

## **Council**

# **Summons and Agenda**

**Date:** Thursday 21 July 2022

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Harrow Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2XY

**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

**Despatch Date:** [Wednesday 13 July 2022]

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**Agenda publication date: Wednesday 13 July 2022**

## **Prayers**

Monsignor Vincent G Brady of St Luke's Church, Pinner, will open the meeting with Prayers.

### 1. **Council Minutes** (Pages 9 - 20)

That the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 26 May 2022 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 Closure of Harrow Viewpoint Car Park**

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

“Harrow Council have decided to close Harrow View Point car park from 6pm. This will not only effect all dog walkers / walkers who have used this space for decades but will also effect the pub The Case Is Altered which has bought life back to the area and made it a family friendly place for people to visit. The pub was previously shut for over 2 years which bought problems to the area where anti social behaviour started from. When the pub opened it stopped people from using the car park inappropriately. The closure of the car park will affect the pub and could potentially lead to closure ! Are they planning more flats ?? Harrow doesn't need anymore flats and it would be a shame to lose such a beautiful part of Historic Harrow. There will also be severe traffic issues when the car park closes as people will start to park their cars on the road and this could be hazardous.

Sign this petition to help save a beautiful part of Harrow.”

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. **Petition - Reinstate the right for people to visit Old Redding Viewpoint and The Case is Altered Pub**

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

“This petition is for Harrow Council to either increase the hours of operation of the car park until 11:30 pm as per their off-street parking places public notice and/or remove the double yellow lines which are now on both sides of the entire length of the road. The actions of Harrow Council have not considered the needs of Harrows’ residents and are discriminatory, unreasonable and show a complete disregard for the small business that operates from The Case is Altered. The Case is Altered relies on people being able to visit the area by car and Harrow Council have gone to great lengths to ensure that is no longer possible after 4 pm.

We the undersigned, request that Harrow Council increase the hours of operation of our public car park until 11:30 pm as per Harrow Council's public notice and/or remove the unnecessary double yellow lines in order to save The Case is Altered from closure.”

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7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **Honorary Alderman (To Follow)**

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services

10. **Scrutiny Annual Report 2022 (Pages 21 - 58)**

Recommendation I: Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
(5 April 2022)

11. **Outside Body Appointment - Deputy Lord Lieutenant's Committee**

The Conservative Group have notified that they wish to appoint Councillor Jean Lammiman in place of Councillor Nitesh Hirani on this Outside Body.

12. **Information Report - Remuneration Packages of £100,000 or greater (To Follow)**

13. **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.

14. **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) **Motion opposing Mayor Khan's ULEZ Expansion**

To be moved by Councillor Paul Osborn and seconded by Councillor Marilyn Ashton:

"This Council notes that:

- On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 the Mayor Khan announced his plan to expand the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) from its current boundary to cover almost all of Greater London, including Harrow. These plans would see the ULEZ expanded by 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- On 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021, the ULEZ was already expanded to 18 times its original size.
  - The October 2021 expansion was a significant change which took place less than a year ago.
  - The ramifications of this change have not yet been fully assessed.
- The proposed 2023 expansion would mean that those with non-compliant vehicles would pay £12.50 per day to drive within the ULEZ.

- Residents would be forced to pay more to get to work, visit friends and family and take advantage of Harrow's local businesses and high streets.
- This will likely cost jobs, damage the social fabric of Harrow, and encourage businesses to locate elsewhere.
- The less well-off are disproportionately penalised.
- The proposed 2023 expansion is fundamentally unfair on those Harrow residents, who would be unable to afford to replace their car or pay the £12.50 per day and would thus be forced to rely on public transport which is not always reliable.
- The Mayor of London has set aside over £200 million towards expanding the ULEZ and related projects.

This Council resolves to:

- Oppose measures to push up the cost of living in Harrow by imposing taxes and charges on Harrow residents, who rely on their cars and trades vehicles to get about.
- Call on the Mayor of London to withdraw his unworkable and discriminatory ULEZ expansion.
- Recommend to Mayor Khan that the over £200 million set aside for the ULEZ and related projects should be invested in more equitable and effective ways of improving London's air quality, such as:
  - A faster upgrade to a zero-emission bus fleet
  - Increasing the roll out of rapid charging points
  - Encouraging more freight consolidation schemes
  - Bringing back the previous Boiler Cashback Scheme to encourage Londoners to upgrade their boilers to reduce household emissions
  - Financing a generous scrappage scheme to support Londoners in replacing their vehicles.”

**(2) Cost of Living Emergency in Harrow Motion**

To be moved by Councillor David Perry and seconded by Councillor Natasha Proctor:

**“This Council notes that:**

Harrow and its residents are suffering due to a cost of living crisis:

- On 1 April 2022, Ofgem increased the energy price cap by 54 per cent and this is almost certainly going to increase in October.
- In light of the increased energy price cap, the average standard tariff energy bill will increase by £600+ per year and the average pre-pay meter energy bills increasing by £700+ per year (*Ofgem, 2022*).
- On 6 April 2022, the Government increased National Insurance by 1.25%, which is projected to cost the average Harrow family an additional £108 per year.
- On 18 May 2022, inflation was confirmed at 9%
- The escalating cost of fuel is putting huge strain on local people simply trying to go about their everyday lives. As of 12 July, petrol is at an average of 190.65p per litre, while diesel is 198.42p per litre. It is expected they will be more than £2 per litre by the end of the summer and already are in some petrol stations. Filling up a typical family car’s 55-litre fuel tank with petrol now costs £104.86 on average, while it costs £109.13 to do so with diesel.
- The Government has suspended the pensions ‘triple lock’ for 2022/3, meaning that Harrow’s pensioners will see a rise of 3.1 per cent this year (*instead of 8.3 per cent under the triple lock formula*). This year, this will cost a Harrow pensioner on the full new state pension an average of £487, and on the full basic state pension an average of £373 (*TUC, 2022*)
- In 2021/22 Harrow foodbanks have handed out food parcels to thousands of residents on a weekly basis, many of whom are families with children. This continues to get worse.
- The recent ‘Covid Additional Relief Fund’ (*CARF*) and ‘Household Support Fund’ (*HSF*) is just not adequate enough for the needs of Harrow families and businesses. Many will not even qualify for the schemes.

**Council believes:**

Under the current government, people are seeing tax hikes,

energy bills soaring and fuel and food prices rising drastically.

**Council resolves:**

- To declare a “Cost of Living Emergency”.
- Council instructs the Interim Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and three local Harrow MPs (*Gareth Thomas, Bob Blackman and David Simmonds*) to collaboratively write to the relevant Secretaries of State to express concerns over the points raised above along with seeking a meeting to discuss local circumstances and argue;
  - Against the changes to the ‘Pension’ Triple Lock,
  - Consider a regular Windfall Tax on energy giants supporting residents with ongoing energy bills should the Cost of Living Crisis deepen in future years.
  - Further duty reductions on fuel at the pumps
- Endorse the setting up of a local ‘Cost of Living Emergency Summit’ to be led by the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition, with stakeholders including Citizens Advice, Food Banks, Local Trades Unions, Chambers of Commerce and invite local MPs to attend to discuss how the Council could further support residents in the future, work collaboratively, offer further support and use its influence to create positive change.
- Immediately work with all relevant stakeholders in Harrow to seek an increase in both CARF and HSF funding.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.6, this Motion is moved by the Leader of the Opposition, as it relates to a matter within the powers of the Executive, to not stand automatically referred to the next meeting of the Executive but shall be dealt with as if Council Procedure Rule 15.7.1 applied.

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