

# **Council SUMMONS AND AGENDA**

**DATE:** Thursday 5 July 2012

**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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

## **PRAYERS**

The Mayor's Chaplain, Imam Anas Mohamed, will open the meeting with Prayers.

### **1. Minutes (Pages 1 - 78)**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 February 2012, the Annual Council meeting held on 22 May 2012 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 24 May 2012 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;
- (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 3.00 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. Scrutiny Annual Report** (Pages 79 - 120)
- Recommendation I: Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
(3 April 2012)
- 9. The Standards Regime** (Pages 121 - 150)
- Recommendation I: Standards Committee  
(14 June 2012)
- 10. Review of Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles)** (Pages 151 - 178)
- Recommendation I: Licensing & General Purposes Committee  
(19 June 2012)
- 11. Harrow & Wealdstone Area Action Plan: Pre-Submission Consultation document** (Pages 179 - 182)
- Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(20 June 2012)
- 12. Pre-Submission Development Management Policies DPD** (Pages 183 - 186)
- Recommendation II: Cabinet  
(20 June 2012)
- 13. Pre-Submission Site Allocations DPD** (Pages 187 - 190)
- Recommendation III: Cabinet  
(20 June 2012)
- 14. Revised Proposed West London Waste Plan: Pre-Submission Consultation Document** (Pages 191 - 194)
- Recommendation IV: Cabinet  
(20 June 2012)
- 15. Operation and Provisions for Call-In and Urgency 2011/12** (Pages 195 - 200)
- Report of the Director of Legal & Governance Services.

## 16. Amendments to Representatives on Outside Bodies

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

<b>OUTSIDE BODY</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE TO BE REPLACED</b>	<b>NEW REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>POLITICAL GROUP HOLDING NOMINATION</b>
<b>Harrow Equalities Centre</b>	Councillor David Perry	Councillor tbc	Labour
<b>LBH Bus &amp; Highways Liaison Meeting</b>	Councillor Susan Hall	Councillor Camilla Bath	Conservative
<b>LBH Rail Liaison Meeting</b>	Councillor Susan Hall	Councillor Camilla Bath	Conservative
<b>Victoria Hall, Harrow</b>	Councillor Bill Phillips	Councillor Ben Wealthy	Labour

## 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 15, to be moved and seconded by the Members indicated:

### (1) Reinstatement of the Committee System

To be moved by Councillor James Bond and seconded by Councillor Chris Noyce:

“This Council takes the opportunity presented to them by the

Localism Act 2011 to reinstate the committee system of governance in Harrow to coincide with the start of the municipal year 2013 /14.

This Council instructs the Constitution Review Working Group to formally start work in preparation for Harrow's return to the committee system of governance.

In order to act within the spirit of a committee system of governance, that by definition is inclusive of all shades of opinion and expertise, the Constitution Review Working Group will be extended in membership to include councillors representing all the groups and independents.

This plan will:

- Properly utilise the knowledge, experience and unique skills available to this council which are on offer from all of the elected members which in turn will lead to a better informed debate and better decision making.
- Lead to a greater transparency, openness and accountability in the decision making of this council by demonstrating to local taxpayers that all of their elected representatives can contribute to the process.
- Put an end to the decision making being in the hands of a minority who make up the cabinet, which excludes not just all the opposition members but the majority of councillors from the controlling group. It will lead to a greater involvement by all councillors and result in a higher calibre of representation for residents on the council.
- Say to the people of Harrow that they have a council that actively embraces a significant part of the localism agenda and demonstrates comprehensively that this is an authority that listens and leads."

## (2) **Negative impact of Welfare Reform on Residents**

To be moved by Councillor Sachin Shah and seconded by Councillor Graham Henson:

"This Council agrees with the comments of Daily Mail columnist, Sonia Poulton, who wrote in that newspaper on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 that the Welfare Reform Bill **"is the singularly most reprehensible attack on our vulnerable – our disabled – that this country has witnessed in many years."**

This Council further notes with concern the negative impact of current welfare reform on the residents' of Harrow and urges that the government rethink their proposals which are of little economic value but have serious social consequences."

(3) **Royal Mail**

To be moved by Councillor Bill Stephenson and seconded by Councillor Zarina Khalid:

“This Council is concerned that postal service in West London and by extension, the rest of the UK, is threatened by the collection, sortation and delivery of customer’s mail by the Dutch Postal Service TNT Post UK.

This Council supports fair competition but recognises that the UK is already the most competitive postal market in Europe and further recognises that Royal Mail has an obligation to deliver mail to every UK address, every working day including Saturdays.

We accept that Royal Mail is currently delivering a large business transformation programme in partnership with the Communication Workers Union that will ensure the most efficient and effective service for all customers going forward.

Council notes with concern that TNT Post UK end-to-end service, by cherry-picking profitable areas of the business offering collection and delivery from big customers to some addresses in West London will begin a spiral of decline in Royal Mail that will challenge the sustainability of the universal service.

This Council is aware that TNT employees may have to cycle 3 post-coded areas as oppose to the 1 area as Royal Mail are regulated to do, giving rise to mail being delivered after 9pm.

This Council is further aware that TNT have not confirmed how many days they intend to deliver to individual address’s and are concerned that customers will not be able to post items of mail as TNT do not have post boxes.

This Council understands that Royal Mail postmen or women will not be involved in any way in the process of TNT’s mail delivery which means that Royal Mail will no longer be responsible for the postal service experience.

This Council resolves to ask the Leader and Chief Executive, within the next month, to jointly write to:-

- The Government Minister with responsibility for Postal Services Sector and for managing the Government's shareholding in the Royal Mail Group
- The Chief Executive of Ofcom who have the responsibility and powers to regulate postal services

expressing Council’s concerns that such a service will disconnect

communities, companies and customers every working day across the UK and that failure to impose conditions on companies trying to deliver mail in unfettered competition to Royal Mail could mean the end of the six-day-a-week universal service obligation that is a cornerstone of the Royal Mail's business."

**(4) Regional and Local Public Sector Pay**

To be moved by Councillor Bill Stephenson and seconded by Councillor Krishna James:

"This Council notes:

- The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in the 2012 Budget the Government's desire to introduce 'more market facing' public sector pay. This could mean regional or local public sector pay.
- This recommendation has come in advance of the Pay Review Bodies reporting on the issue in July and September 2012.
- There has been no independent assessment of the impact and consequences this policy could have for public services or the economies of low pay regions.

This Council believes:

- The Government's case is based on the claim that public sector pay is 'crowding out' the private sector. This is not supported by evidence, particularly at a time of high unemployment.
- This approach also ignores the real reasons for the differences between public and private sector pay. For instance, there are more high skilled workers in the public sector (such as teachers and nurses), and a smaller pay gap between top and bottom earners and a smaller gender pay gap.
- Public sector employers already have some flexibility to adjust pay in response to local conditions, and higher rates are paid in London and the South East.
- All other English regions and devolved nations stand to be affected by this, with the possibility of years of pay falling behind the cost of living.
- 65% of public sector workers are female.

This Council further believes:

- Regional or local public sector pay would have a harmful effect on Harrow.
- It will make it harder for schools and other public services to

recruit and retain good quality professionals who could earn more for doing the same job elsewhere.

- Reducing the pay of Harrow's Public Sector Workers in real terms will dramatically reduce spending power and have a negative impact on the private sector and the local Harrow economy.
- This policy will not improve the pay of private sector workers but instead could encourage further depression of wages in all sectors.
- We do not want Harrow to be forever defined as a 'low pay' borough.
- This policy is therefore counter to Harrow's vision and ambitions for the future.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive :

- To write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Chief Secretary to the Treasury stating this council's opposition to plans for regional and localised public sector pay.
- To write to all local MPs within the next month outlining concerns about the impact that this policy would have on services and the local economy.
- To sign up to the Pay Fair campaign and raise awareness of the implications and risks of this policy locally, regionally and nationally."

#### **(5) Olympics & the Diamond Jubilee Street Parties**

To be moved by Councillor Graham Henson and seconded by Councillor David Perry:

"This Council notes the Community Spirit created by the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee through Street Parties.

This Council takes the opportunity to thank Council staff for all they did to facilitate the volunteer work of Communities and the way in which they supported the work of communities

This Council hopes that this positive way of working will continue as we welcome the Olympics to London especially as it will impact positively on our tourism, youth & sports agenda.

This Council commends all staff who have been involved in getting Harrow ready for the torch relay and wishes that Harrow's communities will come together once again to celebrate this important event.



This Council takes this opportunity to thank the previous Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone and his team who were instrumental in bringing the Olympics to London. This Council places on record its thanks to the present Mayor for providing funds to provide flags and other items to highlight the Olympics.”

(6) **Libraries Motion**

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

“This Council believes that party manifestos are promises made to Harrow residents, and that promises should be kept.

This Council is therefore of the view that an administration elected on a manifesto that promised three times it would not privatise “*our superb in-house library service*”, should not be taking steps to privatise or outsource Harrow’s libraries.

So that trust between the Council and residents can be maintained, this Council urges the administration to cease its so-called ‘Commissioning of Libraries’ programme.”

***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.***

**19. Decisions Taken Under Urgency Procedure by Portfolio Holders, Leader and Deputy Leader and Use of Special Urgency Procedure (Pages 201 - 206)**

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.