## **Council (Annual)**

## **SUMMONS AND AGENDA**

DATE: Tuesday 19 May 2015

**TIME:** 6.30 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.

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Hugh Peart Director of Legal and Governance Services

**Despatch Date:** [11 May 2015]



#### **PRAYERS**

His Grace Srutidharma Das, Mayor's Chaplain, will open the meeting with Prayers.

#### 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

To elect a Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

#### 2. ELECTION AND INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

To elect a Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

#### 3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN

To receive the Mayor's announcement concerning a Chaplain (as may be appropriate).

#### 4. **CIVIC FUNCTIONS** (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive any communications from the newly elected Mayor as to the Civic Functions for 2015/16.

#### 5. 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.

#### 6. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

To receive and consider any procedural motions by Members of the Council in relation to the conduct of this Annual Meeting.

[Notice of such procedural motions, received after the issuing of this Summons, will be tabled].

#### **7. MINUTES** (Pages 9 - 22)

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 26 February 2015 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

## 8. RECOGNITION OF LONG SERVICE - COUNCILLOR CAMILLA BATH AND COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER NOYCE (Pages 23 - 28)

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services

#### 9. CABINET AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS (To Follow)

To note the appointments to Cabinet and to make appointments to Committees, Advisory Panels and Consultative Forums.

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#### 10. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS TO COMMITTEES (To Follow)

To make appointments of Chairs to Committees for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

#### 11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES (To Follow)

To receive proposals from Political Groups as to the appointment of representatives of the authority to serve on Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

#### **12. WEST LONDON WASTE PLAN ADOPTION** (Pages 29 - 32)

Recommendation I : Cabinet (23 April 2015)

#### **13. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15** (Pages 33 - 36)

Recommendation I : Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14 April 2015)

#### 14. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES (To Follow)

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services

#### 15. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/16

To note and confirm the dates of ordinary meetings of the Council for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, as follows:-

24 September 2015 3 December 2015 25 February 2016 19 May 2016 (Annual)

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## **CIVIC FUNCTIONS**

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#### FORTHCOMING CIVIC DATES

**Tue 19 May 2015 – 6.30pm – Annual Council & Mayor Making –** Council Chamber – post-reception in Members' Lounge

**Sunday 7 June 2015 – 10.30am – Annual Civic Service –** St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill – post-reception at Harrow School with representatives from local organisations

Monday 22 June 2015 – Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony - 10.15 for 10.30am - Flagstaff area outside Civic 1 – post reception in Mayor's Parlour with uniformed and ex-service personnel

**Sunday 20 September 2015 – 11am – Battle of Britain Service of Thanksgiving** – St John's Church, Stanmore (75<sup>th</sup> anniversary reception at Bentley Priory tbc with invitation)

**Sunday 8 November 2015 – 10.15 for 10.40am – Civic Act of Remembrance** (St Ann's March inspection, Parade & Service followed by post-reception in Members' Lounge)

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**MINUTES** 

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## **COUNCIL (COUNCIL TAX)**

## **MINUTES**

### **26 FEBRUARY 2015**

**Present:** \* Councillor Ajay Maru (The Worshipful the Mayor)

Councillor Krishna Suresh (The Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: \* Ghazanfar Ali

\* Richard Almond

\* Mrs Chika Amadi

\* Jeff Anderson

\* Sue Anderson

\* Marilyn Ashton

\* Mrs Camilla Bath

\* June Baxter

\* Christine Bednell

\* James Bond

\* Michael Borio

\* Simon Brown

\* Kam Chana

\* Ramji Chauhan

\* Bob Currie

\* Niraj Dattani

\* Margaret Davine

\* Jo Dooley

\* Keith Ferry

\* Ms Pamela Fitzpatrick

\* Stephen Greek

\* Mitzi Green

\* Susan Hall

\* Glen Hearnden

\* Graham Henson

\* John Hinkley

\* Ameet Jogia

\* Manjibhai Kara

\* Barry Kendler

\* Jean Lammiman

\* Barry Macleod-Cullinane

\* Kairul Kareema Marikar

\* Jerry Miles

\* Mrs Vina Mithani

\* Amir Moshenson

\* Chris Mote

\* Janet Mote

\* Christopher Noyce

\* Phillip O'Dell

† Paul Osborn

\* Nitin Parekh

\* Ms Mina Parmar

\* Varsha Parmar

\* Primesh Patel

\* Pritesh Patel

\* David Perry

\* Kanti Rabadia

\* Kiran Ramchandani

\* Mrs Christine Robson

\* Lynda Seymour

\* Aneka Shah

\* Mrs Rekha Shah

\* Sachin Shah

\* Norman Stevenson

\* Sasi Suresh

\* Adam Swersky

† Bharat Thakker

\* Antonio Weiss

\* Georgia Weston

\* Anne Whitehead

\* Stephen Wright

\* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

#### **PRAYERS**

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by His Grace Srutidharma Das, Mayor's Chaplain.

#### 63. COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13 November 2014 and of the Extraordinary meeting held on 22 January 2015 be taken as read and signed as correct records.

#### 64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor invited appropriate declarations of interest.

#### <u>Item 8 – Corporate Plan 2015-2019</u>

Councillor Sue Anderson declared non-pecuniary interests in that a familiy member was in receipt of Adult Social Care, she was a member of ADHD and Autism Support, a member of the National Autistic Society, a community champion, a volunteer for Harrow Health Walk and a friend of Harrow Rec.

## <u>Item 9 – Final Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Strategy</u> 2015/16 to 2018/19

Councillor Richard Almond declared an interest as he was appointed to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Councillor Jeff Anderson declared an interest in that he was a retired member of Unison.

Councillor Sue Anderson declared non-pecuniary interests in that she was a member of ADHD and Autism Support, a member of the National Autistic Society, a Friend of Harrow Museum, a Friend of English Heritage and a Friend of Harrow Association of Disabled People.

Councillor Bob Currie declared an interest in that he was a member of Unison.

Councillor Pamela Fitzpatrick declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a Director of the Harrow Law Centre.

Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he worked for the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Councillor Chris Mote declared a non-pecuniary interest in that his brother was in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and Council Tax Benefit.

Councillor Janet Mote declared a non-pecuniary interest in that her brother-inlaw was in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and Council Tax Benefit. Councillor Primesh Patel declared an interest in that he was a member of Unison.

Councillor Lynda Seymour declared a non-pecuniary interest in that a family member was in receipt of Council Tax benefit.

Councillor Krishna Suresh declared a non-pecuniary interest in that his mother was in receipt of Council Tax Benefit.

Councillor Adam Swersky declared an interest in that he was appointed to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Councillor Antonio Weiss declared an interest in that he was the Chair of Trustees of Harrow Law Centre.

#### 65. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

- (i) Councillor James Bond moved a tabled procedural motion in relation to item 9 Final Revenue Budget 2015 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015/16 to 2018/19. The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Georgia Weston and on being put to the vote was lost.
- (ii) Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane moved that item 14 Petition Scheme, be taken ahead of item 6 Petitions. This was seconded by Councillor Kam Chana and on being put to the vote was lost.
- (iii) The Leader of the Council, Councillor David Perry, moved a procedural motion under Rule 25.1 that, in line with previous years and for the purposes of the debate on the Final Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015/16 to 2018/19, the rules of debate be varied, as set out in the tabled documents, and that the procedure therein be also applied to the reports on the Corporate Plan 2015-2019, the Treasury Management Strategy Statement including Prudential Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2015/16, the Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2018/19, the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2018/19, insofar as the recommendations be debated jointly. This was agreed.
- (iv) Having asked whether there were any further Procedural Motions, Councillor David Perry moved that item 7 Leader and Portfolio Holders' Announcements, be taken ahead of item 6 Petitions. This was seconded by Councillor Keith Ferry and was agreed. Councillor David Perry moved that Council Procedure Rule 18.5 Roll Call, be suspended for the Budget items. This was seconded by Councillor Keith Ferry and upon being put to the vote was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the partial suspension under Rule 25.1, regarding the moving of recommendations from Cabinet and the rules of debate (including extended time for opening speeches by the political groups),

as set out in the tabled papers, be approved for the purposes of the debate upon

Item 8 – Corporate Plan 2015 -2019

Item 9 – Final Revenue Budget 2015/16 and

**Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015/16** 

to 2018/19

Item 10 - Treasury Management Strategy

**Statement including Prudential** 

Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment

Strategy for 2015/16

Item 11 – Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2018/19
Item 12 – Housing Revenue Account Budget

2015/16 and Medium Term Financial

Strategy 2016/17 to 2018/19.

#### 66. PETITIONS

The petitions detailed at Agenda Item 6a – Funding to the Voluntary Sector, Agenda Item 6c – Rayners Lane Library Closure and Agenda Item 6e – Brown Bin 'Garden Tax' were received.

In accordance with Rule 10, the following petitions were presented

(i) Petition submitted by Councillor Georgia Weston containing 125 signatures requesting that the Council make road safety improvements to Elmcroft Crescent.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety].

(ii) Petition submitted by Councillor John Hinkley containing 2,086 signatures of residents requesting that Hatch End Library remain open.

The Leader of the Council indicated that, as the petition contained the threshold number of signatures to engender debate at Council, it should be debated at the meeting rather than the next ordinary meeting. This was agreed.

#### 67. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To note that three questions from members of the public had been received and responded to, and the recording of these questions and the answers given had been placed on the Council's website.

#### 68. PETITIONS

(a) FUNDING TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR:

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Council received a petition containing over 2,000 signatures as follows

- (i) Petition submitted by MIND in Harrow containing 2,072 signatures stating "Please do not cut funding for Age Concern, Citizens' Advice Bureau, MIND in Harrow, Harrow Association for the Disabled & other voluntary organisations."
- (ii) Debate was held on the content of the petition.

#### **RESOLVED:** That the petition be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

(b) SAVE THE BOB LAWRENCE LIBRARY:

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Council received a petition containing over 2,000 signatures as follows

- (i) Petition submitted by residents containing approximately 5,000 signatures stating "We the undersigned residents would like the local authority to keep the library open at its present location 6-8 North Parade, Mollison Way, HA8 5QH."
- (ii) An Open letter from the Bob Lawrence Library Campaign Team and a petition from children attending Stag Lane Junior School were also considered alongside the aforementioned petition.
- (iii) Debate was held on the content of the petition.

#### **RESOLVED:** That the petition be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

(c) RAYNERS LANE LIBRARY CLOSURE:

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Council received a petition containing over 2,000 signatures as follows

- (i) Petition submitted by residents and students of Nower Hill High School containing approximately 2,300 signatures stating "We, the undersigned, deplore the proposed closure of Harrow Libraries, particularly that of Rayners Lane, which serves a densely populated area with very few facilities. This Library does excellent work with students and pre-school children and serves as a hub for its diverse community. The loss of this resource would be destructive to the life of the area."
- (ii) Debate was held on the content of the petition.

#### **RESOLVED:** That the petition be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

(d) SAVE OUR LIBRARY - NORTH HARROW LIBRARY:

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Council received a petition containing over 2,000 signatures as follows

- (i) Petition submitted by residents containing approximately 2,797 signatures stating "We, the undersigned, ask Harrow Council to reconsider the proposal to close North Harrow Library. Closure will have a serious detrimental effect on the local community. It will also lead to a further decline of the North Harrow Town Centre."
- (ii) Debate was held on the content of the petition.

#### **RESOLVED:** That the petition be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

(e) BROWN BIN 'GARDEN TAX':

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Council received a petition containing over 2,000 signatures as follows

(i) Petition submitted by residents containing approximately 3,000 signatures stating "Harrow Council's Labour administration recently announced, as part of their budget proposals, that residents could face a £75 charge for the collection of their brown waste bins. The bins, which are currently used for garden and food waste, would change to being for garden waste only – and would be collected once a fortnight for a £75 per year fee. We believe this proposal is an unreasonable 'garden tax' on Harrow residents, who already pay the third highest council tax in London, and who should reasonably expect waste collection to be included in their bills. The proposal is also unfair on low income households, and will likely have a disproportionate impact on elderly and disabled residents.

We the undersigned therefore petition the administration/Council to drop their plans for a £75 brown bin charge."

(ii) Debate was held on the content of the petition.

#### **RESOLVED:** That the petition be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

(f) HATCH END LIBRARY:

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Council received a petition containing over 2,000 signatures as follows

(i) Petition submitted by residents containing 2,086 signatures stating "We the undersigned Petition Harrow Council to keep the well liked and well

used Hatch End Library open for the people of Harrow and surrounding areas".

(ii) Debate was held on the content of the petition.

RESOLVED: That the petition be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

#### 69. LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The Leader of the Council, Councillor David Perry, introduced the item highlighting the achievements, challenges and proposals since the last ordinary meeting.
- (ii) Other Members of the Council spoke and/or asked questions of the Leader of the Council which were duly responded to.

#### 70. CORPORATE PLAN 2015-2019

Having agreed that the guillotine be extended until 11.00 pm and then agreed that the guillotine be extended until all notified speakers had spoken on agenda items 8 to 12, the Mayor advised that the 'guillotine' procedure would come into operation for the determination of the remaining business on the Summons.

RESOLVED: That the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 be adopted.

## 71. FINAL REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2015/16 TO 2018/19

- (i) Further to Item 9 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 February 2015 and a report of the Chief Finance Officer.
- (ii) The Leader of the Council, Councillor David Perry, formally moved the Recommendation.
- (iii) Upon the meeting moving to a vote upon the substantive Recommendation and the report of the Chief Finance Officer it was carried. The voting was as follows:

In Favour of the Motion: Councillors Ali, Amadi, Jeff Anderson, Sue Anderson, Borio, Brown, Currie, Dattani, Davine, Dooley, Ferry, Fitzpatrick, Green, Hearnden, Henson, Kendler, Marikar, Miles, O'Dell, Parekh, Varsha Parmar, Primesh Patel, Perry, Ramchandani, Robson, Aneka Shah, Mrs Rekha Shah, Sachin Shah, Sasikala Suresh, Krishna Suresh, Swersky, Weiss and Whitehead.

Against the Motion: Councillors Almond, Ashton, Mrs Bath, Baxter, Bednell, Bond, Chana, Chauhan, Greek, Hall, Hinkley, Jogia, Kara, Lammiman,

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Macleod-Cullinane, Mithani, Moshenson, Chris Mote, Janet Mote, Noyce, Mina Parmar, Pritesh Patel, Rabadia, Seymour, Stevenson, Weston and Wright.

Abstain: His Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Ajay Maru.

**RESOLVED: That** 

- (1) the budget be approved to enable the Council Tax for 2015/16 to be set;
- (2) the Medium Term Financial Strategy at Appendix I to the Cabinet Recommendation be approved;
- (3) the 2015/16 Schools' Budget at Appendix II to the Cabinet Recommendation be approved;
- (4) the 2015/16 Members' Allowance Scheme at Appendix III to the Cabinet Recommendation be approved for 2015/16;
- (5) the Annual Pay Policy Statement at Appendix IV to the Cabinet Recommendation be approved;
- (6) the Model Council Tax Resolution, at Appendix 1 to the Council report, be approved;
- (7) in accordance with section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, Council instructs the Chief Finance Officer to place a note of the amounts set out in paragraph (4) of appendix 1 to the Council report within a period of 21 days following the Council's decision.
- 72. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR 2015/16

RESOLVED: That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2015/16 be approved, including the:

- Prudential Indicators for 2015/16;
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2015/16;
- Annual Investment Strategy for 2015/16;
- upper limit for borrowing of under 12 months be increased to 30%:
- lower limit for borrowing of 5 to under 10 years be reduced to 0%;
- deletion of the "Viability" criteria for Specified and Non-specified investments.

#### 73. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 TO 2018/19

RESOLVED: That the Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2018/19, as detailed at the Appendix to the Cabinet Recommendation, be approved.

## 74. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016/17 TO 2018/19

**RESOLVED: That** 

- (1) the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2015-16 be approved;
- (2) the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme, as detailed at the Appendix to the Cabinet Recommendation, be approved.

#### 75. STANDARDS COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

**RESOLVED: That** 

- (1) the new procedure for dealing with complaints against Councillors, as amended by the Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee and contained in Appendix 1 to the Committee's Recommendation be agreed;
- (2) a new Standards Working Group be established;
- (3) the Assessment Working Group and the Hearing Working Group be disbanded:
- (4) the Assessment Sub-Committee and Hearing Review Sub-Committee be disbanded;
- (5) the delegations to the Monitoring Officer, as contained in Appendix 2 to the Committee's Recommendation be agreed;
- (6) the Constitutional amendments contained in Appendix 2 to the Committee's Recommendation be agreed.

#### 76. PETITION SCHEME

The tabled amendment was moved by Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane was seconded by Councillor Susan Hall and was voted upon but not carried.

RESOLVED: That the revised Petition Scheme and other constitutional changes detailed in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services be approved.

#### 77. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

To note that nine questions from Councillors to the Leader of the Council had been received and that a written response would be provided and placed on the Council's website.

#### 78. MOTIONS

At Item 16 the Council received a Motion in the names of Councillor Adam Swersky and Councillor Anne Whitehead in the following terms:

(i) "Harrow Council moves to tackle the explosion of e-cigarette usage across the Borough.

E-cigarettes are a promising and effective tool to help smokers quit. However, they are also a highly addictive nicotine-based product, with a range of chemicals whose impact on "vapers" has not yet been properly researched.

E-cigarettes, which have been prominently advertised in St Ann's Shopping centre and will soon be promoted on TV screens nationwide, have risen dramatically in popularity recently, with 2.1 million users in the UK alone. This equates to over 7,000 users in Harrow. Sales of e-cigarettes quadrupled in 2013, an exponential rate of growth for a product that is as addictive as heroin or cocaine.

This Council congratulates the efforts of Transport for London to extend its ban of smoking to e-cigarettes, and welcomes the cautionary approach taken by cities such as New York. This is in line with the WHO's recommendations to ban e-cigarette smoking in public places and in work places.

To avoid a new generation of young people in Harrow becoming hooked on nicotine, this Council resolves to take action against the proliferation of e-cigarettes for uses other than to stop smoking.

To this end, we call on the Director of Public Health and other Council officers to:

- Robustly enforce the ban on sales of e-cigarettes to under-18 year olds.
- Remove any advertising of e-cigarettes on Harrow Council property and include a ban on e-cigarette advertising in the Council's policy on acceptable advertising, with the exception of adverts providing information on appropriate use at points of sale.
- Take all appropriate steps to discourage the use of e-cigarettes for any purpose aside from to quit smoking tobacco. Smoking

prevention campaigns, particularly those targeted at children and young people should include warnings about the addictive properties of e-cigarettes and the significant unknown health risks."

(ii) Upon a vote, the Motion was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Motion as set out at (i) above, be adopted.

79. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURE BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS, LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER, AND USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

80. CABINET - APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTARY SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE - CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

RESOLVED: That the Council's Constitution be amended as set out in the report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services to enable a member of the voluntary sector to be appointed as a Non Executive member of Cabinet.

81. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) for the reasons set out below:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Title</u>  | Reason  |
|-------------|---|---|
| 19.         | Information Report –<br>Remuneration Packages and<br>Severance Payments of<br>£100,000 or Greater | Information under paragraphs 1 and 3 (contains information relating to any individual and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)). |

82. INFORMATION REPORT - REMUNERATION PACKAGES AND SEVERANCE PAYMENTS OF £100,000 OR GREATER

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

#### 83. PROCEDURE FOR TERMINATION OF MEETING

At 10.10 pm, prior to the consideration of item 8 – Corporate Plan 2015-2019 the Mayor sought agreement to the extension of the guillotine until 11.00 pm. This was agreed.

At 10.57 pm, the Mayor sought agreement to the extension of the guillotine until all the speakers notified to him in advance had spoken on the budget items. This was agreed.

At 11.29 pm, the meeting adjourned until 11.35 pm.

RESOLVED: That the provisions of Rules 9.2 and 9.3 be applied as set out above.

(CLOSE OF MEETING: All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 0.16 am).

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# RECOGNITION OF LONG SERVICE – COUNCILLOR CAMILLA BATH AND COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER NOYCE

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#### REPORT FOR: ANNUAL COUNCIL

**Date of Meeting:** 19 May 2015

**Subject:** Recognition of Long Service:

**Councillors Camilla Bath and** 

**Christopher Noyce** 

Responsible Officer: Hugh Peart – Director of Legal and

**Governance Services** 

**Exempt:** No

Enclosures: None

#### **Section 1 - Purpose and Recommendations**

#### 1. Summary

The Council on 18 July 1985 adopted a recommendation from the then Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 2 July, concerning the recognition of Members' long service and resolved:

"That the Council agree that Members of the Council who complete 25 years' service with the Council be presented with framed, illuminated copy resolutions of appreciation". This report sets out the proposal for Long Service Awards to Councillors Camilla Bath and Christopher Noyce

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Council is requested to approve Long Service Awards marking Councillors Camilla Bath and Christopher Noyce's 25 years service as Members for Harrow Council in May 2015.



#### **Section 2 - Background**

- 2.1 It is the current policy of the Authority to recognise the completion of 25 years' service on the part of the Members of the Council by awarding a framed, illuminated address of appreciation (Council Resolution of 18 July 1985).
- 2.1 Full Council must agree any change or abandonment of this policy.
- 2.3 A long service award was last made in May 2011 to Councillor Lurline Champagnie OBE and posthumously to Councillor John Cowan. Two Members, Councillors Camilla Bath and Christopher Noyce, will achieve this distinction in May 2015.

#### Councillor Camilla Bath

Councillor Camilla Bath was first elected to the Council in May 1990 and has served continuously to date. Following the Borough Elections of 2014 when Councillor Bath was returned to serve as a Member for the Stanmore Park Ward, she will in the lifetime of this Council (in May 2015) attain the required 25 years' service.

Councillor Bath has served on various Council Committees including Cabinet, Licensing and General Purposes Committee, Education, Arts and Leisure Committee, Employees' Consultative Forum and Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel. In that time, she variously held the offices of Portfolio Holder for Housing, Chair of the Development Control Committee, the Tenants', Leaseholders' and Residents' Consultative Forum, the School Placement Panel and the Call-In Sub-Committee (Education). She also held the office of Vice-Chair of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education. Councillor Bath has also served on the Personnel Appeals Panel and Social Services Appeals Panel. Councillor Bath has represented the Council on numerous outside bodies including Bentley Priory Nature Reserve Management Committee, Deputy Lord Lieutenant's Committee, John Pardoe Charity, Middlesex Guildhall Collection and Trust Fund and on various London Councils' bodies.

In the municipal year 2013/14, Councillor Bath held the office of Deputy Mayor and represented the Mayor on eighty-eight separate occasions at local community and voluntary organisational, inter-borough and civic events. Councillor Bath has always shown strong support for uniformed, cadet and ex-service organisations and during her year as Deputy Mayor chaired the Army Benevolent Fund (Harrow Branch) as well as providing encouragement for charitable fundraisers including the Help4Hero's Charity.

The Council is requested to record its appreciation of the public service rendered by Councillor Bath, in the form of the following resolution:

## Councillor Camilla Bath: Recognition of Long Service

"The Council of the London Borough of Harrow do hereby record their appreciation of the twenty five years' service by Councillor Camilla Bath to the London Borough of Harrow.

In recognition of her completion of twenty-five years of public service to Harrow, this resolution be engrossed on vellum and publicly presented to Councillor Bath, at the Council Meeting in September 2015."

#### Councillor Christopher Noyce

Councillor Noyce was first elected to the Council in May 1986 and, other than a break from 2002-2006, has served continuously to date. Following the Borough Elections of 2014 when Councillor Noyce was returned to serve as a Member for the Rayners Lane Ward, he will in the lifetime of this Council (in May 2015) attain the required 25 years' service.

Councillor Noyce has served on various Council Committees including Cabinet, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Chief Officers' Employment Panel, Policy and Resources Committee, Resources Committee, Development Control Committee, the Assessment Sub-Committee and Hearing Review Sub-Committee. He held the position of Chair of Policy and Resources. Councillor Noyce has also represented the Council on the Harrow Refugee and Minorities Forum.

Councillor Noyce pursued his parliamentary ambitions for Harrow in 1992 when he stood as candidate in Harrow West in 1992, 2001, 2006 and latterly in 2010.

The Council is requested to record its appreciation of the public service rendered by Councillor Noyce, in the form of the following resolution:

## Councillor Christopher D Noyce MA (Hons) (Oxon) Solicitor: Recognition of Long Service

"The Council of the London Borough of Harrow do hereby record their appreciation of the twenty five years' service by Councillor Christopher Noyce to the London Borough of Harrow.

In recognition of his completion of twenty-five years of public service to Harrow, this resolution be engrossed on vellum and publicly presented to Councillor Noyce by the Mayor, at the Council Meeting in September 2015."

2.4 The costs for the long service awards will be met from existing budgets.

2.5 This report is submitted, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Conservative Group and Councillors Camilla Bath and Christopher Noyce.

#### **Financial Implications**

The costs associated with the vellums will be met from within existing budgets.

#### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

| Name: Simon George  | √ Chief Financial Officer              |
|---------------------|--|
| Date: 18 April 2015 |  |
| Name: Linda Cohen   | on behalf of the  √ Monitoring Officer |
| Date: 30 April 2015 |  |

#### **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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**Background Papers:** Election records, Committee memberships

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## CABINET RECOMMENDATION (23 APRIL 2015)

**RECOMMENDATION I** 

WEST LONDON WASTE PLAN ADOPTION

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### **CABINET**

### 23 APRIL 2015

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 23 April 2015.

**Present:** 

**Chair:** \* Councillor David Perry

Councillors: \* Sue Anderson \* Graham Henson

\* Simon Brown
\* Margaret Davine
\* Keith Ferry
\* Varsha Parmar
\* Sachin Shah
\* Anne Whitehead

\* Glen Hearnden

In attendance: Susan Hall Minute 170

Barry Kendler Minute 182

Barry Macleod-Cullinane Minutes 170, 181 & 182

Janet Mote Minute 170 Adam Swersky Minute 181

#### **RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

#### 174. West London Waste Plan Adoption

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the West London Waste Plan be adopted as part of the Borough's Local Plan.

**Reason for Decision:** To progress the West London Waste Plan to adoption in accordance with the current Local Development Scheme. To ensure that an up to date Development Plan for the Borough was in place. To comply with regulatory requirements.

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes Member present

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted: None.

## ANNUAL COUNCIL 19 MAY 2015

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION [14 APRIL 2015]

**RECOMMENDATION I** 

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## **MINUTES**

## **14 APRIL 2015**

Chair: \* Councillor Jerry Miles

Councillors: \* Ghazanfar Ali † Kam Chana

Jeff Anderson \* Paul Osborn

**Voting** (Voluntary Aided) (Parent Governors)

Co-opted:

Mrs J Rammelt † Mrs A Khan

Reverend P Reece

**Non-voting** Harrow Youth Parliament Representative

Co-opted:

In attendance: Keith Ferry Minute 93

(Councillors)

Denotes Member present(1) and (4) Denote category of Reserve Members

† Denotes apologies received

#### **RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

#### 90. Scrutiny Annual Report

The Committee received a report which outlined the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the scrutiny sub-committees and the scrutiny lead councillors during the 2014-15 municipal year.

It was noted that the annual report had been previously submitted to the Sub-Committee and subsequently amended and discussed at the scrutiny library group.

An officer confirmed the inclusion of photographs in the final draft. Councillor Mrs Vina Mithani would be listed in addition to Councillor Michael Borio in the report from the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the annual report be submitted to Council for endorsement