

Council (Council Tax)

Summons and Agenda

Date: Thursday 25 February 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting - Online

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 17 February 2021]

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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 7 - 18)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2020 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** (Pages 19 - 22)

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 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.

7. **Council Borough Plan including the Draft Corporate Plan** (Pages 23 - 30)

Report of the Chief Executive

8. **Final Revenue Budget 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 - 2023/24** (Pages 31 - 36)

Recommendation II: Cabinet
(11 February 2021)

9. **Treasury Management Strategy Statement including Annual Investment Strategy for 2021/22 and Capital Strategy for 2021/22** (Pages 37 - 40)
- Recommendation IV Cabinet
(11 February 2021)
10. **Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2023/24** (Pages 41 - 44)
- Recommendation I: Cabinet
(11 February 2021)
11. **Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2022/23 to 2023/24** (Pages 45 - 50)
- Recommendation III: Cabinet
(11 February 2021)
12. **Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee Annual Report 2019/20** (Pages 51 - 62)
- Recommendation I: Governance, Audit, Risk Management and
Standards Committee
(1 December 2020)
13. **Non- Executive Fees and Charges for 2021/22** (Pages 63 - 82)
- Report of the Chief Executive
14. **Pension Board Annual Report** (Pages 83 - 90)
- Recommendation I: Pension Board
(2 December 2020)
15. **Information Report - Decisions Taken Under The Urgency Procedure - Executive**
(Pages 91 - 96)
- Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services
16. **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.

17. **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 adopt a Supplementary Planning Document to resist high-rise developments in suburban Harrow**

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

“This Council notes:

- The Government has directed the GLA to amend policy D9 of the new London Plan, known as the Tall Buildings policy, in order to give Councils the ability to resist high-rise developments in suburban areas and outside of locations identified as suitable in local development plans (such as Intensification or Opportunity Areas).
- Residents across Harrow have expressed concerns about the number of tall buildings dominating our skyline, resulting in a complete change of character within the borough.

This Council believes:

- We should take back control, now that we have the tools to do it, of the built environment within Harrow.
- The way to control these developments is through Supplementary Planning Documents, which would be targeted at areas where we have identified development potential.
- The detail contained within these documents will add weight to the Council’s argument against inappropriate development and high-rise tower blocks in our suburban areas, particularly on sites that are privately owned.
- Where sites are owned by the Council, the Council should take advantage of the amendment to policy D9 and scale back developments accordingly.

This Council resolves:

- To bring forward and adopt Supplementary Planning Documents, which will specify and limit the height of new buildings to a maximum of six storeys high in areas outside of the Opportunity Area and where there are known brown field sites as yet to be developed.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.6, this Motion is moved by the Leader of the Opposition, as it relates to a matter within the powers of the Executive, to not stand automatically referred to the next

meeting of the Executive but shall be dealt with as if Council Procedure Rule 15.7.1 applied.

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