

Minutes

COUNCIL

25 February 2010

Meeting held at Council Chamber - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



Councillor Shirley Harper-O'Neill (Mayor)
Councillor David Yarrow (Deputy Mayor)

	<p>MEMBERS PRESENT:</p> <p>Councillors: David Allam Santokh Dhillon Carol Melvin Lynne Allen Tony Eginton Douglas Mills Bruce Baker Janet Gardner Mary O'Connor Anwar Bamber Sid Garg John Oswell Ann Banks Paul Harmsworth David Payne Timothy Barker John Hensley Ray Puddifoot Richard Barnes Henry Higgins Andrew Retter Jonathan Bianco Graham Horn Jill Rhodes David Bishop Patricia Jackson John Riley Lindsay Bliss Phoday Jarjussey David Routledge Michael Bull Sandra Jenkins Avtar Sandhu Keith Burrows Alan Kauffman Robin Sansarpuri Paul Buttivant Judy Kelly Scott Seaman-Digby George Cooper Elizabeth Kemp David Simmonds Judith Cooper Peter Kemp Brian Stead Philip Corthorne Mo Khursheed Anthony Way Michael Cox Eddie Lavery Michael White Brian Crowe Anita MacDonald Kay Willmott-Denbeigh Peter Curling John Major Catherine Dann Michael Markham</p>
	<p>OFFICERS PRESENT: Hugh Dunnachie, Fran Beasley, Christopher Neale, Chris Spencer, Jean Palmer, Jeff Maslen, Philomena Bach, Raj Alagh, Lloyd White, Paul Whaymand, Mark Braddock, Nikki Stubbs, Nancy LeRoux, Ben Lea, Jack Mundy and Donald Freeman</p>
	<p>PRAYERS</p> <p>Prayers were said by Pastor Derek Page.</p>
36	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barrett, Bartram, Courtenay and Duncan.</p>
37	<p>MINUTES (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2010 be agreed as a correct record.</p>

38	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>Councillors Mills and Bianco declared a personal interest in agenda item 8: Council General Fund Reserve Budget and Capital Programme 2010/2011, as it affected members of their families, and remained in the room during the consideration thereof.</p> <p>Councillors Elizabeth Kemp, Peter Kemp, Retter, Routledge and Way declared a personal interest in agenda item 7: Housing Revenue Account Rent Setting 2010/11, as they were members of the Board of Hillingdon Homes, and remained in the room during the consideration thereof.</p>
39	<p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>It was with sadness that the Mayor informed Members of the recent death of Mr Alan Blundell, a former Harefield councillor and Mayor's escort. All present stood for a minute's silence in his memory. Members were advised that Mr Ted Harris, a former Hillingdon Mayor, and Mrs Beryl Double, a former Hillingdon Councillor, had also recently passed away. All present stood for a minute's silence in their memory.</p> <p>The Mayor advised that she had been present at an Holocaust Memorial Day event at the Northwood Synagogue which had also been attended by approximately 200 local children. They had received a talk from an ex-serviceman on the suffering caused by the holocaust.</p> <p>Mr Reg Payne had visited the Mayor's Parlour to present the Mayor with his Merchant Navy shield. Mr Payne had been involved in the D-Day landings making four trips to France.</p> <p>It was noted that the first presentation of the new volunteers' medals would be made in the near future.</p> <p>The Mayor would be doing a sponsored walk on 11 April 2010 from Highgate Hill to Mansion House to retrace the 600 year old steps of Dick Whittington. She welcomed any offers of sponsorship.</p>
40	<p>REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Puddifoot moved all of the recommendations as set out in the Order of Business. This was seconded by Councillor Mills.</p> <p>Following debate (Councillors Eginton and Harmsworth), the motion was put to the vote and agreed.</p> <p>(i) TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2010/11</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the timetable of meetings for 2010/11 in Appendix A of the report be approved and the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, be authorised to make any amendments that may be required.</p> <p>(ii) MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2010/11</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the current Members' Allowances Scheme be revoked as of 31 March 2010 and the new Scheme for 2010/11 be approved as shown in</p>

	<p>Appendix B of the report for implementation from 1 April 2010.</p> <p>(iii) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Urgency decisions detailed in the report be noted.</p> <p>(iv) CABINET SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the change to the Cabinet Scheme of Delegations detailed in the report be noted.</p> <p>(v) CHANGES TO STATUTORY OUTSIDE BODIES AND INTERNAL BODIES</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Curling be reappointed as a Council representative on the Fassnidge Memorial Trust until May 2014.</p>
41	<p>APPOINTMENT OF PROPER OFFICERS (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Corthorne moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor Simmonds. On being put to the vote, the motion was agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the following Proper Officers be appointed to carry out public health functions within the London Borough of Hillingdon:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Claude Seng 2. Dr Margaret Meltzer (Lead Officer) 3. Dr Sarah Anderson 4. Dr Yimmy Chow 5. Dr Lucy Thomas 6. Dr Deepti Kumar
42	<p>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT RENT SETTING 2010/11 (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>It was noted that the Council, as local housing authority, was required to review charges for rents, services and facilities to tenants in connection with the provision of dwellings.</p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Corthorne, seconded by Councillor Higgins and:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. formula rents under the DCLG rent restructure policy be used to calculate HRA dwelling rents for 2010/2011. 2. the average HRA rents, charges and allowances for 2010/11 as set out in Tables A to D of this report be approved. 3. the HRA Budget for 2010/11 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
43	<p>COUNCIL GENERAL FUND RESERVE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/2011 (<i>Agenda Item 8</i>)</p> <p>Councillor George Cooper moved the suspension of Council procedure rule 14.4 to allow unlimited time for the proposer of the recommendations to speak on the budget report. This was seconded by Councillor Mills and, on being put to the vote, was</p>

agreed.

RESOLVED: That the mover of the budget motion be allowed to speak for an unlimited period on this item.

Councillor Bianco moved, and Councillor Puddifoot seconded, the following amendment to the budget report recommendations:

1. *That the General Fund revenue budget proposals made by Cabinet be approved, resulting in a net budget requirement for 2010/11 of £194,194,200.*
2. *That Council note that at its meeting on 14 January 2010 the Council calculated the amount of 97,952 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2010/11. This was in accordance with the Regulations made under Sections 33 (5) and 34 (4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, being the amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003, as its Council Tax Base for the year (Item T under Section 33 (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992).*
3. *That Hillingdon's own Council Tax be set at £1,112.93 for a Band D property. Taking into account the precept levied by the Greater London Authority, this results in an overall Band D Council Tax of £1,422.75 for the borough.*
4. *That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2010/11, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act):*

a) £773,320,030 *being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act. (Gross Expenditure including the amount required for additions to working balances).*

b) £579,125,830 *being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act. (Gross Income including reserves to be used to meet Gross Expenditure).*

c) £194,194,200 *being the amount by which the aggregate at 4 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4 (b) above. This is calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year. (Item R under Section 33 (1) of the Act).*

d) £85,180,901 *being the aggregate of the sums that the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant. This is increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year to its General Fund from its Collection Fund. This is in accordance with Section 97 (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1998 (Council Tax Deficit) and pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charge) directions under Section 98 (4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Community Charge Surplus). (Item P under Section 33*

(1) and 33 (3) of the Act).

e) £1,112.93

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being the amount at 4 (c) above less the amount at 4 (d) above, all divided by the amount at 2 above. This is, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33 (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. (Council Tax at Band D for the Council).

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<i>Band E</i>	<i>Band F</i>	<i>Band G</i>	<i>Band H</i>
<i>£1,360.25</i>	<i>£1,607.57</i>	<i>£1,854.88</i>	<i>£2,225.86</i>

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4 (e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 (1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D. This is calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

5. That Council note that for the year 2010/11 the Greater London Authority and its functional bodies have stated the following amounts in precepts. These have been issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

<i>The Greater London Authority Precept</i>			
<i>Band A</i>	<i>Band B</i>	<i>Band C</i>	<i>Band D</i>
<i>£206.55</i>	<i>£240.97</i>	<i>£275.40</i>	<i>£309.82</i>
<i>Band E</i>	<i>Band F</i>	<i>Band G</i>	<i>Band H</i>
<i>£378.67</i>	<i>£447.52</i>	<i>£516.37</i>	<i>£619.64</i>

6. That the Council has calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4 (f) and 5 above. The Council in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Act hereby sets the Council Tax for the year 2010/11 for each category of dwelling below:

<i>Total Council Tax 2010/11</i>			
<i>Band A</i>	<i>Band B</i>	<i>Band C</i>	<i>Band D</i>
<i>£948.50</i>	<i>£1,106.58</i>	<i>£1,264.67</i>	<i>£1,422.75</i>
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<i>£1,738.92</i>	<i>£2,055.09</i>	<i>£2,371.25</i>	<i>£2,845.50</i>

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8. *That the capital programme be agreed as set out in Appendix 8 of the attached report.*
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10. *That the adoption of the CIPFA Revised Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services be agreed as detailed in Appendix 10.*
11. *That the Council Tax Discount for Older People be retained at 4.87% of Hillingdon's element of the Council Tax.*
12. *That Council note the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources' comments regarding his responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2003.*
13. *That Council authorises the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources to approve all virements after 31 March 2010 relating to the 2009/10 financial year of any value beyond the levels currently delegated to Corporate Directors necessary to the closure of accounts within the deadline set for the 2009/10 financial year.*

Councillor Harmsworth moved, and Councillor Eginton seconded, an amendment which, following debate (Councillors Bianco and Puddifoot), was put to the vote and lost.

Councillor Cox moved, and Councillor Rhodes seconded, a further amendment which, following debate, was put to the vote and lost.

Following debate (Councillors Seaman-Digby, Simmonds, Major, Mills, Higgins, Burrows, Jenkins, Puddifoot, Bianco and Barnes), the original amendment was put to the vote and:

RESOLVED:

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44	<p>CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE (<i>Agenda Item 9</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council meeting scheduled for 4 March 2010 be cancelled.</p>
45	<p>VOTE OF THANKS (<i>Agenda Item 10</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Puddifoot expressed his thanks to all Members for the interesting debates that had taken place in the Chamber over the last four years. He thanked those Councillors who were retiring from the Council for their efforts and wished all Councillors restanding in the election the best of luck.</p>
	<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.00 pm.</p>

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Lloyd White, Head of Democratic Services on 01895 556743. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.