

Council (Council Tax) SUMMONS AND AGENDA

DATE: Thursday 25 February 2016

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: [17 February 2016]

PRAYERS

Reverend Matthew Stone, Mayor's Chaplain & Rector of St John the Evangelist, Stanmore, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1. COUNCIL MINUTES (Pages 9 - 20)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2015 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

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. 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.

4. PETITIONS

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, a petition containing more than 2,000 signatures will be considered/debated by full Council. The following Petitions meet the threshold of signatures needed to engender a Council debate.

A representative of the petitioners will read the terms of the petition on behalf of the petition signatories. There is a period of one minute allocated to present. A period of ten minutes is permitted for Members to debate the Petition terms and issues.

Following discussion the Council may choose to refer the petition to the Cabinet, a Committee or Corporate Director to determine the matter, taking into account the views expressed by Council.

(a.) PETITION: DON'T FORCE COMMUNITIES OUT OF WEALDSTONE

A petition containing 2,400 signatures has been received and has the following terms:

'Don't Force Communities out of Wealdstone Petition

Harrow Council has announced plans for a new Civic Centre in Wealdstone, which could force out a community banqueting hall, a local temple and undermine local businesses by closing the Peel House car park.

Under the plans Premier Banqueting, a local temple and other organisations could face closure, with their buildings demolished to make way for the new Civic Centre.

We believe that putting these popular and valued community assets at risk

would be a major loss to Wealdstone and its local economy, and call on the Council's administration to rethink their plans.'

(b.) **PETITION: THE BRIDGE**

A petition containing 3,152 signatures has been received and has the following terms:

'Petition: The Bridge

We, the undersigned, hereby petition Harrow Council and ask that the decision to close The Bridge should be reconsidered as the impact of the closure on service users, their carers, families and the wider community has not been thought through.'

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 Chairs 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. CORPORATE PLAN (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(18 February 2016)

9. FINAL REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016/17 TO 2019/20 (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(18 February 2016)

10. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR 2016-17 (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(18 February 2016)

11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 TO 2019/20 (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(18 February 2016)

12. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016-17 to 2019-20 (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(18 February 2016)

13. HOMES FOR HARROW: BUILDING HOMES FOR PRIVATE SALE TO CROSS SUBSIDISE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (Pages 21 - 24)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(10 December 2015)

14. INVESTMENT PROPERTY STRATEGY (Pages 25 - 28)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(10 December 2015)

15. MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT - REVISION (Pages 29 - 32)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(10 December 2015)

16. NON-EXECUTIVE FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2016/17 (Pages 33 - 54)

Report of the Head of Paid Service

17. PROPOSED PROTOCOL ON OFFICER DECISION-MAKING (Pages 55 - 64)

Report of the Monitoring Officer

18. DECISION TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE BY CABINET
(Pages 65 - 70)

Report of the Monitoring Officer

19. 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 Chair 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 Chair 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.

20. MOTIONS

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

(1) Fund our local NHS fairly Motion

To be moved by Councillor Anne Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Varsha Parmar:

This Council Notes:

- Harrow's CCG is responsible for funding and allocating resources for healthcare services in Harrow, such as GP practices and walk-in clinics.
- Across London, Harrow's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has the second lowest per capita allocation in 15/16, and one of the lowest for 14/15 and 13/14.
- In response to a recent question tabled in Parliament by Harrow West Labour MP Gareth Thomas, Health Ministers revealed that Harrow had received the lowest amount of funding per head of any CCG in London over the three year period since the Conservative-led Coalition Government's top-down re-organisation of the NHS in 2012.
- This poor funding allocation on NHS spend for Harrow's residents is a historic trend, with Harrow's former Primary Care Trust (PCT) also having one of the lowest per capita allocation across London.
- Gareth Thomas MP has asked the Health Secretary in a Parliamentary question what he is doing to help Harrow's CCG avoid its projected deficit of £116.4m in 2018-19.

- The amazing work our doctors, nurses and all staff across our NHS in Harrow do day in day out. All this hard work is in the climate of our local health service being severely underfunded compared to other parts of London, and across the country.
- This poor deal for Harrow's residents is on top of the long running problems of waiting times at Northwick Park Hospital. In November Northwick Park Hospital was one of the worst hospitals in London for meeting the 4 hour A & E waiting time target. Northwick Park Hospital was only able to see 72% of patients in 4 hours against a 95% target.
- Harrow Council has started the '159' campaign to get a better deal for its residents. A poor funding settlement from Government means that the Council receives £159 less than the London average for every person in Harrow. That's £39.8 million this year for the borough as a whole.

This Council Believes:

- To have both the CCG and local Council receive a well below average funding settlement from Government is a double whammy for our residents.
- Harrow's public services should receive a fair funding allocation from Central Government.
- Our residents deserve to have a local Council and NHS that is properly funded so we can provide the vital services our residents rely on, from street cleaning and care for the elderly to GP services and medical walk in centres.
- The Council and the CCG have a strong track record of working together to create innovative and preventative work, which is now being put at risk by the Government's insufficient support for the NHS both locally in Harrow and across the country.
- All Councillors should be joining the efforts of the administration and local MP to secure a fair deal for our residents.

The Council resolves:

- To support Harrow West MP Gareth Thomas in his efforts to secure a fair funding deal for Harrow's CCG.
- The Council's Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of state, Jeremy Hunt MP, to ask for a review of the inadequate funding resources that our local Harrow CCG receives.
- The Council to work constructively with the local CCG over the coming months and years to campaign for a fair funding settlement from Central Government so we can continue to deliver the outstanding

health and social care that our residents expect.

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[Note: The questions and answers will not be reproduced in the minutes.]