

# **Council**

## **SUMMONS AND AGENDA**

**DATE:** **Thursday 16 January 2020**

**TIME:** **7.30 pm**

**VENUE:** **Council Chamber, Harrow Civic Centre,  
Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2XY**

**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:** [Wednesday 8 January 2020]

## **Useful Information**

### **Meeting details:**

This meeting is open to the press and public.

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**Summons publication date: Wednesday 8 January 2020**

## **PRAYERS**

His Holiness Shri Rajrajeshwar Guruji, Founder and Spiritual Leader of the International Siddhashram Shakti Centre, will open the meeting with Prayers.

### **1. COUNCIL MINUTES (Pages 7 - 24)**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2019 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. LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

Further to the decision of Annual Council on 16 May 2019, to make a presentation to Councillors Jean Lammiman, Christopher Mote and Phillip O'Dell marking 25 years' service on Harrow Council which they completed in May 2019.

**8. GOVERNANCE, AUDIT, RISK MANAGEMENT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 25 - 46)**

RECOMMENDATION I: Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee  
(16 September 2019)

**9. PENSION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19 (Pages 47 - 50)**

RECOMMENDATION I: Pension Board  
(31 October 2019)

**10. STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE REPORT (Pages 51 - 54)**

RECOMMENDATION I: Cabinet  
(12 September 2019)

**11. CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (Pages 55 - 74)**

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(14 November 2019)

**12. CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME (CTS) FOR 2020-21 (To Follow)**

Recommendation I: Cabinet  
(9 January 2020)

**13. MEMBERSHIPS OF NEW COMMITTEES (To Follow)**

**14. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD CHANGES TO TERMS OF REFERENCE (To Follow)**

Recommendation I: Health and Wellbeing Board  
(14 January 2020)

**15. INFORMATION REPORT: DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENT ACTION PROCEDURE - COUNCIL (Pages 75 - 78)**

**16. INFORMATION REPORT - DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURE - EXECUTIVE (Pages 79 - 82)**

**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 Motion has been notified in accordance with the requirements of Council Procedure Rule 15, to be moved and seconded by the Members indicated:

### **(1) Supporting Residents Impacted by Universal Credit Motion**

To be moved by Councillor Adam Swersky and seconded by Councillor Dan Anderson:

“Harrow Council notes that:

- The roll-out of Universal Credit (UC) represents the largest overhaul of the welfare system for working age people in a generation.
- If and when it is fully implemented, there will be in the region of 15,000 families in Harrow claiming the benefit, including nearly 28,000 children.
- The roll-out of UC has been riddled with issues that have impoverished families, driven our residents to use food banks, and made families homeless
- The National Audit Office says UC is “not value for money now and ... it’s future value for money unproven”. Child Poverty Action Group believes it simply “isn’t working for working people”.
- In Harrow, UC has already pushed many tenants into rent arrears. For example 26% of Council tenants who claim Housing Benefit are in arrears compared to 73% of those claiming UC.
- The UC application process is digital by design. Claimants are expected to have an email address and a bank account to complete an application. Yet there are 1.5 million unbanked adults in the UK and 38% of people on low incomes have limited access to the internet.

Harrow Council launched a cross-Party Commission on the Implementation of Universal Credit in Harrow in late 2018 to identify a set of practical actions the Council could take to support our residents.

Harrow Council resolves:

- To adopt the final report of the Commission, including its

action plan. This includes supporting residents to access digital services, improving links between Council officers and Jobcentre Plus staff, and making provision within the Council Tax Support scheme to help people migrating onto Universal Credit.

- To continue to develop new ways of supporting people impacted by the roll-out of Universal Credit.
- To incorporate the findings of the Commission into the development of the Borough Plan as part of the Council's drive to tackle poverty and inequality.”

**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 Packages of £100,000 or Greater	Information under paragraph 1 (contains information relating to any individuals).

**20. INFORMATION REPORT - SEVERANCE PACKAGES OF £100,000 OR GREATER (Pages 83 - 88)**

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