

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 3 OCTOBER 2005

Councillors: The Mayor (Councillor Griffith), *The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Adamou); Councillors *Adje, *Aitken, *Basu, *Bax, *Beacham, *Bevan, Blanchard, *Bloch, *Herbie Brown, *Jean Brown, *Bull, *Canver, *Davidson, *Davies, *Dawson, *Diakides, *Dillon, *Dobbie, Dodds, *Edge, *Engert, Featherstone, *Floyd, *Gilbert, *Haley, *Hare, *Harris, *Hillman, *Hoban, GMMH Rahman Khan, *Knight, *Krokou, *Lister, *Makanji, Manheim, *Meehan, Millar, *Milner, *Newton, *Oatway, Patel, *Peacock, Erline Prescott, *Quincy Prescott, *Reith, *Reynolds, *Rice, *Robertson, *Santry, Simpson, *Stanton, Sulaiman, *Williams, *Winskill and *Wynne.

* Members present

43. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillors Dodds, Featherstone, Griffith, Rahman Khan, Manheim, Patel, Erline Prescott, and Simpson, and for lateness from Councillors Hare, Lister and Sulaiman.

44. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR:

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Rice be appointed Acting Deputy Mayor for the duration of the meeting as the Deputy Mayor was in the Chair.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Members were asked by the Mayor to declare any personal interest in respect of items on the agenda. In accordance with Part 2 of the Members Code of Conduct set out in the Council Constitution, any Member disclosing a personal interest which was also prejudicial would be asked to withdraw from the Chamber during consideration of the item and neither were they to seek to improperly influence a decision on the said item.

Councillor Adje declared a personal interest in the item 10, as a former representative on the Haringey Business Development Agency. Councillor Reynolds also stated that he had also been a representative on the Haringey Business Development Agency but had now resigned his position.

46. MINUTES:

Copies of the Minutes having been circulated, they were taken as read.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 11 and 18 July 2005 be signed as a true record.

47. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The Deputy Mayor informed the meeting of the death of Councillor Patel's wife. The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, asked that the Council's deepest sympathy and condolences be communicated to Councillor Patel and his family.
2. The Deputy Mayor reported that the New River Village housing scheme in Hornsey had won a top award in the prestigious annual Housing Design Awards ceremony in Whitehall in July. The awards were promoted by the Office of

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Deputy Prime Minister to highlight design excellence and the role of local councils in planning and approving new developments. With New River Village, Haringey had brought its planning and regeneration powers and expertise together to provide new homes which meet local and regional demands and set a new standard for urban housing.

The Deputy Mayor presented the Award to Councillor Tom Davidson – Chair of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee, and Shifa Mustafa, the Assistant Director for Planning, Environmental Policy and Performance, on behalf of the Council.

48. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Agenda item 6):

The Mayor agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report dealt with matters considered at Party Group meetings within the last few days. These required approval to permit appointments to Council committees to be made.

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor Patel be appointed to the vacancy on the Housing Management Board.
2. That the resignation of Councillor Stanton from Licensing Committee and Sub-Committee E, and the vacancy arising therefrom be noted.

49. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (Agenda item 7): There were no matters to report.

50. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES (Agenda item 8):

The Mayor agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report dealt with matters considered at Party Group meetings within the last few days. These required approval to permit appointments to outside bodies to be made.

RESOLVED:

That appointments to outside bodies as detailed in the attached appendix be agreed.

51. DEPUTATION AND PETITIONS (Agenda item 9):

There were no deputations or petitions.

52. QUESTIONS (Agenda item 10):

The Mayor agreed to the admission of this report as urgent business. Under Standing Orders, notice of questions was not requested until five clear days before the meeting, following which matters raised had to be researched and replies prepared, in order to be given at the meeting.

There were 10 oral questions and 16 for written answer. Oral Questions 8-10 were not reached in the allotted time and written answers were supplied to these questions.

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53. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RESOLVED:

1. That reports 5– 6 /2005-6 of the Executive be received and adopted.
2. That the reports of the General Purposes Committee of 8 March, 4 July and 20 September 2005 be received.
3. That the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee of 8 March 2005 in respect of attendance by statutory non-Councillor Members of Council Bodies be adopted as Part C8 of the Council's Constitution.
4. That the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee of 4 July 2005 in respect of Council Tax Base – Delegation of the annual Determination to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance be adopted and Parts E1 and F7 of the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.
5. That the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee of 20 September 2005 in respect Children's Service – Delegation to Officers, Amendment of Contract Standing Orders, Amending the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, and Web-casting of Executive and other Council meetings, be adopted and that Parts F7, G3, K1 and K5 of the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly, subject to the tabled amendment to Part F7 whereby the power to deal with applications for compensation in respect of lost or stolen property of pupils is delegated to the Risk and Insurance Manager/Director of Finance.
6. That a further report be submitted to General Purposes Committee and Council dealing with the proposed Constitutional changes in those cases where there was disagreement between a Director and Executive Member in relation to delegated action.

54. MOTION D (2005/06):

It was moved by Councillor Edge and seconded by Councillor Davies that:

“This Council notes-

- That the Government has returned to its aim of introducing compulsory ID Cards for all adults in Britain.
- That the Treasury insists that this policy should be self-financing- that the citizen must pay or face fines or imprisonment.
- That the Government has reported that this will cost £93 per person yet other sources have reported that the costs of the technology will be double that of the Government's estimate (The Times 31 May 2005) or even as high as £300 (London School of Economics The Observer May 29 2005).
- That The Independent reported that the US Government has approached the UK Government seeking compatible technologies so that US Agencies may obtain access to the information held.

This Council believes-

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- That this is an unacceptable infringement of civil liberties and a further domination of Government over the Citizen.
- That ID Cards will have a radically detrimental effect upon community relations in Haringey by undermining trust in the police and creating conditions for discrimination and harassment.
- That it is unacceptable for the Citizens of Haringey to have to fork out up to £300 per person, costing £75 million, irrespective of ability to pay.
- That there will be costs to the Council itself in terms of ensuring compatibility of operations.

Council therefore resolves-

- To submit its objections to this legislation to the Home Secretary.
- To investigate future costs and future risks to the Council as a result of ID cards coming into operation.
- To ask Haringey's two Members of Parliament to oppose the ID Card Scheme".

An amendment to the motion was received from Councillor Canver and seconded by Councillor Dobbie, proposing to:

Delete everything after 'This council notes' and insert the following:

"the Government's intention, included in its manifesto, of introducing identity cards in Britain, and that this will cost £93 per person.

This Council believes

- that identity cards should be free or available at a reduced rate to under-16s, pensioners and those on low incomes;
- that identity cards may be helpful to Haringey Council's efforts to combat fraud and ensure council services are only used by those entitled to them, thereby freeing up money for investment in front-line services and maximizing our ability to build a better Haringey for all our residents;
- that there is no evidence to support the notion that ID cards will radically undermine trust in the police or have a detrimental effect on community relations, and that many other European countries have had such schemes for decades.

This Council resolves

- to write to the Home Secretary, stressing our concern that identity cards, when introduced, should be free or available at a reduced rate to under-16s, pensioners and those on low incomes, and that the cost for all others is no more than £93;
- to ask the Home Secretary, when the legislation is passed, to investigate the implications to the Council of identity cards coming into operation.

The Amendment was then put to the meeting and declared CARRIED.

The substantive Motion was then put to the meeting and declared CARRIED.

55. MOTION E (2005/06):

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It was moved by Councillor Harris and seconded by Councillor Makanji that:

“This Council welcomes the publication of the recent green paper ‘Youth Matters’ by the Department for Education and Skills, which will be of great help in continuing the improvement of the provision of local services to young people.

Council applauds the priority given to greater integration of youth services and the emphasis of co-operation between bodies related to young people, in order to tackle more effectively youth issues such as study, employment, health, self-esteem, prejudice and anti-social behaviour.

Council encourages the strengthening of a spirit of civic service and volunteering, which is at the heart of ‘Youth Matters’ and hopes to promote opportunities for young people to contribute to our community in this way.

Furthermore, this Council welcomes the emphasis in the Green Paper on improving the effectiveness and suitability of services by engaging young people and their parents to shape the services they themselves receive.”

The Motion was then put to the meeting and unanimously declared CARRIED.

Councillor Adamou
Deputy Mayor