



HILLINGDON

LONDON

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 22 SEPTEMBER 2022 Order of Business

ORDER	BUSINESS
1.	Apologies for Absence – <i>To receive any apologies for absence.</i>
2.	Minutes – <i>To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 July 2022.</i>
3.	Declarations of Interest – <i>to note any declarations of interest in any matter before the Council.</i>
4.	Mayor's Announcements <i>To receive the Mayoral Announcements.</i>

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5.	<p data-bbox="347 174 938 208">Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p data-bbox="347 248 1477 320"><i>To take questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (30-minute time limit)</i></p> <p data-bbox="347 360 1477 468">5.1 QUESTION FROM MR STEVE GARELICK OF STOWE CRESCENT, RUISLIP TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESIDENTS' SERVICES - COUNCILLOR LAVERY:</p> <p data-bbox="416 510 1477 763">In a question to the previous administration, I asked why pay-by-phone parking had not been implemented, despite the ease at which a Hillingdon resident's card could be linked to an on-line account or 'phone number. I was advised that new parking machines were being installed and, as these would take credit card there was no reason to add this system (which has been adopted by the majority of councils over the years).</p> <p data-bbox="416 804 1477 943">Given the fact the parking system suggested by myself in my earlier communication would have saved residents' time (the palaver alone of trying to solicit a ticket from a machine is reason enough) I would like to ask:</p> <ul data-bbox="416 949 1477 1200" style="list-style-type: none"> a) why did the Council not implement this years ago when the opportunity existed? b) why have the Council been so luddite in their approach? c) what is the banking cost for the loose change collected from the Council's machines? and d) does Hillingdon receive a preferential rate for cash deposits and how much has this cost residents?

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Public Questions (continued)	<p>5.2 QUESTION FROM OREST BAKHOVSKI OF MYDDLETON ROAD, UXBRIDGE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE - COUNCILLOR GODDARD:</p> <p>What options were considered in trying to reduce the deficit for the early years? The report shared publicly seems very light on this.</p>
	<p>5.3 QUESTION FROM ALEXANDER SIM OF VICTORIA ROAD, RUISLIP MANOR TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:</p> <p>In July 2022 you stated in a report hosted by London Councils that "having families involved in shaping services to better meet their needs is crucial". How do you reconcile that statement with an autocratic announcement only a month later on 4th August 2022 to close all Council run nurseries in this borough without any prior consultation period with the families affected? There was ample opportunity to do so, as in your report it states these nurseries have been under review since autumn 2020 and Consultation periods are recommended best practice by the very London Councils forum of your quote in July.</p>
	<p>5.4 QUESTION FROM CHARLOTTE DOLAN-BAKHOVSKI OF MYDDLETON ROAD, UXBRIDGE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION - COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN</p> <p>Please can you confirm what the average standard private nursery day rate is in the Borough? For both under 2s and over 2-year-olds.</p>
	<p>5.5 QUESTION FROM AMIR CHAUMOO OF QUEENS WALK, SOUTH RUISLIP TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION - COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN:</p> <p>Our extensive survey of parents affected by the closures of early years nurseries shows that only 30% have been able to relocate their children to alternative nurseries. Can you expand on the details of the assessment that was done which concluded that there was ample availability in neighbouring nurseries to cover the affected children?</p>
	<p>5.6 QUESTION FROM MICHAEL SHARKEY OF NORTH WAY, UXBRIDGE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION - COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN:</p> <p>Where in Hillingdon do children with Education Healthcare Plans go if they have complex physical health needs or learning disabilities if not to the uniquely resourced Early Years settings?</p>

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6.	<p data-bbox="347 174 1002 208">Report of the Head of Democratic Services</p> <p data-bbox="347 248 663 282"><i>To note the following:</i></p> <p data-bbox="347 322 1094 356">6.1 URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS</p> <p data-bbox="416 396 1230 430">To note the urgent decisions taken by Cabinet Members.</p>
7.	<p data-bbox="347 472 737 506">Questions from Members</p> <p data-bbox="347 546 1477 618"><i>To take questions submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11 (45-minute time limit)</i></p> <p data-bbox="347 658 1474 730">7.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BENNETT TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, - COUNCILLOR GODDARD:</p> <p data-bbox="440 770 1474 954">It is clear that, just like all local authorities in the United Kingdom, the London Borough of Hillingdon is currently experiencing and will continue to suffer substantial financial pressures, brought on by the COVID-19 legacy and rising inflation. Can the Cabinet Member please advise what measures are being taken to address these issues?</p> <p data-bbox="347 994 1474 1102">7.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR REETA CHAMDAL TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION - COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN:</p> <p data-bbox="440 1142 1474 1249">Would the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the number of school places offered to primary and secondary pupils in Hillingdon for the academic year 2022-2023?</p> <p data-bbox="347 1290 1474 1397">7.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BHATT TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE - COUNCILLOR PALMER:</p> <p data-bbox="440 1438 1474 1545">Could the Cabinet Member please advise if there are any plans to help alleviate the pressures that some of our residents are likely to face this winter?</p>

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8.	<p data-bbox="352 174 475 208">Motions</p> <p data-bbox="352 248 1477 320"><i>To consider Motions submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.</i></p> <p data-bbox="347 360 1070 394">8.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR EDWARDS</p> <p data-bbox="443 439 1473 539">That this Council wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the Royal Family upon the death of our Sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.</p> <p data-bbox="443 584 1473 763">This Council acknowledges and gives thanks for Her Majesty’s long service of over 70 years, her complete dedication to our country, overseas territories and Commonwealth throughout her life and her embodiment of all aspects of our British way of life. This service to our country is something none of us will ever see again in our lifetimes.</p> <p data-bbox="443 804 1473 909">This Council also takes this opportunity to pledge its loyalty and allegiance to our new King Charles III and look forward to the new era that his reign brings.</p> <p data-bbox="443 949 979 983">To be seconded by Councillor Curling</p> <p data-bbox="443 1023 1337 1057">Other speakers: Councillors Burrows, Higgins, Lewis and Riley</p> <p data-bbox="347 1097 1051 1131">8.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CURLING</p> <p data-bbox="443 1171 1473 1312">That this Council recognises the importance of play and pre-school education for the development of our children, and to give them the best start in life, as well as the need for parents to have access to local, affordable and reliable childcare.</p> <p data-bbox="443 1352 1473 1458">This Council also recognises the excellence and professionalism of our staff at the three, council-run early years centres, in South Ruislip, Uxbridge and Hayes.</p> <p data-bbox="443 1498 1473 1639">This Council therefore regrets the decision of the Cabinet to close these nurseries and calls for the Cabinet to urgently review their decision and to explore alternative ways of tackling the budget deficit and keeping the nurseries open.</p> <p data-bbox="443 1680 948 1713">To be seconded by Councillor Kaur</p> <p data-bbox="443 1753 1406 1787">Other speakers: Councillors Gardner, Judge, O’Brien and Sweeting</p>

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