

# **(Extraordinary) Council SUMMONS AND AGENDA**

**DATE:** Thursday 10 March 2011

**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:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011

## **PRAYERS**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Imam Hafiz Muhammad Akram, will open the meeting with Prayers.

### **1. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL:**

This Extraordinary Council Meeting has been convened in accordance with the provisions of Rule 3.1, further to a request from the Monitoring Officer, following the notification by the Greater London Authority of a change in date to its precept setting. It was agreed that all items planned for the previous date of 17 February 2011 should be considered suitable for business at the Extraordinary Council.

### **2. COUNCIL MINUTES: (Pages 1 - 30)**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **3. 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.

### **4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS:**

To receive any announcements from the Mayor. Information as to recent Mayoral engagements will be tabled.

### **5. 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].

### **6. 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.

**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 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].

**8. CORPORATE PLAN - VISION AND CORPORATE PRIORITIES: (Pages 31 - 36)**

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(10 February 2011)

**9. FINAL REVENUE BUDGET 2011/12 - 2015/16: (Pages 37 - 46)**

Recommendation II: Cabinet  
(10 February 2011)

**10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2011/12 - 2015/16: (Pages 47 - 54)**

Recommendation III: Cabinet  
(10 February 2011)

**11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12 - 2015/16: (Pages 55 - 58)**

Recommendation IV: Cabinet  
(10 February 2011)

**12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION (MRP) POLICY AND STRATEGY 2011/12: (Pages 59 - 62)**

Recommendation V: Cabinet  
(10 February 2011)

**13. SINGLE EQUALITIES SCHEME: (Pages 63 - 68)**

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(15 December 2010)

Recommendation I: Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
(9 February 2011)

**14. DRAFT WEST LONDON WASTE PLAN - PROPOSED SITES AND POLICIES DOCUMENT:** (Pages 69 - 72)

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(18 November 2010)

**15. CORE STRATEGY - PROPOSED SUBMISSION VERSION:** (Pages 73 - 76)

Recommendation VI: Cabinet  
(10 February 2011)

**16. HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE:** (Pages 77 - 82)

Recommendation II: Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
(9 February 2011)

**17. 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].

**18. MOTIONS:**

The following Motions have been notified in accordance with the requirements of Council Procedure Rule 14, to be moved and seconded by the Members indicated:-

**(1) Freedom of Information**

To be moved by Councillor Paul Osborn and seconded by Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane:

“This Council fully supports the plan put forward by the Director of Legal & Governance Services in ‘The Lawyer’ magazine to automatically publish all information that could be disclosed under an FOI request on the Council’s website.

This plan will:

- further the understanding of and participation in the public debate of issues.
- promote accountability and transparency in decisions made by the Council.
- promote accountability and transparency in the spending of public money.

This Council fully supports the transparency agenda and welcomes public interest in its activities and decisions. Harrow could be an exciting example of a public authority showing what you can do when you think of the FOI Act as an opportunity, not a burden. It is committed to turning the traditional edifice on its head and moving away from the defensive position of keeping everything to itself and towards making information public whenever possible. This Council wants to be one which publishes information because it wants to, not because it has to.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to work with the Director of Legal & Governance Services and other senior officers in bringing this plan to fruition as soon as possible.”

## (2) **Local Government Association**

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

“This Council believes that the Local Government Association (LGA) should properly recognise the full reality of the reduction in government funding faced by local authorities, both in terms of the subscription charged to member authorities and in decisions taken about its Chief Executive’s pay and conditions.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the LGA to ask that Harrow’s subscription be reduced proportionate to the reduction in central government funding to free up more money to pay for front line services to the benefit of Harrow residents.

Furthermore, should the LGA not agree to such a reduction and not respond before the close of business (5pm) on 28<sup>th</sup> March, this Council instructs the Chief Executive to immediately write to the LGA, ensuring receipt of this letter by 31<sup>st</sup> March, giving the required 12 month’s notice of Harrow’s intention to withdraw from the LGA, with such withdrawal to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.”

### (3) **EU Funding**

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

“This Council notes that whilst Harrow is facing a reduction in its financial settlement in 2011/12, the UK’s contribution to the European Union (EU) is set to rise by 60% over two years.

This Council notes that, despite the opposition of some Conservative MPs, and Labour and Conservative MEPs, it is likely that the government will agree to a further 2.9% increase in the overall EU budget.

This Council believes the EU should be treated the same as the other tiers of government and in these austere times should share responsibility, along with central and local government, for public spending reductions.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to Harrow’s three MPs urging them not to support an increase in the EU budget.”

#### **19. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURE BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS, LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER, AND USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE: (Pages 83 - 88)**

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.

#### **20. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURE - COUNCIL: (Pages 89 - 92)**

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.