

MINUTES OF MEETING FULL COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2020, 7.30PM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Sheila Peacock, Dana Carlin, Charles Adje, Kaushika Amin, Patrick Berryman, John Bevan, Gideon Bull, Vincent Carroll, Nick da Costa, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Seema Chandwani, James Chiriyankandath, Eldridge Culverwell, Isidoros Diakides, Josh Dixon, Erdal Dogan, Joseph Ejiofor, Makbule Gunes, Kirsten Hearn, Emine Ibrahim, Sarah James, Adam Jogee, Liz Morris, Felicia Opoku, Tammy Palmer, Reg Rice, Viv Ross, Elin Weston and Sarah Williams

ALSO ATTENDING:

26. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Mayor referred to the notice of meetings, set out at agenda item 1 and Members noted this information.

There was no live stream or recording of the meeting which was being held at Tottenham Town Hall.

The Mayor advised that given the serious public health situation and further to discussion with the Leaders of both political groups, the meeting would only be considering agenda items 1 to 9 and item 11.

To give effect to this proposal, Cllr Rice, Labour group Chief Whip, proposed that CSO 25, be invoked which suspended council standing orders, 3.1 – sub paragraph 6 – Haringey Debate- sub paragraph 9 – Deputations and Petitions, sub paragraph 11 – receive Oral questions from Members, sub paragraph, 16 – Motions.

Cllr Cawley – Harrison – seconded the motion and it was agreed to consider agenda items 1 to 9 and item 11.

27. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from:

Hinchcliffe

Hare

Ogiehor

Barnes

Chenot

Connor

Dennison

Emery

Ross

Rossetti

Adamou

Ahmet

Basu

Mark Blake

Brabazon

Das Neves

Davies

Demir

Dogan

Gordon

Hakata

Mitchell

Moyeed

Say

Stone

Tabois

Tucker

White

28. 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

The meeting noted that there are two items of business, which could not be available earlier, and one of which will need to be dealt with at this meeting.

Item 7 - Attendance at meetings of an authority by a Member - this item was urgent given the current public health situation with the Coronavirus and the uncertainty around how long restrictions on movement would continue. There was potential for this member to be unable to attend meetings in the foreseeable 6 months.

In accordance with the agreement to suspend Council Standing Order 3.1 – sub paragraph 11, responses to Oral questions would be published in accordance with CSO 10.5 d and written answers have been published in accordance with CSO 10.4 d.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest put forward.

30. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24 OF FEBRUARY 2020

RESOLVED

To approve and sign the minutes of the Budget full Council Meeting held on the 24th of February 2020.

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

In view of the need to only consider essential items on the agenda, the Mayor would issue details of the engagements attended by herself and Cllr Carlin at a later date.

32. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive drew Members' attention to the outline municipal calendar for 2020/21 noting a change to the Cabinet meeting date from the 7th of July to the 14th of July to allow consideration of the quarterly budget report. The calendar was also available online.

As outlined at item 3, there was a tabled report which sought the approval of Full Council that Councillor Hinchcliffe, due to ill health, continue to be a member of the Council if he does not attend a meeting of the local authority by 9th of June 2020. The report also sought approval for Councillor Hinchcliffe to have until 8th of September to attend a meeting of the authority, failing which he will cease to be a member, as defined in Section 85(2) of the Local Government Act 1972).

In the current public health situation, noted that guidance was likely to come forward which would cover members that were unable to attend meetings due to the need to social distancing, existing health issues or were self isolating.

The Chief Whip moved the recommendations set out in both reports and it was:

RESOLVED

1. That the attached schedule of meetings for 2020/21 be agreed, noting the date change for the July Cabinet meeting as the 14th of July and subject to any minor variations to meeting dates that may be required in the course of the Municipal Year 2020/21.
2. To note that Councillor Justin Hinchcliffe has been unable to attend Council Committee meetings due to ill health, and the last meeting Councillor Hinchcliffe attended was 10th of December 2019;
3. To agree that on the basis of continued ill health, Councillor Hinchcliffe will continue to be a Member of this Council even if he does not attend a meeting of this local authority (as defined in section 85(2) of the Local Government Act 1972) by 9th of June 2020; and
4. To agree that Councillor Hinchcliffe has until 8th of September to attend a meeting of the authority (as defined in section 85(2) Local Government Act 1972) failing which he will cease to be a Member.

33. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

There were no matters to consider.

34. 9TH ANNUAL CARBON REPORT (2019)

The Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Sustainability introduced the ninth Annual Carbon Report. The report was created to monitor the progress with reducing the borough's carbon emissions, celebrate successes, and set out ambitions for the future.

The Cabinet Member spoke about her commitment to ensuring that the voices of all the community were heard and set out how she would do this and the actions that would be taken.

The Cabinet Member further spoke about the devastating impacts of extreme weather conditions both in the UK and around the world and also recognising that it was a socio-economic issue – with the most vulnerable feeling the most severe effects of a changing climate. There was a need to consider the impact of climate change on

resources and tackling this by making social, institutional, technological and behavioural changes to lessen the impact and create a fairer society.

The meeting noted plans in 2020 to publish and adopt the borough's Climate Change Action Plan. This would set out the actions and timeframe to deliver a Zero Carbon Borough, working as a community towards its delivery.

In addition tackling climate emissions, this would also help improve poor air quality which disproportionately impacts children, elderly people and Haringey's most vulnerable communities.

The borough was on track to achieve the 40:20 ambition, two years ahead of schedule. However, it was recognised that more work needs to be done to become a zero-carbon borough at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Cabinet Member thanked all staff, community groups and residents who had contributed to the achievements for 2019.

RESOLVED

1. That the Annual Report is made publically available, to engage residents in the Haringey 40:20 and Zero Carbon Haringey initiatives.
2. That Councillors engage with the initiative and lead action in their community, promoting the importance of reducing carbon emissions whilst increasing prosperity.
3. That the future projects outlined at the end of the report be implemented and further opportunities be identified, subject to the availability of external funding and grants.
4. That Haringey continues to report annually on progress to reduce emissions by 40% by 2020 and towards zero carbon.

35. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM

As set out at item 26.

36. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES

Standards Committee

The Chair of Standards Committee introduced the report which sought to approve a new Members Allowances Scheme for the municipal year 2020/21 and to approve the appointment of an Independent Person, and Secondary Independent Person to the Standards Committee. This was under s28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 for a period of 2 years commencing 1st July 2020 and ending on 30th June 2022; Full Council was further asked to approve the allowance paid per annum to the Independent Person, and Secondary Independent person at £1250.00 and £250.00 respectively.

In making the Members' Allowances Scheme the recommendations of the report of an Independent Adviser to the Standards Committee who had completed a review of the current scheme were considered. The Adviser put forward proposals for increases to certain SRA's as well as recommending index linking the Basic Allowance to the local government staff pay award with increases taken forward in the proceeding financial year. In summary, the committee report advised that it was not felt appropriate to adopt the proposed increases to SRAs in the current economic climate and it was agreed that the SRA's remained at current levels.

The report proposed the Members Basic Allowance percentage increase is to be index linked to the local government officer pay percentage increase, capped at 2% to be reduced if a lesser percentage is agreed, and to be paid in the 2020/21 municipal year once the staff pay award has been finalised.

The Standards Committee Chair thanked the Independent adviser and Democratic services for their work on the review.

RESOLVED

1. To Revoke the Members Allowance Scheme for 2019/20 as of 31st March 2020;
2. To approve the new Members' Allowances Scheme for the municipal year 2020/21 as set out on pages 28 to 36 of the attached report at appendix 2 - [This sets out the existing Member's Allowance Scheme 2019/20] and subject to the date change, to take effect from 1st April 2020;
3. To agree, that the Members Basic Allowance percentage increase is to be index linked to the local government officer pay percentage increase, capped at 2% to be reduced if a lesser percentage is agreed, and to be paid in the 2020/21 municipal year once the staff pay award has been finalised.
4. To approve the appointment of Lisa Klein as Independent Person, and Stephen Ross as secondary Independent Person under s28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 for a period of 2 years commencing 1st July 2020 and ending on 30st June 2022;
5. To approve the allowance to be paid to the Independent Person, and Secondary Independent person at £1250.00 and £250.00 per annum respectively.

Staffing and Remuneration Committee

The Chair of Staffing and Remuneration Committee moved the Committee report and its recommendations.

RESOLVED

To approve the Pay Policy Statement 2020/21 amended as explained in the attached report from the Staffing and Remuneration Committee.

37. HARINGEY DEBATE: SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN HARINGEY

As per item 26.

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

As per item 26.

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

As per item 26.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date