

Council (Council Tax)

Summons and Agenda

Date: Thursday 24 February 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Harrow Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, HA1
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All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Council Meeting for the transaction of the business set out.

Hugh Peart
Director of Legal and Governance Services

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Prayers

His Holiness Shri Rajrajeshwar Guruji, Founder and Spiritual Leader of the International Siddhashram Shakti Centre, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1. Council Minutes (Pages 9 - 22)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2021 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary or non pecuniary interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from all Members of the Council.

3. Procedural Motions

To receive and consider any procedural motions by Members of the Council in relation to the conduct of this Meeting. Notice of such procedural motions, received after the issuing of this Summons, will be tabled.

4. Petitions

To receive any petitions to be presented:

- (i) by a representative of the petitioners;
- (ii) by a Councillor, on behalf of petitioners;
- (iii) by the Mayor, on behalf of petitioners.

5. Petition - Stop Pinner Road Development

A petition containing over 2,000 signatures has been received and has the following terms:

“Please act now to STOP the Pinner Road Development in Harrow, North West London!!!

SAVE THE BADGERS

This area is a precious green corridor and home to a plethora of flora and fauna.

A private landowner has applied to build a housing estate consisting of 4 blocks of apartments and access road. This has been planned on a small strip of woodland that lies between residential homes and the railway.

This will cause complete destruction of the woodland which is home to a family of badgers and other animals and a plethora of flora and fauna, which includes protected trees.

Let's get this piece of woodland protected.

Please act now and sign the petition! and stop the Pinner Road Development”.

A representative of the petitioners will read the terms of the petition on behalf of the petition signatories. There is a period of one minute allocated to present. A period of ten minutes is permitted for Members to debate the Petition terms and issues.

Following discussion, the Council may choose to refer the petition to the Cabinet, a Committee or Corporate Director to consider the matter, taking into account the views expressed by Council

6. Public Questions

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for members of the public to ask questions of members of the Executive, Portfolio Holders and Chairs of Committees, of which notice has been received no later than 3.00 pm two clear working days prior to the day of this Meeting. Any such questions received will be tabled.

7. Leader and Portfolio Holder Announcements

To receive a presentation from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holders on business since the last ordinary meeting, followed by a question and answer session. The item is allotted 20 minutes.

8. Borough Plan Update (Pages 23 - 74)

**Recommendation: Cabinet
(10 February 2022)**

9. Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2024/25 (Pages 75 - 80)

**Recommendation: Cabinet
(10 February 2022)**

10. Housing Revenue Account Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2024/25 (Pages 81 - 86)

**Recommendation: Cabinet
(10 February 2022)**

11. Treasury Management Strategy Statement including Annual Investment Strategy for 2022/23 and Capital Strategy for 2022/23 (Pages 87 - 90)

**Recommendation: Cabinet
(10 February 2022)**

12. Final Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25 (Pages 91 - 94)

**Recommendation: Cabinet
(10 February 2022)**

13. Recruitment of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) (Pages 95 - 100)

Report of the Monitoring Officer

14. Non-Executive Fees and Charges (Pages 101 - 122)

Report of the Chief Executive

15. **Invitation from Public Sector Audit Appointments to opt-in to external audits from 2023-24 to 2027-28** (Pages 123 - 132)

Report of the Director of Finance

16. **Constitution Update** (Pages 133 - 176)

Report of the Monitoring Officer

17. **Retiring Councillors**

18. **Questions with Notice**

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for asking written questions by Members of Council of a member of the Executive or the Chair of any Committee:-

- (i) of which notice has been received at least two clear working days prior to the day of this Meeting; or
- (ii) which relate to urgent matters, and the consent of the Executive Member or Committee Chair to whom the question is to be put has been obtained and the content has been advised to the Director of Legal and Governance Services by 12 noon on the day of the Council Meeting.

Any such questions received will be tabled.

19. **Motions**

The following Motions have been notified in accordance with the requirements of Council Procedure Rule 15, to be moved and seconded by the Members indicated:

(1) Recognition of Tamil Heritage Month and Partnership with Tamil Community in Harrow Motion

To be moved by Councillor Krishna Suresh and seconded by Councillor Peymana Assad:

“Since 2011 we have been celebrating Thai Pongal in Harrow and it was the Leader of Harrow Council who first announced in 2020 the recognition of Tamil Heritage Month and Harrow Council was the first ever council to do so.

Under this administration, Harrow has been a trailblazer in recognising the rich contribution made by our Tamil community in Harrow, London and across the country. In January we celebrated Tamil Heritage month and the celebration of Thai Pongal.

It is a matter of pride for us that Harrow’s significant Tamil population typifies the immense contribution made by Tamils in the UK in every walk of life including health & social care, support & sacrifices during the pandemic, politics, education, social,

cultural and economic aspects.

The Council has been privileged to work with our Tamil community over the years. It's been a joy this year too to mark Tamil heritage month and celebrate Thai Pongal event, as we have done for the last 11 years, in Harrow Civic Centre showcasing the amazing talent of Tamil youth and celebrating the depth of Tamil culture and history. 1 Additionally, this year we have promoted Tamil language and poetry books in Harrow's libraries and continued to work constructively with our Tamil community organisations to further their rich heritage and support the vulnerable people.

For Harrow, recognition of the contribution made by our Tamil community is year round and not just limited to the Tamil Heritage Month. In recognising the contribution of the Tamil community and saluting Tamil Heritage.

Council resolves;

- Continue and commit to its partnership with the Tamil community celebrating Tamil heritage month and ensure that our much-valued Tamil community is supported across the borough.
- Thank the Tamil community for their invaluable contribution to our borough and our city. We are profoundly grateful for the work that they do.
- Continue the excellent and cohesive work with all of Harrow's communities and support the wider effects of austerity in fighting the cost of living crisis imposed by the Government."