

Council SUMMONS AND AGENDA

DATE: Thursday 4 July 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 26th June 2013

PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Dr Suzanne Nti, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1. COUNCIL MINUTES (Pages 1 - 266)

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 28 February 2013, the Annual meeting held on 21 May 2013 and the extraordinary meeting held on 23 May 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. LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

8. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES (To Follow)

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.

9. ADOPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES DPD, SITE ALLOCATIONS DPD AND HARROW AND WEALDSTONE AREA ACTION PLAN DPD (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(20 June 2013)

10. HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Health and Wellbeing Board
(19 June 2013)

11. WEST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY - INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN (To Follow)

Report of the Director of Finance and Assurance

12. 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.

13. 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) A&E Crisis

To be moved by Councillor David Perry and seconded by Councillor Margaret Davine.

The Council is proud of our National Health Service (NHS) and its achievements since its inception. We congratulate NHS on its 65th birthday and resolve to work to make it even stronger and better for the sake of improved health and wellbeing of the people of Harrow and this Country.

However, this Council is extremely worried about the crisis in local A&E services in Northwick Park Hospital. The

people of Harrow deserve better services and the Coalition Government is failing local people. Recent statistics suggest that the A&E waiting times of over 4 hours are the second worst in London at Northwick Park. This is even before the disastrous closure of other local A&E services in neighbouring Boroughs. Alternative provision, in Harrow such as Alexandra Polyclinic has reduced its walk-in hours and locally it is difficult to get a convenient GP appointment quickly.

It also means that the Coalition Government's own target that no more than 5% of patients should wait for more than four hours has been breached.

Furthermore cuts in social care driven by Eric Pickles' reductions to Council budgets is causing patients to stay in hospital longer, blocking beds for operations and for those admitted to A&E.

In Harrow, our residents who are most in need are suffering unnecessarily due to David Cameron's crippling policies in the NHS and beyond. The elderly and parents with children are especially affected by these recent developments and the situation in Harrow is set to get worse.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to:

- 1) Write to Jeremy Hunt MP (Secretary of State for Health) urging for a local review.
- 2) Call on local GPs through the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to increase the hours at Alexandra Clinic for walk-in patients.
- 3) Invite the Chief Executives of Northwick Park & CCG to attend a meeting in the Council Chamber open to the public to allow local people to discuss the crisis and its causes with the key health service providers and users.

(2) **Planning: Change of Use allowing conversion of Offices to Residential Accommodation**

To be moved by Councillor Keith Ferry and seconded by Councillor Navin Shah.

This Council calls upon the Government to revoke its policy allowing the conversion of offices into residential accommodation without requiring planning permission.

The Council note that:

Harrow together with almost every London Borough asked for exemption from the policy but the Government has failed

to listen, with the exception of some inner London Boroughs, to the strong case made against the change of use policy.

Harrow applied for exemption for the 'Intensification Area' but the Government has declined the request leaving the Council to face major problems in achieving its economic, regeneration, jobs and housing objectives.

The Council is outraged that the Mayor of London has failed to stand up to Government and oppose the policy and request exemptions for Harrow and other Outer London Boroughs.

The Council calls upon the Mayor of London to lobby the Government to scrap this policy.

The Council further agrees that the Chief Executive writes to the Harrow MPs and Assembly Member to support this motion and write to the Government and Mayor of London to revoke the change of use policy.

(3) **PRISM**

To be moved by Councillor Sachin Shah and seconded by Councillor Phillip O'Dell.

The Council congratulates Cllr Thaya Idaikkadar in being the Chair of the meeting of Cabinet that passed the PRISM business case first time. He showed strong determination in making that tough decision. This decision must now be carried out.

PRISM will achieve a minimum saving to the Council of £1.85 million by changing the way services are organised and delivered, bringing together similar functions and reducing the number of managers to create a new operating model for the council that delivers for the residents of Harrow rather than a cut in service levels or standards.

The Council therefore fully supports the project and instructs the Chief Executive to continue and swiftly move the project to its logical conclusion, which the Leader of the Council approved himself.

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 Labour Group has notified his right to exercise his 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.

(4) Domestic Extensions

To be moved by Councillor Keith Ferry and seconded by Councillor Mrinal Choudhury.

The Council strongly condemns Nick Boles, the Planning Minister's policy that would allow extension of homes by as much as 26ft without planning consent – double the current limit – without requiring planning permission. The Council is strongly opposed to this policy and urges the Government to scrap the policy forthwith for the following grounds:

- The policy would lead to uncontrolled proliferation of unsightly buildings and create massive overdevelopment of traditional homes.
- The policy would pitch neighbours against neighbours because of the loss of amenity.
- There would be serious impact on the character of the area with major and unacceptable consequences on homes with smaller gardens.
- Local Planning Authorities (councils) will be rendered powerless due to lack of control on the quality of accommodation and will put extraordinary pressures on its enforcement responsibilities with no financial help from the Government.
- Increase risk of flooding as warned by the Local Government Association and the Environment Agency.

This national 'free-for-all' home extensions policy will have major consequences affecting the environment, character of the local area and the amenity of local residents. The Council resolves that the Chief Executive writes to the Government to scrap this policy. The Council further agrees that the Chief Executive writes to the Harrow MPs and Assembly Member to support this motion and write to the Government to revoke the policy on extensions.

(5) Supporting the Financial Transaction Tax (Ftt)

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

This Council notes the suffering forced upon Harrow residents as a result of this Tory led Government's cuts programme and asserts that there is an alternative to its ideologically driven attack on public services – namely a

financial Transaction Tax on the speculative activities that have accelerated the recent enrichment of the few to the detriment of the many. The council therefore calls upon Government to enact the FTT and use the revenues from this measure to reverse on-going shrinkage in central grants to Harrow Council.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Chancellor and Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and Harrow's 3 MPs stating this Council's support for the FTT.