- 94% success rate of enforcement action following surveillance and a 97% rate on other legal proceedings to protect the community.
- Rolled out new reporting structures for reporting Hate Crime.
- Spent £2.45m to upgrade and install new controlled entry door systems, communal lighting and CCTV to our estates to make residents feel safer.
- Replaced 16k street lighting columns across the borough
- £100k has been invested in community led projects through our Green Innovation Fund.
- Reporting of Domestic Violence is up by 27% since 2006 and we have expanded and improved Hearthstone to support domestic violence
- Built Tottenham Sixth Form Centre -1200 places
- Invested in our Enforcement Service too, now over 90% of complaints are being dealt with in half an hour of being reported.
- In 2007 Haringey Labour oversaw the expansion and modernisation of our CCTV control room
- Installed electric charging points for vehicles across Haringey.
- Launched Parenting Programme for Prolific ASB offenders

- Promoting local procurement and supporting Business rate relief for another three years.
- Since 2006, Labour run Haringey has been cited as best practice in tackling domestic violence, noise enforcement and Anti Social behaviour by the Home Office and Mayor of London.
- Working with other North London Councils will be providing 575 training opportunities across the Upper Lea Valley Region.
- ASBAT team have ordered closures on 185 crack houses, forced 40 evictions for anti social behaviour, issued 163 acceptable behaviour contracts, and shut down 12 brothels since 2003.

Resolves:

To thank members of the community, Council officers and all agencies involved for their hard work and the role they played in improving our home”

Motion R (2009/10)

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

Celebrating Diversity

“This Council notes:

- That Haringey Borough is the fifth most diverse in London with nearly half of residents from ethnic minority backgrounds and over 200 languages spoken.
- That the N15 postcode can proudly claim to be the most diverse postcode in Europe
- The People and Places Strategy and Making the Difference initiative which illustrate the way in which residents from diverse backgrounds work together cohesively.
- The Place Survey results stating that cohesion in the borough is above the outer London average with 76% of residents agreeing that Haringey is an area where people from different backgrounds get on well together.
- The 20% increase since 2006/2007 of local people who believe that Haringey residents treat each other with respect and consideration
- The Labour Party’s commitment to Equalities, including the Equality Bill 2009 which will further strengthen rights for older, disabled, women, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual residents of Haringey.
- The Tory London Mayor’s decision to scrap the Rise Festival, which is an annual multicultural music event that was attended by over 100,000

This Council believes:

- Residents from different backgrounds make an important contribution to Haringey and this is reflected in the high number of residents who believe it is an inclusive place to live.
- That it is a priority to engage with all communities in Haringey to ensure that local people’s views are central to decision making.

- It is our responsibility to ensure that services are accessible and inclusive of all residents, and embrace the diversity of the borough.

This Council resolves:

- To increase engagement with local residents from a number of ethnic minority backgrounds through initiatives such as People and Places Strategy and Making the Difference.
- That we support the contribution made by the Labour led Equalities Bill; 2009 and the effect this will have on residents of the borough.
- To continue to celebrate each and every community in our borough”

Motion S (2009/10)

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

Tackling Anti Social Behaviour

“This Council Notes

- That tackling Anti Social Behaviour has been a key priority for Haringey, with the creation of its dedicated Anti Social Behaviour Action Team in 2004
- ASBAT’s achievements in tackling anti social behaviour in the borough resulted in a national award for making communities safer.
- That Haringey is currently surpassing Government Targets for the perception on anti-social behaviour.
- That Haringey have recruited a Victim Support officer to liaise with and support victims of anti social behaviour in the borough.
- The excellent work of Haringey’s Safer Neighbourhood Teams in combating anti social behaviour and the further alignment with Area Assemblies to respond to local priorities.
- That since 1997, levels of crime have fallen nationally by 39% resulting in 6 million less crimes, and a borough wide reduction of crime of 22% since 2003.
- The 14,000 additional Police Constables and 16,000 Community Support Officers funded under the Labour Government.
- The excellent work being done by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, that provide community policing and allow local people to identify the issues they would like the police to tackle
- The £54,000 additional funding allocated to Haringey from Labour Government to stamp out anti social behaviour in the borough including a £10k educational programme in secondary schools.
- The Liberal Democrats have drafted a ‘Freedom Bill’ which strips the police of powers to deal with groups and limits the tools the police use to tackle crime and catch criminals.

This Council Believes:

- That anti social behaviour has a devastating effect on residents and it is a priority of this Council to tackle this matter head on.

- That the administration must continue to utilise all the tools available to tackle anti social behaviour

This Council Resolves:

- Continue to tackle anti social behaviour through all the powers available
- Continue to work with local people to establish their concerns and respond to the issues they outline
- Utilise the funds allocated to Haringey by the Labour Government to stamp out anti social behaviour in the borough”.

Motion T (2009/10)

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

“This Council notes with concern the London Mayor’s plan to cut £16.4million from Police budgets which will result in a cut of 455 police officer posts in London by the financial year 2012/13.

This Council is opposed to cuts in Police numbers.

This Council supports national Liberal Democrat proposals that would fund 10,000 extra police officers over and above the Government’s current commitment by scrapping the unnecessary and illiberal ID cards scheme and through wider savings in the Home Office budget.

This Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to write to the London Mayor voicing this Council’s opposition to the Police cuts proposed”.

Motion U (2009/10)

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

Cold Weather Payments

“Council notes that:

- Cold Weather Payments of £25 per week are paid to people on low incomes who receive a qualifying benefit, such as Pension Credit.
- The form to apply for Pension Credit is 18 pages long. The advisory notes on how to fill it in are 19 pages long.
- Last year 1.7million pensioners missed out on an average of over £1700 each of pension credit
- The Government has saved £17.5billion in 11 years that has not gone to struggling pensioners in pension credit payments.

This Council is concerned that the complexity of the system to claim Pension Credit has put so many people off claiming the credit and that consequently they also do not receive the additional cold weather payments.

This Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State expressing Councils wish to see the system for claiming pension credit simplified”.

Motion V (2009/10)

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

"This Council notes the government grant of £54million for the regeneration of the Seven Sisters area under the New Deal for Communities (NDC) programme. This Council further notes that, despite all of this grant having now been spent, the area still looks shabby and neglected and local residents seem entirely unaware of how and where the £54million was spent.

Therefore, this Council resolves to subject the accounts of the NDC to an independent, forensic examination in order to establish, *inter alia*: what benefits if any, the NDC delivered and at what cost;

- whether contract tendering processes were fair; transparent and ensured value for money;
- what monies were spent on staff salaries/wages;
- what further monies were paid to staff in expenses and whether these were always legitimate and backed by receipts;
- what monies were spent on consultancy fees;
- whether all staff hired in accounting roles were professionally qualified for such a role.

This Council further notes that an ACE ratio (Administrative Costs to Expenditure) ratio of 15% is regarded as the acceptable level for UK charities and therefore further resolves that if the NDC is found to have had an ACE ratio in excess of that figure, the leadership team of the NDC should be held accountable to the limits of the law.

Motion W (2009/10)

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

Housing in Down Lane Park

“This Council:

- opposes any proposal to build housing in Down Lane Park, including the area that now has the children’s playground, nursery and sports facilities.
- rejects the idea that such a proposal could be justified by sections of land being added as recompense at the other end of the park.
- resolves to:
 - a) adopt the principle that park land is sacrosanct, and should not be sacrificed to meet the pressure for new housing in Haringey; and

- b) reiterates its commitment to the 2006 Tottenham Hale Master plan to create “a new children’s play area and new youth facilities”

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