

Council

Summons and Agenda

Date: Thursday 24 November 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Harrow Arts Centre, 171 Uxbridge Road, Pinner,
HA5 4EA

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 16 November 2022]

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Prayers

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

1. Council Minutes (Pages 9 - 16)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting and ordinary meeting held on 29 September 2022 be taken as read and signed as correct records.

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. Petition - Keep Harrow's parks free to use

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

“We the undersigned, call on Harrow Council to halt its plans to charge for the use of tennis courts, and commit to ensuring our parks and the facilities within them remain free for all to enjoy.”

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.

5. 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.

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. **Presentation Ceremony - Honorary Alderman Camilla Bath**

9. **Long Service Award - Councillor Jerry Miles**

Further to the decision of Council on 29 September 2022, to make a presentation to Councillor Jerry Miles marking 25 years' service on Harrow Council which he completed in September 2022.

10. **Council Vision and Priorities** (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(17 November 2022)

11. **Health and WellBeing Board Terms of Reference** (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Health and Wellbeing Board
(22 November 2022)

12. **Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23** (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(8 November 2022)

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) **Police and Community Safety Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Anjana Patel and seconded by Councillor Paul Osborn:

“Harrow Council notes the recent reforms and improvements to the police across England and Wales since 2019. This council is grateful for the 3,109 more police officers in London, as a part of the over 15,300 more police officers in England and Wales recruited since 2019 and calls on the government to continue its drive to have recruited an extra 20,000 police officers by 2023.

This Council notes:

- The change to national policy that will see every report of home burglary having a police visit, ensuring that every victim of such an invasive crime will be given the attention they deserve
- Residents’ concern about the impact that illegal and disruptive protests have had on our country in recent years
- That the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act has strengthened the power that police have tackling such action
- The further positive impacts of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act on dealing with sexual offences, including extending the scope of the offences in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, providing greater powers for the management of sex offenders and toughening around child sex offences
- The substantial increase of police funding to £16.9 billion, part of which will be used to give every police officer a £1,900 uplift in their salary this year
- Under Mayor Sadiq Khan’s tenure at City Hall 38 police stations have been closed, reducing the visibility of local policing
- Mayor Khan has increased his office budget by over 60% since 2016 and now costs the London taxpayer over £6 million

This Council resolves to:

- Cooperate with the government on future funding for our local police service
- Support officers new to the area through providing forums for them to meet with residents
- Provide resources for residents to keep in contact with new police officers in the area
- Call on Mayor Khan to slash his office budget and reinvest the funding in further extra policing.”

(2) **Free School Meals Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Stephen Hickman and seconded by Councillor Rashmi Kalu:

“Council acknowledges that we are in the midst of a cost of living crisis

that is affecting households right across our borough. Families are really struggling, which is having an awful impact on children who are not getting the food they need to grow up healthy.

Given the scale of the challenge, Free School Meals guarantee children a hot, nutritious meal every lunchtime. They help hard-working families save money, and support pupils to learn and concentrate at school.

Council Notes:-

- The financial burden food costs place on families, particularly those on lower incomes.
- The evidence from the voluntary sector and community and faith groups, who are supplying food to an increasing number of Harrow residents.
- The evidence of the growing number of Harrow primary schools offering food parcels to the families in their communities.
- Reports from school leaders that more children are bringing in an unsatisfactory lunch with many going without.
- Currently only pupils in reception and KS1 are entitled to universal Free School Meals in Harrow. Given the cost of living crisis, this Council is deeply concerned that Nursery children in our maintained schools and nurseries are excluded from this offer and that the eligibility is set too low for many families who are struggling to benefit (currently £7,400).
- The existing commitment to supporting less well-off families with cost of food during school holidays through the recent and welcome funding from central government via the Household support fund, however this is only short term with no guarantee for the future.
- Currently there are 800,000 children in England who are living in poverty but don't qualify for Free School Meals.
- Children of parents who receive Working Tax Credits do not qualify for free school meals.
- The recent Government report published on the 29th September, with the Resolution Foundation estimating that absolute poverty will increase by over 3 million people between 2021/22 and 2022/23, including 1 million children.

Council believes that:-

- We should do all we can to help children living in poverty to achieve and thrive.
- That ensuring our youngest students are included in our Free School Meal offer is a critical tool to achieving the longer-term benefits a healthy start in life brings and that it is right that the potential of such a scheme be explored.

This Council resolves to:

- Call upon the Leader of the Council to:
 - Publish a detailed assessment of the issues and costs associated with an extension of Harrow's Free School meal offer to include all 3 and 4 year olds in maintained nursery

and primary schools in the Borough, given the importance of this, to do so by the end of November 2022;

- Include the assessment in the development of the 2023 Council Budget as part of the budget setting process.
- Implement the Auto-enrolment to free school meals.”

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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