

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

**DATE:** Thursday 28 February 2013

**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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## **PRAYERS**

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

### **1. COUNCIL MINUTES (To Follow)**

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8 November 2012 and the extraordinary meeting on 21 January 2013 be taken as read and signed as correct records.

### **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. 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. PROPOSED 'VIRTUAL LICENSING PANEL' PROCEDURE (Pages 1 - 6)**

Recommendation I: Licensing and General Purposes Committee  
(26 November 2012)

### **8. CORPORATE PLAN 2013-15 (Pages 7 - 30)**

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(14 February 2013)

**9. FINAL REVENUE BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013/14 TO 2016/17 (Pages 31 - 74)**

Recommendation II: Cabinet  
(14 February 2013)

**10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 TO 2016/17 (Pages 75 - 78)**

Recommendation III: Cabinet  
(14 February 2013)

**11. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2013-14 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014-15 TO 2016-17 (Pages 79 - 86)**

Recommendation IV: Cabinet  
(14 February 2013)

**12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION (MRP) POLICY AND STRATEGY 2013/14 (Pages 87 - 90)**

Recommendation V: Cabinet  
(14 February 2013)

**13. RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES (To Follow)**

Report of the Constitution Review Working Group.

**14. 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.

## 15. MOTIONS

The following Motions have been notified in accordance with the requirements of Council Procedure Rule 14.1, to be moved and seconded by the Members indicated:

### (1) Fair Deal Motion

To be moved by Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar and seconded by Councillor Sachin Shah:

“This Council believes that, for a considerable time under successive governments, the grant which it receives from central funds is inadequate for the needs of the residents of this Borough.

This Council notes that for the coming financial year our grant equates to £1,608 for every resident in Harrow. In comparison the neighbouring Borough of Brent gets £3,317 for each of their residents. This equates to an extra £400 million pounds annually.

This Council is unable to understand this disparity given the similarity of both Boroughs’ needs and demography. Further comparison with other London Boroughs presents a similar inequality in Harrow’s annual settlement.

This Council notes that although Harrow has an enviable reputation as a leafy suburb but there are pockets of deprivation which a fair grant would help us address better.

This Council resolves the following:

1. That representations be made to relevant government Ministers and officials to bring this matter to the attention of those in positions of decision making.
2. That Officers are instructed to examine the formula that is used for the funding calculation and to identify parameters that could be considered to unfairly weigh against the interests of the Borough.
3. That Officers are instructed to consult the results of the 2011 census and to establish, where possible, a basis for appeal to the government on grounds of the population characteristics and diversity of the Borough having regard to the characteristics of other comparable Boroughs.”

(2) **Police Service Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Sue Anderson and seconded by Councillor Phillip O'Dell:

“This Council believes that the safety and security of Londoners, including the residents of Harrow, is being put at risk as a result of cuts to police service being pushed through by the London’s Mayor and the Coalition Government.

The Council believes that the unprecedented cuts are going too far and too fast and that these cuts to the budget of the Metropolitan Police Service will inevitably endanger families and communities across London and Harrow. This council believes that the cuts are being carried out without consideration of the impact on Londoners’ safety.

Most inadequate and sham of a consultation undertaken in Harrow by the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has raised more questions than answered. We have serious concerns about the Mayor’s proposed ‘New Policing Model’ for London and its impact on Harrow and raise the following issues:

1. Reduction of Police: There will be loss of 17 police officers as compared to police officers in the year 2010 (Reduction from 402 to 385).
2. Scrapping of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs): Replacing the current dedicated SNT of six in each and every ward of Harrow with only one Police Constable will see the end of the current successful ward-wide policing and leave the local areas exposed to more crime and increase the fear of crime.
3. Base Stations for SNTs: We are concerned that no assurance is given that these will not be closed.
4. Closure of Police Stations and Front Counters: We oppose the plans to close the police stations at Pinner and Wealdstone and oppose the loss of police facilities at the Harrow Civic Centre. The Mayor has promised new and better front counters before closing the police stations but we have not seen any evidence of this for any of our areas in Harrow.
5. Closure of Custody Suites: We are concerned that MOPAC has not yet finally confirmed the future of Harrow’s custody suites which are planned for closure. We are opposed to any such closure as we

do not believe that the alternative of Kilburn is a viable one.

This Council challenges the Mayor's position that the scale of the cuts are necessary and acceptable. This council calls on the Chief Executive of Harrow Council to respond to MOPAC's consultation and oppose the Mayor's planned changes for policing of Harrow. The Council also calls upon Harrow's MPs and Harrow's Assembly Member to oppose the Mayor's plans and draconian cuts in policing which will put Harrow's residents and community at risk from crime and the fear of crime."

**(3) Fire Service Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Navin Shah and seconded by Councillor Ajay Maru:

"This Council believes that the safety and security of Londoners, including the residents of Harrow, is being put at risk as a result of cuts to the fire service being pushed through by the London's Mayor and the Coalition Government.

The Council believes that the unprecedented cuts are going too far and too fast and that these cuts to the budget of the London Fire Emergency & Planning Authority (LFEPA) will inevitably endanger families and communities across London and Harrow. This council believes that the cuts are being carried out without consideration of the impact on Londoners' safety.

We oppose the London Mayor's plans to close 12 fire stations, removal of 18 fire appliances and loss of 520 firefighters. We welcome the potential for an additional fire appliance at Stanmore fire station proposed in the plan but Harrow will still be fully exposed from the downgrading of the fire cover London wide and therefore the real risk of safety and security.

We support the decision taken at the Authority meeting of LFEPA in January requiring amendment of the London Safety Plan 5 requiring the removal of the plans to close 12 fire stations, reduction of 18 fire appliances and loss of 520 firefighters. We also support the Authorities decision requiring a meaningful consultation in each and every borough of London.

We deplore the Mayor's legal direction requiring LFEPA to ignore the democratic decision made by the Authority and impose his closure programme.

This Council challenges the Mayor's position that the scale

of the cuts is necessary and acceptable. This council calls on the Chief Executive of Harrow Council to write to the Mayor of London and the Commissioner of the LFB expressing the concerns of Harrow about the closure plans and imposition of the Mayor's will against the wishes of Harrow and Londoners. The Council also calls upon Harrow's MPs and Harrow's Assembly Member to oppose the Mayor's plans and reckless cuts in the fire service which will put at risk the safety and security of Harrow's residents and community."

**(4) Tory Welfare Reform Act 2012 Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Krishna James and seconded by Councillor Kareema Marikar:

"This Council believes that the Welfare Reform Act 2012 is causing untold anxiety and will cause great distress to vulnerable Harrow residents.

The draconian measures, such as, the capping of rent and the so called 'bedroom tax' is causing families to be uprooted. Children are having to move locations and change schools which could lead to long term instability and future problems.

These short sighted measures will cause long term problems resulting in high costs to the public purse.

This Council resolves to write to the Prime Minister & Deputy Prime Minister urging them to rethink their misguided reforms.

This Council urges its three MPs to raise the matter in Parliament on behalf of vulnerable residents in Harrow."

**(5) Indian Rape Victim / Violence Against Women Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Kareema Marikar and seconded by Councillor Zarina Khalid:

"The recent rape case leading to the murder of Jyoti in New Delhi was a deeply distressing event.

This incident brought into focus the amount of violence perpetuated towards women and lack of value and respect accorded to numerous women around the world, for example:

- Malala was shot in Pakistan for trying to promote education amongst girls.

- In England, a woman giving evidence against a rapist taking her own life during the trial.

These incidents are all linked together with the number of female foetuses aborted in India and perhaps in this country too. According to some estimates 50 million females are missing in India causing gender imbalance.

Mother earth is crying and it is time we took notice!

The Council resolves to:

Take this opportunity to write to the outgoing Borough Commander Chief Superintendent Dal Babu thanking him for implementing a Zero Tolerance policy towards Violence Against Women & Girls during his term of office.

The Council further reiterates its support to all Women's Organisations in the borough especially as we approach International Women's Day/Month in March."

**16. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE - COUNCIL** (Pages 91 - 98)

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.

**17. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURE BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS, LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER, AND USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE** (Pages 99 - 104)

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.