

Council (Council Tax)

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

DATE: Thursday 23 February 2017

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: [15 February 2017]

Useful Information

Meeting details:

This meeting is open to the press and public.

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PRAYERS

His Grace Srutidharma das, Mayor's Chaplain & President of Bhaktivedanta Manor, Hare Krishna Temple, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1. COUNCIL MINUTES (Pages 9 - 16)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2016 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

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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. CORPORATE PLAN (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(16 February 2017)

- 8. FINAL REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2017/18 - 2019/20. (To Follow)**
Recommendation I: Cabinet
(16 February 2017)

- 9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR 2017/18 (To Follow)**
Recommendation I: Cabinet
(16 February 2017)

- 10. FINAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18 TO 2019/20 (To Follow)**
Recommendation I: Cabinet
(16 February 2017)

- 11. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2017/18 TO 2019/20 (To Follow)**
Recommendation I: Cabinet
(16 February 2017)

- 12. REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (Pages 17 - 22)**
Recommendation I: Licensing and General Purposes Committee
(25 January 2017)

- 13. NON EXECUTIVE FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2017-18 (Pages 23 - 42)**
Report of the Head of Paid Service

- 14. CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (Pages 43 - 74)**
Report of the Section 151 Officer

- 15. REPORT DETAILING THE REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY (Pages 75 - 104)**
Report of the Section 151 Officer

- 16. INFORMATION REPORT - DECISION TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE (Pages 105 - 110)**

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 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.

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) **Better funding for Harrow's schools Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Kiran Ramchandani and seconded by Councillor Christine Robson:

“This Council notes that as a result of the Government's proposed plan to change the way schools are funded, Harrow schools will lose £15 million by 2019. This equates to £504 per pupil.

Harrow is known for our excellent schools and this Council does not want these funding cuts to jeopardise our high education standards. We do not want to end up with cash-strapped schools that struggle to give our children a good education, with larger classrooms and overworked teachers.

Whilst the School's National Funding Formula consultation proposals will benefit some schools, the vast majority will be worse off.

Harrow Council instructs the Council Leader and Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Justine Greening MP, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Phillip Hammond MP, to call on them to protect funding for Harrow's schools.”

(2) **Harrow Council recognises working definition of anti-Semitism Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Barry Kendler and seconded by Councillor Michael Borio:

“2016 will be the year remembered for a number of reasons historically. Tragically one of the factors that have marked out 2016 has been the rise in all forms of hate crime and we have witnessed or read about increased attacks and humiliation heaped on Eastern Europeans and Muslims living in the UK. 2016 has also seen the rise of anti-Semitism. Harrow has always had excellent community relations and tolerance of peoples of different faith and it is right that a public body like the Council demonstrates its seriousness in fighting the causes and perpetrators of racial and religious hatred. In December 2016, HM Government formally adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism, as quoted below:

“Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

The guidelines highlight manifestations of anti-Semitism as including:

- “Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.

- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.”

It is important that the Council send a clear message to its Jewish population that we support them and will do all in our power to deter the promoters of anti-Semitism from attacking our Harrow Jewish community.

Harrow Council instructs the Council Leader and the Chief Executive to write to the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to express our support towards the initiative of establishing a working definition of anti-Semitism and informing the Secretary of State of the fact that Harrow Council will be formally adopting the definition.”

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information in breach of an obligation of confidence, or of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
20.	Information Report – Severance Package of £100,000 or Greater	Information under paragraph 1 (contains information relating to any individuals).

20. INFORMATION REPORT - SEVERANCE PACKAGE OF £100,000 OR GREATER (To Follow)

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