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Thursday 5 July 2012

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Urgent Motion on the Olympics has been notified. The Urgent Motion is attached.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW
MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS
Wednesday 23rd May 2012

I have carried out the following engagements since the Council Meeting on Thursday 24 May 2012:-

- 23 May 2012 Attended Wisework's Spring Market & Entertainment by Harrow Community Choir
Attended Harrow Council's Noise Action Week
- 25 May 2012 Attended Harrow College's Student with Learning Disability Art Exhibition
- 26 May 2012 Attended London Mayor's Association's Training Day
- 28 May 2012 Attended Harrow Council & Watford Football Club Community Trust's Official Opening of the New Cedar Centre
- 29 May 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 31 May 2012 Attended Hatch End High School's Youth & Philanthropy Initiative Final
- 1 June 2012 Attended Harrow Churches Housing Association's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration
Attended Harrow Open Studios' Private View Taster Exhibition of Artists
- 2 June 2012 Attended Belmont United Synagogue's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Saturday Morning Service
Attended Harrow Asian Deaf Club's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration
Attended Hooking Green Resident's Street Party
Attended Sri Lanka Organisation of Harrow's Reception for the Newly Elected Mayor
- 3 June 2012 Attended Harrow Council's Open of Outdoor Gym Equipment
Attended Elmsleigh Avenue Residents Association's Diamond Jubilee Street Party
Attended Mrs Gertie Austin's 100th Birthday Celebration
Attended Lupton Bowling Club's Annual Bowls Match
Attended St Mary's Church of Kenton's Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
Attended Lupton Bowling Club's Award Presentation
- 4 June 2012 Attended Residents of Fairview Crescent's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Street Party
Attended Residents of Park Drive & Farm Avenue's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Street Party
Attended Sri Lankan Muslim Cultural Centre (UK)'s Football Tournament
- 5 June 2012 Attended Flash Musicals' Street Party
Attended Shree Raghuvir Foundation UK's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration
- 7 June 2012 Attended Unveiling of Plaque for the Black Poplar Sapling
Attended The Firs Short Breaks Residential Centre's Summer Party
Hosted meeting with Age UK Harrow his chosen charity
Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 8 June 2012 Hosted Reception for Harrow Marquetry Group
- 9 June 2012 Attended London Youth Games Regatta Event
- 10 June 2012 Attended Friends of Canon's Park's Open Garden Squares Weekend
- 11 June 2012 Attended Pavillion Opera Trust & Harrow Music Service's The Barber of Seville Performance
Dress Rehearsal
- 12 June 2012 Attended Bangladesh Welfare Association's Book Launch
Attended Mayoress's Committee's AGM
- 13 June 2012 Attended Rotary Club of Edgware & Stanmore's 'Kid's Out' to Thorpe Park

- Attended Om Shakti Day Centre's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration
Attended Mayor's Charity Fund meeting
- 14 June 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 15 June 2012 Attended Age UK Harrow's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Attended Grand Opening of Hevalo Local Bazaar
Attended PHEOS Musical Players' "Kiss Me Kate" Performance
- 16 June 2012 Attended Regent Learning's Annual Speech Day
Attended Islamic Cultural Society of Harrow's Queen Diamond Jubilee Celebration
Attended Overseas Sri Lankan Muslim Educational Trust (OSMET)'s Annual Charity Dinner
- 17 June 2012 Attended Sri Lankan Islamic Association's Sport Day
- 18 June 2012 Attended Harrow College's Creative Arts Summer Show
- 19 June 2012 Attended The Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception
- 20 June 2012 Attended Harrow Pre-Learning Alliance's Family Fund Day
Attended Harrow Mencap's Launch of a New Pinner Green Centre
Attended The North West London Chamber of Commerce's Cream Tea
Attended Harrow Shopmobility's 15th AGM
- 21 June 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
Attended Jack Patchey Foundation's Achievement Awards Celebration for Harrow Schools
- 22 June 2012 Attended Harrow Carers' Country Retreat Event
Attended Farewell Party for Mr Anand Kumar, Attache (Hindi & Culture) HCI London (UK)
- 23 June 2012 Attended Britishblackmusic.com/BTWSC's Remembering Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Attended Jaffna Victoria College Old Students Association UK's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration & Get Together
Attended London Kalibari's "Kabi Dibas" (Poet's Day)
- 24 June 2012 Attended LB of Harrow's Annual Civic Service at St Mary's Church
Attended Sri Saddhatissa International Buddhist Centre's Vesak & Poson Observances
Attended Connect India's Ekatva Performance
- 25 June 2012 Hosted Flag Raising Ceremony and Reception
- 26 June 2012 Attended Opening of Dominos Pizza Franchise Shop
Attended Citizenship Ceremony
Attended Harrow College's Student Awards Ceremony
- 27 June 2012 Attended Bentley Wood High School's Summer Exhibition
Attended Rooks Heath College's A' Level Art Exhibition
Attended Wiseworks & Family Action's Photography Group Showcase Exhibition Launch Party
Attended Harrow in Europe's AGM
- 28 June 2012 Hosted Press Launch
Attended Citizenship Ceremony
Attended Harrow School The Harrow Rifle Corps's Inter-Cadet Force Unit Drill & Shooting Competition
- 29 June 2012 Attended Women's Federation for World Peace Harrow Branch's Ceremonial Offering of Inter-Faith Tapestry
Attended Mind in Harrow's Sheeko Somali Performance
Attended Barclays Bank's Let's Do It Awards Presentation

- 30 June 2012 Attended Love of Faith's Charity Walk
 Attended Balfour Beatty London Youth Games
- 1 July 2012 Attended Harrow Primary School's Celebratory Dinner
 Attended Sri Lankan Muslim Cultural Centre (UK)'s 7th Annual Sports Day
 Attended HYM Symphony Orchestra/Symphonic Winds Concert
- 2 July 2012 Attended Harrow School Improvement Partnership's Torch Relay
 Attended Harrow college's Art Exhibition
 Attended Harrow Council's Launch of New Contract
- 3 July 2012 Attended Harrow Senior Residents Assembly's Public Meeting for Money Matters
 Attended Bentley Wood High School's The Heather Murgett International Food & Costume Day
 Attended Harrow Primary School's Swimming Championships
 Attended Harrow Music Service's Concert
- 4 July 2012 Attended U.K. Asian Women's Conference 21st Sports Day
 Attended Kingsley High School's Leavers Ceremony

I was represented by The Deputy Mayor on the following occasions:-

- 31 May 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 1 June 2012 Attended St John's C of E School's Street Party * Official Opening of the School Playground
- 2 June 2012 Attended Tonic Opera's Queen Elizabeth Jubilee's Merrie England Concert
 Attended Bhagwan Shree Lakshmi Narayan Dham (UK)'s His Holiness Brahmishi Shree
 Kumar Swamiji (Gurudev)
- 3 June 2012
- 10 June 2012 Attended The Sickle Cell Society's Thanksgiving Service
- 12 June 2012 Attended Victim Support's The Official Opening of the New Witness Suite
 Attended Pavillion Opera Trust & Harrow Music Service's The Barber of Seville
 Performance
- 15 June 2012
- 16 June 2012 Attended Capel Manor College's Annual Mayor's Day
- 19 June 2012 Attended Nower Hill High School's Tribe Event
- 20 June 2012 Attended Harrow Music Service's Song Festival
- 23 June 2012 Attended Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisation's Education Awards
- 29 June 2012 Attended Stanmore College's Summer Lunch
- 1 July 2012 Attended Balfour Beatty London Youth Games

I was represented by Past Mayors and Honorary Alderman on the following occasions:-

- 20 May 2012 Attended Brent Indian Association's Free Walk-In Health Awareness Day
 Attended Harrow Mencap's Jubilee Fund Raising Dinner
- 24 May 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
 Attended Harrow Bereavement Care's AGM
- 29 May 2012 Attended Queen's Garden Party
- 12 June 2012 Attended Pavillion Opera Trust & Harrow Music Service's The Barber of Seville Performance
 Attended Harrow Music Services' Recorder Festival

- 13 June 2012 Attended Pavillion Opera Trust & Harrow Music Service's The Barber of Seville Performance
- 14 June 2012 Attended Pavillion Opera Trust & Harrow Music Service's The Barber of Seville Performance
- 16 June 2012 Attended Harrow Mencap's Bollywood Extravaganza
- 24 June 2012 Attended HYM's Academy Strings/Sinfonia/Junior Band/Junior Soul Concert
- 30 June 2012 Attended Mayoress's Committee's Ploughman's Lunch
- Attended Downs Playgroup's Open Morning
- Attended Middlesex Association for the Blind's 90th Anniversary Luncheon
- Attended Harrow Open Studio's Children's' Art Competition & Prizes Event
- Attended El-Iman Arabic School's Reward's Certificate Event
- Attended HYM's Concert Band/Senior Band Concert
- 3 July 2012 Harrow College's Private Viewing of the End of Year Art Exhibition
- 4 July 2012 Attended HYM Steel Band Concert
- 5 July 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony

The following Harrow Residents received Awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:-

Mrs Lesley-Anne Alexander	CBE
Mr Hugh Ogus	MBE
Mrs Lorraine Deschamps	MBE

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

COUNCIL MEETING -

5 JULY 2012

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for the asking of written questions by members of the public of a Member of the Executive or the Chairman of any Committee.

Questioner: Fateema Nighat

Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 1:

“With regards to on-going issues in the borough of Harrow & Edgware, can the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety use his good offices to encourage police to do their job and protect residents around Chandos Recreational Ground who are living in fear because children & Adults have been threatened, beaten up, a bicycle has been taken at knife point, a gun being has been pulled, without charges being brought against perpetrators?”

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Questioner: Matthew Lloyd

Asked of: Councillor David Perry (Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services)

Question 2:

As a young person, I watch in horror as the community I know comes under attack. The Harrow Conservative Party seems to be only concerned for the short term wealth in society and not for the long term community cohesion. Does the portfolio holder agree with me that we need a council that will stand tall and protect our community services such as our libraries, schools and health care and not gamble them on the short term, opportunistic values that the opposition holds?

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Questioner: Sophie Lloyd

Asked of: Councillor Bob Currie (Portfolio Holder for Housing)

To be responded to by: Councillor Brian Gate (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 3:

Does the portfolio holder believe that Harrow needs more facilities for young people?

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Questioner: Edward Hughes

Asked of: Councillor Margaret Davine (Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing)

Question 4:

Will the councillor assure me, they will show strong leadership and endeavor to protect the services for the elderly and vulnerable in Harrow?

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Questioner: Chris Lloyd

Asked of: Councillor Sachin Shah (Portfolio Holder for Finance)

Question 5:

Does the councillor agree with me that it is essential, with rising mortgage rates, rising prices and a rise in VAT, that every other option is explored before raising council tax?

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Questioner: David Byrne

Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications)

To be responded to by: Councillor Bob Currie

Question 6:

Does the Councillor agree with me that the direct result of recent Tory policies is an increase on the number of homeless people around Harrow Town centre?

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Questioner: J Pais

Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications)

To be responded to by: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar

Question 7:

The pavilion (Whitchurch Playing Fields and Pavilion) will generate consistent and incessant noise from activities, religious chanting and party music from early morning till late at night, every day without respite only a few meters from the back of our houses. This surely will destroy our sanity, well-being and mental health. Have you even considered what this will do to the immediate neighbours? What binding guarantees will the Council give us that this will not happen?

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Questioner: Stephen Lewis

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts)

Question 8:

In the paper that went to the November 2011 Cabinet, the council's officers identified a significant weakness in the Whitchurch Consortium's "Potential over reliance on hiring out pavilion for social functions such as private parties / wedding receptions" (p. 303) and "for a development of the playing fields to be sustainable in the future there will have to be a greater reliance on income generation from the pavilion. The hiring of sports fields does not alone raise substantial income – Parks advise that it currently raises approximately £15,000 from admittedly a currently limited usage base however this sum is unlikely to be doubled even with the possible installation of G3 artificial pitch."(p. 304) Do you agree with your own officers' assessment that "it is therefore anticipated that more than 75% of the income will need to be generated from activities within the Pavilion including bar profits hiring out of the hall, meeting rooms and function rooms for private parties and weddings" (p. 304) rather than from community sports use and what steps are you taking to ensure the balance of use of the Pavilion and playing fields is shifted away from weddings and other events and back to community sports?

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Questioner: Melanie Lewis

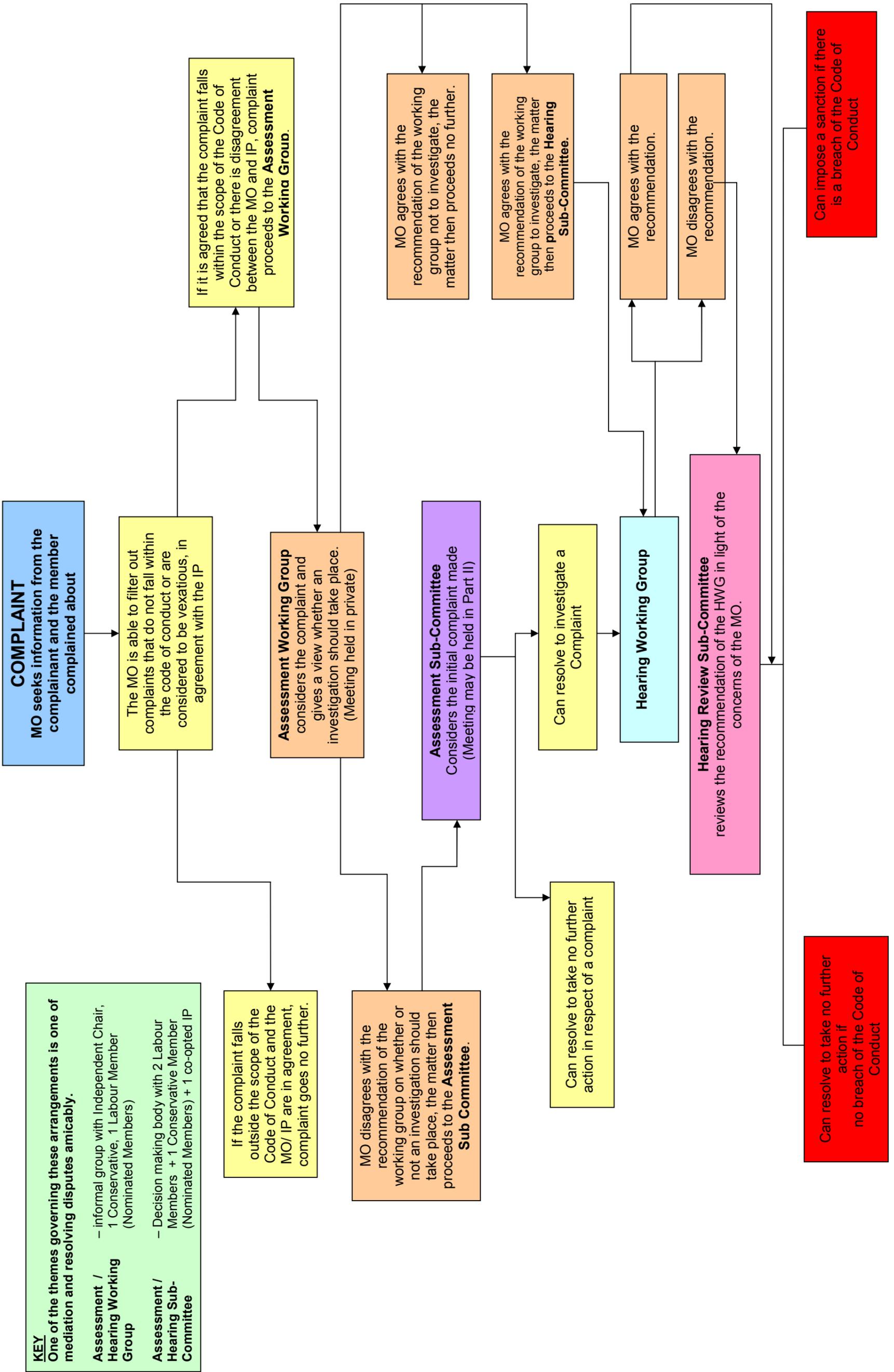
Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts)

Question 9:

Can you provide an update of how and when the Council has consulted with the Environment Agency with regard the proposals for tendering, leasing and redeveloping the Whitchurch Playing Fields and Pavilion site?

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NEW STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS



KEY
One of the themes governing these arrangements is one of mediation and resolving disputes amicably.

Assessment / Hearing Working Group
– informal group with Independent Chair, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour Member (Nominated Members)

Assessment / Hearing Sub-Committee
– Decision making body with 2 Labour Members + 1 Conservative Member (Nominated Members) + 1 co-opted IP

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DRAFT Arrangements
for dealing with standards allegations under the
Localism Act 2011

1 Context

These “Arrangements” set out how you may make a complaint that an elected or co-opted member of this authority has failed to comply with the authority’s Code of Conduct, and sets out how the authority will deal with allegations of a failure to comply with the authority’s Code of Conduct. Under Section 28(6) and (7) of the Localism Act 2011, the Council must have in place “arrangements” under which allegations that a member or co-opted member of the authority, or of a Committee or Sub-Committee of the authority, has failed to comply with that authority’s Code of Conduct can be investigated and decisions made on such allegations. Such arrangements must provide for the authority to appoint at least one Independent Person (IP), whose views must be sought by the authority before it takes a decision on an allegation which it has decided shall be investigated, and whose views can be sought by the authority at any other stage, or by a member against whom an allegation has been made.

2 The Code of Conduct

The Council has adopted a Code of Conduct for members.

3 Making a complaint

If you wish to make a complaint, please write or email to –
“The Monitoring Officer”

Civic Centre
PO Box 2
Station Road
Harrow
HA12UH

Or – standards.monitoringofficer@harrow.gov.uk

The Monitoring Officer is a senior officer of the authority who has statutory responsibility for maintaining the register of members’ interests and who is responsible for administering the system in respect of complaints of member misconduct. In order to ensure that we have all the information which we need to be able to process your complaint, please complete and send us the model complaint form, which can be downloaded from the authority’s website, next to the Code of Conduct, and is available on request from Reception at the Civic Offices. Please do provide us with your name and a contact address or email address, so that we can acknowledge receipt of your complaint and keep you informed of its progress.

If you want to keep your name and address confidential, please indicate this in the space provided on the complaint form, in which case we will not disclose your name and address to the member against whom you make the complaint, without your prior consent. The authority does not normally investigate anonymous complaints, unless there is a clear public interest in doing so. Your complaint must be made in writing. The Monitoring Officer will acknowledge receipt of your complaint within 5 working days of receiving it, and will keep you informed of the progress of your complaint.

4 Will your complaint be investigated?

The Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Independent Person is able to filter out complaints that do not fall within the code of conduct or are considered to be vexatious. If the Monitoring Officer does not use his/her delegated authority then the complaint proceeds

to the Assessment Working Group. Where the Monitoring Officer has taken a decision, he/she will inform you of his/her decision and the reasons for that decision. Where he/she requires additional information in order to come to a decision, he/she may come back to you for such information, and may request information from the member against whom your complaint is directed. This member will be asked to put their response about your complaint in writing to the Monitoring Officer. If your complaint identifies criminal conduct or breach of other regulation by any person, the Monitoring Officer has the power to call in the Police and other regulatory agencies.

If you are willing for your complaint to be dealt with by way of mediation then this option will be given to you if the Monitoring Officer feels that this is appropriate.

If the Monitoring Officer considers that the complaint does fall within the Code and is not vexatious, the matter will be passed to the Assessment Working Group (AWG).

The AWG is an informal advisory group. The meetings are usually not open to the public. It is chaired by an Independent Person. The Working Group will receive written representations from both parties.

The AWG will consider the complaint and give a view about whether an investigation should take place.

The Monitoring Officer will consider the view of the AWG and will take one of the following decisions:

- that an investigation should not take place, in which case the matter will proceed no further; or
- That the matter should be investigated; or
- Not to exercise his/her power to decide the matter.

If the Monitoring Officer decides not to use his/her delegated powers, the matter will pass to the Assessment Sub-Committee (ASC) which is a sub-committee of the Standards Committee. The ASC will then decide whether the matter should be investigated or whether no further action should be taken. The Monitoring Officer will contact you to inform you and the Councillor of the decision.

5 How is the investigation conducted?

The Monitoring Officer will appoint an Investigating Officer, who may be another senior officer of the authority, an officer of another authority or an external investigator. The Investigating Officer will decide whether he/she needs to meet or speak to you to understand the nature of your complaint and so that you can explain your understanding of events and suggest what documents the Investigating Officer needs to see, and who the Investigating Officer needs to interview. The Investigating Officer would normally write to the member against whom you have complained and provide him/her with a copy of your complaint, and ask the member to provide his/her explanation of events, and to identify what documents s/he needs to see and who s/he needs to interview.

At the end of his/her investigation, the Investigating Officer will produce a draft report and will send copies of that draft report, in confidence, to you and to the member concerned, to give you both an opportunity to identify any matter in that draft report which you disagree with or which you consider requires more consideration.

Having received and taken account of any comments which you may make on the draft report, the Investigating Officer will send his/her final report to the Monitoring Officer.

6 What happens if the Investigating Officer concludes that there is no evidence of a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct?

The Investigating Officer's report will be put to the Hearing Working Group who will pass on their views to the Monitoring Officer who will then decide whether or not to use his delegated authority to determine that no further action should be taken. The Monitoring Officer will write to you and to the member concerned, notifying you that s/he is satisfied that no further action is required, and give you both a copy of the Investigating Officer's final report. If the monitoring Officer is not satisfied that the investigation has been conducted properly, s/he may ask the Investigating Officer to reconsider his/her report.

7 What happens if the Investigating Officer concludes that there is evidence of a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct?

The Monitoring Officer will review the Investigating Officer's report and will then send the matter for local hearing before the Hearing Working Group.

Local Hearing

The Monitoring Officer will report the Investigating Officer's report to the Hearing Working Group which will conduct a local hearing before deciding whether the member has failed to comply with the Code of Conduct and, if so, whether to take any action in respect of the member.

Essentially, the Monitoring Officer will conduct a "pre-hearing process", requiring the member to give his/her response to the Investigating Officer's report, in order to identify what is likely to be agreed and what is likely to be in contention at the hearing, and the Chair of the Hearing Working Group may issue directions as to the manner in which the hearing will be conducted.

At the hearing, the Investigating Officer will present his/her report, call such witnesses as he/she considers necessary and make representations to substantiate his/her conclusion that the member has failed to comply with the Code of Conduct. For this purpose, the Investigating Officer may ask you as the complainant to attend and give evidence to the Hearing Working Group. The member will then have an opportunity to give his/her evidence, to call witnesses and to make representations to the Hearing working Group as to why he/she considers that he/she did not fail to comply with the Code of Conduct.

The Hearing Working Group, with the benefit of any advice from the Independent Person, may conclude that the member did not fail to comply with the Code of Conduct, and so dismiss the complaint. If the Hearing Working Group concludes that the member did fail to comply with the Code of Conduct, the Chair will inform the member of this finding and the Hearing Working Group will then consider what action, if any, it should take as a result of the member's failure to comply with the Code of Conduct. In doing this, the Hearing Working Group will give the member an opportunity to make representations to the Working Group and will consult the Independent Person, but will then decide what action, if any, to recommend that the Monitoring Officer should take in respect of the matter. If the Monitoring Officer does not agree with the recommendation of the Hearing Working Group then he may not use his delegated powers and the matter will proceed to the Hearing Review Sub Committee which is a formal sub committee. They will consider the findings of the Hearing Working Group and the Monitoring Officer's views and make a decision.

8 What action can the Hearing Review Sub-Committee or the Monitoring Officer take where a member has failed to comply with the Code of Conduct?

The Council has delegated to the Hearing Review Sub-Committee and the Monitoring Officer such of its powers to take action in respect of individual members as may be necessary to promote and maintain high standards of conduct. The Monitoring Officer may only use his delegated powers in accordance with the appropriate scheme of delegation.

Accordingly the Hearings Review Sub-Committee or Monitoring Officer may –

- Report its findings to the Standards Committee and then Council for information and place them on the Council's website;
- Inform the Group Leader (or in the case of an independent member, Council) of its recommendation that a member be removed from any or all Committees or Sub-Committees, or outside body appointments;
- Inform the Group Leader of any recommendations that the member be removed from the Cabinet, or removed from particular portfolio responsibilities;
- Remove the member from outside body appointments;
- Instruct the Monitoring Officer to arrange training for the member;
- Where the breach involves inappropriate use of facilities, withdraw such facilities provided to the member by the Council, such as a computer, website and/or email and internet access; or
- Exclude the member from the Council's offices or other premises, with the exception of meeting rooms necessary for attending Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings; or
- Censure the member for the breach, in which case the Monitoring Officer will be asked to write to the Member and a press report will be issued.

9 What happens at the end of the hearing?

At the end of the hearing, the Chair will state the decision of the Hearing Review Sub-Committee as to whether the member failed to comply with the Code of Conduct and as to any actions which the Hearing Review Sub-Committee resolves to take.

As soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Monitoring Officer shall prepare a formal decision notice in consultation with the Chair of the Hearing Review Sub-Committee, and send a copy to you, to the member, make that decision notice available for public inspection and report the decision to the next convenient meeting of the Council.

10 Who are the Hearing Review Sub Committee?

The Hearing Review Sub-Committee is a Sub-Committee of the Council's Standards Committee. The meetings are held in public. The Standards Committee has decided that it will comprise a maximum of three members of the Council, including not more than one member of the authority's Executive and comprising members drawn from at least 2 different political parties. Subject to those requirements, it is appointed on the nomination of party group leaders in proportion to the strengths of each party group on the Council.

The Independent Person is invited to attend all meetings of the Hearing Review Sub-Committee and his views are sought and taken into consideration before the Hearing Review Sub-Committee takes any decision on whether the member's conduct constitutes a failure to comply with the Code of conduct and as to any action to be taken following a finding of failure to comply with the Code of Conduct.

11 Who is the Independent Person?

The IP is a person who has applied for the post following advertisement of a vacancy for the post, and is appointed by a positive vote from a majority of all the members of Council.

A person cannot be “independent” if he/she –

- 11.1 Is, or has been within the past 5 years, a member, co-opted member or officer of the authority;
- 11.2 Is a relative, or close friend, of a person within paragraph 11.1 or 11.2 above. For this purpose, “relative” means –
 - 11.2.1 Spouse or civil partner;
 - 11.2.2 Living with the other person as husband and wife or as if they were civil partners;
 - 11.2.3 Grandparent of the other person;
 - 11.2.4 A lineal descendent of a grandparent of the other person;
 - 11.2.5 A parent, sibling or child of a person within paragraphs 11.2.1 or 11.2.2;
 - 11.2.6 A spouse or civil partner of a person within paragraphs 11.2.3, 11.2.4 or 11.2.5;
 - 11.2.7 Living with a person within paragraphs 11.2.3, 11.2.4 or 11.2.5 as husband and wife or as if they were civil partners.

12 Revision of these arrangements

The Council may by resolution agree to amend these arrangements, and has delegated to the Chair of the Hearing Review Sub-Committee the right to depart from these arrangements where he/she considers that it is expedient to do so in order to secure the effective and fair consideration of any matter.

13 Appeals

There is no right of appeal for you as complainant or for the member against a decision of the Monitoring Officer or of the Hearing Review Sub-Committee. If you feel that the authority has failed to deal with your complaint properly, you may make a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman.

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3B DELEGATIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE CORPORATE DIRECTORS AND STATUTORY OFFICERS

This Scheme sets out those delegations made to the Chief Executive and Corporate Directors whether by the Council or by Cabinet (the Executive) or derived from statute. The Scheme also sets out the powers of the Statutory Officers of the Council.

The Chief Executive, Corporate Directors and Statutory Officers may (where statute allows this) further delegate responsibility for matters to officers within their departments. These delegations must be in writing.

All delegated powers are derived from either the Council or Executive. The source of each delegation is specified in the Scheme.

Council, Cabinet or Committees may reserve to themselves decisions that have been delegated to officers by giving notice to the relevant Corporate Director or the Chief Executive.

When any new power or duty is given to the Council and it is unclear where responsibility for that function lies, the exercise of that power or duty will be undertaken by the Chief Executive or relevant Corporate Director.

Principles of Delegation

1. Officers may exercise delegated powers provided that the matter:-
 - a) is covered by an approved policy
 - b) there are no unusual features
 - c) there are no political or other significant issues,otherwise the matter should be referred to Members to determine.
2. In exercising delegated powers officers must:
 - 2.1 Incur expenditure within approved estimates/limits.
 - 2.2 Comply with the Council's Procedural Rules and Financial Regulations in force at the time.
 - 2.3 Comply with any policy, plan or direction of the Council, Cabinet or Committee.
 - 2.4 Consult and where appropriate, and/or agree with other relevant officers.
 - 2.5 Consult or refer the matter to the Chief Executive in appropriate cases.
 - 2.6 Keep appropriate records and registers of decisions and report to Council, Cabinet or Committee if required.

3. In using delegated powers, officers are accountable to the Council or Cabinet or the Committee from which those delegated powers derive.
4. Acts of officers done under delegated powers are deemed to be acts of the Council.
5. Delegations exercised in relation to contracts must follow the Contract Procedure Rules in force at the time.

Non Executive Decision Procedure

The Chief Executive, Corporate Directors and Statutory Officers may be specifically authorised to take decisions on behalf of the Council or a Committee in cases of urgency or in relation to minor matters. In doing the procedure set out below must be followed:

1. Urgent Non-Executive Decisions and Minor Matters

1.1 Matters which are the responsibility of Council

In relation to matters which are the responsibility of Council, subject to consultation with the Leader of the Council (or in his/her absence the Deputy Leader) and the leaders of the political groups or their nominees, the Chief Executive, Corporate Directors and Statutory Officers shall have the power to act on behalf of the Council in cases of urgency and on minor matters, where the urgent matter is of such a nature that it may be against the Council's interest to delay and where it is not practicable to obtain the approval of the Council. In the event of disagreement between the Members consulted, the delegated action shall not be exercised. The matter must be referred to the Council. The safeguards in 1.3. below must be followed.

1.2 Matters which are the responsibility of Committees of the Council

In relation to matters which are the responsibility of a Council Committee, subject to consultation with the Chair of the relevant committee and the nominated members of the political groups or their nominees, the Chief Executive, Corporate Directors and Statutory Officers shall have the power to act on behalf of the Council in cases of urgency and on minor matters, where the urgent matter is of such a nature that it may be against the Council's interest to delay and where it is not practicable to obtain the approval of the Council Committee. In the event of disagreement between the Members consulted, the matter shall be referred to the Chief Executive who may take the decision after consultation with the Leaders of all political groups or their nominees, and if appropriate, with the statutory officers. The safeguards in 1.3. below must be followed.

1.3 Safeguards

The procedure must only be used when considered essential to achieving the efficient administration of the service and for urgent matters consideration must be given to whether the matter can wait until the next scheduled meeting or whether the calling of a special meeting can be justified.

The information in the report form must be given the same care and attention as a report to the committee or to Council. Councillors must be given all the information they need in order to fully consider the matter.

All decisions taken by officers under this delegated power must be reported for information to the next meeting of the appropriate committee.

For minor matters the subject matter:

- should not give rise to implication of a policy or resource nature for the authority;
- the cost of implementing the decision must not exceed agreed budgets; and
- the decision should not conflict with any plan or strategy agreed by the Council.

2. Urgent Executive Decisions and Minor Matters Procedure

Matters, which are the responsibility of the Cabinet

All executive decisions shall be referred to the Portfolio Holder or the Cabinet as appropriate for decision.

General

1. Where appropriate the Chief Executive may exercise any function delegated to any other officer, eg in case of absence.
2. Corporate Directors may exercise any function delegated to any other officer within their directorate.
3. Corporate Directors may exercise any function outside their directorate delegations delegated to them by the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive and Corporate Directors have the following general powers:

4. To manage and promote the services and functions for which they are responsible. This includes:

Delegated Powers	Source of Delegated Powers
<u>General</u>	
3.1 Taking and implementing any decision required for operational effectiveness.	Executive and Council
3.2 Responding to consultation documents, which are considered appropriate to be dealt with at officer level. β β. The Leader and Portfolio Holder for Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services, will deal with all other consultation responses – Section 3A Allocation of Responsibilities	Executive
3.3 Bid for external resources for services within their remit.	Executive
3.4 Liaise and develop partnerships with external agencies, Government departments and stakeholder organisations.	Executive
<u>Financial</u>	
3.5 Authorise expenditure within approved revenue budget estimates.	Council
3.6 Vire resources within the rules set out in Section 3, paragraphs 13-16 of the Financial Regulations.	Executive
3.7 Approve orders.	Executive
3.8 Authorise payment of invoices.	Executive
3.9 Authorise the collection of income.	Executive
3.10 Authorise petty cash and expenses via	Executive

payroll.	
3.11 Write off debts up to £10,000.	Executive
3.12 To dispose of any minor asset (e.g furniture and equipment) up to £10k in value.	
3.13 To set, vary and recover costs, fees and charges for goods and services funded by the Council.	Executive
<u>Contracts</u>	
3.14 Approve contracts without limit that do not require sealing.	Executive
3.15 Approve variations in contracts.	Executive
3.16 Approve use of consultants.	Executive
<u>Human Resources</u>	
3.17 To appoint, suspend and dismiss staff.	Council and Executive
3.18 To take any action under the Council's employment policies and procedures.	Council and Executive
3.19 To re-organise staff within their directorates subject to: § Consultation with Chief Executive and Head of HR § Where appropriate, consultation with staff and/or their representatives. § No service policy implications. § No expenditure in excess of budget. No growth in net expenditure beyond the current year.	Council and Executive
3.20 To authorise absence leave and payments, including overtime, expenses, loans, and ex gratia payments.	Executive

3.21 To authorise training and development and associated matters.	Executive
INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS	Source of Individual Delegated Powers
<p><u>Chief Executive</u></p> <p>1. To take any action necessary to ensure the effective and efficient management and operations of the Council. If following a Borough Election the Leader has not been elected as a councillor or, if re-elected, the political party of which they are a member does not have a majority on the Council, then until a Leader is appointed, the Head of Paid Service (in consultation with all Group Leaders) shall be authorised to take and implement any decision required for operational effectiveness of the Council but excepting any such responsibilities, duties and powers specifically reserved to any other person or body.</p>	Executive and Council
<p>2. To promote the importance of the ethical agenda and to sustain the highest standards of ethical behaviour on the part of the Council's officers in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Council Employees.</p>	Council
<p>3. To make any decision delegated to another officer.</p>	Executive and Council
<p>4. Approve minor and technical changes to the Council constitution in consultation with the Monitoring Officer.</p>	Council
<p>5. Act in minor or urgent matters where to delay for a Council meeting would not, in his/her opinion, be in the Council's interest, subject to written approval of the</p>	Council

Leaders of the political groups. β	
6. Act in minor or urgent matters where to delay for a Council committee meeting would not in his/her opinion, be in the Council's interests, subject to consultation with the political groups or their nominees.β	Council
7. To take such action in relation to Statutory Chief Officers and Chief Officers as assigned in Rule 7 of Section 4H.	Council
8. To report as appropriate to the Authority in the manner in which the Authority discharges its functions: § the number and grades of staff required to discharge its functions § the organisation of the Authority's staff § the appointment and management of the Authority's staff.	Council and Executive
9. To make payments or provide other benefits in cases of maladministration etc in accordance with s92 of the Local Government Act 2000.	Council
10. To take any action necessary to ensure the effective development and implementation of the Council's key strategies and services.	Executive and Council
11. To undertake any action necessary to ensure the effective development and implementation of the Council's Corporate Governance Framework.	Executive and Council

β The powers in 5 and 6 above would be used only on production of a report, including financial and legal implications. All decisions taken using the powers in 5 and 6 above must be reported to the next meeting of the relevant committee or Council.

The Corporate Directors for Adults and Housing Children's Services Community & Environment Finance and Place Shaping All have the following delegated powers and	
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duties	
1. To take any action necessary to ensure the effective and efficient management of their directorate	Council and Executive
2. To act in minor or urgent matters where to delay to a Council Committee meeting would not, in his/her opinion, be in the Council's interest, subject to consultation with the Chief Executive and Leaders of the political groups or their nominees.	Council
3. To take any action necessary to ensure the effective development and implementation of the Council's key strategies and services relating to their directorate.	Council and Executive

4. To undertake any action necessary to ensure the effective development and implementation of the Council's Corporate Governance Framework.	Council and Executive
Director of Legal and Governance Services	
1. To institute, defend or participate in any legal proceedings, in any Court or Tribunal and in any case where such action is necessary to give effect to decisions of the Council, or in any case where he or she considers that such action is necessary to protect the Council's interests.	Council
2. To delegate to any officer authority to institute defend or participate in any legal proceedings, in any Court or Tribunal and in any case where such action is necessary to give effect to decisions of the Council, or in any case where he or she considers that such action is necessary to protect the Council's interests.	Council
3. To authorise officers to appear in Court on the Council's behalf.	Council
4. To act as the proper officer for the purposes of Births, Deaths and Marriages	Council
5. To undertake any action necessary to ensure the effective development and implementation of the Council's Corporate Governance Framework.	Council and Executive

STATUTORY OFFICERS

Head of Paid Service	Statutory Source of Function
1. Duty to prepare a report setting out proposals on the following matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the manner in which the discharge by the authority of their different functions is co-ordinated; b. the number and grades of staff required by the authority for the discharge of their functions; 	Sections 4 and Local Government and Housing Act 1989

c. the organisation of the authority's staff; d. the appointment and proper management of the authority's staff	
2. Duty to arrange for a copy of the report to be sent to each member of the authority	Section 4 Local Government and Housing Act 1989
3. Arrange for the authority to consider the report at a meeting held not more than three months after copies are first sent to members of the authority.	Section 4 Local Government and Housing Act 1989
4. All staff to be appointed on merit	Section 7 Local Government and Housing Act 1989
5. Duty to adopt Standing Orders with respect to staff.	Section 8 Local Government and Housing Act 1899
6. Confidentiality of staff records	Section 11 Local Government and Housing Act 1989
7. Conflicts of interest in staff negotiations	Section 12 Local Government and Housing Act 1989
8. Appointment of Staff	Section 112 Local Government Act 1972
Monitoring Officer	Statutory Source of Function
1. Report on contravention or likely contravention of any enactment or rule of law.	Section 5 & 5A Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
2. Report on any maladministration or injustice where Ombudsman has carried out an investigation.	Section 5 Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

3. Appointment of Deputy Monitoring Officer.	Section 5 Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
4. Report on resources needed to undertake Monitoring Officer functions.	Section 5 Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
5. Establish and maintain registers of member's interests and gifts and hospitality.	Sections 29 and 30 Localism Act 2011 The Relevant authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012
6. Advice to Members on interpretation of the Code.	Members' Code of Conduct
7. Key role in framework for local determination of complaints namely to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Decide, in consultation with an Independent Person and subject to their agreement, whether to dismiss complaints that are outside the Code of Conduct or are vexatious. If agreement with the Independent Person cannot be reached, the decision shall not be taken by the Monitoring Officer but instead be referred to the Assessment Sub-Committee for decision b. Decide, taking into account the view of the Assessment Working Group and subject to agreement with its view, whether a complaint should be investigated. If the Monitoring Officer does not agree with the view of the Assessment Working Group then the decision shall not be taken by the Monitoring Officer but instead be referred to the Assessment Sub-Committee for decision c. Investigate misconduct of Members in accordance with the Standards framework. d. Advise Members, officers and the public 	Sections 28 – 34 Localism Act 2011

on the operation of the Code and how alleged breaches should be investigated.

- e. Decide, taking into account the view of the Hearing Working Group and subject to agreement with its view, what sanction should be imposed, if the Monitoring Officer does not agree with the view of the Hearing Working Group then the decision shall not be taken by the Monitoring Officer but instead be referred to the Hearing Review Sub-Committee for decision

The possible sanctions under (e) include:

- Report its findings to the Standards Committee and then Council for information and place them on the Council's website;
- Inform the Group Leader (or in the case of an independent member, Council) of its recommendation that a member be removed from any or all Committees or Sub-Committees, or outside body appointments;
- Inform the Group Leader of any recommendations that the member be removed from the Cabinet, or removed from particular portfolio responsibilities;
- Remove the member from outside body appointments;
- Instruct the Monitoring Officer to arrange training for the member;
- Where the breach involves inappropriate use of facilities, withdraw such facilities provided to the member by the Council, such as a computer, website and/or email and internet access; or
- Exclude the member from the Council's offices or other premises, with the exception of meeting rooms necessary for attending Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings; or
- Censure the member for the breach, in which case the Monitoring Officer will be asked to write to the Member and a press report will be issued.

In exercising the delegations under a. and b. to seriously consider the view of the Independent Person or Assessment Working Group as

appropriate.	
10. Advice to Members on Compensation or remedy for maladministration.	Section 92 Local Government Act 2000.
11. Advice on vires issues, maladministration, financial impropriety, probity, policy framework and budget issues to all members.	ODPM guidance.
Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)	Statutory Source of Function
1. Oversight of proper administration of financial affairs.	Section 151 Local Government Act 1972
2. Duty to nominate a member of his/her staff as chief financial officer (if unable to act owing to absence or illness).	Section 114 Local Government Finance Act 1988
3. Duty to report on a Council decision or likely decision which would lead to the authority incurring unlawful expenditure or would cause a loss or deficiency to the authority or entry of an unlawful item of account.	Section 114 Local Government Finance Act 1988
4. Duty to report if the expenditure of the Council incurred (including expenditure it proposes to incur) in a financial year is likely to exceed the resources (including sums borrowed) available to it to meet that expenditure.	Section 114 Local Government Finance Act 1988
5. Duty to report on an Executive decision or likely decision which would lead to the authority incurring unlawful expenditure or would cause a loss or deficiency to the authority or entry of an unlawful item of account.	Section 114A Local Government Finance Act 1988
6. Duty to report on the robustness of the authority's budget calculations.	Section 25 Local Government Act 2003

7. Duty to report on the adequacy of the authority's proposed financial reserves.	Section 25 Local Government Act 2003
8. Duty to report on previous years' financial reserves if it appears that controlled reserves is or likely to be inadequate, including recommendations for appropriate actions to rectify.	Section 27 Local Government Act 2003
9. Duty to assist the Council in carrying out regular budget monitoring.	Section 28 Local Government Act 2003
Director of Children's Services	Statutory Source of Function
1. Responsible for functions conferred on or exercisable by the authority in their capacity as a local education authority	Section 18 Children Act 2004
2. Responsible for functions conferred on or exercisable by the authority, which are social services functions, so far as those functions relate to children.	Section 18 Children Act 2004
3. Responsible for functions under section 23C to 24D of the Children Act 1989, relating to looked after children.	Section 18 Children Act 2004
4. Improving well-being of children in the authority's area.	Sections 10 and 18 Children Act 2004
5. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.	Sections 11 and 18 Children Act 2004
6. Establish and maintain information databases in relation to the well-being and safeguarding of children	Section 12 and S18 Children Act 2004

7. Preparation and publication of a Children's and young people's plan.	Sections 17 and 18 Children Act 2004.
8. Responsible for any function under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 on behalf of an NHS body so far as those relate to children.	Section 18 Children Act 2004
9. Responsible for any additional functions as the authority consider appropriate	Section 18 Children Act 2004
Director of Adult Social Services	Statutory Source of Function
1. Responsibility for all social services functions (other than those for which the Director of Children's Services is responsible under section 18 of the Children Act 2004).	Section. [1A] and Schedule 1 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

COUNCIL MEETING -

5 JULY 2012

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

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Questioner: Councillor William Stoodley

Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson (Portfolio Holder for Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services)

Question 1:

Are you please able to tell me when the advice and guidance for Councillors on blogging and using other such media will be published, as directed by Dr John Kirkland in my Standards Board hearing?

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Question 2:

Would you please kindly tell me how many Standards Board for England investigations set directives to be complied with but did not set a time limit within which that directive had to be complied with?

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Questioner: Councillor Stanley Sheinwald

Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 3:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety advise me of the cost of the Hatch End Parking consultation and what has been learned from it?”

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Questioner: Councillor James Bond

Asked of: Councillor Brian Gate (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 4:

"David Milliband has warned that high and growing youth unemployment is a "ticking timebomb" under the nation's finances and social wellbeing.

Why, then, are Harrow and Brent councils scrapping Brent and Harrow Education Business Service which for years has given thousands of young people in the two boroughs an invaluable advantage as they prepare to enter the jobs market?

And why have the councils looked only at short-term, minor financial savings and ignored the infinitely greater long-term cost, financial and otherwise, of scrapping the service?"

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 5:

Could you please provide the quarterly recycling figures for the last two years?

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Questioner: Councillor Camilla Bath

Asked of: Councillor Bob Currie (Portfolio Holder for Housing)

Question 6:

Given this administration's promise to ensure that the Council's housing stock is regularly externally redecorated, could you provide quarterly figures for the last two years of how many houses have been accordingly decorated?

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Questioner: Councillor Paul Osborn

Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications)

Question 7:

In 2010, you promised a Labour administration would focus on 'invest to save' opportunities, and strive to avoid redundancies. Can you therefore explain why the invest to save / redundancy portion of the Transformation and Priority Initiatives Fund has veered so heavily towards redundancies?

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Questioner: Councillor Kam Chana

Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications)

Question 8:

What creative ways to generate income for the Council that you have you so far introduced, and what are your future plans in this respect?

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Questioner: Councillor Stephen Wright

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts)

To be responded to by: Councillor Keith Ferry

Question 9:

Can you update us on your administration's efforts to encourage and expand the provision of private leisure facilities for Harrow residents?

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Questioner: Councillor Manji Kara

Asked of: Councillor David Perry (Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services)

To be responded to by: Councillor Keith Ferry

Question 10:

Can you provide an update on your plans to introduce a 'Harrow Card' for entertainment and shopping discounts within the Borough?

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Questioner: **Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane**

Asked of: **Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation and Communications)**

To be responded to by: **Councillor Margaret Davine**

Question 11:

Do you share my concern at the news reported by the Municipal Journal that £115 million of Department of Health funding provided to councils to fund additional social care with health benefits, has ended up being diverted to other services; and can you assure us this did not happen in Harrow?

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Questioner: Councillor Simon Williams

Asked of: Councillor Margaret Davine (Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing)

Question 12:

Have you managed to negotiate with the PCT the provision of extended opening hours and extra services for GP-led surgeries?

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Questioner: Councillor Stephen Greek

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration)

Question 13:

Can you provide an update on the changes to the enforcement capacity of the Council's planning department over the last two years, and the proposed changes for the next two years?

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Amendment for Motion (5) – Olympics and Diamond Street Parties

To amend the motion as below:

This Council notes the Community Spirit created by the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee through Street Parties.

This Council takes the opportunity to thank Council staff for all they did to facilitate the volunteer work of Communities and the way in which they supported the work of communities.

This Council hopes that this positive way of working will continue as we welcome the Olympics to London especially as it will impact positively on our tourism, youth & sports agenda.

This Council commends all staff who have been involved in getting Harrow ready for the torch relay and wishes that Harrow's communities will come together once again to celebrate this important event.

This Council takes this opportunity to thank the previous Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone and his team who were instrumental in bringing the Olympics to London. This Council places on record its thanks to the present Mayor **Boris Johnson for overseeing the successful delivery of the Games – on time and under budget - and** for providing funds to provide flags and other items to highlight the Olympics.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Susan Hall
Leader of the Opposition



Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition



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Labour Amended Libraries Motion

The below motion is an amendment to the Tory Motion on Libraries, to be debated at full Council in July 2012.

To be moved by Councillor David Perry and seconded by Councillor Sue Anderson

“This Council believes that party manifestos are a statement of intent which gives Harrow residents a clear indication of what a party intends to do if elected.

Council notes that the current Labour administration stood for office on numerous manifesto pledges in the 2010 local council elections recognising that *“the superb in-house library service”* in Harrow is a vital resource for our residents, who use its services for enrichment, networking, education and learning.

Council notes that In order to protect such a valued service in the face of unprecedented government cuts in funding to local Councils, all avenues of potential savings must be explored in order to preserve the service for Harrow residents long into the future.

This Council supports the current Labour administration’s search for a solution which in spite of the unnecessary Government cuts, keeps the spirit of the manifesto pledge by keeping all libraries open and enhancing the library offer for all its users. Council further notes the commitment to retain strategic sovereignty over the direction of the service.

So that trust between the Council and residents can be maintained, this Council urges the Administration to pursue solutions which enable delivery of the intent in the Labour manifesto which is to provide a sustainable, superb library service for the people of Harrow.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to all Harrow’ MPs within the next month to outline this Council’s concern over the future of our library service being threatened by the Conservative led coalition government funding cuts”.

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Olympics Motion

This Council notes the widespread support – most recently demonstrated by a cross-party motion at the London Assembly – for one minute's silence during the London Olympic Games to mark the 10th Olympiad since and 40th anniversary of the terrorist massacre of Israeli competitors and their coaches during the 1972 Munich Olympics.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of London and the Secretary of State for Culture and the Olympics, asking them to use their influence to ensure an official minute's silence remembrance is observed in the Olympic Park during the Opening or Closing Ceremonies of the London Olympic Games.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Susan Hall
Leader of the Opposition

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Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

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