

## Council

## **Summons and Agenda**

Date: Thursday 28 September 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Harrow Arts Centre, 171 Uxbridge Road, Pinner,

HA5 4EA

All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Council Meeting for the transaction of the business set out.

Jessica Farmer Interim Director of Legal and Governance Services

**Despatch Date:** [Wednesday 20 September 2023]

Scan this code for the electronic agenda:



## **Useful Information**

## Joining the Meeting virtually

The meeting is open to the public and can be viewed online at <u>London Borough of Harrow</u> <u>webcasts</u>

## Attending the Meeting in person

The Harrow Arts Centre can be found using Google Map directions to Harrow Arts Centre.

The venue is accessible to people with special needs. If you have specific requirements, please contact the officer listed on the front page of this agenda.

You will be admitted on a first-come-first basis and directed to seats.

#### Please:

- (1) Stay seated.
- (2) Access the meeting agenda online at <u>Browse meetings Council Harrow Council</u>
- (3) Put mobile devices on silent.
- (4) Follow instructions of the Security Officers.
- (5) Advise Security on your arrival if you are a registered speaker.

## Filming / recording

This meeting may be recorded or filmed, and if you choose to attend, you will be deemed to have consented to this. Any recording may be published on the Council website.

Agenda publication date: Wednesday 20 September 2023

## **Prayers**

Yogvivekdas Swami, Head Swami of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir ('Neasden Temple'), will open the meeting with Prayers.

## 1. **Council Minutes** (Pages 9 - 50)

That the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 18 May 2023 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 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. Recognition of Long Service - Councillor Simon Brown (Pages 51 - 56)

Report of the Interim Director of Legal and Governance Services

## 8. **Community Safety Strategy 2023 - 2026** (Pages 57 - 74)

Recommendation I: Cabinet (29 June 2023)

## 9. **Pension Board Annual Report 2022-23** (Pages 75 - 82)

Recommendation I: Pension Board (12 July 2023)

- 10. Information Report Use of Urgency Procedure Council (Pages 83 88)
- 11. Information Report Remuneration Packages of £100,000 or greater (Pages 89 96)

#### 12. 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.

## 13. 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) An active transport strategy for Harrow Motion

To be moved by Councillor Eden Kulig and seconded by Councillor Paul Osborn:

"This Council acknowledges that all Harrow residents, whether they drive or not, have a shared interest in ensuring that a range of active travel options exist across the borough, and that supporting residents to make active transport choices where possible has beneficial effects for individuals, neighbourhoods and the borough as a whole.

## Council Notes:

- The Leader's statement on 10 January 2023 that he wishes to see a 'more unified cycle network' across the borough and welcomes this commitment to improving the borough's cycling infrastructure.
- The Leader of the Council is the appointed representative on the Harrow Cycling Hub.
- According to TfL statistics, 31% of Harrow households do not own a car.
- That according to Harrow's Annual Public Health report of 2021, 54.8% of Harrow residents are

overweight or obese, and 24.6% of adults do less than 30 minutes of physical activity a week, and that the most effective way for Harrow Council's Public Health team to support increased physical activity for these groups would be to promote ways for them to incorporate walking and cycling into their daily routines.

- That as per the Education Act 1996, all local authorities in England have a statutory duty to support active travel choices for school children.
- That many residents face challenges to incorporate cycling into their daily journeys around the borough due to factors including a lack of safe and unified cycle routes, and a lack of storage space for bikes within or near their homes or at tube stations.
- That the administration has pledged in its flagship actions to create safe and secure cycle parking at Harrow-on-the-Hill by May 2024.

#### Council believes that:-

- Supporting residents who choose to make active transport choices for short journeys around the borough will reduce air pollution, ease traffic, reduce pressures on parking and make our streets safer for children and more peaceful for all residents.
- Walking and cycling is a significant contributor to public health and wellbeing, and with NHS guidelines advocating that all adults take moderate exercise each day, the easiest way to achieve this is through individuals incorporating walking and cycling into their daily routines.
- Harrow's cycling infrastructure is not currently sufficiently unified, and that it would be beneficial for cycle routes across the borough to be better linked, more separate from roads, and with their signage improved.
- That a lack of secure storage for cycles can discourage people from owning and using a cycle.

## This Council resolves to:

- •Request that officers:
  - Work in consultation with groups such as Harrow Cyclists, Healthy Streets for Harrow, and the Harrow

Cycling Hub, to investigate the feasibility of creating a more unified cycling network across the borough, with cycle routes better linked across the borough, more separate from roads and better signposted, while balancing the needs of other road users and pedestrians.

- To work towards increasing cycling rates by the end of this administration, in consultation with Ward Councillors.
- To engage with the government's recently announced £32.9 million Active Travel Fund as well as exploring using Council funding for improved active travel infrastructure, specifically for the creation of a cycle corridor linking Station Road and Sheepcote Road, which would link Harrow and Wealdstone town centres, Harrow & Wealdstone station, the University of Westminster, Harrow High School and Northwick Park hospital, and which is one of the highest-demand cycle routes in Harrow according to TfL's Strategic Cycling analysis.
- To request TARSAP to review all transport provision while considering the active travel perspective.
- To examine the feasibility of installing 100 reasonably priced accessible cycle hangars, including spaces for non-standard cycles, in areas of multiple occupancy or terraced housing where people have nowhere to store a bike, as well as at all tube and train stations, and outside all shopping areas which do not currently have bike racks by May 2026."

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.

# (2) Motion calling of TfL to examine the boundary position of ULEZ cameras

To be moved by Councillor Paul Osborn and seconded by Councillor Marilyn Ashton:

#### "This Council notes:

- Council passed a motion to oppose the ULEZ expansion in July 2022.
- The Mayor of London's decision to expand the ULEZ came

into effect on 29 August 2023.

- The ULEZ, on its old boundary, made £224 million in revenue during 2022. It is expected that the expanded ULEZ will extract over £300 million per annum from London's poorest and most vulnerable motorists and traders.
- There have been worrying reports by Harrow residents who say that they have received ULEZ fines while driving on non-ULEZ boundary roads.
  - The most frequently mentioned sites are Common Road and Brockley Hill.
- It emerged over the summer that the Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy had asked a City Hall-funded expert to counter science that questioned the benefits of ULEZ.
- The Leader of the Council wrote to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities requesting that the government supports a parliamentary amendment which will grant London Councils greater power to reject London-wide schemes like ULEZ.

#### This Council believes:

- The ULEZ expansion is a regressive tax on our poorest motorists and struggling trades people.
- It is wrong that some residents have been allegedly fined while driving on roads which TfL's website states are not within the ULEZ zone.

#### This Council resolves:

- To call on TfL to urgently examine the locations of their cameras near to boundary roads.
- To tell TfL to ensure anyone who was mistakenly fined while driving along a non-ULEZ boundary road is contacted and refunded.
- To reiterate our opposition to the ULEZ stealth tax and call on the Mayor of London to stop his war on Harrow's poorest and most vulnerable motorists.
- To welcome the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities positive response to Leader's request for enhanced decision-making powers for London Councils, which will allow councils to reject future schemes like ULEZ from being imposed by the Mayor of London/GLA."

## **Data Protection Act Notice**

The Council will record the meeting and will place the recording on the Council's website.

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