

COUNCIL (COUNCIL TAX)

MINUTES

22 FEBRUARY 2018

Present:

- * Councillor Margaret Davine (The Worshipful the Mayor)
- * Councillor Kairul Kareema Marikar (The Deputy Mayor)

Councillors:

* Ghazanfar Ali	* Jerry Miles
* Richard Almond	* Mrs Vina Mithani
* Mrs Chika Amadi	* Amir Moshenson
* Jeff Anderson	* Chris Mote
* Sue Anderson	* Janet Mote
* Marilyn Ashton	* Christopher Noyce
* Mrs Camilla Bath	* Phillip O'Dell
* June Baxter	* Paul Osborn
* Christine Bednell	* Nitin Parekh
* James Bond	* Ms Mina Parmar
* Michael Borio	* Varsha Parmar
* Simon Brown	* Primesh Patel
* Kam Chana	* Pritesh Patel
* Ramji Chauhan	* David Perry
* Niraj Dattani	* Kanti Rabadia
* Jo Dooley	* Kiran Ramchandani
* Keith Ferry	* Mrs Christine Robson
* Ms Pamela Fitzpatrick	* Lynda Seymour
* Stephen Greek	* Aneka Shah-Levy
* Susan Hall	* Mrs Rekha Shah
* Glen Hearnden	* Sachin Shah
* Graham Henson	* Norman Stevenson
* Maxine Henson	* Krishna Suresh
* John Hinkley	* Sasi Suresh
* Nitesh Hirani	* Adam Swersky
* Ameet Jogia	* Bharat Thakker
* Manjibhai Kara	* Antonio Weiss
* Barry Kendler	* Georgia Weston
* Jean Lammiman	* Anne Whitehead
* Barry Macleod-Cullinane	* Stephen Wright
* Ajay Maru	

* Denotes Member present

PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by Reverend David Tuck, the Parish Church of St Alban's, North Harrow.

287. WELCOME

Council welcomed Tom Whiting to his first meeting as Interim Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) and Chris Spencer, Corporate Director People, to his last.

288. COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2017 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

289. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 8 – Final Revenue Budget 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 – 2020/21

Councillor Sue Anderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in that a family member received Disability Living Allowance and Adult Social Care.

Councillor Jeff Anderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in that a family member received Disability Living Allowance and Adult Social Care.

Councillor Michael Borio declared an interest in that his father received Adult Social Care.

Councillor Susan Hall declared an interest in that she was a member of the Greater London Authority and the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane declared an interest in that he was an LGA Peer Reviewer and sat on the LGA Resources Board.

Councillor Paul Osborn declared an interest in that he was Chair of the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, which was a levying authority.

Councillor Lynda Seymour declared interests in that she received child benefit, her son was in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and her sister-in-law was in receipt of income support.

Councillor Krishna Suresh declared an interest in that his mother was in receipt of benefits.

Item 18 – Motions – Our children and young people should be getting the best – not just getting by Motion

Councillor Kareema Kairul Marikar declared an interest in that she worked in mental health.

Item 18 – Motions – Northwick Park: Save our Services Motion

Councillor Chris Mote declared an interest in his daughter worked at Northwick Park Hospital.

Councillor Janet Mote declared an interest in that her daughter worked at Northwick Park Hospital.

Councillor Mina Parmar declared a non-pecuniary interest in that her son was a doctor at Northwick Park Hospital.

Councillor Georgia Weston declared an interest in that her husband worked at Northwick Park Hospital.

Item 18 – Motions – RAF Northolt Motion

Councillor Chris Noyce declared an interest in that his home was under the flight path of RAF Northolt.

290. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

The Mayor drew Council's attention to two tabled Procedural Motions and tabled amendments to Motions 2, 3 and 5.

The procedural motion under Rule 26.1 was agreed so that, in line with previous years and for the purposes of the debate on the Final Revenue Budget 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2020/21, the rules of debate be varied, as set out in the tabled documents, and that the procedure therein also be applied to the reports on the Corporate Plan, the Treasury Management Strategy Statement including Prudential Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2018/19, the Final Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2020/21, the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2020/21, in so far as the recommendations be debated jointly.

The procedural motion in terms of varying the order of business to enable Agenda Item 18, Constitutional Amendment to Part 4D Executive Procedure Rules Motion, to follow Agenda Item 6, Leader and Portfolio Holders' Announcements, was agreed.

Councillor Sachin Shah moved a Procedural Motion to vary the time for terminating the business of the meeting to 9.30 pm. Upon being put to the vote this was carried.

RESOLVED: That the partial suspension under Rule 26.1, regarding the moving of recommendations from Cabinet and the rules of debate (including extended time for opening speeches by the political groups), as set out in the tabled papers be approved for the purposes of the debate upon

- Item 7 - Corporate Plan – 2018 Update**
- Item 8 - Final Revenue Budget 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2020/21**
- Item 9 - Treasury Management Strategy Statement including Prudential Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2018/19**
- Item 10 - Final Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2020/21**
- Item 11 - Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2020/21**

291. PETITIONS

In accordance with Rule 10, the following petitions were presented

- (i) Petition submitted by the residents of Kenton Park Avenue in relation to parking containing 70 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment].

- (ii) Petition submitted by Councillor Manji Kara, on behalf of residents, in relation to parking at the junction of Westfield Drive and Westfield Gardens containing 108 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment].

- (iii) Petition submitted by Councillor Primesh Patel, on behalf of residents, in relation to speeding traffic on The Heights containing 92 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment].

- (iv) Petition submitted by Councillor Simon Brown, on behalf of residents, in relation to security at Harrow Recreation Ground containing 1,285 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Equality and Community Safety.

292. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To note that ten questions from members of the public had been received and responded to, and the recording of these questions and the answers given had been placed on the Council's website

293. LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The Leader of the Council, Councillor Sachin Shah, introduced the item highlighting the achievements, challenges and proposals since the last ordinary meeting.
- (ii) Other Members of the Council spoke and/or asked questions of the Leader of the Council which were duly responded to.

294. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PART 4D EXECUTIVE PROCEDURE RULES MOTION

Motion in the names of Councillor Paul Osborn and Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane.

“This Council recommends the following amendment to 5.3 in Part 4D Executive Procedure Rules in the Harrow Council Constitution.

5. The Council’s Allocation of Responsibilities and Executive Functions Motion

- 5.3 The Leader shall appoint one Non-Executive Member of Cabinet from the Voluntary Sector and appoint one member of the Harrow Youth Parliament in an advisory and consultative capacity. These appointees may speak but not vote on items before Cabinet in private and public meetings and have commensurate access to documents as full Cabinet Members except for draft Cabinet reports which will be restricted to Portfolio Holders.”

Upon the meeting moving to a vote upon the tabled amendment to the Motion, ten Members rose and requested a Roll Call vote. The amendment was carried. The voting on the tabled amendment was as follows:

Roll Call Vote (In Favour of the Tabled Amendment): Her Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Margaret Davine, Councillors Ali, Jeff Anderson, Sue Anderson, Borio, Brown, Dattani, Dooley, Ferry, Fitzpatrick, Hearnden, Graham Henson, Maxine Henson, Kendler, Marikar, Maru, Miles, O’Dell, Parekh, Varsha Parmar, Primesh Patel, Perry, Ramchandani, Robson, Aneka Shah-Levy, Mrs Rekha Shah, Sachin Shah, Krishna Suresh, Sasikala Suresh, Swersky, Weiss and Whitehead.

Against (the Tabled Amendment): Councillors Almond, Amadi, Ashton, Mrs Bath, Baxter, Bednell, Bond, Chana, Chauhan, Greek, Hall, Hinkley, Hirani, Jogia, Kara, Lammiman, Macleod-Cullinane, Mithani, Moshenson, Chris Mote, Janet Mote, Noyce, Osborn, Mina Parmar, Pritesh Patel, Rabadia, Seymour, Stevenson, Thakker, Weston and Wright.

Upon a vote, the substantive Motion, as set out below, was agreed:-

- 5.3 The Leader may appoint up to two non-executive members of Cabinet in an advisory and consultative capacity. These appointees may speak but not vote on items before Cabinet in private and public meetings and have commensurate access to documents as full Cabinet Members

except for draft Cabinet reports which will be restricted to Portfolio Holders.

RESOLVED: That the Motion, as amended, be adopted.

295. CORPORATE PLAN - 2018 UPDATE

Having agreed that the guillotine would not be extended the Mayor advised that the 'guillotine' procedure would come into operation for the determination of the remaining business on the Summons.

RESOLVED: That the Corporate Plan (Harrow Ambition Plan) be adopted.

296. FINAL REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018/19-2020/21

- (i) Further to item 8 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Cabinet meeting held on 15 February 2018 and a report of the Chief Finance Officer.
- (ii) The Mayor requested that Members, in making the decision on this item, have regard to the Cabinet report of 15 February 2018, the sections on equalities, the equality impact assessments and the results of the budget consultation.
- (iii) Upon the meeting moving to the vote upon the substantive Recommendation and the report of the Chief Finance Officer it was carried. The voting was as follows:

In Favour of the Motion: Her Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Margaret Davine, Councillors Ali, Jeff Anderson, Sue Anderson, Borio, Brown, Dattani, Dooley, Ferry, Fitzpatrick, Hearnden, Graham Henson, Maxine Henson, Kendler, Marikar, Maru, Miles, O'Dell, Parekh, Varsha Parmar, Primesh Patel, Perry, Ramchandani, Robson, Aneka Shah-Levy, Mrs Rekha Shah, Sachin Shah, Krishna Suresh, Sasikala Suresh, Swersky, Weiss and Whitehead.

Against the Motion: Councillors Almond, Ashton, Mrs Bath, Baxter, Bednell, Bond, Chana, Chauhan, Greek, Hall, Hinkley, Hirani, Jogia, Kara, Lammiman, Macleod-Cullinane, Mrs Mithani, Moshenson, Chris Mote, Janet Mote, Noyce, Osborn, Mina Parmar, Pritesh Patel, Rabadia, Seymour, Stevenson, Thakker, and Wright.

Abstain: Councillors Amadi and Weston.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) **whilst being mindful of the results of the various consultations and equality impact assessments, the 2018/19 budget be approved to enable the Council Tax for 2018/19 to be set, Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report refers;**

- (2) the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) at Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report be approved;
- (3) the structure of the funding formula 2018/19 through the introduction of the National Funding Formula at Appendix 6 to the Cabinet report be approved;
- (4) the 2018/19 Members' Allowance Scheme at Appendix 12 to the Cabinet report be approved;
- (5) the 2018/19 Annual Pay Policy Statement at Appendix 13 to the Cabinet report be approved;
- (6) the Capital Receipts Flexibility Strategy at Appendix 15 to the Cabinet report be approved;
- (7) the Model Council Tax Resolution 2018/19, at Appendix 1 to the Council report, be approved and any minor amendments be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer;
- (8) in accordance with section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Chief Finance Officer be instructed to place a note of the amounts set out in (4) of Appendix 1 to the Council report in the local press within a period of 21 days following the Council's decision.

297. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR 2018/19

RESOLVED: That the Treasury Management Strategy (TMS) Statement for 2018/19 be approved, including the:

- Prudential Indicators for 2018/19
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2018/19
- Annual Investment Strategy for 2018/19
- Increase in investments held over 365 days, paragraph 83 of the Cabinet report refers.

298. FINAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 TO 2020/21

RESOLVED: That the Capital Programme, as detailed in appendix 1 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

299. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2018-19 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018-19 TO 2020-21

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2018/19 be approved;

- (2) the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 7 to the Cabinet report be approved.

300. NON-EXECUTIVE FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2018-19

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the fees and charges listed in appendix 1 to the report for the financial year 2018/19 be approved;
- (2) the Director of Finance and relevant Corporate Director be authorised, following consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holders, to have the ability to amend fees and charges in year with the introduction of a discount rate for fees that were discretionary if there were a business need to do so.

301. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET ADVISORY PANELS, CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS

RESOLVED: That the quorum of the Employees' Consultative Forum remain as set out in paragraph 5.6 (Allocation of Responsibilities – Terms of Reference of ECF) rather than paragraph 45.2 (Executive Procedure Rules) and the Constitution be amended accordingly.

302. MINOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That the minor administrative amendments that had been made by the Monitoring Officer to the Council's Constitution be noted.

303. REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBER

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Harrow Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) be appointed as a non-voting member of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

304. INFORMATION REPORT - DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE - COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

305. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

To note that five questions from Councillors to the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holders had been received and that a written response would be provided and placed on the Council's website.

306. MOTIONS

Motion in the names of Councillor Christine Robson and Councillor Kiran Ramchandani.

(i) **“Our children and young people should be getting the best - not just getting by” Motion**

“This Council believes:

- Good mental health is just as important as physical health, as it provides you with the resilience to cope with set backs and difficult emotions. The consequences of not tackling problems early can be lifelong;
- Today, we know that **at least one in 10 children and young people are affected by mental health problems.** Historically the funding CAMH services have been chronically underfunded. Despite this, lack of funding is leaving service thresholds so high that around 75 per cent of young people experiencing a mental health problem are unable to access any treatment;

This Council supports:

- Children and adolescents should be getting the best care, with mental health and wellbeing being prioritised and appropriately funded;
- Early intervention is the key to better mental health outcomes, but drastic cuts in Government funding is crippling LA early interventions both in social care where support can prevent mental health deteriorating for children and young people and also as informed commissioners of more specialist CAMHS early intervention services;
- The lack of funds in the health service resulted in Commissioners setting the entrance threshold for CAMH services too high, limiting access for many children and young people and making early intervention difficult to achieve;
- Partner agencies should be able to work together to commission such services . Locally the Council’s Children’s Services have worked with the CCG to commission an early intervention service in schools in Harrow. However, the Government’s funding for local authorities has been drastically reduced and will continue to be reduced over the coming years;

This Council resolves:

1. To instruct the Interim Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to write to the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health, and to Rt Hon Damian Hinds, Secretary of State for Education, to request the release of the £1.7 billion to ensure adequate and sustainable funding for CAMHS and to address the chronic imbalance in the funding for Mental

Health Services for Children and Young People and Adults.

2. The improvement of standards and make sure funding is spent wisely. It is critical that Government ensure care pathways and services are quickly accessible and appropriate for all, including those with complex needs. They must also strengthen governance over how funding is spent, recognising that health and wellbeing boards are best placed to ensure that funding reaches the right services;
3. The prioritisation of prevention and early intervention, providing funding for independent counselling in every secondary school. Children and young people's chances of thriving dramatically increase the earlier we provide help as well as saving money in the longer term. Cuts to the Early Intervention Grant must be reversed, counselling introduced in all secondary schools and funding spread across all services."

Upon a vote, the Motion was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Motion set out at (i) above be adopted.

(ii) Motion in the names of Councillor Graham Henson and Councillor Primesh Patel.

"RAF Northolt Motion

"This Council notes:

- That RAF Northolt is the 4th largest airport in London.
- That it is becoming increasingly obvious to Harrow residents who live under the flight path of RAF Northolt that the number of flights to and from the airport has significantly increased;
- The findings of the "Project Ark" report, commissioned by the Ministry of Defence in 2012 to explore 'a range of options for the future development of RAF Northolt,' and 'conversion into a civilian operated airport';
- There is a planned £45 million renovation of the airport and no residents in Harrow have been consulted on the proposed improvements or changes;
- Figures released by Parliament show that in 2017
 - Only 18% of flights through RAF Northolt are military
 - Over 70% of flights were commercial
- That there are serious environmental impacts on the residents who live under the flight path of RAF Northolt

- That any increase in flights will have a further detrimental effect on the well-being of Harrow residents who live under the widening flight path.

This Council believes:

- No further increase in the number of commercial flights to and from RAF Northolt should take place without a thorough and transparent consultation, involving all the residents who live in the proximity of the airport and those who live under the flight path;

This Council resolves:

- To instruct the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Defence, the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP, requesting:
 - That the Ministry of Defence conduct a full consultation with Harrow residents about its plans to spend £45 million on renovating RAF Northolt and any future plans for the use of the airport.
 - That the Ministry of Defence accepts the reduction to 5,000 movements for commercial aircrafts at RAF Northolt in order to improve the environment and reduce noise pollution;
- To instruct the Interim Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, requesting that he makes representations to the Ministry of Defence about the real concerns of Harrow residents who live under the flight path of RAF Northolt.”

A tabled amendment was received and upon being put to the vote was lost.

Upon a vote, the substantive Motion was agreed.

RESOLVED (unanimously): That the Motion set out at (ii) above be adopted.

(iii) Motion in the names of Councillor Jeff Anderson and Councillor Sue Anderson

“Northwick Park: Save Our Services” Motion

This Council believes:

- Our local NHS in Harrow is under threat from an unfair funding settlement and a deficit that could see staff lose their jobs or services cut.

- Harrow Clinical Commissioning Group inherited a deficit of £18m from its predecessor Primary Care Trust when the Coalition Government's reforms were introduced in 2013. Since then, Harrow's NHS has received the lowest funding per head in London, and the deficit now stands at £20.1m.
- In January (the latest figures available), 1 in 4 patients at A&E had to wait more than 4 hours. The upcoming closure of the Charlie Chaplin children's ward at Ealing Hospital means that from 30th June, children will not be admitted to A&E at Ealing, and will be diverted to other hospitals including Northwick Park.

This Council supports:

- Northwick Park Hospital is a life saving service for Harrow residents and we believe that it should be appropriately funded to deal with an ageing and growing population;

This Council resolves:

- To instruct the Interim Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to demand that the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, ensures appropriate funding is provided to Northwick Park Hospital and the NHS."

A tabled amendment was received and upon being put to the vote was lost.

Upon a vote, the substantive Motion was agreed.

RESOLVED (unanimously): That the Motion set out at (iii) above be adopted.

(iv) Motion in the names of Councillor Paul Osborn and Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane.

"Harrow Council Supports the Leader of the Council, Councillor Sachin Shah in signing the Letter "Labour Executive Wrong to Meddle" Motion

This Council notes:

- The letter "*Labour Executive Wrong to Meddle*" published in the Sunday Times on 28th January 2018, signed by over 70 Council Leaders across the UK, including the Leader of Harrow Council, Cllr Sachin Shah.

This Council believes that:

- The Labour National *Executive* Committee "... have no right or justification to interfere in or influence the legitimate actions

of locally elected representatives” meaning Claire Kober was treated disrespectfully.

- All Individual Council groups, made up of democratically elected Councillors “have the ability, within available resources, party rules, and the law, to determine the most appropriate policies to serve their local communities.”
- The circumstances in which an issue in Haringey was brought forward and discussed by the NEC was very disappointing. “Haringey Labour Group was not informed that such a discussion would take place, no advance notice was given, and no papers were produced, meaning the NEC discussion took place based on opinion and speculation rather than facts.”

This Council resolves to:

- Support the Leader, Councillor Sachin Shah in signing the letter condemning the actions of the Labour National Executive committee as “... an affront to the basic principles of democracy”.

Upon a vote, Motion was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Motion set out at (iv) above be adopted.

307. PROCEDURE FOR THE TERMINATION OF MEETING

At 9.29 pm, prior to the debate on items 7-11 it was proposed that the guillotine be extended. This was not agreed.

RESOLVED: That the provisions of Rules 9.2 and 9.3 be applied as set out above.

(CLOSE OF MEETING: All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.41 pm).