

Council

Summons and Agenda

Date: Thursday 26 November 2020

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Virtual

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 18 November 2020

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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 9 - 22)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting and ordinary Council meeting held on 16 July 2020 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. 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. Petition - Low Traffic Neighbourhood Road Blocks

A petition containing approximately 5,500 signatures has been received and has the following terms:

“Remove Low Traffic Neighbourhood Road Blocks in Harrow”.

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 consider the matter, taking into account the views expressed by Council.

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. Honorary Freedom of the Borough

Presentation of scroll

8. Leader and Portfolio Holder 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.

9. Harrow Strategic Development Partner - Appointment of Directors (Pages 23 - 26)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(11 November 2020)

10. Borough Plan Update (Pages 27 - 30)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(11 November 2020)

11. Appointment of Active Scheme Member Representative to the Pension Board
(Pages 31 - 36)

Report of the Director of Finance.

12. Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20 (Pages 37 - 40)

Recommendation I: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(20 October 2020)

13. Refreshed Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21 to 2021/22 (Pages 41 - 44)

Recommendation I: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(20 October 2020)

14. Information Report - Decisions Taken Under The Urgency Procedure - Executive
(Pages 45 - 50)

15. 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.

16. **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) **Motion to remove Temporary Street Space Schemes**

To be moved by Councillor Paul Osborn and seconded by Councillor Anjana Patel:

“This Council requests that the Executive immediately removes all temporary Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes (LTNs) from Harrow, all temporary Strategic Cycling routes, and those temporary Pedestrian Space schemes that were recommended for removal by TARSAP (Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel) of 10 August.

The LTN schemes and the Strategic Cycle routes, while well intentioned, have caused congestion, consternation, and chaos for local people across the borough. The Pedestrian Space schemes have made negligible difference for pedestrian safety while seriously impacting local businesses. It is now time for the Executive to acknowledge that these hastily implemented schemes are not working and should be removed.

This Council notes:

- These Street Space schemes have led to numerous petitions being set up by residents, signed by thousands of local people.
- The most recent petition, which calls for the removal of nearly all LTNs, gained over 5,500 signatures in a matter of days.
- Many Members of the Council have received numerous communications from residents expressing their dismay at the effect of these schemes.
- Many residents feel there was no meaningful consultation by the Council for these schemes, and that these schemes were not properly publicised.

This Council recommends that the Executive immediately removes all temporary LTNs, Strategic Cycling routes and those Pedestrian Space schemes that were recommended for removal by TARSAP in order to allow for a meaningful consultation with residents to take place and to restore confidence in this Council.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.6, as this Motion relates to a matter within the powers of the Executive, the Leader of the Opposition moves that it does not stand automatically referred to the next meeting of the Executive but be dealt with as if Council Procedure Rule 15.7.1 applied.

(2) London Living Wage Motion

To be moved by Councillor Adam Swersky and seconded by Councillor Kiran Ramchandana:

“This Council notes that:

- 4.7 million people in Britain are low paid
- The real Living Wage is calculated independently by the Living Wage Foundation based on what people need to get by
- The real Living Wage is currently £9.50 per hour nationally and £10.85 per hour in London. A GMB London study showed that 25% of jobs in Harrow are paid below the London Living Wage
- Harrow Council has committed to paying its own staff the London Living Wage. It has also modified its procurement processes to encourage contractors to pay this rate to their staff
- 121 Councils are accredited as Living Wage employers by the Living Wage Foundation

This Council resolves to:

- Seek accreditation as a Living Wage employer with the Living Wage Foundation
- Ensure all staff employed by the Council are paid the real Living Wage
- Develop a plan for all contractors to pay their staff the real Living Wage over time, recognising the dependency on the Council’s budget settlement from central government for 2021/22 and beyond.”

(3) Motion to create a better built environment for developments of Council owned land

To be moved by Councillor Marilyn Ashton and seconded by Councillor Stephen Greek:

“This Council notes that there have been many planning applications for large high-rise developments within Harrow. Many of the developments that have been approved and built have significantly changed the character of Harrow and have damaged the leafy and pleasant landscape, which had attracted so many people to live in the borough.

This Council notes:

- The lessons from the past when tower blocks dominated the street scene only to be demolished, because they failed to deliver sustainable communities.
- The Council can, and should, influence the scale, bulk and height of developments on Council land that it owns or

- wishes to dispose of.
- Restrictive covenants are an effective way of influencing potential future developments on land the Council owns at present and might wish to dispose of in future.

This Council resolves:

To insert the following condition to Section C87 of the Council's Financial Regulations (Part 4K of the Council Constitution).

VI. ensure that a restrictive covenant is in place limiting any future development on the site to be no higher than 10 storeys in the town centre and no higher than 5 storeys in the rest of the borough."

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