

MINUTES OF MEETING Full Council HELD ON Monday, 17th July, 2023, 7.30pm – 10pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Anna Abela, Charles Adje, Peray Ahmet, Ibrahim Ali, Kaushika Amin, Emily Arkell, Dawn Barnes, Nicola Bartlett, John Bevan, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Cathy Brennan, Lester Buxton (Mayor), Dana Carlin, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Lotte Collett, Pippa Connor, Eldridge Culverwell, Nick da Costa, Lucia das Neves, Isidoros Diakides, Erdal Dogan, George Dunstall, Sarah Elliott, Ruth Gordon, Makbule Gunes, Mike Hakata, Tammy Hymas, Emine Ibrahim, Thayahlan Iyngkaran, Sue Jameson, Adam Jogee, Cressida Johnson, Anna Lawton, Ahmed Mahbub, Mary Mason, Khaled Moyeed, Ajda Ovat, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Alessandra Rossetti, Simmons-Safo, Anne Stennett, Joy Wallace, Elin Weston, Matt White, Sarah Williams and Alexandra Worrell

17. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Mayor referred to the notice of filming at meetings and attendees noted this information.

18. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies for absence were received:

Cllr Opoku
Cllr Elliott
Cllr Emery
Cllr Chandwani
Cllr Isilar-Gosling
Cllr Adamou
Cllr Say

Apologies for lateness were received from Cllr Bartlett.

19. 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 Mayor accepted the admission of the following late items of business that could not be available earlier and needed to be dealt with at this meeting for the reasons outlined.

Item 13 - Questions and Written Answers- The reason for lateness was that notice of questions was not requested until 8 clear days before the meeting, following which the matters raised have to be researched and replies prepared to be given at the meeting.

Item 14 Motions - The amendments to motions were not requested until 10am on the day of the Council meeting. There was an amendment to Motion A which had been published and distributed as a supplementary pack.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests put forward.

21. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15 MAY 2023

RESOLVED

1. To agree the minutes of the Annual meeting held on the 15th of May 2023 as a correct record of the meeting.
2. To agree that a clarification be added to the minutes of 2nd of March 2023 as outlined at page 12 of the agenda pack.

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

The Mayor advised that a written account of his community activities had been distributed to all members prior to the meeting and highlighted the following:

- He was delighted to raise the pride flag at the beginning of June with community Leaders and LGBT+ staff network
- It was the second year in a row Haringey had won the London Youth Games. He had joined the girls tennis and girls hockey teams on the final day of games at the Queen Elizabeth Park and was proud to see them win.

The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor, Deputy lieutenant and Mayoral colleagues for support in conducting weekly citizenship ceremonies.

The Mayor asked for Councillor colleagues to get in touch if there were events in their wards that they would like attended by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

23. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED

1. To note the changes to the political composition set out at paragraph 4.2 of the attached report.
2. To agree that Cllr Isilar-Gosling replace Cllr Dawn Barnes on the Appointments Panel.

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

The Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal and Governance had no matters to report on.

25. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE LEADER - CSO 3.1 VII

RESOLVED

To NOTE the decisions taken in the past year under the Council's Urgency procedures.

26. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES

27.

This report was put forward following the Standards Committee meeting held on the 27th of June 2023 and asked Full Council to consider the following:

To approve amendments to Part Four of the Constitution, Section J Contract Procedure Rules and any other consequential amendments arising as a result of:

- Removal of relevant references to EU law and legislation, updated references to current legislation, Council policy and Officer roles.
- Formalisation of existing practices and Council Policies.
- Minor drafting amendments.

To approve the constitutional related actions arising from the independent review of the Council's arrangements for property negotiations, acquisitions, and disposals or intended transactions, approved at Cabinet on the 18th of April 2023, namely:

- Guidance on the role of Council appointees to voluntary sector organisations, reminding them of their role as stewards of public funds.
- Guidance to Councillors meeting with landowners, contractors etc when not in their capacity as ward Councillors.
- Protocol for Decision Making to provide consistency and support.

To approve the changes to the Petitions Scheme and Council Standing Order section on Petitions.

To approve the addition of the Licensing Hearing protocol to the Council's Constitution.

RESOLVED

1. To adopt the proposed revised Part Four of the Constitution, Section J Contract Procedure Rules as attached at Appendix 2.
2. To adopt Appendix 5 – Advice on Outside Bodies
3. To adopt Appendix 6 -- Guidance for Councillors on contact with third parties and stakeholders.
4. To adopt of Appendix 8(final version) of updates to the Part 5 Section D, Protocol for Decision Making.
5. To adopt the updated Petitions Scheme attached at Appendix 12.
6. To adopt the Updated Council Standing Orders attached at Appendix 13.
7. To adopt the updated Licensing Protocol attached at Appendix 15 and agreed addition to the Council's Constitution.

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

Local resident, Victoria Ward introduced the petition, which had reached over the 2200 signatories and instigated a full Council debate. The petition was objecting to the LTN's .

Victoria Ward made representations on the following:

- LTN's were not in the Labour Party manifesto and therefore this policy was not voted for in the local election.
- Contested that 56% of residents in the Bounds Green had not wanted an LTN. There had been three deputations to Cabinet to contest the continuation of the LTN's and the residents that gave feedback to the Cabinet and raised concerns were not felt listened to. They were providing local business feedback and carer relative perspectives. Their concerns had been responded to with general points about London being the most congested city in the world.
- The Petitioners felt that the Council were failing to hear that LTN's were increasing congestion.
- That in Bounds Green the whole neighbourhood was closed due to have neighbouring LTN's in both Enfield and Haringey boroughs. It was contested that 75% of residents do not want to LTN's and 100% business do not want LTN's in the Bounds Green area.
- The petitioners felt that the Council did not want compromise and continued to contend the view of the Council that equal numbers of people wanted LTN's than those who did not. They referred to the multiple petitions totalling 20,000 signatures against the LTN's with only 300 signatories in favour of the LTN's collated.
- Traffic from 20 residential roads had moved to one road, and the residents in Bounds Green felt discriminated against. They had been living for a year with

- the scheme, and the Council needed to listen to residents living through the experience.
- The petitioner felt that Councillors in the west of the borough and Councillors not living in an LTN area would not know what it was like to live through this experience.
 - The LTN's were resulting in congested junctions and boundary roads.
 - Contested that the Council were closing entire neighbourhoods and the resident impact and resident experience needed to be listened to.
 - Meetings with officers had been sought and not responded to.
 - There was a positive example of the LTN impact on Stoke Newington businesses outlined at the Cabinet meeting but this was not the feedback the petitioners had received, and they sought to be provided with the data on this.
 - They contested data that has been used to continue the LTN's and challenged the reasoning on traffic reduction schemes reducing pollution when other policies on events in parks contradicted this reasoning.
 - Sustrans were referred to as advocating LTN's and could not be relied upon to collate data on the LTN's.
 - That cycling had reduced and collisions more likely on the busy roads surrounding LTNs.
 - Challenged the Council to release the data on LTN's reducing rat running and wanted to see the detail on this.
 - Boundary road increases in traffic affected bus travel affecting residents further wanting to travel in and around LTN's.

The debate

- Cllr Jameson welcomed the petitioners and petition in keeping the debate on LTN alive and highlighted that there were many arguments to hear. Councillors had been working with communities to ensure that LTN's can be monitored and if required tweaked and amended. Since the February Council meeting, the ward Councillors in LTN areas had worked closely with Cabinet members to voice resident concerns. Measurements of traffic now showed remarkable reductions in the traffic in the LTN areas with over 50% reductions. Ward Councillors welcomed the changes in the exemptions policy, which allowed universal exemption for blue badge holders. In Bruce's castle - Linley road traffic filter was being removed to help residents to have different access to the LTN in Bruce Grove. LTN's were recognised to be hard at the start and had impacted on boundary roads but this would decrease in traffic and there was a need to consider the long term and short-term impact on the environment as a whole.
- Cllr Cawley – Harrison spoke about having complimentary solutions to drive forward behavioural change. The Councillor was pleased with 18-month trial of LTN's but disappointed that no complementary solutions to drive long term behavioural changes such as providing safer means of transport along with highway improvements. Residents would need to be happy to use alternative modes of transport as this would deter the feeling of restrictions in the ability to move around the borough. The lack of complementary options would make a difference to moving in and out of LTN area. The Councillor had not seen any

changes to cycle lanes in LTN areas and many of these lied flat on the road and these cycle lanes needed to be safer to help change behaviour.

- Cllr White spoke about heatwaves across the world providing an indication of the impact of climate change and were a convincing situation of the need to take action to limit global warming. This climate situation could not be solved by short term actions and needed decisive action by the government now to lower greenhouse emissions and cut energy usage and reduce the number of items produced. if changes were not made lives would change. In addition, there was a need to change what we ate, how we travelled and what we wear. There was a need to take action locally on how we travelled around as well as LTN's need for safe roads and to be able to have access to what we need in 15 minutes.
- Cllr Mason spoke about her new experience as a ward Councillor in Bounds Green and this had been the most controversial issue in Bounds Green. There had been a reduction of 60% of traffic and this scheme had stopped cars coming into London from outside M25 and she hoped those car users were now using public transport. She spoke to many people in the ward and heard that LTN's caused additional driving time and pollution on Bounds Green road. There was an increase in pollution, reduction in access and impact on high street and less choice. However, positive impacts reported were the quieter streets and more environmentally friendly area. Ward Councillors considered a wide range views and acknowledged that there were reasons to how people feel rather than a simple right-wrong scenario

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member responded as follows:

- Thanked the petitioners, ward Councillors on thoughts and ideas, and welcomed criticism, input, and observations.
- Contested that the Council were not listening to residents. Although, this did not mean that they cannot do better. He emphasised that from the start, the Council have listened to residents.
- Consultation activities outlined to the meeting on how the LTN's were communicated and the engagement methods used. The Council were committed to listening and those that made their voices heard were those distressed at traffic levels.
- The Council had reached out as much as possible and sought as much input as possible.
- Stressed the importance of life improvement.
- LTNs were put to consultation as part of the walking and cycling plan and was hugely accepted and passed by Cabinet that 3 experimental LTN's be taken forward.
- All Councillors lived in the borough, have friends and family in the borough, and experience the same issues as everybody else.
- Councillors do debate on the impact of the LTN.
- The LTN had not yet been in place for 18 months.
- The most negatively impacted by car use were in the East of the borough.
- Higher number of car drivers in Bounds Green that were discontented with the scheme.

The Cabinet Member concluded that when considering the data matrix and the evidence to support the aims of the LTN's the Cabinet could not accept the actions of the petition at this time which was to stop the LTN's

The Council agreed the response to the petition as outlined above and responses in the debate.

David Robinson, local resident, presented a deputation on traffic issues in Christchurch Road.

The deputation welcomed the visits made by the Council to Christchurch road. The deputation continued to outline that:

- Christchurch Road was a short and narrow road connecting Crouch Hill and Crouch End road and traffic includes cars vans and heavy vehicles.
- At peak times, congestion was severe and the situation over time had gotten worse.
- Residents were finding the traffic situation extremely difficult, and concerns had been raised regarding safety.
- Christchurch Road had not been included in the School Street's for Coleridge school initiative despite how busy the road was.
- Residents had made representations for two years, specifically regarding a School Street scheme at this overall traffic hotspot.
- Residents have asked the Council to consider this carefully and provide solutions for a low traffic initiative in the road and in line with the LTN policy.
- Not easy to get in and out of Christchurch Road and personal experience of dealing with fractures associated with incidences on short roads.
- On personal level the doctor had experienced delays getting out of the drive to attend to patients.
- The local residents do not want to wait until injuries to children to take action. Affect to the roads has been significant and compounded by the impact of this scheme.

The following information was provided from the deputation in response to questions from Cllr Cawley – Harrison and Cllr Worrell.

- In terms of support, the deputation had 25 residents listed down in agreement of the raised concerns. Following this, a survey had been conducted which was almost unanimous in agreement in finding a traffic management solution across the entire street.
- There was strong community support to align CPZ areas and increase the hours to stop movement in between the CPZ areas.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment and Transport responded as follows:

- He noted that the presentation showed the level of disruption that motor vehicles could cause across the borough. he had visited the road and emphasised with the issues being experienced in the road.

- Council would be exploring ways in which solutions could be found to minimise traffic for the road.
- There were many roads with rat runs and a huge problem in the borough that he was committed to solve.
- Traffic counts have happened, and it has become clear that the school street had not additionally affected Christchurch traffic issues.
- The issue was that Christchurch Road was part of two major roads in the area and to close both roads would cause an issue for the wider traffic network. This had initiated a major conversation with TFL but there was no simple solution that could be provided. However, he assured the deputation that he was not giving up on this road or any other road in the borough and would continue to speak with residents and ward Councillors to reduce traffic on the road and was very aware of the issues.

Giovanna Iozzi, Haringey Tree Protectors presented the second deputation on continued threat to mature trees in the borough.

The meeting noted that Haringey Tree Protectors was set up to raise alarm around the threats to mature trees in the borough. The deputation continued to speak about their campaigns in the borough.

Campaigners argued that there were outdated tree and insurance policies. Campaigners were shining a light on outdated tree management and needed to see meaningful action on trees.

The deputation welcomed some of the additions in Haringey's revised Woodland's plan, including its commitment in the local plan for a dedicated trees policy and its plans to try to retain more mature trees in new developments. The deputation hoped for stronger policy implementation, and expressed concern about gap in tackling insurance policy issues. They spoke about importance of tree canopies and their health and wellbeing benefits.

There had been 106 trees removed and new planting alone was not the way forward but preserving mature trees which would provide a robust defence against traffic pollution.

The group would be meeting with Woodland Trust to lobby for a change in law in the protection of trees and see the value of street trees and called for collective action between the Council and the group.

The following information was provided by the deputation and noted in response to questions from members, Cllr Ali and Cllr Connor:

- The Insurance industry has more claims due to climate change and can use the solution of nearby tree removal as a way of impacting on foundations.
- The best course of action would be the need for change on a national level for the protection of tree and greater protection laws for trees on a national level
- It was encouraging to see content on the Tree and Woodland Plan and suggestions picked up on. The deputation reinstated their support to new planting but noted these trees would not be full grown until 30 years' time.

Every planning, housing decisions and transport decision made must take the climate and the ecological emergency into account.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment and Transport responded as follows:

- He did not agree with the points made and the actions proposed in the deputation. It was important to understand the amount of work and the efforts that were put in by the Council to protect and maintain trees in this borough.
- The Woodland Plan, Biodiversity Action Plan and The Local Plan all showed in some detail how the Council planned to protect and maintain trees.
- The Local Plan would be one of the most far reaching in the country in relation to the protection and maintenance of trees and those under threat.
- There were stringent stipulations that would be made in the Local Plan on the protection and maintenance of trees, emphasising the protection of mature trees. Haringey web pages went into some detail about how the Council protecting trees and managing insurance claims and have to follow the law.
- In terms of pollarding, it was important to realise that this was one of the key ways of protecting trees against root advancement towards homes that creates the subsidence.
- On the duty to consult awaiting guidance on this and calling of this.
- It was essential that in terms of climate change as many trees were planted as possible; this would help in terms of climate change, air pollution, preventing soil erosion and would support biodiversity. Collaborative working worked with mutual respect to be effective and maligning tree officers did not respond to this. In addition, external challenge had to be with the spirit of mutual respect. The Tree team were doing everything they possibly could to save and protect the trees of the borough and the Council want to expand the urban forest as far as possible and want to work with residents to do this.

28. HARINGEY DEBATE :EVERYONE WELCOME: PROVIDING A SAFE SPACE FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN HARINGEY.

Cllr das Neves Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care, and Wellbeing introduced the debate. She outlined that the debate was about telling everyone, especially the UK government, that everyone is welcome in Haringey.

The Cabinet Member welcomed participants and guests Liliia Mishchuk, Freshta and Ahmad Sanatyar, Mohammed Jan, and Vincent Okosodo who had been welcomed to the borough to start a new life.

The debate was focused on inclusion, celebration and acceptance of everyone,

The Cabinet Member was proud to work with the dedicated team at Haringey who did so much for communities with compassion, quality relationships and had a depth of commitment and understanding.

She continued to highlight the two main settlement resettlement schemes that the Council was funded to deliver: Homes for Ukraine, and Afghan resettlement schemes. The Council was also funded to support people seeking asylum and successful in bidding to support local Hong Kong British National Overseas refugee population.

The Cabinet Member highlighted the support being provided to 700 refugees, and the support being provided on high-risk complex cases where risk and safeguarding issues were exacerbated by language barriers, lack of systems, and understanding of immigration status, including residents impacted by the wind rush scandal.

There were welcome hubs, which saw on average 50 people attending per week from a range of backgrounds and work with 15 voluntary sector organisations to support resettling residents.

This debate was being held at the meeting, followed by the motion requesting the withdrawal of the illegal migration bill to provide a strong stance against the hostile environment.

Haringey Welcome were proud to speak at this debate and to speak about rejecting the immigration bill. Haringey Welcome emphasised that inclusivity was good for all and described how racism poisons the well of society creating division and discontent. This was illustrated by the cynical recent increase in migrant tax for health access, which was being communicated by the government as to be used to fund the public sector pay increase.

Haringey Welcome continued to emphasise that when we all thrive and grow then we all benefit. The Resettlement team were commended and together with the Council, rejected the impact of this egregious bill. Haringey Welcome Haringey appreciated the urgency of the Council in confronting the issues of the bill and taking forward a substantive response to this bill.

The Council demanded that the UK Government respects the law and protection to people regardless of their mode of entry and keep to the 1951 agreement for asylum.

The meeting continued to hear from the external speaker who spoke about her personal experiences of coming to England from the Ukraine to live with a sponsor and returning to Ukraine to support her husband who had been injured in the conflict. Then coming back to England with husband and needing new settlement provision. She described how the Council had helped a lot with this housing situation and the family were very grateful to the Council and wanted to contribute to return this support.

There followed a debate by Councillors with contributions from Councillors: Dogan, Barnes, Mahbub, da Costa, O'Donovan and Ahmet.

Cllr Dogan spoke about importance of providing a safe place for refugees and migrants. He described the difficult decisions individuals and families have to make to

leave their home. Cllr Dogan had personal experience as a child refugee and he and his family came to England in the 1990's and had worked long hours. He was the first in his family to go to university to study engineering and now worked in a higher education establishment and was now giving back to Haringey with his active role in the community. Refugees provide support to public services and locally. He concluded by saying that refugees should be offered a safe place to live, and work, and was proud to be part of the Council to help those in desperate need.

Cllr Barnes spoke about the cross-party agreement to welcome people across the world to live in the borough. The new migration bill blamed migrants for economic issues, and this was detrimental to providing the support those migrants that were fleeing persecution needed. There was a need to provide safe routes for refugees to help the dangerous situations. She described how many national politicians, over the years, were on the wrong side of the issue. Many British people welcomed the Ukrainians and both local political parties were united in providing a safe place for citizens in the Ukraine.

Cllr Mahbub highlighted the contribution of migrants to the national economy and their massive contribution to the local economy in Haringey and to employment. He spoke about the migrant nurses working in hospitals during covid, risking lives to help people. He added that economists always find that migrants contribute to the economy. He concluded with highlighting the trauma of children fleeing war and not underestimating their experience.

Cllr da Costa spoke about the proud tradition of the country welcoming refugees, fleeing discrimination, persecution, and the need to change the law to allow refugees to work in the UK. He spoke about his personal experience of working to support two highly experienced expert doctors from the Ukraine who were frustrated that they cannot share their experience in the NHS. It was important to note that migrants built the NHS and shaped our societies. Those most in need were being attacked by right wing media and the migration bill must be defeated.

Cllr O'Donovan spoken in his maiden speech about the historical waves of migration in Haringey and the past struggle for justice had developed the welcome status of Haringey. He spoke about the past solidarity of Haringey residents against Nazis and fascists in the 1940's. He continued to speak about the voluntary sector's specific support to migrants in the borough. He referred to Joy Gardner's traumatic arrest, with yet still no public enquiry into her death. Her life would inspire work in Haringey, and everyone was welcome in Haringey.

Cllr Ahmet, Leader of the Council, thanked all the Councillors for their speeches and thanked residents for attending. She spoke of her family's personal experience of coming to England from conflict in Cyprus which was still divided to this day. Her parents had been welcomed in Haringey. She added that Haringey always had a proud history of welcoming refugees, and they were now nationally facing a toxic and hostile environment. It was important to hear and see the hardship that refugees face and that they deserve to be included in society. She continued to express that those who make the journey do not do this lightly; and Haringey would stop at nothing to make sure all that refugees needed to succeed. The Resettlement team were further

commended for their excellent work and Haringey would continue its rich history of welcoming refugees.

Cllr das Neves responded to the debate, thanking attendees and Haringey Welcome for their work on Welcome Advisory Board. She was happy that both political groups agreed on this issue and glad later motion had not been amended.

The Mayor thanked guests and Councillors for their participation in the debate.

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

The Mayor had accepted the responses to written questions admitted as late business and these were RECEIVED.

Oral questions one to six were then asked and responded to.

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

Councillor Rossetti proposed the motion on Period Poverty, outlining the difficult choices that women have with less income and choosing between food/ energy and period products. The situation was worse with the cost-of-living crisis. The motion was seeking agreement to expand the current free provision in libraries of sanitary products and including them in all other buildings like community centres .Cllr Rossetti advised that at Alexandra Park library, today, there were no period products.

Cllr Rossetti expressed that these were not luxury products and women and teenagers should not suffer indignity of cutting back on work, school or sports activities due to cost of accessing this product. Cllr Rossetti hoped that the Council could firmly commit to providing period products across all libraries and buildings, regardless of the national government and charity schemes available to provide this provision.

Councillor da Costa seconded the motion. He welcomed parts of the amendment but was concerned that the commitment to expand provision was watered down. The current scheme was good, but many libraries did not provide free period products and these were not available in Council buildings. The amendment could be read as expanding current provision to current buildings. Or could be read as restating the existing scheme and making a commitment for expanding this scheme sometime in the future and it was helpful to have a clarification on this.

Cllr da Costa spoke about men needing to gain more knowledge and understanding about menstruation and tackling this taboo subject for men.

Cllr das Neves moved the amendment to the motion, further welcoming the motion and supporting its purpose. The amendments went further to expand the provision. Context and background was provided that since 2020, the Council had worked with borough partners to provide sanitary products and the amendments set out the need

to replenish supply and improve delivery of products and expand and increasing and availability. Schools also supported to access national schemes. There would also be a media campaign to increase access to the scheme.

Cllr Ibrahim was pleased to second the motion and support the actions outlined. Teenage girls that experienced period poverty were missing out on school and wider experience of the world.

The Majority Group Chief Whip moved CSO 15.12(d) and moved That the question be put, and the Council move to the vote. Cllr Cawley – Harrison seconded this.

The meeting AGREED to move to the vote.

In accordance with CSO 15.13(c), the Mayor asked Cllr Rossetti to provide a short right of reply.

Cllr Rossetti responded and accepted the amendment to the motion, in particular she welcomed the media campaign to increase awareness of the free provision in libraries and community centres and requested a report to full Council on progress in 6 months' time.

Following a vote on the amendment to the motion, the Amendment to the motion was AGREED

Following a vote on the motion as amended, this was AGREED.

Period Poverty Motion A

Proposer: Councillor das Neves

Secunder: Councillor Ibrahim

Council notes:

- In June 2022, a Plan International UK survey found that nearly one in four girls in London were unable to afford period products since the start of the year.
- The charity found that girls across the country were cutting down on food and school spending in order to afford period products.
- An ActionAid 2022 survey showed that of those who have struggled to afford menstrual products in the last six months, 75% said they had prioritised spending money on food, 49% had prioritised gas/electric, and 31% prioritised fuel.
- Nearly half (46%) of those who struggled to afford sanitary products in the last six months kept sanitary pads or tampons in for longer than recommended or used toilet paper, and 10% doubled up their underwear; and women, girls and others who menstruate are at risk of Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) if they do not have access to clean period products.
- The Period Products Scheme for schools and colleges in England has provided free period products to all state-maintained schools and 16-19 education organisations in England since 2020;
- Scotland was the first country in the world to make period products free for all.

- Like many other London Boroughs in response to issues with access to period products, in 2020 the Council initiated a scheme with partners to provide free period products to residents, which many relied on during the pandemic. In light of the cost-of-living crisis, we are keen to expand this provision further.

Council believes:

- No one should experience period poverty.

Council resolves:

- To ensure our stock levels for free period products in all of the Council's public toilets and buildings including libraries and community centres, including all female, male, disabled and gender-neutral toilets are replenished and monitored, and explore working with new partners to provide further supplies.
- Explore working with new partners and VCSs to provide more free, sustainable and eco-friendly period products.
- To ensure there are sanitary waste bins in all of the Council's toilets where they are not already provided;
- To run a media campaign with partners to communicate to residents that free period products are available in community centres and all libraries and to work with the community to increase the ways in which residents can access these products discretely
- To survey schools in Haringey about free access to period products in their schools and provide them with support to access period product schemes.
- To explore the impact of period poverty on residents in Haringey and use these findings to call for the UK government to make period products free and available to all those who need them.

Cllr das Neves moved Motion B which was with the support of the Labour group, outlining that the Migration Bill was illegal, cruel and an inhumane piece of legislation that should be withdrawn with immediate effect. The bill went against the spirit of what Haringey always stood for. Despite the progressive amendments added to the bill with cross party support by peers, the bill still did not pass the litmus tests for being a progressive bill. The Council called on the government to withdraw the illegal migration bill and commit to resourcing a humane system with safe routes, ensuring all those who have to claim asylum access safe accommodation. If a young unaccompanied person, expectant mother or LGBT+ person arrives in the UK that they get support that they need.

The Council would continue to work with brilliant partner organisations and would work with the Welcome Advisory Board to renew the Welcome Strategy and continually find ways to make Haringey an even more welcoming place. The Council would continue to meet with refugee communities and continue to support the mechanism available to them, ensuring there were no barriers to people living lives fully, in safety and hope and fulfilment in the borough.

Cllr das Neves commended the motion to the Council and thanked the migrants champion network for all advocacy on this work.

Cllr Dogan seconded the motion in the name of the Labour group and echoed the sentiments on how inhumane the illegal migration bill was and wholeheartedly agreed

that it must be withdrawn. He would be working with Council colleagues to push the government to do more to help those making terrible sacrifices and risks to escape their homeland.

The Majority Chief Whip moved Council Standing Order 15.12(d) that the question be put, and the Council move to the vote. Cllr Cawley – Harrison seconded the motion.

The Council AGREED to move to the vote.

In accordance with CSO 15.13(c), the Mayor asked Cllr das Neves to provide a short right of reply.

Cllr das Neves thanked Councillor colleagues for their support to the motion and was thanked Haringey Welcome for their significant efforts and continued collaboration.

There was a vote, and the Motion B was AGREED.

Labour Group motion

Withdraw the Illegal Migration Bill

Proposer: Cllr Lucia das Neves, Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care, and Wellbeing

Seconder: Cllr Erdal Dogan

This Council is committed to defending the human rights of all our residents, and to fulfilling its public sector equality duty to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people.

The Council's Welcome Strategy sets out our ambition to be an inclusive place: for people from all cultures, nationalities, and backgrounds, and to work closely with our communities and voluntary organisations to make Haringey a welcoming borough for everyone who wants to live and work here.

This Council notes that:

- 1) The Government is bringing forward yet another immigration bill, at a time when there are currently no safe routes to the UK for the vast majority of those who seek asylum here, including those with family members in our communities.
- 2) Arriving irregularly is often the only option for asylum seekers, yet the provisions of this Bill mean that they will never be allowed to access the asylum system. Instead, they will be left destitute, without the right to work and in legal limbo indefinitely.
- 3) The Bill seeks to remove vital protections for children, victims of trafficking and those expecting a baby, meaning they could all face detention. Locking up children and people who are about to give birth represents a shocking rollback of human rights.

- 4) This Bill is in direct opposition to the aims and ambitions of our Welcome Strategy and breaches our human rights obligations.
 - 5) On 29 June 2023, the Court of Appeal ruled that it is unlawful to send asylum seekers to Rwanda to have their claims processed; this ruling calls into question the government's whole illegal migration bill. However, government plans to appeal to the supreme court leaves asylum seekers in continued uncertainty about their future.
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- 1) This Council believes that: The Illegal Migration Bill, rips up fundamental tenets of international human rights law, and is an all-out assault on migrants' rights.

This Council resolves to:

- 1) Write to the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities to express the following:
This Council calls on the Home Secretary to
 - a) Withdraw the Illegal Migration Bill
 - b) Commit to resourcing an asylum system that can deliver fair and timely asylum decisions
 - c) Invest in safe and good quality accommodation for asylum seekers and end the use of temporary, poor-quality hotels and hostels

This Council calls on the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and
Communities to:

 - d) open discussions now with local authorities about the best ways and resources needed to provide good quality long term accommodation for all those in need, including asylum seekers, within our communities.
- 2) Commit to defending the rights of all our communities to live side by side in dignity, to continuing to welcome those who make our borough their home, and to working with them so that we can all thrive together.
- 3) Meet refugee and migrant communities in our area to discuss what more we can do to make them feel welcome here through the Welcome Advisory Board, to renew and refresh our Welcome Strategy
- 4) Continue to work with all our communities to develop and publicise proper reporting mechanisms for hate crime and, with all our partners in our community safety, work to ensure that all reports are followed up and action taken.
- 5) Raise a 'Refugees Welcome' banner in the borough.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date