

Council SUMMONS AND AGENDA

DATE: Thursday 7 July 2011

TIME: At the rising of the Extraordinary Council meeting

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: Wednesday 29th June 2011

MUNICIPAL JOURNAL AWARDS

To note the Council's recent success in attaining the Best Achieving Council award from the Municipal Journal.

1. COUNCIL MINUTES: (Pages 1 - 50)

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 April, the Annual Council meeting held on 10 May and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 12 May 2011 be taken as read and signed as correct records.

2. 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.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

To receive any announcements from the Mayor. 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. 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. Any such questions received will be tabled.

7. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

8. TRANSPORT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: (Pages 51 - 54)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(19 May 2011)

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN: (To Follow)

Recommendation II: Cabinet
(22 June 2011)

10. REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2010/11: (To Follow)

Recommendation III: Cabinet
(22 June 2011)

11. SOCIAL MEDIA PROTOCOL: (Pages 55 - 58)

Recommendation I: Standards Committee
(16 June 2011)

12. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11: (Pages 59 - 62)

Recommendation I: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(27 April 2011)

13. OPERATION AND PROVISIONS FOR CALL-IN & URGENCY 2010/11: (Pages 63 - 70)

Report of the Director of Legal & Governance Services.

14. AMENDMENTS TO REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

To receive proposals for changes in representation on the identified outside bodies as follows:

OUTSIDE BODY	REPRESENTATIVE TO BE REPLACED	NEW REPRESENTATIVE	POLITICAL GROUP HOLDING NOMINATION
LBH Bus & Highways Liaison Meeting	Councillor Susan Hall	Councillor Camilla Bath	Conservative
LBH Rail Liaison Meeting	Councillor Susan Hall	Councillor Camilla Bath	Conservative
Victoria Hall, Harrow	Councillor Bill Phillips	Councillor Ben Wealthy	Labour

FOR DECISION

15. 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;
- (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.

16. 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) London Grants Motion

To be moved by Councillor Susan Hall and seconded by Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane:

“This Council commits to:

- allocating the entire rebate (totalling at least £300,000) obtained this year from the London Boroughs’ Grants

Scheme to Harrow Council's central Grants pot.

- allocating all and any such future rebates from the London Boroughs' Grants Scheme to Harrow Council's central Grants pot.

This Council believes such actions will be of enormous benefit to Harrow's voluntary organisations."

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.6, it is considered that the subject matter of this Motion refers to matters within the powers of the Cabinet and the Motion should therefore stand referred to its next meeting. However, in accordance with 14.6, the Leader of the Opposition has notified her right to exercise her wish that this Motion, falling within the powers of the Executive, be first debated by Council. The Motion will therefore be subject to debate following the disposal of any Motions falling within the business reserved to Council.

(2) **Strike Action Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane and seconded by Councillor Susan Hall:

"This Council welcomes the efforts made by Harrow East MP Bob Blackman and London Assembly Member Richard Tracey, among others, to convince the Government of the merits of unions being required to secure a majority of their total membership in favour of strike action before undertaking a strike.

This Council notes that:

- the estimated cost to London for each strike on the Underground and transport system is around £50 million per day.
- a recent opinion poll shows fewer than 1 in 4 believe unions should be able to call a strike without requiring a majority of their membership voting for strike action.
- last summer's strikes on the Underground network were triggered by the votes of only a third of RMT members.
- as an outer-London borough, Harrow relies heavily on the transport links provided by London Underground, and is therefore severely impacted when strike action closes tube lines.

This Council believes that it is imperative that legislation is passed swiftly requiring unions to secure a majority of their entire membership in favour of strike action before calling a strike and

calls upon Harrow's three local MPs – Bob Blackman, Nick Hurd and Gareth Thomas – to lobby for such legislation.

This Council further notes that, with barely a year to the start of the Olympics and the eyes of the world turning upon our great city, London's public transport system cannot be allowed to be held hostage by a tiny minority of union militants.

This Council therefore also calls upon its three local MPs – Bob Blackman, Nick Hurd, and Gareth Thomas – to lobby for a “no-strike” deal to be in place in the run-up to and during the London 2012 Olympics.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to The Mayor of London, the Greater London Assembly, Harrow's three MPs and the Secretary of State for Transport to inform them of the content of this motion.”

(3) Commendation of Staff Motion

To be moved by Councillor Nana Asante and seconded by Councillor Phillip O'Dell:

“This Council notes with great pleasure the contribution made by staff to winning the MJ Award for the Best Achieving Council. The Council notes the impressive journey of improvement, achievement and ambition. This Council also puts on record its thanks for the Leadership of the Chief Executive and his Senior Management Team who worked tirelessly with the present Administration to deliver £19 million in year savings. We wish to place on record our thanks to staff for supporting residents in making Harrow the best performing borough for composting and second best for recycling. It is a matter of record that Harrow is one of the safest London boroughs contributing less than 2% to London's overall crime rate.

We commend staff for embracing the Council's new Vision: ‘Working together, our harrow, our Community’ and helping to deliver our new priorities:

- Keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe;
- United and involved communities: a Council that listens and leads;
- Supporting and protecting people who are most in need;
- Supporting our town Centre, our local shopping centres and businesses.

We place on record our thanks to all staff for their work in delivering the innovative ‘Let's Talk’ campaign helping us transform service delivery and improve resident satisfaction. It is thanks to our staff that Harrow is now a leader in personalisation, service for carers, engagement and reablement. 85% of Harrow's schools are rated good or outstanding and our GCSEs

place us in the top 12 LEAs in the country. 100% of Harrow's Schools are judged by Ofsted to have good or outstanding standards of behaviour and safeguarding. Harrow delivers the highest adoption rate in the country and credit for all the good work listed goes to our staff and partners. Our staff led CREATE values have helped drive the transformation which has led to this well earned recognition by the MJ Awards.

The Council recognises that without our staff, we cannot keep the momentum and deliver innovation and improvements which benefit our residents. It is a great pleasure to place on record our thanks and encourage them to keep the momentum for more extraordinary achievements in the future.”