

## PUBLICATION OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE A KEY DECISION<sup>1</sup>

Notice of Key Decisions being made by your Council over the next 3 months

### **AND**

# NOTICE OF A PRIVATE MEETING OF A DECISION MAKING BODY<sup>2</sup>

Occasions over the next 3 months when the public may be excluded from meetings due to the likelihood that if members of the public were present during an item of business confidential or exempt information would be disclosed to them

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In accordance with Regulation 9(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In accordance with Regulation 5(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

#### **Publicity in connection with Key Decisions.**

Where the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet, an individual Cabinet Member or a Cabinet Committee intend to make a key decision, the Council is required to give a minimum of 28 clear days public notice. This notice exceeds the statutory minimum by giving notice of key decisions which are intended to be taken over the next 3 months. New notices for the ensuing 3 month periods will be given at monthly intervals.

A Key Decision is defined in legislation as a executive decision, which is likely:

- to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

#### The Cabinet

In Haringey, the Cabinet is made up of eight councillors including the Leader and is responsible for taking most of the Council's Key Decisions. Like government ministers in the cabinet, each councillor is in charge of a specific portfolio. The Cabinet currently comprises the following portfolio holders –

Leader of the Council (Chair) - Councillor Claire Kober

Cabinet Member for Children -Councillor Ann Waters

Cabinet Member for Finance, Employment and Carbon Reduction – Councillor Joe Goldberg

Cabinet Member for Environment – Councillor John Bevan

Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services – Councillor Bernice Vanier

Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration – Councillor Alan Strickland

Cabinet Member for Communities – Councillor Richard Watson

Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement – Councillor Joseph Ejiofor

- The Cabinet meets monthly to make key decisions as set out in this notice.
- The Cabinet makes decisions on how Council services are delivered.
- The Cabinet meets in public except when considering exempt or confidential information.

#### **Procedures prior to private meetings**

A decision making body may only hold a meeting in private if a minimum of 28 clear days public notice has been given.

This notice is available for inspection at Haringey Civic Centre High Road Wood Green N22 8LE and on the Council's website. This notice exceeds the statutory minimum period by giving notice of the occasions over the next 3 months when currently it is anticipated that the public and press may be excluded from all or part of a meeting due to the likelihood that if members of the public were present during an item of business confidential or exempt information would be disclosed to them.

A statement of reasons for the meeting to be held in private is given in each case with reference to the definitions of confidential and exempt information below. A further notice will be published at least 5 clear days before a private meeting and available for inspection at the Civic Centre and on the Council's website.

A 'private meeting' means a meeting or part of a meeting of a decision making body which is open to the public except to the extent that the public are excluded due to the confidential or exempt business to be transacted.

'Confidential information' means information provided to the Council by a Government Department on terms (however expressed) which forbid the disclosure of the information to the public or information the disclosure of which to the public is prohibited by or under any enactment of a court.

'Exempt information' comprises the descriptions of information specified in Paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as follows:

- 1. Information relating to any individual.
- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
- 4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or holders under, the authority.
- 5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- 6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
- 7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Information falling within the above categories is exempt information if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

If you wish to make any representations as to why the proposed private meeting should be held in public please write to contact Xanthe Barker, Principal Committee Coordinator, River Park House 225 High Road, Wood Green, N22 8HQ, or email to xanthe.barker@haringey.gov.uk

Date of Decision or period within which the decision is to be made	Matter in respect of which the decision is to be made	Short Description	Key or Non-Key Decision	Decision Maker	Cabinet Member and Lead Officer	List of Documents to be submitted to decision maker	Public or Private Meeting
08-Apr- 2014	Approval to sign up to the Enfield Independent Fostering Agencies Selected List Agreement	Haringey Council to sign up to the Independent Fostering Agency Select List Agreement procured by Enfield Council on behalf of East London Solutions (ELS) and North London Strategic Alliance (NLSA).	KEY	Cabinet Member Signing	Cabinet Member for Children and the Interim Director of Children's Services	Report of the Director of Children's Services	Public
09-Apr- 2014	Contract Extension - Framework Agreement for the Provision of Arboriculture Services	Application of a 2 year extension to the existing contract which expires on the 2nd June 2014	KEY	Cabinet Member Signing	Cabinet Member for the Environment with the Assistant Director for Environmental Services	Report of the Chief Operating Officer	Public
10-Apr- 2014	Acquisition of Munro Works	There is an option to purchase the freehold interest of the site that is contained within the head-lease	KEY	Leader of the Council	Cabinet Member for Finance and Carbon Reduction and the Assistant Director Property and Capital Projects	Report of the Director of Regeneration, Planning and Development	Private  Part or all the report will contain exempt information under Para 3 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information)