



HILLINGDON

LONDON

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

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 meetings of the Council held on 11 July 2024.</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="331 136 1385 174">Report of the Head of Democratic Services - <i>To consider the following:</i></p> <p data-bbox="331 215 1078 253">i) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS</p> <p data-bbox="400 293 1489 360">Members are asked to note the urgent decisions taken since the Council meeting in July 2024, as detailed in the report.</p> <p data-bbox="331 400 1070 439">ii) APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY OFFICERS</p> <p data-bbox="408 479 842 517">RECOMMENDATIONS: That:</p> <p data-bbox="408 557 1489 624">a) Mr Richard Ennis be appointed to the statutory role of Section 151 and Chief Financial Officer of the Council.</p> <p data-bbox="408 665 1489 925">b) subject to the agreement of the Council to a) above, the Constitution, Financial Regulations and the Officer Scheme of Delegations be amended, and Mr Ennis be empowered to undertake all of the statutory functions of a Section 151 Officer and Corporate Director of Finance as set out in the Constitution on an interim basis until such time as a formal appointment to the position of Corporate Director of Finance is made.</p> <p data-bbox="408 965 1489 1032">c) Mr Lloyd White be appointed as interim Monitoring Officer of the Council upon departure of the current Monitoring Officer.</p>

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<p>Report of Head of Democratic Services (continued)</p>	<p>iii) ELECTORAL COUNT ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS: That:</p> <p>a) the Head of Democratic Services, in his role as Returning Officer, be requested to carry out a review of electoral count arrangements to ensure that all parties, candidates, counting agents and observers attending the count can be assured of a process that is transparent, efficient and consistent.</p> <p>b) the count for the local elections in May 2026 take place during the day on Friday 8 May rather than immediately after polling closes on Thursday 7 May.</p> <p>iv) MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2024/25</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS: That w.e.f 26 September 2024:</p> <p>a) the Special Responsibility Allowance paid to the Independent Chair of the Audit Committee be increased to £8,000pa for the remainder of 2024/25,</p> <p>b) an SRA of £8,000pa be paid to the Member carrying out the role of Chair of the Pensions Committee</p> <p>NB: both SRAs to remain at his level until reviewed with all other allowances in February 2025.</p> <p>v) AMENDMENT TO CABINET PORTFOLIOS</p> <p>Members are asked to note an amendment to Cabinet portfolios to the effect that the responsibility for Fleet and Passenger Services has transferred from the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport to the Cabinet Member for Finance.</p> <p>To be moved by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Bianco.</p> <p>Other speakers: Councillor Mathers.</p>

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6.	<p data-bbox="336 138 1469 241">Members' Questions - <i>To consider Questions submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11. Members' questions time is limited to 45 minutes.</i></p> <p data-bbox="336 286 1469 389">6.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MAKWANA TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESIDENTS' SERVICES - COUNCILLOR LAVERY:</p> <p data-bbox="427 434 1469 510">What action has the Council taken to safeguard residents from the harm caused by the recent incidents of traffic light destruction?</p>

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<p>Member Questions (continued)</p>	<p>6.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BURLES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESIDENTS' SERVICES - COUNCILLOR LAVERY:</p> <p>Regarding access to the new Uxbridge Library, the main ramp to reception and the ramp to the Middlesex suite are long and steep, so it is likely that manual wheelchair users will try to use the shorter ramp leading to the lift.</p> <p>We have been informed that the internal dimensions of the lift to the library do not meet the minimum requirement for wheelchairs. Can the Cabinet Member please assure us the all-wheelchair users will be able to use the lift and the library?</p> <p>6.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:</p> <p>It has taken Danny Beales, MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip, less than 3 months to break his election pledge, "<i>to put money into the pockets of local people.</i>"</p> <p>With his support, the Government has cut the winter fuel allowance to pensioners, whilst agreeing inflation busting pay rises for their union friends. Many of our older residents must now be fearful of the coming winter.</p> <p>What steps might the Council take to mitigate the harm that has been widely predicted will be caused by this callous and ill-considered change?</p> <p>6.4 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR SWEETING TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES & EDUCATION - COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN:</p> <p>Could the Cabinet member provide an update on the recent Hillingdon Ofsted and Care Quality Commission Area SEND inspection of 29th April to 3rd May 2024, and the subsequent report which stated that, "<i>overall, children, young people and their families have varied experience,</i>" and that, "<i>the local area's approach to quality assuring ECH plans, and annual reviews is not robust.</i>"?</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Motions - <i>To consider Motions submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.</i></p> <p>7.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR FARLEY</p> <p>That this Council asks the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services to fix the current gap in co-ordination between Waste Services and Green Spaces so that litter is removed before grass cutting is scheduled.</p> <p>To be seconded by Councillor Gardner</p> <p>Other speakers: Councillors Islam and Lavery.</p>

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<p>Motions (continued)</p>	<p>NB: Councillor Lavery to move and Councillor Bianco to second the following amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) In the first line after the words ‘<i>That this Council</i>’ to insert the following words: “<i>notes the good work undertaken by Cabinet and officers in terms of its climate change commitment and its approach to re-wilding and biodiversity as part of the development of the verge cutting programme.</i>” ii) After the above, to insert the words “<i>That this Council.....</i>” iii) Then to delete the words: “<i>fix the current gap between Waste Services and Green spaces so that litter is removed before grass cutting is scheduled,</i>” iv) and replace with: “<i>continue to liaise with the Corporate Director of Place to ensure that all maintenance activities are delivered in the most efficient way possible.</i>” <p>The amended motion then to read:</p> <p>That this Council notes the good work undertaken by Cabinet and officers in terms of its climate change commitment and its approach to re-wilding and biodiversity as part of the development of the verge cutting programme.</p> <p>That this Council asks the Cabinet Member for Residents’ Services to continue to liaise with the Corporate Director of Place to ensure that all maintenance activities are delivered in the most efficient way possible.</p> <p>7.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PUNJA</p> <p>That this Council notes that the Grenfell Tower Inquiry report condemned unscrupulous manufacturers, a cost-cutting council and reckless deregulations for the disaster in Britain’s worst residential fire since World War II killing 72 people.</p> <p>For the benefit of public safety, this Council acknowledges that there are a number of residential buildings within the borough that are still subject to fire safety remediation from unsafe cladding to wooden balconies and other flammable materials, and instructs officers to provide the Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Select Committee with an up to date list of all these buildings, reporting and monitoring on their remediation progress until such time that all residential buildings in the borough meet the required fire safety standards.</p> <p>To be seconded by Councillor Abby</p> <p>Other speakers: Councillors Bianco</p>

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<p>Motions (continued)</p>	<p>NB: Councillor Bianco to move and Councillor Lavery to second the following amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) In the first paragraph, to remove the words: <i>“cost cutting”</i> and <i>“reckless deregulations”</i> ii) and replace with: <i>“a failure of Government regulation, amongst others,”</i> iii) In the second paragraph, to remove the word <i>“this”</i> in the first line. iv) After the word <i>“acknowledges”</i> to insert the following words: <i>“the hard work carried out speedily since the tragedy to ensure that all Council owned buildings are ‘fire safe’. It is also aware “</i> v) Before the word <i>“residential”</i> insert the words: <i>“private sector”</i> <p>The amended motion then to read:</p> <p>That this Council notes the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Report condemned unscrupulous manufacturers, a council and a failure of government regulation, amongst others, for the disaster in Britain’s worst residential fire since World War II killing 72 people.</p> <p>For the benefit of public safety Council acknowledges the hard work carried out speedily since the tragedy to ensure that all Council owned buildings are ‘fire safe’. It is also aware that there are a number of private sector residential buildings within the borough that are still subject to fire safety remediation from unsafe cladding to wooden balconies and other flammable materials and instructs officers to provide the Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Select Committee with an up-to-date list of these buildings, reporting and monitoring on their remediation until such time that all residential buildings in the borough meet fire safety requirements.</p>

END OF COUNCIL MEETING