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**Part A – Items considered in public**

4	Minutes of the previous meeting - 22 July 2015	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 July be approved, as amended.
9	Report from Cabinet: City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2014-15	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council note and endorse the 2014/2015 Annual Report of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board (CHSAB).
10	Report from Cabinet: Hackney Transport Strategy 2015 to 2025	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Hackney Transport Strategy 2015-2025 be adopted, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.  For: Many Against: 2 Abstain: None
11	Report from Cabinet: Planning Contributions (SPD) 2015	<b>RESOLVED</b> that:  1. The revisions to the document be noted and the adoption of the Planning Contributions SPD November 2015 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.  2. The Corporate Director of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services be authorised to make any necessary general editorial amendments to the Planning Contributions SPD November 2015 before it was published.  For: Many Against: 6 Abstain: None

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12	Report from Cabinet: Draft North London Waste Plan	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The issues raised during Regulation 18 consultation be noted and that Council agree to take these into account in preparing the Proposed Submission version of the North London Waste Plan.</li> <li>2. The issues raised during Regulation 18 consultation regarding the Theydon Road area designation in the draft Plan (ref A414-HC) and that Council agree to amend the area boundary in light of the comments and new evidence received.</li> </ol> <p>For: Many Against: 6 - Cllrs Akhoun, Jacobson, Levy, Odze, Sharer and Steinberger. Abstain: None</p>
13	Statement of Licensing Policy 2016	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council approves the Statement of Licensing Policy 2016.
14	Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) 2016 to 2019	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles 2016 to 2019) be adopted.</li> <li>2. The Corporate Director of legal, HR &amp; Regulatory Services be authorised to make any non-substantive changes to the proposed Policy, as appropriate.</li> </ol>
15	Resolution Not to Issue Casino Licences under the Gambling Act 2005	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:-</p> <p>The Council agree not to issue casino licences under the Gambling Act 2005 for a further period not exceeding three years effective from 31 January 2016.</p>
16	Report of the Corporate Director	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the revision to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules be approved.

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	Legal, HR and Regulatory Services: Changes to the Council's Constitution - Officer Employment Procedure Rules	
17	Report of the Mayor: Use of Special Urgency Provisions	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the recent use of the special urgency provisions as set out in paragraph 4 of the report, be noted.
18	Standards Committee Annual Report 2014-15	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Standards Committee's Annual Report for 2014/15, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.  For: Many Against: 3 - Cllrs Levy, Odze and Steinberger Abstain: None
19	Pensions Committee Annual Report 2014-15	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Annual Report 2014-15 of the Pensions Committee be noted.
20	Report of the Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission and Executive Response: Preventing Anxiety and Depression in Working Age Adults	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Commission's report and response to it from the Executive be noted.
21	Report of the Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission and Executive Response: New Residential Development and Affordable Housing Gain Review	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Commission's report and the response to it from the Executive be noted.

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22	Motions	<p><b>a) Charges for access to cash</b></p> <p>Cllr Jacobson proposed an amended version of his own motion to Council following discussions with Deputy Mayor Linden. This was formally seconded by Cllr Sharer.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>Council notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the increasing reliance on Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) for accessing cash over recent decades as bank branches have closed.</li> <li>2) the large proportion of ATMs charging a fee to withdraw cash.</li> <li>3) that these fees are most onerous on the poor, who typically withdraw smaller amounts of money in each transaction.</li> <li>4) that fee-charging ATMs appear to be particularly common in areas which are already deprived.</li> <li>5) that, taken together, these charges extract a significant percentage of the money held both by individuals and circulating in the local economy as a whole.</li> <li>6. The Council has a financial inclusion action plan that supports residents.</li> <li>7. The work of LINK and Toynbee Hall assessing access to free ATMs within 1km walking distance in deprived areas.</li> </ol>

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		<p>8.The map of free ATMs available on the council’s website – on the find your nearest page.</p> <p>9. That one of the 20 areas in London identified by LINK and Toynbee Hall as an area without adequate access to a free cash point is in Hackney.</p> <p><b>Council believes:</b></p> <p>1) that the lack of free access to cash withdrawals is a significant problem within the borough, especially for the low-paid and socially excluded.</p> <p>2) that the ability for people to access their own money without being charged a premium would be of real benefit to the people of Hackney and to the local economy.</p> <p>3) that it should be an agreed policy of this Council to extend the availability of fee-free access to cash.</p> <p><b>Council resolves:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To refer the issue of free ATMs and ATMs which dispense £5 notes to be reviewed by the Community Safety and Social Inclusion scrutiny commission.</li> <li>2. Work with CSSI to put a case forward if appropriate for free ATMs to LINK.</li> <li>3. To liaise with the banks and other providers with a goal in promoting and ensuring that all Hackney residents are within easy walking distance to a non fee ATM.</li> </ol>

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		<p>Proposed by Cllr Jacobson Proposed by Cllr Sharer</p> <p>For: Many Against: None Abstain: 3</p> <p><b>b) Trade Union Bill</b></p> <p>Hackney Council recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. Hackney Council values the constructive relationship that we have with our trade unions and we recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services.</p> <p>Hackney Council notes with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by this Government and which would affect this Council's relationship with our trade unions and our workforce as a whole. This Council rejects this Bill's attack on local democracy and the attack on our right to manage our own affairs.</p> <p>This Council is clear that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our own specific needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation of good quality and responsive local services. Facility time should not be determined or controlled by any Government in London or indeed this country.</p> <p>This Council is happy with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a cheap and easy way to administer system that supports our staff. This system is an administrative matter for the Council and</p>

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		<p>public services and should not be interfered with by the UK Government.</p> <p>This Council resolves to support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill.</p> <p>This Council further resolves to seek to continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy and will continue to take every legal and reasonable measure to maintain its autonomy with regard to facility time and the continuing use of check-off</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Gregory Seconded by Cllr Gordon</p> <p>For: Many Against: 3 - Cllrs Levy, Odze and Steinberger Abstain: None</p> <p><b>c) Promoting Positive Mental Health Across Hackney</b></p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is estimated that at any one time, 16.3 per cent of the adult population of Hackney experience a severe or common mental illness and 9.6 per cent of children and young people will experience any type of disorder.</li> <li>• Hackney has higher rates of severe and common mental illnesses than the averages for London and England</li> <li>• People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK</li> <li>• There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as</li> </ul>

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		<p align="center">housing, employment, family problems, poverty or debt</p> <p>This Council believes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and in tackling some of the most entrenched inequalities in health, with particular responsibilities around public health and preventative action.</li> <li>• Mental health should be a priority across all the Council's areas of responsibility, including children's services, health, housing, community safety and planning.</li> <li>• All Councillors can play a positive role in championing action to improve mental health on an individual and strategic basis</li> </ul> <p>This Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To demonstrate our commitment to promoting positive mental health across Hackney by signing up to the "Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge" run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Providers Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and Young Minds.</li> <li>• In particular, we commit to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appoint an elected member to act as a 'mental health champion' across the Council</li> <li>2. Identify a 'lead officer' to lead action on improving support for mental health across the local authority</li> <li>3. Develop a mental health action plan setting out the steps the council will take to promote positive mental health and reduce mental health inequalities across</li> </ol> </li> </ul>



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		<p>Hackney,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Work with local partners to support action to promote good mental health and integrate support for people with mental health needs</li> <li>5. Proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health</li> <li>6. Report to members of the Council on progress in delivering our mental health action plan, and progress in improving mental health across Hackney on an annual basis.</li> <li>7. Sign up to the Time to Change pledge</li> </ol> <p>Proposed by Cllr Rahilly Seconded Cllr McShane</p>
23	Appointments to Committees/Commissions (Standing Item)	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The appointment of Cllr Gordon to replace Cllr Rathbone on Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission be agreed.</li> <li>2. The appointment of Jo MacLoud as the Hackney Schools Governor Association co-opted member on Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission to replace Lisa Neidich be agreed.</li> <li>3. The appointment of Sophie Conway as a Parent Governor co-opted member on Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission to take up a vacant place on the Commission be agreed.</li> <li>4. The appointment of Cllr Brett to replace Cllr Demirci on Licensing Committee be agreed.</li> </ol>