

MOTIONS

9.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DUNCAN:

That this Council is committed to preserving Hillingdon's Green Belt and open spaces and upgrading them wherever possible. It is with concern therefore that we note paragraph 9.45 of the Pre-Submission Core Strategy stating:

"The Council recognises that the capacity of existing school sites is becoming increasingly limited and that these exceptional circumstances may necessitate the release of greenfield sites through the production of the Site Allocations DPD."

Should it become accepted policy to allow school development on greenfield sites it will start the erosion of the Borough's green areas.

There is a large amount of land proposed for release from industrial and commercial use and other land within the developed area available for development. Cabinet is urged to particularly examine this paragraph with a view to identifying school sites within the developed area as soon as possible in order to give confidence that there will be sufficient school places for Hillingdon children and that this will not be done at the expense of our greenfield heritage.

9.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CURLING:

That this Council notes the recent guidelines from the government regarding Local Councils' being encouraged not to use tax payers money to produce newspapers, and similar publications.

Council therefore requests that Cabinet review the Council's corporate communications strategy and shows its commitment to put residents first by ceasing the publication of "Hillingdon People" and the in-house staff publication "Team Hillingdon".

9.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT:

That this Council notes the contents of the Localism Bill concerning the abolition of the current ethical regime and the opportunity afforded to local Councils to adopt their own Members' Code of Conduct. Council confirms its commitment to maintaining and upholding the highest standards of moral and ethical behaviour amongst elected Members.

Council recognises the important role that political parties have to play in ensuring these standards are maintained but acknowledges that the primary responsibility in respect of their public office lies with the Council of which they are a member, as political parties may not be able to act expeditiously when an issue arises.

Council notes the work currently being undertaken by the Standards Committee in this regard and expresses its desire to ensure that when a new, local Code is

proposed for adoption by the Committee, anomalies in the current Code are rectified, such as ensuring the Code may apply to Members when they are acting in their private capacity and that behaviour which results in an official police caution (as opposed to a criminal conviction) may be considered as a potential breach of the Code.

9.4 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MAJOR:

That this Council notes that Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust recently arbitrarily imposed an upper limit of 4 continence pads per patient per day, despite the fact that service users had been assessed as needing 5 or more. This was done without consultation with users or carers or without discussions with statutory partner organisations, such as the Council.

This despite one of the NHS's abiding principles "Free at the point of use, based on clinical need, not on ability to pay".

Letters were sent without prior warning to 1970 users and caused considerable dismay amongst carers, many of whom survive at little above crisis level on a day to day basis. Arbitrary actions such as this can cause families whose plight is constantly at a critical level to go into crisis and in such a way to impact on other agencies such as the Council.

We therefore ask officers of the Council to enter into discussion with officers of CNWL NHS to formulate protocols so that such decisions are never again taken in isolation or without consultation. These protocols should include referring such instances to the Council's External Services Scrutiny Committee.

9.5 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR RILEY:

That this Council welcomes the Mayor of London's support for our argument that the proposed HS2 route through this Borough will cause significant environmental and social disadvantages and that Hillingdon residents gain no benefit from HS2.

Furthermore, Council asks Cabinet in its formal reply to the Department of Transport consultation on HS2 to highlight the weakness of the current business case for HS2 and the fact that the cost will as a minimum, be equal to £51m for each constituency.

Council therefore reaffirms its full opposition to HS2 and its strong support of the creation of "Hillingdon Against HS2" by local residents and the formation of the 51M group of local authorities.