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# To all Members of the Council

**Date:** THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY  
2018

**Time:** 7.30 PM

**Venue:** COUNCIL CHAMBER -  
CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH  
STREET, UXBRIDGE UB8  
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**Meeting  
Details:** Members of the Public and  
Press are welcome to attend  
this meeting

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# Agenda

## **Prayers**

To be said by Reverend Johnny Douglas

- 1** Apologies for Absence
- 2** Minutes 1 - 12  
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2017 (*attached*)
- 3** Declarations of Interest  
To note any declarations of interest in any matter before the Council
- 4** Mayor's Announcements
- 5** Public Question Time 13 - 14  
To take questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.
- 6** Report of the Head of Democratic Services 15 - 18
- 7** Council Tax Base and Business Rates Forecast 2018/19 19 - 26  
To consider the report of the Corporate Director of Finance (*attached*)
- 8** Members' Questions 27 - 28  
To take questions submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11

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# Agenda Item 2



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## Minutes

### COUNCIL

2 November 2017

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

Councillor Carol Melvin BSc (Hons) (Mayor)  
Councillor John Morgan (Deputy Mayor)

	<p><b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b></p> <p>Councillors: Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana Janet Duncan Michael Markham Lynne Allen Beulah East Douglas Mills Teji Barnes Ian Edwards Richard Mills Jonathan Bianco Tony Eginton Peter Money Mohinder Birah Duncan Flynn John Morse Wayne Bridges Neil Fyfe June Nelson Tony Burles Janet Gardner Susan O'Brien Roy Chamdal Narinder Garg John Oswell Alan Chapman Dominic Gilham Jane Palmer George Cooper Becky Haggart Ray Puddifoot MBE Judith Cooper John Hensley John Riley Brian Crowe Henry Higgins Robin Sansarpuri Peter Curling Patricia Jackson Scott Seaman-Digby Catherine Dann Allan Kauffman David Simmonds CBE Peter Davis Judy Kelly Jagjit Singh Nick Denys Mo Khursheed Jan Sweeting Jazz Dhillon Kuldeep Lakhmana Michael White Jas Dhot Eddie Lavery David Yarrow Jem Duducu Richard Lewis</p>
	<p><b>OFFICERS PRESENT:</b> Fran Beasley, Jean Palmer, Paul Whaymand, Tony Zaman, Lloyd White, Morgan Einon and Beth Rainey, Mark Braddock and Neil Fraser</p>
26.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burrows, Corthorne, Dheer, Graham, Jarjussey, Khatra and Stead.</p>
27.	<p><b>MINUTES</b> (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2017 be agreed as a correct record.</p>
28.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Lynne Allen declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 8.1, in that she was a member of the Independent Advisory Group, and stayed in the room during consideration thereof.</p> <p>Councillor Lewis declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 8.4, in that he</p>

	<p>was an honorary Group Captain of 601 Squadron, based at RAF Northolt, and stayed in the room during consideration thereof.</p>
29.	<p><b>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor announced that, six months into her Mayoralty, she had now attended 229 diverse engagements involving people and groups from all walks of life.</p> <p>Of the 229 events attended, 29 had been outside of the Borough, supporting a number of different mayors in their various charity events. This had been reciprocated at the charity event at the Battle of Britain bunker, with lunch at RAF Northolt Officer's mess, which was very well attended by a number of mayors across London and further afield.</p> <p>The Mayor encouraged those present to attend her next charity quiz night on 29 November 2017. In addition, Uxbridge College had agreed to their students again conducting a charity murder mystery evening and meal, tentatively scheduled for the first week in March 2018, though the date was still to be confirmed, and encouraged all present to attend.</p>
30.	<p><b>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</b> (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p><b>5.1 Question from Mr Chris Waters of Ferrers Avenue, West Drayton to the Leader of the Council - Councillor Puddifoot:</b></p> <p><i>"Would the Council Leader be willing to adopt a better approach to "putting residents first", by way of implementing a less formal system of interaction between the residents and those making the decisions within the Council, which will allow the residents to table concerns in a more social environment?"</i></p> <p>Councillor Puddifoot thanked Mr Waters for his question, and responded that resident interaction with Hillingdon's democratic process was at an all-time high. This was not only through formal means, such as by submitting a petition, but increasingly in more social ways, for example through watching Council meetings online, as Councillor Puddifoot believed Mr Waters was doing for the answer to his question.</p> <p>Mr Waters' question indicated that he had watched the Council meeting online in January, when he had submitted a previous public question. Two years ago Mr Waters would not have been able to do this. Mr Waters' question - and Councillor Puddifoot's response to it - would be streamed live across the Borough and beyond, which was a great example of how residents could engage directly with decision-makers.</p> <p>Last year, nearly 26,000 people had viewed the Council's planning, cabinet, licensing and full Council meetings on YouTube, and Council broadcasts were relevant to residents. For example, over 500 people tuned in to watch a licence application for the new Cineworld at South Ruislip, and similarly, thousands tuned in to see planning committee decisions that directly affected their street and neighbourhood. Those watching could gain a great insight into how Councillors carefully weighed up the different views and information before they made a final, fair and balanced decision.</p> <p>The Council wanted to be as open as possible to residents; however, the laws around decision-making understandably required some element of procedure in terms of interaction. As was often said, the Council holds meetings in public - not public</p>

meetings. If the latter were the case, it would be very hard to make decisions and get anything done for residents.

The petitions process, established in 2002, provided a very effective route for public engagement. Highly valued, it was even more popular today than when it started. Last year the Council received over 113 petitions about Council services, and 130 directly relating to planning applications. Within these petitions were tens of thousands of residents' signatures, where they had taken the time and trouble to add their name to a local cause they believed in, and engaged in local democracy.

Most petitioners got the opportunity to address the Members directly, before a decision was made. Where possible, the Council endeavoured to progress simpler petitions before they went to a petition hearing. This saved time, and ensured the Council was as responsive as possible to residents' wishes. Feedback from residents since 2014 showed over 86% satisfaction with the way they engaged with the Council's democratic process.

Whilst Councillor Puddifoot and Cabinet colleagues regularly met informally with residents and local organisations to listen to their views, the cornerstone of democracy for residents was their local representative - or Ward Councillor. Ward Councillors in Hillingdon played a vital role putting forward residents interests directly to Cabinet Members, and the Council always sought to take these into account when making decisions.

Synonymous with good decision-making was strong accountability. The Council had made effective Cabinet governance and leadership a central feature of operation, so Hillingdon residents knew who was responsible at the political, elected level.

Mr Waters' question mentioned putting residents first, and this was one of the four principles that the current administration operated on, the others being heritage, environment, and sound financial management. To a large degree they were all linked to putting residents first, including maintaining libraries and leisure centres, having the best parks and open spaces in the UK, investing in new schools and road maintenance, maintaining weekly waste and recycling collections, and providing a level of support to older residents far exceeding that provided by other local authorities.

The Council defended its residents against inappropriate developments such as HS2 and the Heathrow expansion plans. If there were any truth at all in the scaremongering rumours about expanding Northolt airfield, being put about by an unidentified but well-funded group similar to Back Heathrow, the Council would be leading the fight against that too, by funding the residents' groups running the campaigns against these proposals.

Councillor Puddifoot set out a challenge to those funding and running the Stop Northolt campaign, to either 'put up or shut up'. Councillor Puddifoot requested that those responsible send to him the names and addresses of all involved in managing that campaign, and a list of all the expenditure incurred to date, and funding received, by the end of the month. The request, and the details of the responses, would be published in the next edition of Hillingdon People, for Hillingdon residents to judge for themselves the validity and purpose of this organisation. The response, or lack of it, would also be reported to the next Council meeting.

Councillor Puddifoot concluded by referring to the Administration's many

achievements working side by side with residents, which demonstrated that the Council really did live up to its mission of “putting our residents first”. In summary, whilst the Council had interaction with residents which was essential to the decision-making process, for the Council it was as much about delivering services and facilities as a process of Council functions, and ultimately, at local elections the residents would decide if the Council was succeeding.

31. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES** (*Agenda Item 6*)

i) **URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS**

Councillor Puddifoot moved the recommendations as set out in the report. This was seconded by Councillor Simmonds and it was:

**RESOLVED: That the Urgency decisions detailed in the report be noted.**

ii) **MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2017/18**

It was highlighted that recommendations a) and b) had been amended from those shown in the agenda. Councillor Puddifoot moved the recommendations as set out in the Order of Business. This was seconded by Councillor Simmonds and it was:

**RESOLVED: That:**

- a) **Council note that the Audit Committee have made a recommendation for the appointment of an independent Chairman of the Audit Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year, subject to receipt of satisfactory references.**
- b) **Authority be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Labour Group, to confirm the appointment, once satisfactory references have been received, and to provide all Members with details of the appointment, once confirmed.**
- c) **Councillor Allen replace Councillor Dhot as a member of the Residents' and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee.**

iii) **REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONSTITUTION - PENSIONS BOARD**

Councillor Puddifoot moved the recommendations as set out in the report. This was seconded by Councillor Simmonds and it was:

**RESOLVED: That the changes to the operation of the Pensions Board, as set out below, be approved.**

- **The membership of the Board be amended to comprise 2 employer and 2 employee representatives with no Councillors automatically appointed to sit on the Board;**
- **Applications for the employer representatives will be invited from a) the Council (Members will be entitled to apply for this position should they so wish);**



- b) all other employer bodies contributing to the fund, and then selected at interview by the Chairman and one other Member of the Pensions Committee and a Senior Officer, on the basis of capacity and/or experience;**
- The requirement for a Councillor to Chair the meetings of the Board be removed and the terms of reference be amended accordingly;**
  - The frequency of the meetings be determined by the Board and the terms of reference be amended accordingly.**

**32. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (*Agenda Item 7*)

**7.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LAVERY TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES - COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS:**

*"Can the Cabinet Member say how many children gained a place at their school of choice in Hillingdon in this year's admissions?"*

Councillor Simmonds responded, confirming that last year there had been a 2% increase in the number of school place applications across London. Hillingdon participated in a pan-London process, as many Hillingdon residents lived close to Borough boundaries, and so were applying to schools in other Boroughs. Hillingdon itself had experienced a 3% increase, above that of the London average, which reflected many years of growth in the number of children who were resident within the Borough. Despite that increase, to a record high of 3416 applications in total for secondary school places, Hillingdon remained as one of the top boroughs both in London and in the local area of West London, for allocating school places at a school of choice.

As an example of what that meant in the context of London, on national offer day 7% of children across London as a whole had not received an offer of any school place in response to the applications that they had made. However, in Hillingdon 100% of applicants were offered a school place on offer day. In terms of percentages, 94.9% of Hillingdon pupils had received one of their preferred choices on offer day and of those, 67.4% were allocated their first choice of secondary school within the Borough.

It was important to recognize that not all parents would put the number one school choice for their child as the number one on the application form, as applications were treated equally in the way that preferences were allocated, and the first choice places were not the only important consideration. Therefore it was important to consider what percentage of children also received one of their top choices, and 94.9% receiving one of their preferred choices reflected that Hillingdon was seeking to make sure that every Hillingdon child received a choice of a good school place within the Borough.

By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Lavery asked what steps the Council had taken to ensure that there are sufficient spaces in secondary schools, especially given the developing pressure in the north of the Borough where there had historically been less spare capacity?

Councillor Simmonds responded, stating that the north/south divide in relation to secondary school spaces was the opposite of the north/south divide historically seen regarding primary school places.

Members were reminded that when the previous Labour government had wanted to

rebuild and refurbish every secondary school in the land, one of the expectations they had set out for Hillingdon's participation was that at least one secondary school in the south would be closed, as Hillingdon was regarded as having too much capacity. Since then, there had been significant growth in terms of both housing development and people moving into existing homes and people having children within the south of the Borough, but the historically lower level of capacity in secondary schools in the north meant that the demand there was becoming more acute sooner than within the south of the Borough.

The measures the Council had been taking to address this included the £30m+ investment in Abbotsfield School, to rebuild the school to provide a higher standard learning environment, but also to provide an additional 75 places in each year group, becoming a co-educational school to ensure it offered places to a wider range of children.

In addition, construction at the new Northwood Secondary School had taken place, which now provided a total of 1080 places in the very north of the Borough, an expansion over the previous capacity providing an additional 30 places in each year group.

Turning to the future, a variety of work was underway, including the expansion of schools in areas of very high demand, such as Vyners School. Those school places under the direct control of central government were more of a challenge. Hillingdon had two bids to open a new sixth form of entry secondary school in the north of the Borough; one from the Church of England Academy known as the Bishop Arden School proposal and the second one from a consortium of local Hillingdon schools known as the Hillingdon High proposal. Unfortunately, despite a good deal of urging Hillingdon was yet to receive any approach from the Education and Skills Funding Agency to discuss the location of such a school.

Finally, further to Councillor Lavery's and other Members' previously expressed interest in the provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities, Hillingdon had been shown to have a good track record, recently highlighted by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission when they inspected local arrangements. However, it had been noticeable that there had been an increase in the number of children with special educational needs and disabilities who were seeking places in mainstream schools in the Borough, in addition to those who are going to the available special schools. One of the reasons for this increase could be a result of the expansion of capacity at Vyners School for children with hearing impairments, which had been funded by the Council to ensure that those children continued to enjoy access to good quality education, the same as their peers.

Councillor Simmonds concluded by stating that work was in hand to make sure that every child received a good quality school place, and reassured Members and the public that Hillingdon would continue to put pressure on the Government to ensure the additional programs were delivered on time and on budget.

## **7.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR GARDNER TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT:**

*"In addition to the recommendations of the Social Services, Housing and Public Health POC's review into housing benefit and with specific regard to Universal Credit, can the Leader of the Council / the relevant Cabinet Member work with the Job Centres to minimise any rent arrears that our residents may incur?"*

*We should do this by Council officers working with Job Centre Plus staff to encourage vulnerable residents to pay their rent direct to their landlord."*

Councillor Puddifoot responded, stating the Government's Universal Credit programme had been intended to create a simplified benefit system by consolidating benefits into one monthly payment, so that it was more understandable as a 'household income' further incentivising claimants to work.

There were, however, some challenges with the introduction of a new benefit payments system. It was recognised that not everyone claiming benefits would be skilled in managing their own money and nor would many households have the necessary savings to help cushion the move from a weekly or fortnightly benefit payment to a monthly arrangement. As a consequence there was the risk that some claimants would fall behind with their housing rent payments.

The Council had been working closely with Jobcentre Plus for several years in the run-up to Universal Credit being rolled out fully in Hillingdon from July 2018, to ensure that the transition was as smooth as possible for residents to avoid arrears. This included:

- Providing co-ordinated advice and support to residents to secure and sustain paid employment to reduce their reliance on benefits.
- Joint working with the Job Centre Plus Business Partner to implement a programme of communications and support to ensure that residents receive regular and timely information about the forthcoming changes and advice / support about moving to Universal Credit.
- An established Housing Support Team that covered all tenures to mitigate the risk of tenancy failure, including rent arrears arising from welfare reform. The team provides targeted practical advice, assistance and support to residents.
- Co-ordinated, joined-up working across the Council to plan for the roll-out of the changes. This included joint working with the homeless prevention team, social care and the revenues and benefits team in the Council.
- Identifying vulnerable residents who would be eligible to apply for the housing element of their benefit to be paid direct to their landlord.
- Improving IT systems and introducing new ways of working to identify those Council tenants most at risk of rent arrears based on a range of information to pro-actively support them with advice and assistance. This includes new tenants at the tenancy sign-up stage, Joint working with other partner agencies that were able to provide practical advice and advocacy to residents about household budget and debt management, claims for benefits and making payments.

By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Gardner asked if the Leader would consider producing a leaflet to be published in Hillingdon People which could spell out in detail where residents could get help to manage their budgets, and emphasize the dangers of eviction if they fell into arrears?

Councillor Puddifoot replied, stating that this was, in principle, a good idea, and confirmed that he would look into it further.

33. **MOTIONS** (Agenda Item 8)

**8.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR RILEY**

Councillor Riley moved, and Councillor D. Mills seconded, the following motion:

*"That Council fully supports the submission made by the Administration to the MOPAC Draft Public Access and Engagement Strategy consultation document and notes the main concern from the proposed strategy of there being only one publicly accessible police station in a borough the size and shape of Hillingdon is not realistic and the proposed location is not in the interests of our residents.*

*Council acknowledges that, like Hillingdon Council, the Mayor of London has received reduced funding from central government. However, unlike Hillingdon who have put residents first and demonstrated that by managing finances and operating efficiently it is possible to avoid potentially damaging cuts to front line services, the Mayor has simply chosen the easy route of blaming the Government and saying that this is all that he can do.*

*Council agrees that the Mayor should reconsider his approach to this matter and review his proposals to ensure that our residents continue to receive a police service that works for them in the long term, not just a police function with a short term vision."*

Councillor Curling moved, and Councillor Dhillon seconded, an amendment to the motion, to the effect that the motion read as follows:

*"That Council acknowledges the submission made by the Administration to the MOPAC Draft Public Access and Engagement Strategy consultation document and notes the main concern from the proposed strategy of there being only one publicly accessible police station in a borough the size and shape of Hillingdon is not realistic and is not in the interests of our residents.*

*Council also acknowledges that, the MOPAC proposals are a result of funding cuts by the previous Mayor of London and further funding cuts from central government, totalling £1 Billion over the last 7 years.*

*Council agrees that the administration should enlist the support of the three borough MPs to assist the Mayor of London in lobbying central government for the appropriate funding for a police service that has sufficient resources for the long term protection of our residents."*

Following debate (Councillors Allen, D Mills, Morse, Nelson, Simmonds, and Sweeting), the amended motion was put to a vote:

The amended motion was lost.

The original motion was then debated (Councillors Crowe, Dhillon, D Mills, and Yarrow) and put to a recorded vote.

Those voting for: The Mayor (Councillor Melvin), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Morgan), Councillors Ahmad-Wallana, Barnes, Bianco, Bridges, Chamdal, Chapman, G Cooper, J Cooper, Crowe, Dann, Davis, Denys, Duducu, Edwards, Flynn, Fyfe, Gilham, Haggar, Hensley, Higgins, Jackson, Kauffman, Kelly, Lavery, Lewis,

Markham, D Mills, R Mills, O'Brien, Palmer, Puddifoot, Riley, Seaman-Digby, Simmonds, White and Yarrow.

Those voting against: Councillors Allen, Birah, Burles, Curling, Dhillon, Dhot, Duncan, East, Eginton, Gardner, Garg, Khursheed, Lakhmana, Money, Morse, Nelson, Oswell, Sansarpuri, Singh and Sweeting.

Those abstaining: None.

The motion was carried, and it was:

**RESOLVED: That Council fully supports the submission made by the Administration to the MOPAC Draft Public Access and Engagement Strategy consultation document and notes the main concern from the proposed strategy of there being only one publicly accessible police station in a borough the size and shape of Hillingdon is not realistic and the proposed location is not in the interests of our residents.**

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### **8.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DUNCAN**

Councillor Duncan moved, and Councillor Sansarpuri seconded, the following motion:

*"That this Council is concerned that recent evidence has shown that Housing Benefit is not always delivered by the Council in a way that encourages people to start, resume or continue work.*

*Further to the Council's recent review of Housing Benefits and recommendations approved by Cabinet this Council therefore agrees that the monitoring and management system of Housing Benefit should include delivery timescales, once all documentation is in place to enable determinations to be made. This would help to provide clarity, improve efficiency, save money, avoid evictions and encourage people to start or continue working. Council therefore requests Cabinet to consider this matter and make the appropriate changes."*

Following debate (Councillor Bridges), the motion was put to a vote.

The motion was lost.

## 8.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR D MILLS

Prior to consideration of the Motion, under Council Procedure Rule 14.7, Councillor D Mills requested the meeting's consent to make an alteration to the Motion to insert the words 'where appropriate' in the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph. The meeting's consent to the request was signified without discussion.

Councillor D Mills moved, and Councillor Lavery seconded, the following motion:

*"That Council notes the publication by the Boundary Commission, for consultation purposes, of the proposed new parliamentary constituencies for England.*

*Council notes that the proposals for London include the creation of a new 'Hillingdon and Uxbridge' Constituency which includes two wards from the London Borough of Ealing; Northolt Mandeville and Northolt West End. Council further notes that the proposed new constituencies separate the Ruislip wards, thus continuing to ignore natural boundaries and community affiliations.*

*Council notes that the majority of responses by both individuals and organisations, including residents' associations, to the original Commission's proposals, were opposed to the inclusion of the two Northolt wards and in favour of joining together four Ruislip wards.*

*Council notes that, although the Boundary Commission must work within numbers as laid out by statute - that is that every constituency in England (except two covering the Isle of Wight) must have an electorate of between 71,031 and 78,507, and, therefore, any proposal to amend the make-up of the proposed new constituencies will have an effect on the make-up of neighbouring constituencies, there are, in fact, a number of possible alternatives available to achieve a better outcome whilst still meeting the parameters set out above.*

*Council, therefore, authorises the Head of Democratic Services in conjunction with the Leader of the Council, to respond with a counter proposal to establish three Constituencies, of which, where appropriate, two will consist entirely of Hillingdon wards, recognising the fact that there is no natural boundary or affiliation to justify the inclusion of Northolt Mandeville and Northolt West End Wards within the proposed Hillingdon and Uxbridge Constituency and that meets the wishes of the community for keeping the Ruislip wards together."*

Councillor Eginton moved, and Councillor Morse seconded, an amendment to the motion, to the effect that the motion read as follows:

*"That Council notes the publication by the Boundary Commission, for consultation purposes, of the proposed new parliamentary constituencies for England. Council authorises the Head of Democratic Services in conjunction with the Leader of the Council, to respond by confirming Council's agreement to the proposals."*

Following debate (Councillor D Mills), the amended motion was put to a vote.

The amended motion was lost.

The original motion was then debated (Councillors Lavery) and put to a recorded vote.

Those voting for: The Mayor (Councillor Melvin), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Morgan), Councillors Ahmad-Wallana, Barnes, Bianco, Bridges, Chamdal, Chapman, G Cooper, J Cooper, Crowe, Dann, Davis, Denys, Duducu, Edwards, Flynn, Fyfe, Gilham, Haggar, Hensley, Higgins, Jackson, Kauffman, Kelly, Lavery, Lewis, Markham, D Mills, R Mills, O'Brien, Palmer, Puddifoot, Riley, Seaman-Digby, Simmonds, White and Yarrow.

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Those abstaining: None.

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#### **8.4 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MORSE**

Councillor Morse moved, and Councillor Curling seconded, the following motion:

*"That, to clarify the conflicting reports about the potential to develop Northolt as a Commercial airport, the Council authorise the Chief Executive to undertake the following actions:*

- 1) seek legal advice to confirm the MOD has authority to increase commercial flights at Northolt.*
- 2) propose the introduction of Public Safety Zones around the airport to provide modern safety measures that are an improvement on safeguarding planning rules.*
- 3) open consultation with the MOD about what developments are taking place at Northolt, to clarify if the development is for the operational needs of the RAF which does not need planning permission, and to identify development that supports commercial operations needing planning permission.*
- 4) consult with the MOD about environmental concerns raised by residents as the ARK report commissioned by the MOD talks about initially raising aircraft movements to 20,000 and then leasing the airport to a commercial company with the potential for 50,000 aircraft movements.*
- 5) negotiate with the MOD to seek a reduction to 5,000 movements for commercial aircraft at Northolt to improve the environment."*

Following debate on the item (Councillors Allen, Crowe, Hensley, Kauffman, Lewis, Puddifoot, Simmonds, and Yarrow) the motion was put to a vote.

The motion was lost.

The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.46 pm.

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.



## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

### **5.1 QUESTION FROM MRS ANNA WILLIAMS OF HARTSHILL CLOSE, UXBRIDGE TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT:**

Following the publication of the Project Ark report which identified over 450 buildings or obstacles around RAF Northolt that 'intrude into the safety zone for aircraft landing' at the airport, can the Leader confirm whether the MoD has informed the London Borough of Hillingdon whether any of its assets are identified as those obstacles?

Given that those 'obstacles' also include residential apartments of people living in the Borough, will the Leader seek assurances from the Ministry of Defence that all landowners of property and assets which have been identified as obstacles have been informed of the potential dangers to them, their families and their property?

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## REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

*Reporting Officer: Head of Democratic Services*

### (i) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Urgency decisions detailed below be noted.

#### Information

1. The Constitution allows a Cabinet or Cabinet Member decision to be implemented before the expiry of the 5 day call-in provided there is agreement from the Chief Executive and the Chairman of the Executive Scrutiny Committee to waive this. All such decisions are to be reported for information only to the next full Council meeting.
2. Since those noted at the 2 November 2017 Council meeting, the following decisions have been made using urgency procedures:

Date of Decision	Decision Type / Nature of Decision	Decision-Maker
24/10/2017	Housing Revenue Account Major Projects 2017/18 - redevelopment of Acol Crescent site, Ruislip for General Needs Housing including the appointment of demolition contractor and associated Capital Release.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
24/10/2017	Highways Programme 2017 - Release No.2 – various roads Borough-wide.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
24/10/2017	Environmental and Recreational Initiatives 2017/18: Capital Release for West Drayton Cemetery Extension Phase II	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
27/10/2017	Award of contract to assist in the Transfer of Special Educational Needs Statements.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services
30/10/2017	Appointment of Works Contractor for Refurbishment of Merchiston House, Colham Road, Uxbridge and associated Capital Release.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
01/11/2017	Appointment of Works Contractor for Ruislip Bowls Club and associated Capital Release.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
01/11/2017	Housing Revenue Account New General Needs Housing Stock 2017/18 (Housing Buy Back Scheme) Release No 5.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
06/11/2017	New Allocations for the Ward Budget Scheme - October 2017.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Community, Commerce & Regeneration

Date of Decision	Decision Type / Nature of Decision	Decision-Maker
07/11/2017	New Allocation of Section 106 Contributions 2017/18: Improvements to Public Realm and Public Transport Interchange around South Ruislip Station.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
10/11/2017	Private Sector Renewal Grant 2017/18 (Essential Repairs Grants) Release No 2.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
07/12/2107	Sale of Bourne Court, South Ruislip.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
13/12/2017	Ruislip Lido Railway Society Workshop Replacement: Appointment of Contractor and associated Capital Release.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
13/12/2017	Contract for the Demolition of Bourne Court, Ruislip and associated Capital Release.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
19/12/2107	Housing Revenue Account Playground Replacement Programme 2017/18: Tender Acceptance for Ash Grove, Harefield playground refurbishment and associated Capital Release.	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services
05/01/2018	Chrysalis Asset Enhancement Programme - Tender Acceptance for Austins Lane Playground, Ickenham and Stockley Pines, Chestnut Avenue, Yiewsley Playground installation and associated Capital Release (Release No 8).	Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services / Cabinet Member for Community, Commerce & Regeneration
08/01/2018	Participation in the London Business Rates Pool Pilot 2018/19-2019/20	Leader of the Council

BACKGROUND PAPERS: Decision Notices

## ii) PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2018/19

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the timetable of meetings for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix A, 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 throughout the course of the year.

Members should note that during the course of the year meeting times and dates of some meetings may change or additional meetings may be called in order for the effective conduct of the council's business.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

### Programme of Meetings 2018/2019

(NB. Times may occasionally vary from those shown in first column)

MEETING (and start time)	May	June	July	Aug'	Sept'	Oct'	Nov'	Dec'	Jan'	Feb'	Mar'	April	May
COUNCIL (7.30pm)	10 (A)		5		13		22		17	21			9 (A)
CABINET (7pm)	17	21	26		27	25	15	13	24	14	14	18	16
Central & South Planning Committee (7pm)	22	6, 26	18	7, 29	18	9, 30	22	11	10	6	7, 20	9	22
North Planning Committee (7pm)	23	19	12	1, 22	12	2, 24	14	4	9, 30	19	12	4	14
Major Applications Committee (6pm)	23	19	12	1, 22	12	2, 24	14	4	9, 30	19	12	4	14
Whips Meeting (5pm)			3		11		20		15	19			
Pensions Committee (5pm)			23			29			21		20		
Audit Committee (5pm)			26			25			23				
Health & Wellbeing Board (2.30pm)		26			25			4			5		
Health & Wellbeing Board Working Group (dates tbc)													
Petition Hearings with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling (7pm)		13	11		12	10	21	5	16	13	13	17	15
Petition Hearings with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (7pm)		20			26		14		30	20			
Petition Hearings with other Cabinet Members (dates & times tbc)													
Licensing Committee (10am)		6	12			15	8		8			11	
Licensing Sub-Committee (2pm)		6	4	2	4	3	8	21	22	19	19	3	17
Executive Scrutiny Committee (at the rising of Cabinet)	24	21	26		27	25	15	13	24	14	14	18	16
Social Services, Housing & Public Health Policy Overview Committee (POC) (7pm)		27	19		4	8	5		22	26	21	15	
Residents' & Environmental Services POC (5.30pm)		19	25		21	15	20		23	27	26	17	
Children, Young People and Learning POC (7pm)		13	30		26	17	28		9	6	20	11	
Corporate Services and Partnerships POC (7.30pm)		20	24		20	9	6		8	5	6	9	
External Services Scrutiny Committee (6pm)		13	10		13	10	13		15	12	13	10	
Hillingdon SACRE (5.30pm)		5					8				28		
Standards Committee (7pm)		4			3			12			4		
Corporate Parenting Board (5.30pm)	21		9		24		19		21		25		21
Registration & Appeals Committee (dates / times tbc)													

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## **COUNCIL TAX BASE AND BUSINESS RATES FORECAST 2018/19**

*Reporting Officer: Corporate Director of Finance*

### **SUMMARY**

This report sets out the proposed Council Tax Base and Business Rates Forecast for 2018/19 in accordance with the legislation, for approval by the Council. The Council is required to calculate both its Council Tax Base as at 30 November 2017 by 31 January 2018 and the Business Rates forecast for the forthcoming year by 31 January 2018.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS: That:**

- a) the report of the Corporate Director of Finance for the calculation of the Council Tax Base and the Business Rates Forecast be approved.
- b) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 the amount calculated by the London Borough of Hillingdon as its Council Tax Base for 2018/19 shall be 99,070.
- c) the Corporate Director of Finance be authorised to submit the 2018/19 NNDR1 return to the Department of Communities & Local Government (CLG) and the Greater London Authority (GLA).
- d) the Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme for 2018/19 be approved alongside a Government-designed additional relief scheme for pubs.
- e) the amendments to the Council's local Council Tax Reduction Scheme effective from 1 April 2018, be approved in order to align the scheme with recent changes to Housing Benefit.

### **COUNCIL TAX BASE**

The calculation of the Council Tax Base is prescribed under the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 and represents the equivalent number of Band D Properties within the Borough. The calculation of the Council Tax Base is based upon the following formula:

$$((H-Q+E+J)-Z) \times (F \text{ divided by } G)$$

Where:

**H** is the number of chargeable dwellings for the band on the relevant day less the number of exempt dwellings on that day;

**Q** is a factor to take account of the discounts to which the amount of council tax payable was subject on the relevant day;

**E** is a factor to take account of premiums, if any, to which the council tax payable, was subject on the relevant day;

**J** is the amount of any adjustment in respect of changes in the number of chargeable dwelling or premiums calculated by the authority;

**Z** is the total amount that the authority estimates will be applied as a result of the introduction of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme expressed as an equivalent number of chargeable dwellings in that band;

**F** is the number appropriate to that band which is used in determining the Band D equivalent (i.e. Band A = 6, Band B = 7, Band C =8, Band D = 9, Band E = 11, Band F = 13, Band G = 15 and Band H = 18;

**G** is the number applicable to Band D i.e. 9.

Table 1 sets out a summary of the Council Tax Base for 2018/19 including the estimated collection rate and allowance made for contributions in lieu of Council Tax in respect of Forces Barracks and Married Quarters. The detailed calculation is set out in Appendix A to this report.

<b>Table 1: Total Number of Band D equivalent properties</b>	
<b>Band</b>	<b>Number of properties</b>
<b>A</b>	505
<b>B</b>	3,485
<b>C</b>	16,391
<b>D</b>	38,296
<b>E</b>	19,761
<b>F</b>	12,870
<b>G</b>	7,234
<b>H</b>	839
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,381</b>
Equivalent number adjusted for the estimated collection rate (99%)	(994)
Plus the contribution in Lieu of Council Tax in respect of Forces Barracks and Married Quarters	683
<b>Council Tax Base for 2018/19</b>	<b>99,070</b>

## **CHANGES IN COUNCIL TAX BASE SINCE 2017/18**

In calculating the Council Tax Base for 2018/19 the authority has to estimate the various changes that will occur during the financial year, which result in an increase of 1,850 Band D Equivalent Properties, taking the tax base to the 99,070 outlined in Table 1 above. This movement consists of a 200 Band D reduction in the cost of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, a 497 Band D increase relating to a review of collection rates and a 1,153 Band D increase from new developments. Of these additions from new developments, 647 have been identified from the pipeline of major developments across the borough, a further 200 expected from Office to Residential conversion and the remaining 306 from smaller developments.



## **Impact on 2018/19 General Fund Budget**

The actual impact of the new Council Tax Base on Hillingdon's General Fund budget for 2018/19 is an increase of 1,850 Band D equivalents properties generating £2,059k in additional funding for the General Fund in 2018/19 compared to 2017/18. This position reflects the outlook presented within the draft budget considered by Cabinet on 14 December 2017, assuming no increase in the Hillingdon share of Council Tax.

## **Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992**

It is noted that this report falls within the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. Any member who is two or more months in arrears with his/her Council Tax must declare the fact and not vote on the recommendations in this report.

## **BUSINESS RATES INCOME FORECAST**

The Local Government Finance Act 2012 introduced a mechanism whereby Councils will retain a proportion of business rates as a revenue funding stream and as a result, the business rates income forecast for 2018/19 has a direct impact upon the Council's finances and is therefore submitted to Council for approval alongside the Council Tax Base.

The Business Rates Income forecast for 2018/19 has been derived from the 2017 local rating list. Following allowance for the current levels of both mandatory and discretionary reliefs, the Council anticipates a gross yield of £378,069k.

The Local Government Act 2012 permitted the retention of 30% revenues by London Boroughs, with the remainder being split between Central Government and the Greater London Authority. In December 2017 the Government approved a 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot Pool for London in 2018/19 and 2019/20 which would increase the 30% retention for the Council to 64%. In order to track the benefits of this arrangement, the Council will continue to present the local 30% share of Business Rates Income separately from the additional yield from the Pool.

Under the current 30% scheme, Hillingdon's share of projected 2018/19 income amounts to £113,421k. As in previous years, this sum is adjusted downwards by a £52,915k tariff to reflect historic levels of central government funding.

The remaining £60,506k of income is separated into the £45,424k baseline level of funding, as determined by central government and £15,082k growth, which is subject to a levy of 50%. After taking account of this levy, the Council retains £52,965k of business rate income, including £7,541k of growth.

The Council is required to submit a certified NNDR1 return, containing a more detailed analysis of this business rates forecast, to both DCLG and GLA by 31 January 2018. A recommendation to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Finance to submit this return is included in this report.

## **Impact on 2018/19 General Fund Budget**

The £52,965k income retained by the Council will be reflected in the budget presented to Cabinet for approval in February 2018, an increase of £2,651k from 2017/18. £1,328k of this increase represents the retained growth arising from the new developments in the borough and is available to support local services. The remaining £1,323k represents the 3.0% uplift in business rates, the proceeds of which are retained by central government through a topslice on the Council's Revenue Support Grant.

As noted above, the income relating to the London Pilot Pool will be reported separately to the standard Business Rates Income and is expected to total £5,400k in 2018/19.

## **Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme**

Recommendation 4 seeks approval to continue the Local Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme into 2018/19. The scheme has been designed to utilise grant funding announced by the Government in March 2017 following increases in Rateable Value for businesses following the 2017 Revaluation.

In the March 2017 budget the Government announced funding for local councils to finance Business Rates relief for revaluation support. The Government's extra funding only supports relief schemes targeted at businesses facing an increase in their Business Rates bills following the 2017 revaluation. This funding was allocated by the Government to billing authorities, including Hillingdon, on the basis of numbers of properties with a Rateable Value of less than £200k and an increase of more than 12.5% in their bills before application of any reliefs. Hillingdon's allocation of this grant funding for 2018/19 is £412k.

As funding for this relief was only confirmed in March 2017, it was not included in the 2017/18 Council Tax Base Report to Council and was instead approved by Cabinet during 2017/18. However for completeness, details of the relief and subsequent seeking of approval is now included in this report.

The local scheme has been modelled around the following conditions which mirror the methodology behind the grant allocated to the Council:

- a. Only including properties with a Rateable Value of less than £200k on the 2017 Rating List;
- b. Only including properties who have seen more than a 12.5% increase in Business Rates bills (before considering the impact of other reliefs);
- c. Limiting any award in cases where award of additional reliefs would result in a negative bill and subsequent refund;
- d. Limiting any award to ensure no resultant net liability for 2018/19 is less than a 12.5% increase on their 2016/17 liability to avoid anomalies caused by a 'cliff edge';
- e. Excluding all London Borough of Hillingdon properties (as the Council is prohibited from awarding itself discretionary reliefs).

The level of support offered to businesses meeting the above criteria has been estimated at 6.7% of their increase in Business Rates from 2016/17, which would distribute the £412k available funding over the 1,704 properties expected to meet the above criteria.

### **New Business Rate Relief Scheme for Pubs**

In March 2017 the Government announced a new relief scheme for pubs that have a rateable value of below £100k, which the November 2017 Budget confirmed would continue into 2018/19. Under the scheme eligible pubs will receive a £1k discount on their bill and there are currently 49 premises within the borough that meet this criteria.

### **Council Tax Reduction Scheme**

Recommendation 5 seeks approval for revisions to the local Council Tax Reduction Scheme to align this scheme with recent changes to Housing Benefit. These amendments were recommended by Cabinet in December 2017.

The Hillingdon scheme, as explained above, was designed to mirror the old CTB scheme as far as possible to reduce complexity for claimants and limit the cost of administration. Changes to the scheme were implemented in 2016 to align with the introduction of Universal Credit and Housing Benefit (HB) changes. To maintain that alignment with Housing benefit further changes to CTR scheme rules are now proposed:

- a. Bereavement benefit disregard for working age claimants to mirror HB regulations;
- b. Two child limit for working age Claimants;
- c. Temporary absence abroad restrictions for working age claimants
- d. To award claims from the start of a B&B tenancy (providing the claimant is also occupying the property from that date) rather than from the date of the claim;
- e. To uprate the scheme annually in line with DWP (HB) uprating.

In the context of around £14m funding for the CTR scheme, these changes will not materially impact upon the overall level of support offered through the scheme. The changes will not impact upon current CTR awards and will only be applied to new awards after 1 April 2018. As mentioned previously, the changes are aimed at simplifying understanding by claimants, streamlining the administration of the scheme and maintaining alignment with HB regulations.

### **Financial Implications**

The forecasts outlined in this report for both Council Tax and NNDR revenues in 2018/19 were included within the draft budget published for public consultation in December 2017. Income collected during 2018/19 will be closely monitored and any variation from the projections outlined above captured through future refreshes of the Medium Term Financial Forecast process.

## **Legal Implications**

The Borough Solicitor reports that the legal implications are contained in the body of the report.

Background Papers: The Council's Budget: Medium Term Financial Forecast 2018/19 - 2022/23; Cabinet Agenda B - 14 December 2017, including Appendix 9: Review of Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Calculation of the Council Tax Base 2018/19

Appendix A

CALCULATION OF 'H' (The number of chargeable dwellings on valuation list)	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Total
Number of properties in the valuation list as at 26.11.17	975	5,995	24,299	45,918	18,492	9,848	5,113	458	111,098
Exempt Properties	-63	-265	-575	-937	-465	-295	-439	-8	-3,047
Properties re Disabled Persons relief - Drop a Band	0	-6	-52	-209	-125	-90	-39	-21	-542
Properties re Disabled Persons relief - Drop a Band	6	52	209	125	90	39	21	0	542
<b>Value of 'H'</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>5,776</b>	<b>23,881</b>	<b>44,897</b>	<b>17,992</b>	<b>9,502</b>	<b>4,656</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>108,051</b>
<b>CALCULATION OF 'Q' (the value of discounts allowed)</b>									
Equivalent number of properties entitled to single occupancy discount/ Disregard (i.e. actual number x 25%)	-110	-829	-2,532	-2,521	-960	-447	-157	-5	-7,561
Equivalent number of properties entitled to 50% discount as all residents disregarded (i.e. actual number x 50%)	0	-7	-10	-6	-7	-7	-13	-5	-55
Empty Property Discount	-18	-40	-28	-10	-7	-3	-106	0	-212
<b>Value of 'Q'</b>	<b>-128</b>	<b>-876</b>	<b>-2,570</b>	<b>-2,537</b>	<b>-974</b>	<b>-457</b>	<b>-276</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-7,828</b>
<b>CALCULATION of 'E' (Any premiums payable on empty properties)</b>									
Calculation of Premiums applicable	3	10	36	40	20	14	15	8	146
<b>Value of 'E'</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>CALCULATION OF 'J' (Expected adjustments to number of properties on valuation list)</b>									
New properties added to valuation list since 30/11/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Properties completed but not yet shown on valuation list	51	17	141	108	12	49	19	0	397
Properties known to be on valuation list but to be taken out of list as demolished	-3	0	0	-12	-3	0	-2	0	-20
Assumed increase in no of properties over year	96	790	597	194	22	22	0	0	1,722
Estimated in year changes to discounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated in year changes to exemptions	-0	-23	-43	-62	-25	-14	-18	-1	-186
<b>Value of J</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>1,913</b>
<b>Value of (H+Q+E+J)</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>22,025</b>	<b>42,608</b>	<b>17,034</b>	<b>9,109</b>	<b>4,387</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>102,210</b>

Calculation of the Council Tax Base 2018/19

Appendix A

CALCULATION OF 'H' (The number of chargeable dwellings on valuation list)	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Total
Value of (H+Q+E+J)	936	5,689	22,025	42,608	17,034	9,109	4,387	423	102,210
<b>CALCULATION of 'Z' (Band adjustment due to Council Tax Reduction (CTR) Scheme)</b>									
Equivalent Band reduction based upon estimated monetary values of Council Tax Support Grant	-182	-1,232	-3,657	-4,398	-884	-203	-48	-3	-10,607
Estimated in year changes	4	24	72	86	17	4	1	0	208
<b>Value of 'Z'</b>	<b>-178</b>	<b>-1,208</b>	<b>-3,585</b>	<b>-4,312</b>	<b>-867</b>	<b>-199</b>	<b>-47</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-10,399</b>
<b>Value of H+Q+E+J-Z</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>4,481</b>	<b>18,440</b>	<b>38,296</b>	<b>16,168</b>	<b>8,910</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>91,811</b>
Convert to band D equivalent properties (F/G) where G = 9 and F = number shown in column.	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18	
<b>Band D Equivalent properties by Band</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>16,391</b>	<b>38,296</b>	<b>19,761</b>	<b>12,870</b>	<b>7,234</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>99,381</b>
<b>Value of ((H+Q+E+J)-Z)*(F/G)</b>									
<b>Collection rate allowance 2018/19</b>	99%								-994
Estimated Collectable Band D Properties									98,387
Ministry of Defence properties				683					683
<b>COUNCIL TAX BASE 2018/19</b>									<b>99,070</b>

## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

**8.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BRIDGES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES - COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS:**

Can the Cabinet Member update Council on what the most recent league tables published about primary school performance tell us about this service to our younger residents?

**8.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR KELLY TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CENTRAL SERVICES, CULTURE AND HERITAGE - COUNCILLOR LEWIS:**

Could the Cabinet Member tell me how the visit of 12 December to Uxbridge Library by Darren Henley the Chief Executive and Sophie Lancaster from the Arts Council of England went?

**8.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BARNES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & RECYCLING - COUNCILLOR BURROWS:**

Can the Cabinet Member please inform me how many schools and students attended the recent 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' event which was fully funded by the Administration?

**8.4 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY, COMMERCE AND REGENERATION - COUNCILLOR D.MILLS:**

Would the Cabinet Member please provide Council with an update on this Administration's offer to purchase Uxbridge Police Station and contribute £250,000 a year towards running costs for the next five years, to ensure that our Police colleagues have adequate, practical and affordable facilities from which to operate?

**8.5 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR KAUFFMAN TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT:**

Following his statements at the last Council meeting, would the Leader please update Council on the response, or lack of response, from those responsible for funding and running the scaremongering campaign about the future of the Northolt RAF base?

**8.6 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR AHMAD-WALLANA TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT:**

Would the Leader please confirm that, despite objections from the G.M.B. trade union, the administration will continue to provide funding to support those opposing Heathrow expansion and ensure that a robust legal challenge is mounted to defend our people and our environment as and when required?

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