

MOTIONS

7.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR EGINTON

That this Council supports the independence of the committee system from the executive and, in order to further establish that independence, resolves that the Overview and Scrutiny committees need to be rigorous to ensure that the executive can both be supported and held to account. Council confirms that the decision as to which matters are to be considered by all such committees should not be subject to informal consideration or veto by members of the Cabinet.

7.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BURROWS

That Hillingdon Council acknowledges that car ownership is vital to our residents as a means of going about their daily business, especially if having to travel across the Borough north/south.

The Council therefore reaffirms its current planning policy relating to car parking spaces for new developments and will resist attempts to reduce this standard at the cost of higher density of future developments.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of London reminding him of the importance of the car to Hillingdon residents and our intention to maintain the existing parking standards policy.

7.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR NELSON

That, since this Council took away the dedicated caretakers from our tower blocks etc, and replaced them with a team of off-site cleaners, residents have noted that they are not receiving the same good service that they did previously. General maintenance which ensured buildings were once clean and free from dumped rubbish, is not been carried out.

This is giving rise to fire hazards and vermin damaging to residents' health and wellbeing. For this reason Council asks the Social Services, Housing and Public Health Scrutiny Committee to investigate reinstating dedicated caretakers to assist in implementing the planned maintenance programme for council buildings.

7.4 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MORSE

That this Council welcomes the Leader's use of emergency powers in respect of fire safety and prevention in Council owned blocks of flats, including the replacement of fire doors.

Council requests that the Leader and Cabinet consider that approval be given to the installation of sprinkler systems in the Council's high rise housing and community (LEA) schools so that our residents are put first when it comes to being safe in their homes and their children are safe at school. Insurance cost savings can be calculated and offset against the reduction in risk to the loss of the Council's assets.