

Council SUMMONS AND AGENDA

DATE: Thursday 18 February 2010

TIME: 7.30 pm

VENUE: Council Chamber, Harrow
Civic Centre

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: 10 February 2010

PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rabbi Mendel Lew, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from all members of the Council.

2 COUNCIL MINUTES: (Pages 1 - 18)

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting and extraordinary meeting held on 29 October 2009 be taken as read and signed as correct records.

3 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

To receive any announcements from the Mayor.

[Note: Information as to recent Mayoral engagements will be tabled].

4 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

To receive and consider any procedural motions by Members of the Council in relation to the conduct of this Meeting.

[Note: Notice of such procedural motions, received after the issuing of this Summons, will be tabled].

5 PETITIONS:

To receive any petitions to be presented:

- (i) by a representative of the petitioners;
- (ii) by a Councillor, on behalf of petitioners; or
- (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 Chairmen of Committees, of which notice has been received no later than 5.00 pm two clear working days prior to the day of this Meeting.

[Note: Any such questions received will be tabled].

7 REVENUE BUDGET 2010/11 - 2012/13: (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(11 February 2010)

8 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2010/11 - 2012/13: (To Follow)

Recommendation II: Cabinet
(11 February 2010)

9 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/2011 - 2012/13: (To Follow)

Recommendation III: Cabinet
(11 February 2010)

10 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2010/11, PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS & MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION 2010/11: (To Follow)

Recommendation IV: Cabinet
(11 February 2010)

11 CORPORATE PLAN 2010/13: (To Follow)

Recommendation V: Cabinet
(11 February 2010)

12 REVISED POLICIES FOR FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT: (Pages 19 - 22)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(12 November 2009)

13 REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS: (Pages 23 - 26)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(14 January 2010)

14 MEMBERS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION (GUIDANCE & PROTOCOL): (Pages 27 - 30)

Recommendation I: Standards Committee
(8 December 2009)

15 PROTOCOL ON GIFTS & HOSPITALITY: (Pages 31 - 34)

Recommendation II: Standards Committee
(8 December 2009)

16 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 Chairman 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 Chairman 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].

17 MOTION - LONDON POLICING SERVICES:

The following Motion has been notified in accordance with the requirements of Council Procedure Rule 15:

London Policing Services

To be moved by Councillor Brian Gate and seconded by Councillor Bill Stephenson:

“This Council notes with great concern the decision by the Mayor of London to cut the amount of money spent on London policing services by £16.4 million in the financial year 2010/11, leading to a reduction of 455 police officers in London, over the next three years. This is despite his election promise to increase the number of police officers on the beat and his pledge that ‘tackling crime would be central to all that he does’. These cuts will inevitably lead to cuts in specialist teams for example those tackling fraud and rape, and will again put Safer Neighbourhood teams under threat.

This Council further, notes that in addition each Borough Commander will have to make 5% cuts in their budgets in each of the next three years amounting to a total of £540,000 for Harrow over three years. These cuts will mean that officers on the beat will have less civilian and back-office support and will have to spend more time doing paperwork rather than being on the beat and other important work will have to cease.

This Council furthermore notes that the Mayor of London has also reneged on his election promise to build a new police station in Harrow which, in particular, would have enough custody suites to avoid the necessity for Harrow police officers having to drive around outside Harrow looking for somewhere to detain the people they have arrested.

This Council condemns these cuts in policing in the strongest possible terms threatening as they do the excellent policing we have in Harrow and putting at risk the safety and security of our local diverse community.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to convey this Motion and the Council's strong concerns about these matters to the Mayor of London, the Group Leaders on the London Assembly and the Home Secretary."

18 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS, LEADER AND CABINET & USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE: (Pages 35 - 40)

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.