

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL
MONDAY, 18 JANUARY 2010**

Councillors Vanier (Mayor), Adamou, Adje, Aitken, Alexander, Allison, Amin, Basu, Beacham, Bevan, Beynon, Bloch, Bull, Butcher, Canver, Cooke, Davies, Demirci, Dobbie, Dodds, Dogus, Edge, Egan, Engert, Goldberg, Gorrie, Griffith, Haley, Hare, B. Harris, C. Harris, Jones, Khan, Kober, Lister, Mallett, Meehan, Mughal, Newton, Oakes, Oatway, Patel, Peacock, Rainger, Reid, Reith, Santry, Scott, Stanton, Thompson, Weber, Whyte, Williams, Wilson and Winskill.

Apologies Councillor Baker

Absent: Councillor Diakides

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CNCL66.	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Baker.	
CNCL67.	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	
	See Minutes 72 & 78.	
CNCL68.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	Councillors Engert and Reith declared a personal interest in public question number 4 as Board Members of London Travel Watch.	
	Councillor Bloch declared a personal interest in public question number 5 as a non executive director of the Haringey PCT.	
	Councillor Thompson declared a personal interest in questions as he lived on a Council estate.	
CNCL69.	TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER AND 14 DECEMBER 2009.	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 30 November and 14 December 2009 be signed as a true record.	

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<p>CNCL70.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL</p> <p>The Mayor stated that Members would be aware of the terrible events in Haiti following the dreadful earthquake and the following and on-going humanitarian tragedy that was occurring there. Haringey's diverse community includes Haitians and those of Haitian descent and our thoughts were with them at this difficult time. The Mayor urged everyone to contribute to the appeal that had been set up by the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) - a group of charities - to help the people of Haiti. Information regarding making a donation could be found at the committee's website: www.dec.org.uk - a link to the website could also be found via the Council website.</p>	
<p>CNCL71.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</p> <p>There were no matters to report.</p>	
<p>CNCL72.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES</p> <p>The Mayor agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The Standards Committee of 14 January 2010 agreed to increase the Independent Membership of the Committee by 1 additional Independent Member, and to request Full Council to endorse this recommendation and to amend the relevant section of the Council's Constitution accordingly, and in accordance with the requirements in the Local Government Act 2000 and the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001.</p> <p>The report also detailed the outcome of the Standards Committee – Determination Hearing Panel of 2 December 2009 in respect of a Standards Complaint against an elected Member of this Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the recommendation from Standards Committee that its Membership be increased by one independent member, to 6 in total, with this additional position being recruited to as part of the recruitment process for independent members embarked upon in January 2010, be agreed. 2. That the relevant part of the Council's Constitution (Part Two – Articles of the Constitution – Article 9.02 (a) Membership) in relation to the Independent Membership of the Standards Committee be amended accordingly. 3. That the decision of the Standards Committee – Determination Hearing Panel of 2 December 2009 in relation to the breach of Haringey Council's Code of Conduct for Members by a member of the Council be noted. 	

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<p>CNCL73.</p>	<p>TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p>There were no matters to report.</p>	
<p>CNCL74.</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM</p> <p>A deputation was received from Mr Akwasi – Ayisi seeking a freeze on Council Tax.</p> <p>Members asked questions of the deputation and received responses thereto.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for resources responded to the deputation.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the deputation for attending the meeting.</p>	
<p>CNCL75.</p>	<p>CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</p> <p>It was proposed and duly seconded that the order of business be changed to permit Motion K on Council Tax to be taken next.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to the change of order of business.</p>	
<p>CNCL76.</p>	<p>MOTION K (2009/10)</p> <p><u>Motion K (2009/10)</u></p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Egan and seconded by Cllr Cooke that:</p> <p>“This Council</p> <p>Notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Believes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	

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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”

An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Butcher and seconded by Councillor Gorrie that:

Delete all after “The current financial climate is difficult for Haringey residents” and replace with

- Many London Council’s have announced plans to freeze or reduce Council Tax next year
- Liberal Democrat-led Council’s in Brent, Islington, Southwark and Camden have proposed Council Tax freezes next year
- The Labour Group rejected Liberal Democrat proposals last year to freeze Council Tax for local residents in Haringey facing the effects of the recession

Further notes

- Liberal Democrat Council’s in Sutton, Richmond and Kingston receive approximately 75% less funding from the Labour government than Haringey
- Sutton’s Council Tax rate is less than Haringey’s despite receiving significantly less government funding than Haringey
- The Audit Commission rated Richmond and Sutton as 4 star Council’s improving strongly and Kingston as a 3-star Council improving well
- Haringey is considered as a 1-star Council not improving adequately

Resolves

- Freeze Council Tax for all Haringey residents next year
- To continue to improve services by moving resources from the back office to the frontline

On being put to the vote there were 25 in favour of the amendment and 28 against and 2 abstentions. The amendment was declared LOST.

The motion was then put to the vote and with 54 in favour and 1 abstention was declared CARRIED.

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<p>CNCL77.</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12</p> <p>The Opposition gave notice of their wish to debate Haringey's Comprehensive Area Assessment.</p> <p>Councillor Gorrie spoke on behalf of the Opposition Group. Councillor Kober responded on behalf of the Majority Group.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Councillors for their contributions.</p>	
<p>CNCL78.</p>	<p>TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10</p> <p>The Mayor agreed to the admission of this item as urgent business. Under Standing Orders, notice of questions was not requested until eight clear days before the meeting, following which matters raised had to be researched and replies prepared in order to be given at the meeting.</p> <p>There were 5 Public Questions, 9 oral questions from Councillors, and 36 questions for written answer.</p> <p>Oral Questions 7 - 9 were not reached and written responses would be given.</p>	
<p>CNCL79.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES</p> <p><u>CABINET REPORTS 8 & 9 2009/10</u></p> <p>The Leader gave a resume of the reports of Cabinet which were before the meeting for consideration. Members questioned details of the reports and the Leader responded accordingly.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Cabinet Reports numbers 8 and 9 2009/10 be received.</p> <p><u>CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING GROUP – REPORTS NO.4 & 5 2009/10</u></p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the crime and disorder scrutiny functions be added to the terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the Appendix to report number 4 and that these be adopted as amendments to Part 3 Section C of the Council's Constitution. 2. That changes to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers as set out in Appendices 1 & 2 to report number 5 be agreed and that these be 	

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	adopted as amendments to Appendix E of the Council's Constitution.	
CNCL80.	TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13 MOTIONS I, J & L were not reached before the close of meeting at 10 pm.	

COUNCILLOR BERNICE VANIER

Mayor