

Council

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW
MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS
4th July 2013

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I have carried out the following engagements since the Council Meeting on Thursday 23rd May 2013:-

- 25 May 2013 Attended Hujjat SKIMC & Stanmore Jaffery's Celebrating Life & Legacy of Ali ibn Abi Talib Event
- 26 May 2013 Attended The Royal British Legion Riders Branch Annual Meeting
- 28 May 2013 Attended DL's Committee Meeting
- 30 May 2013 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 31 May 2013 Attended The Firs Summer Party
- 2 June 2013 Attended Muslim Connexions Business Networking Event
- 3 June 2013 Hosted visit by 9th Kenton Cub Scouts
- 4 June 2013 Attended Launch of "Storms Will Come" Anthology of writings by Mental Health Service Users & Drama "Mind How You Go" at Gayton Library
- 5 June 2013 Attended Harrow Shopmobility's AGM
- 6 June 2013 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 7 June 2013 Attended Flash Musicals Film Night
- 8 June 2013 Attended St Alban's Church Fair & Charity Abseil Event
Attended Thames Water London Youth Games Regatta
Attended Lady Fatemah Trust's Annual Charity Gala Dinner
- 12 June 2013 Met Shaftesbury High School children prior to Rotary Club of Edgware & Stanmore's "Kids Out" trip to Thorpe Park
Attended Harrow Carers' Country Retreat Event at Niland Centre
Attended Mayor's Charity Fund Meeting
Hosted Reception for Caring Community
- 13 June 2013 Attended Harrow Carers' Shopping Event at Civic Centre
Attended Harrow Carers' Celebration Meal
Attended The Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception for New Elected Mayors
- 14 June 2013 Attended Harrow Carers' Celebration Musical Show "All Our Yesterday at Flash Musicals
- 15 June 2013 Attended Sponsored Walk Event at Krishna Avanti Primary School
- 16 June 2013 Attended Sri Saddhatissa International Buddhist Centre's Vesak & Poson (Buddhist) Ceremony
- 17 June 2013 Attended Age UK Harrow's Financial Abuse Forum at Civic Centre
Attended The North West London Chamber of Commerce's Cream Tea Event at The Barn Hotel
Attended Mayoress's Committee AGM & General Meeting
- 18 June 2013 Hosted Visit by West Lodge School Council
Attended Talk & Discussion – 50 Years of the Organisation of African Unity – "How Far Have We Come" at Ghana High Commission
- 20 June 2013 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
Attended Harrow School, The Harrow Rifle Corps's Inter-Cadet Force Unit Drill & Shooting Competition
- 21 June 2013 Attended National Care Home Open Day at Woodland Hall Nursing Home
Hosted Council Visit by Mission Dine Club
Attended City of London Annual London Borough Mayors' Civic Service & Reception

- 22 June 2013 Attended HYM's Concert Band/Senior Band Concert
- 23 June 2013 Attended LB of Harrow's Annual Civic Service at St Mary's Church
Attended Community Reception at Harrow School
Attended 'Our Children Our Future' Children's Awards Ceremony
- 24 June 2013 Hosted Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony and Reception
Attended Link4Growth Limited's North West London Expo Event
Attended Akoben Awards "Look How Far WE Have Come" Ceremony
- 25 June 2013 Hosted Visit by Kenmore Park Junior School Council
Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 26 June 2013 Attended Summer Lunch Event at Stanmore College
Hosted Visit by Shaah iyo Sheeka Group
Attended Harrow Rethink Support Group's 30th Anniversary Celebration
- 27 June 2013 Attended Harrow Music Service & Pavilion Opera Education Trust's "Don Pasquale" Performance at Longfield Primary School
Attended Kumon Advanced Students Roll (ASR) Award Ceremony
Attended Harrow Rifle & Pistol Club's 122nd Year Event
- 28 June 2013 Attended 1st Stanmore Girls' Brigade's Annual Awards & Display Evening at Stanmore Baptist Church
- 29 June 2013 Attended Downs Play Group's Open Day
Attended Summer Fair at Longfield Primary School
Attended Harrow Open Studios' Prize Giving Art Children's Competition
Attended Women & Children's Social Event at Red Turban Restaurant
- 30 June 2013 Attended HOD Speakers Club's Summer BBQ
Attended LB of Harrow's Under One Sky Event
- 1 July 2013 Attended International Food Festival at Bentley Wood High School
- 2 July 2013 Attended The Borough of Harrow Primary Schools Swimming Championships at Harrow Leisure Centre
Attended Elevate 2's Bombay Bazaar Event Premier Banqueting Hall
- 3 July 2013 Attended 100th Birthday Celebration of Harrow Resident, Mrs Dorothy Shires
Attended Leavers' Ceremony at Kingsley High School at Civic Centre

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

- 26 May 2013 Attended Rayners Lane Kumon Centre's ASR Awards Ceremony
- 2 June 2013 Attended Afternoon Cream Tea Event at Grim's Dyke Hotel
- 4 June 2013 Attended 175th Anniversary Reception to Celebrate Achievements in Innovation at University of Westminster
- 21 June 2013 Attended Music Service & Pavilion Opera Education Trust's "Don Pasquale" Performance at Aylward Primary School
- 25 June 2013 Attended Harrow College Students Awards Ceremony
- 30 June 2013 Attended St Mark's Patient Forum's Golf Day at Pinner Hill Golf Club
- 2 July 2013 Attended Norbury School Assembly

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

23 May 2013	Attended Citizenship Ceremony
1 June 2013	Attended Harrow Asian Deaf Club's LGBT Event
9 June 2013	Attended Open Squares Day Celebration
13 June 2013	Attended Citizenship Ceremony
16 June 2013	Attended HYM's Academy Strings/Sinfonia/Junior Band/Junior Soul Concert
17 June 2013	Attended Music Service & Pavilion Opera Education Trust's "Don Pasquale" Performance at St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School Attended Apprenticeship Awards Ceremony at Stanmore College
21 June 2013	Attended Carnival and Summer Fair at Grimsdyke School
23 June 2013	Attended Greater London Region Special Olympics Athletics Championships Event at Allianz Park Hendon Attended The Association of Jewish Refugees' 75 th Anniversary Kindertransport Attended 150 th Birthday Celebration of Swami Vivekananda
25 June 2013	Attended Harrow Music Service's Bollywood Blast Concert Attended Harrow in Europe's AGM
27 June 2013	Attended Official Opening of the 'Pond Event' organised by Forest School of All Saints Church
1 July 2013	Attended Harrow Music Service & Pavilion Opera Education Trust's "Don Pasquale" Performance at Pinner Wood Primary School
4 July 2013	Attended Citizenship Ceremony Attended 3 rd Pinner Scout Group's AGM

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

Mr Chris Allison	CBE
Mr Jonathan Bruce Taylor	CBE
Mrs Norma Susan Brier JP	OBE
Professor Graham Furniss	OBE
Mr Dave Gordon	OBE
Mr Patrick O'Connell	OBE
Mr Goranda Bhatt	MBE
Mr Santosh Kanwar	BEM

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QUESTION WITH NOTICE

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Questioner: Matthew Lloyd

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation & Communications, Finance, Performance, Customer Services & Corporate Services, Property & Major Contracts)

Question: "Harrow is experiencing a housing crisis. The inaction of the previous administration and the lack of infrastructure funding announced in the latest Spending Review has left Harrow's young people with high rents and very limited places to live in their home borough. Given this is the case, will you condemn the previous council administration for their lack of action and call on the government to follow Labour's infrastructure investment programme to provide the vital housing needed for Harrow residents."

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Questioner: Councillor Bill Phillips

Asked of: Councillor Zarina Khalid (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 1: "Following a previous Conservative Administration's decision to abolish the ceremony to celebrate the achievements of looked after Children, the previous Labour Administration reinstated that ceremony. At the Ofsted inspection in 2012, Ofsted Inspectors were pleased with the Labour Administration's decision to reinstate this. Does the PH give her commitment to continue with this ceremony which means so much to vulnerable children in the Borough?"

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 2: "Can you provide an update on recruitment to the Neighbourhood Champion; is the decline that set in under the previous Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Phil O'Dell, still continuing?"

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Nizam Ismail (Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services and Housing)

Question 3: "What are the full costs, including a quantification of officer time by total hours and total cost, of organising this summer's UnderOneSky, and how much has income has sponsorship and ticket sales generated?"

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Questioner: Councillor Simon Williams

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 4: “Across the borough, give-way lines and markings, yellow lines and other road markings – particularly on the High Street, in my ward of Harrow on the Hill, have virtually worn away leaving motorists with little or no information about parking restrictions or rights of way; can you provide a timescale as to when this backlog of maintenance inherited from the previous Labour administration will be addressed?”

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Questioner: Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation & Communications, Finance, Performance, Customer Services & Corporate Services, Property & Major Contracts)

<p>Question 5: “Does the Council’s continued membership of the LGA represent good value for taxpayers’ money and why?”</p>

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 6: "Can you advise me and my residents what they can expect from the new street-sweeping regime across Belmont ward that was introduced by Labour's budget in February 2013, which you voted for, which you are continuing to implement?"

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 7: With the cuts to the public realm budgeted initiated by the previous Labour administration, as part of the Budget you voted for, what measures are being taken to reduce the amount of littering in Centenary Park, on the border of Belmont and Queensbury wards?"

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 8: “Under the previous Labour administration, a number of roads across the borough, such as Ventnor Avenue in Belmont, were “treated” with a new surfacing, leaving lots of loose chippings which are particularly problematic to cyclists, and often were not properly marked – when will they be properly resurfaced and properly lined?”

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

<p>Question 9: "What is being done to reverse the drop in recycling figures that began under the Labour administration's Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Phil O'Dell?"</p>

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 10: "Can you confirm how many SmartWater kits and as a percentage of the total number ordered remain to be distributed to Harrow's households?"

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 11:“ How much larger would have been the fall in burglary rates across Harrow if the previous Labour Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Phil O'Dell, had been more robust and proactive in pushing for greater distribution of the SmartWater kits to households across the borough?”

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Zarina Khalid (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 12: "With the expansion of Vaughan School only being approved in mid/late June, what are the implications for education provision at Vaughan, what has been or is being done to reduce any negative impacts, and are there any wider implications for the provision of primary education places in Harrow?"

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor William Stoodley (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration)

Question 13: "Can you provide an update on the Planning Committee's proposed review of Stanburn School's Travel Plan set as a condition to its expansion?"

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Questioner: Councillor David Perry

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation & Communications, Finance, Performance, Customer Services & Corporate Services, Property & Major Contracts)

<p>Question 14: “Could you indicate how you feel the new Cabinet set-up is progressing?”</p>

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Questioner: Councillor Philip O'Dell

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

Question 15: "What is the final percentage for last year (2012/13) for recycling rates in Harrow?"

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Questioner: Councillor Sachin Shah

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation & Communications, Finance, Performance, Customer Services & Corporate Services, Property & Major Contracts)

Question 16: "In the June cabinet papers, you list around half a million pounds of spend in the carry forward as 'minor projects'. Do you think the council tax payers in Harrow will agree with you that half a million pounds is 'minor'?"

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Questioner: Councillor Philip O'Dell

Asked of: Councillor Asad Omar (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)

<p>Question 17: "Does the PH support the Borough Commander of Harrow Police aim to make Harrow the safest borough in London?"</p>
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Questioner: Councillor Sachin Shah

Asked of: Councillor William Stoodley (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration)

Question 18: "It is very bold of Barnet Football club to send the Chair of the Planning committee an email showing they are in breach of planning conditions. Do you think they did this because they don't believe the council will act, or because they are truly sorry for the problems they are causing?"

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Questioner: Councillor Bill Phillips

Asked of: Councillor Nizam Ismail (Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services and Housing)

Question 19: "What are the Portfolio Holder's plans and commitments to collect the monies outstanding on commercial properties owned by the HRA and will you ensure that all debtors of the HRA are treated equally."

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Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation & Communications, Finance, Performance, Customer Services & Corporate Services, Property & Major Contracts)

Question 20: "For the months of April, May and June, will the Portfolio Holder please provide the expenditure from the Mayor's budget on:

Staffing costs
Staff overtime
Agency costs
Catering costs"