

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL  
MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2010**

Councillors Griffith (Mayor), Adamou, Adje, Alexander, Allison, Amin, Basu, Beacham, Bevan, Bloch, Brabazon, Browne, Bull, Butcher, Canver, Christophides, Cooke, Davies, Demirci, Diakides, Dogus, Egan, Ejiofor, Engert, Erskine, Gibson, Goldberg, Gorrie, Hare, Jenks, Khan, Kober, Mallett, McNamara, Meehan, Newton, Peacock, Reece, Reid, Reith, Rice, Schmitz, Scott, Solomon, Stennett, Stewart, Strang, Strickland, Vanier, Waters, Watson, Weber, Whyte, Williams, Wilson and Winskill

Apologies Councillor Stanton

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CNCL45.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stanton and for lateness from Councillor Adamou.</p>	
CNCL46.	<p><b>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</b></p> <p>See Minutes 55 &amp; 56.</p>	
CNCL47.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>Councillor Reith declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 Public Question 2 as she was a member of Tottenham and Wood Green Friends of the Earth.</p> <p>Councillor Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 13, Motions J and L, as he was an employee of Shelter.</p>	
CNCL48.	<p><b>TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2010</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 October 2010 be signed as a true record.</p>	
CNCL49.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL</b></p> <p>1. The Mayor thanked all those who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and attended Armistice and Remembrance Sunday services in the borough, and added that the support of the community</p>	

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	<p>and the many youth organisations in the borough was valued.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The Mayor was delighted to have attended the Haringey Celebrating Sports Awards on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. The event served to showcase the huge sporting talent in the borough as well as thank all those hard working volunteers, sports organisations and clubs. There were 13 categories this year including Sportsperson of the Year, Club of the Year and Disabled Volunteer of the Year. A special Award was presented this year; the ‘Haringey Unsung Hero’, won by Tony Millard the Deputy Principal at the Vale, who did an incredible amount of work promoting young people’s disability sport. The Mayor congratulated all the winners.</li> <li>3. On behalf of the Council, the Mayor expressed congratulations and best wishes to Councillor Richard Wilson and his partner, who would be celebrating a special occasion on Saturday.</li> <li>4. The Mayor congratulated Neighbourhoods’ officer Leyla Laksari, one of four Londoners short listed for this year’s Pride of Britain awards. She was featured in ITV’s London Tonight on 25<sup>th</sup> October, showing the Living Under One Sun (LUOS) healthy living project in Haringey. Living Under One Sun was set up to help reduce crime at the local adventure playground, bringing mothers and local women of different ethnicities to meet and cook and share stories of their lives. The project embraces the core values of Haringey’s Sustainable Community Strategy which puts communities right at the heart of change, shaping and driving developments.</li> <li>5. The Mayor was delighted to announce that Haringey had three finalists at the National WOW Awards on 9 November, Garry Graham for “Most inspiring front liner”, the Haven Day Centre for “Best care provider” and Haringey Council for “WOW! That’s motivation”, a council wide award, for which the presentation to the judges was made by Helen Skerratt and Len Weir. The Mayor was happy to report that Haringey Council had won the Council Wide Category “WOW! That’s motivation”. The finalists all received a well deserved round of applause.</li> <li>6. The Mayor thanked all those Councillors who had supported the fundraising event on Saturday 20 November for the 2011 Tottenham Carnival. The successful event had been held at Haringey Irish Centre.</li> <li>7. The Mayor reported that on Thursday 11 November, Armistice Day, local residents, including children from local primary schools, had attended a moving ceremony at Tottenham Cemetery to remember those who had sacrificed their lives in the two major World Wars, and the recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>CNCL50.</b></p>	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b></p> <p>There were no matters to report.</p>	

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<p><b>CNCL51.</b></p>	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES ON THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEE.</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That approval be given to the appointment of Ms Andrea Rabe as Independent Member of Standards Committee for a period of 4 years from 22 November 2010 to fill an existing vacancy following the resignation of an Independent Member, and the appointment of Mr Christopher Watts as Independent Member of Standards Committee for a period of 4 years from 23 May 2011 to fill the vacancy that will arise on this date.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL52.</b></p>	<p><b>TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the appointments to outside bodies as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL53.</b></p>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM</b></p> <p>A deputation was received from the two Co-Chairs of the Haringey Youth Council – Valerie Okoampah and Gerald Owusu – who gave a brief resume of their activities for the past year.</p> <p>Members asked questions of the deputation and received responses thereto.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services responded to the deputation.</p> <p>A deputation was also received from Shane Chowen on behalf of the National Union of Students, concerning changes to tuition fees.</p> <p>Members asked questions of the deputation and received responses thereto.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services responded to the deputation.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked both deputations for attending and the meeting gave a round of applause.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL54.</b></p>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12</b></p>	

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	<p>The opposition gave notice of their wish to debate “Children in Care”.</p> <p>Councillor Allison spoke on behalf of the Opposition Group. Councillor Reith responded on behalf of the Majority Group.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Councillors for their contributions.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL55.</b></p>	<p><b>TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 &amp; 10</b></p> <p>The Mayor agreed to the admission of this report 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 2 public questions, 8 oral questions and 23 for written answer.</p> <p>Oral Questions 6, 7 &amp; 8 were not reached in the allotted time and written answers would be supplied to these questions.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL56.</b></p>	<p><b>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES</b></p> <p>The Mayor agreed to the admission of the report of the Constitution Review Working Group as urgent business. The meeting was not held until 11 November 2010 and the report contained recommendations on proposed Constitutional amendments which the Council needed to consider.</p> <p>1. <u>Report of Pensions Committee 01/2010-11</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the representative members of Pensions Committee have full access to all information including exempt information upon signing an undertaking to observe the Members ‘Code of Conduct’.</p> <p>2. <u>Report of the Constitution Review Working Group 02/2010-11</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>i) That the changes set out in Appendix 2 of the report be adopted as amendments to the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations at Part 5, Section B of the Council’s Constitution.</p> <p>ii) That the changes set out in Appendix 4 of the report on London Councils Arrangements for Co-ordinating Response to Emergencies be adopted as amendments to article 11.07 at Part 2 of the Council’s Constitution.</p>	

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	<p>iii) That the revised Petition Scheme as set out in Appendix 6 to the report be agreed.</p> <p>3. <u>REPORT OF THE CABINET – NO 4 /2010-11</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That Cabinet Report 4/2010-11 be received and adopted together with the following recommendation: that Haringey’s Core Strategy, a schedule of suggested minor amendments, a revised SP2 Housing, changes to the employment land designations (incorporating changes from the final four week consultation) and other supporting documents be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by an Independent Planning Inspector and, subject to the outcome of that examination, be adopted.</p>	
<p><b>CNCL57.</b></p>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13</b> <u>MOTION J 2010/11</u></p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Bevan and seconded by Councillor Stewart that:</p> <p>This Council Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The coalition Government’s decision to slash the cap on the Local Housing Allowance (LHA), with a resulting reduction in the amount of housing benefit paid towards the rent.</li><li>• That it’s estimated that 218 claimants in Haringey will be directly affected by this change</li><li>• That due to higher rents in the capital changes in the LHA cap disproportionately affects Londoners.</li><li>• London Council’s predictions that nearly 15,000 families could lose their homes or live in overcrowded conditions as a result of this change.</li><li>• That more than one in three private sector homes are rented by families in receipt of LHA of Housing benefit, with 18,645 households in London affected.</li><li>• That 14,661 of households with children will be affected by the slash on Local Housing Allowance</li><li>• That 10,500 households living in inner London could be forced to move to outer London, putting a strain on local services</li><li>• That the new LHA cap is lower than the existing cap for all 33 London boroughs for five bedroom homes, in 25 boroughs for four bedroom homes and in 18 boroughs for homes with three and two bedrooms.</li></ul> <p>Believes:</p>	

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- That this a socially divisive policy that will affect a wider range of people than just those in receipt of LHA
- That this cap could create major social dislocation as many families will be forced out of their communities because they will no longer be able to afford their rent
- That Haringey as an Outer London borough may see greater pressure put on services, as people are forced to move out of inner London
- The new cap will result in increased levels of rent arrears, overcrowding, and families living in temporary accommodation, as people will struggle to meet increased costs
- That creating transitional arrangements in London would allow the government to reduce the level of LHA being paid, while seeking to protect the most vulnerable households.

**Resolves:**

- Continue to work with members of the community who will be affected by this decision, liaise with other local authorities and our partner agencies to mitigate the impacts of the cap.
- Call on the Government to rethink its action and look at bringing transitional arrangements in London

An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Jenks that:

*(Amendments are in italics and in bold, deletions have been struck through)*

**This Council notes:**

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- ~~That it's estimated that 218 claimants in Haringey will be directly affected by this change~~
- ~~That due to higher rents in the capital changes in the LHA cap disproportionately affects Londoners.~~
- ~~London Council's predictions that nearly 15,000 families could lose their homes or live in overcrowded conditions as a result of this change.~~
- ~~That more than one in three private sector homes are rented by families in receipt of LHA of Housing benefit, with 18,645 households in London affected.~~
- ~~That 14,661 of households with children will be affected by the slash on Local Housing Allowance~~
- ~~That 10,500 households living in inner London could be forced to move to outer London, putting a strain on local services~~
- ~~That the new LHA cap is lower than the existing cap for all 33 London boroughs for five bedroom homes, in 25 boroughs for four~~

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~~bedroom homes and in 18 boroughs for homes with three and two bedrooms.~~

- ~~• ***That the Housing Benefit bill to taxpayers has increased by £7.3billion since 2002***~~
- ~~• ***The coalition government has increased Discretionary Housing Payments***~~

**Notes with concern:**

- ~~• ***The Council's poor performance in assessing local residents' Housing Benefit and Local Housing Allowance claims***~~

**Believes:**

- ~~• That this a socially divisive policy that will affect a wider range of people than just those in receipt of LHA~~
- ~~• That this cap could create major social dislocation as many families will be forced out of their communities because they will no longer be able to afford their rent~~
- ~~• That Haringey as an Outer London borough may see greater pressure put on services, as people are forced to move out of inner London~~
- ~~• The new cap will result in increased levels of rent arrears, overcrowding, and families living in temporary accommodation, as people will struggle to meet increased costs~~
- ~~• ***Reform of the Housing Benefit and LHA system is needed to reduce the increasingly unsustainable budget***~~
- ~~• That creating transitional arrangements in London would allow the government to reduce the level of LHA being paid, while seeking to protect the most vulnerable households.~~

**Resolves:**

- ~~• Continue to work with members of the community who will be affected by this decision, liaise with other local authorities and our partner agencies to mitigate the impacts of the cap.~~
- ~~• Call on the Government to ~~rethink its action~~ and look at bringing transitional arrangements in London~~
- ~~• ***Calls on the Council to closely examine the affects of the LHA changes on Haringey's residents, respond quickly and ensure smooth administration of Discretionary Housing Payments***~~

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared LOST (22 for, 32 against).

The Motion was declared CARRIED following a recorded vote, as follows:

For the Motion: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Adamou), Councillors Adje, Amin, Basu, Bevan, Brabazon, Browne, Bull, Canver, Christophides, Cooke, Demirci, Diakides, Dogus, Egan, Ejiofor, Gibson, Goldberg, Khan, Kober, Mallett, McNamara, Meehan, Peacock, Reith, Rice, Stennett, Stewart, Strickland, Vanier, Waters and Watson.

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	<p>Abstentions: Councillors Alexander, Allison, Beacham, Bloch, Butcher, Engert, Erskine, Gorrie, Hare, Jenks, Newton, Reece, Reid, Schmitz, Scott, Solomon, Strang, Weber, Whyte, Williams, Wilson and Winskill.</p> <p>Absent: Councillors Davies and Stanton.</p> <p>Due to the hour, motions K, L and M were not considered.</p>	
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COUNCILLOR EDDIE GRIFFITH

Mayor