



LONDON BOROUGH OF  
**HARROW**

## **Council (Council Tax)**

## **Summons and Agenda**

**Date:** Thursday 22 February 2024

**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.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Farmer.' The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jessica Farmer  
Interim Director of Legal and Governance Services

**Despatch Date:** 14 February 2024

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## **Prayers**

Yogvivekdas Swami, Head Swami of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir ('Neasden Temple'), will open the meeting with Prayers.

### **1. Council Minutes (Pages 9 - 32)**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023 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. 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.

### **6. 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.

### **7. Members Allowances' Scheme 2024/25 (To Follow)**

Report of the Interim Director of Finance and Assurance

### **8. Corporate Plan 2023-26: Review of first year and Flagship Actions 2024/25 (To Follow)**

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(15 February 2024)

9. **Final Revenue Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2026/27**  
(To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(15 February 2024)

10. **Housing Revenue Account Budget 2024-25 & Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2026-27, HRA Capital Programme 2024-25 to 2028-29 and 30 year HRA Business Plan** (Pages 33 - 36)

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(24 January 2024)

11. **Treasury Management Strategy Statement including Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25 and Capital Strategy for 2024/25** (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(15 February 2024)

12. **Final Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2026/27** (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(15 February 2024)

13. **Calculation of Council Tax Base for 2024-2025** (Pages 37 - 40)

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(19 December 2023)

14. **Non-Executive Fees and Charges 2024/25** (Pages 41 - 70)

Report of the Managing Director

15. **Calendar of Meetings 2024/25** (To Follow)

Report of the Interim Director of Legal and Governance

16. **Information Report - Use of the Urgency Procedure - Executive** (Pages 71 - 76)

17. **Information Report - Remuneration and Severance Packages of £100,000 or greater** (Pages 77 - 82)

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) **Motion: NHS Waiting Times**

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

#### **“This council notes:**

- 2023 marked 75 years of the National Health Service (NHS).
- Treating over a million people a day in England, the NHS touches all of our lives. When it was founded in 1948, the NHS was the first universal health system to be available to all, free at the point of delivery.
- Labour created the NHS. The values built into the NHS’s founding principle that everyone, wherever they live, whatever they earn, should get healthcare that is free at the point of use.
- The NHS in Harrow is facing both an unprecedented immediate crisis and a long-term challenge. Despite having a dedicated workforce locally, right now, the NHS is not working.
- Nearly 14 years of Conservative led Government policy has run our once proud National Health Service into a critical state with morale amongst local doctors, nurses and staff in Harrow at an all-time low.
- Long waits to see a GP, ambulances that can’t get to people in time to save lives, dangerously long queues in A&E, over 7.5 million people on waiting lists for hospital treatment – a system at breaking point.
- The NHS in Harrow is at a critical point with waiting times much worse than the national average.

#### **The Council believes:**

- It is the responsibility of the local authority to show leadership and help bring agencies together to campaign for change and champion local residents concerns with regards to local health provision.

- The current waiting times at LONDON NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST are unacceptable and the residents of Harrow deserve a better service from Northwick Park Hospital and other health agencies.
- Residents in Harrow are waiting too long for NHS treatment, in December 2023 the median wait for all treatments in Harrow was 18.2 weeks following referral.
- Furthermore, 52.6% of residents in Harrow had to wait more than four hours to be seen in A&E in January 2024 and the NHS waiting list has grown to record levels as the rate at which patients are removed can't keep pace.
- Cancer treatment waiting times are far longer in Harrow than current NHS targets – seriously impacting residents life chances.

**The Council resolves to:**

- Call on the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition to demand a meeting with the Secretary of State for Health to highlight the local circumstances being faced by Harrow residents experiencing excessive local waiting times at Northwick Park Hospital.
- The Council to invite the local Chief Executive and / or other Senior Health Representatives to a future meeting of Full Council and to invite local residents and Councillors alike to raise concerns and increase the participation locally so future services can be more resident led. To enable this important request to take place in the public interest all relevant steps should be taken through the Constitutional Review Working Group to facilitate this measure.”

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**[Note:** The questions and answers will not be reproduced in the minutes.]