



COUNCIL

All Members of the Council are
HEREBY SUMMONED
to attend a meeting of the Council to
be held on

Wednesday, 2nd March, 2016

at 7.00 pm

in the Assembly Halls, Hackney Town Hall,
Mare Street, London E8 1EA

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Chief Executive

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The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

Future Meetings

25 May 2016 (AGM)

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Location

Hackney Town Hall is on Mare Street, bordered by Wilton Way and Reading Lane. For directions please go to <http://www.hackney.gov.uk/contact-us>

Facilities

There are public toilets available, with wheelchair access, on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Induction loop facilities are available in the Assembly Halls, rooms 101, 102 & 103 and the Council Chamber. Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained through the ramp on the side to the main Town Hall entrance.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	INDICATIVE TIMINGS:
1 – 4	Preliminaries	10 minutes
5	Deputation	15 minutes
6	Question from Member of the Public	5 minutes
7	Questions from Members of the Council	30 minutes
8	Elected Mayor's Statement	20 minutes
9	Budget and Council Tax Report 2016/17	60 minutes
10	Children's Social Care Biannual Report	15 minutes
11	Draft Programme of Meetings for 2016/17	5 minutes
12	Appointments to Committees	-

Council Agenda

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Speaker's Announcements

3 Declarations of Interest

This is the time for Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary or other non-pecuniary interests they may have in any matter being considered at this meeting having regard to the guidance attached to the agenda.

Members are reminded that, under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, any Member who is in arrears of two or more months Council Tax must declare it at the meeting and abstain from voting on agenda item 9.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting – 27 January 2016

(Pages 1 -
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5 Deputations

Post-16 educational provision for children with a diagnosis of autism and severe learning difficulties

The Garden School caters for children and young people from 4-16 with a diagnosis of autism and who have severe learning difficulties. The degree of need of pupils served by the Garden is reflected by the school's admission criteria, which state that the school is not suitable for "children who have a meaningful use of spoken language" – our pupils don't have such a meaningful use and most will never be able to communicate verbally. The highly specialist nature of the provision at the school addresses the core challenges of students who have autism, i.e. difficulty with social communication, flexible thinking and understanding and regulating emotions.

The staff at the Garden are specialists and there is a tangible sense of pride in supporting the school's pupils and their parents, using best practice evidence based approaches taken from academics and practitioners from across the world. The school hosts regular visits from leading academics and practitioners in the field. They update and advise staff from the Garden and from other schools, both special and mainstream, from across London, as well as relevant staff from Hackney Learning Trust. The Garden is rapidly evolving into a centre of expertise and excellence in the education of pupils with autism. It is a school that Hackney Council is rightly committed to supporting.

The Garden received an outstanding rating from Ofsted in 2014.

Both the parents and carers of the Garden's pupils and its staff are deeply concerned by the fact that, once a child reaches 16 years of age, suitable educational provision disappears in Hackney. This causes very considerable stress and consternation to pupils,

parents, carers, staff and governors alike, which is why the Garden is committed to opening and running a sixth form for its pupils.

Unfortunately, the current site of the school is not big enough to house a sixth form.

We ask Hackney Council and the Learning Trust to commit to helping us find a suitable site in time for the coming school year.

The deputation will be introduced by Cllr James Peters
The deputation spokesperson is David Lowry

6 Questions from Members of the Public

6.1 Mr Christopher Sills to the Mayor

Since it is likely that the Council will be putting up the Council Tax next year which will hit Hackney's working class very hard, please can I have an assurance that you will not make it harder for working people who depend on their car to get to work by putting up parking charges or extending controlled parking zones.

Would you not agree that Council officers' time saved on fewer consultations would be better spent seeking ways to improve public transport in Hackney so that residents do not have to use their car.

7 Questions from Members of the Council

7.1 Cllr Sharon Patrick to the Cabinet Member for Housing

Could the Cabinet Member for Housing please update members on what plans Hackney has for building new Council homes. Can the Cabinet Member also update members on works to replace kitchens and bathrooms and the timescales for this?

7.2 Cllr Vincent Stops to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration

To ask the Cabinet Member for Regeneration whether he thinks is it not outrageous that a Conservative Government are proposing to take away the democratic right by which local councillors and a local community can decide through the planning system, if fracking for gas should take place in their own backyard?

7.3 Cllr Clare Potter to the Cabinet Member for Finance

There is concern that the adoption of TTIP might impose new and onerous restrictions on the Council's procurement policy. Can I ask the Cabinet Member for Finance whether, if it were to have such implications, Hackney Council should investigate the extent of these potential impacts; and communicate any concerns arising from this investigation, to the relevant decision making bodies?

- 7.4 Cllr Peter Snell to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability
Please can the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability update members on the Council's response to initial Crossrail 2 proposals?
- 7.5 Cllr Soraya Adejare to the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture
To ask the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture what assessment has been made of the potential impact of the Government's benefit cap on the provision of supported housing in the borough?
- 7.6 Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture
Can the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture provide me and the people of Stoke Newington with a brief update regarding Abney Park Cemetery since the Council took over its maintenance in 2015? What plans, if any, are there to engage local people and to improve safety in this unique space?
- 7.7 Cllr Nick Sharman to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration
Will the Cabinet Member for Regeneration add his support to Wick Councillors endorsement of the Hackney Wick Neighbourhood Centre Masterplan?
- 7.8 Cllr Kam Adams to the Cabinet Member for Housing
In light of the new Housing and Planning Bill that the Government is trying to push through parliament, what does the Cabinet Member for Housing think the impact of this would be on affordable rent properties in Hackney?
- 7.9 Cllr Rosemary Sales to the Cabinet Member for Finance
From 1 April 2017, new Employment and Support Allowance claimants who are placed in the Work-Related Activity Group will receive the same rate of payment as those claiming Jobseeker's Allowance, a weekly cut of £30. Could the Cabinet Member for Finance explain how this is likely to impact on residents with disabilities, including those with a learning disability?

8 Elected Mayor's Statement (standing item)

9 Report from Cabinet: Budget and Council Tax Report 2016/17

(Pages 21 - 154)

(Please note that Appendix 8 to the report can be viewed in larger font online, however A3 paper copies will be available upon request and copies available at the meeting).

10 Report from Cabinet: Children's Social Care Biannual Report

(Pages 155 - 216)

11	Report of the Chief Executive: Draft Programme of Meetings for 2016/17 Municipal Year	(Pages 217 - 228)
12	Appointments to Committees/Commissions (standing item)	

RIGHTS OF PRESS AND PUBLIC TO REPORT ON MEETINGS

Where a meeting of the Council and its committees are open to the public, the press and public are welcome to report on meetings of the Council and its committees, through any audio, visual or written methods and may use digital and social media providing they do not disturb the conduct of the meeting and providing that the person reporting or providing the commentary is present at the meeting.

Those wishing to film, photograph or audio record a meeting are asked to notify the Council's Monitoring Officer by noon on the day of the meeting, if possible, or any time prior to the start of the meeting or notify the Chair at the start of the meeting.

The Monitoring Officer, or the Chair of the meeting, may designate a set area from which all recording must take place at a meeting.

The Council will endeavour to provide reasonable space and seating to view, hear and record the meeting. If those intending to record a meeting require any other reasonable facilities, notice should be given to the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting and will only be provided if practicable to do so.

The Chair shall have discretion to regulate the behaviour of all those present recording a meeting in the interests of the efficient conduct of the meeting. Anyone acting in a disruptive manner may be required by the Chair to cease recording or may be excluded from the meeting. Disruptive behaviour may include: moving from any designated recording area; causing excessive noise; intrusive lighting; interrupting the meeting; or filming members of the public who have asked not to be filmed.

All those visually recording a meeting are requested to only focus on recording councillors, officers and the public who are directly involved in the conduct of the meeting. The Chair of the meeting will ask any members of the public present if they have objections to being visually recorded. Those visually recording a meeting are asked to respect the wishes of those who do not wish to be filmed or photographed. Failure by someone recording a meeting to respect the wishes of those who do not wish to be filmed and photographed may result in the Chair instructing them to cease recording or in their exclusion from the meeting.

If a meeting passes a motion to exclude the press and public then in order to consider confidential or exempt information, all recording must cease and all recording equipment must be removed from the meeting room. The press and public are not permitted to use any means which might enable them to see or hear the proceedings whilst they are excluded from a meeting and confidential or exempt information is under consideration.

Providing oral commentary during a meeting is not permitted.

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS

Hackney Council's Code of Conduct applies to **all** Members of the Council, the Mayor and co-opted Members.

This note is intended to provide general guidance for Members on declaring interests. However, you may need to obtain specific advice on whether you have an interest in

a particular matter. If you need advice, you can contact:

- The Corporate Director of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services;
- The Legal Adviser to the committee; or
- Governance Services.

If at all possible, you should try to identify any potential interest you may have before the meeting so that you and the person you ask for advice can fully consider all the circumstances before reaching a conclusion on what action you should take.

1. Do you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda or which is being considered at the meeting?

You will have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter if it:

- relates to an interest that you have already registered in Parts A and C of the Register of Pecuniary Interests of you or your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner;
- relates to an interest that should be registered in Parts A and C of the Register of Pecuniary Interests of your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner, but you have not yet done so; or
- affects your well-being or financial position or that of your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner.

2. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item on the agenda you must:

- Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you (subject to the rules regarding sensitive interests).
- You must leave the room when the item in which you have an interest is being discussed. You cannot stay in the meeting room or public gallery whilst discussion of the item takes place and you cannot vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence the decision.
- If you have, however, obtained dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee you may remain in the room and participate in the meeting. If dispensation has been granted it will stipulate the extent of your involvement, such as whether you can only be present to make representations, provide evidence or whether you are able to fully participate and vote on the matter in which you have a pecuniary interest.

3. Do you have any other non-pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda which is being considered at the meeting?

You will have 'other non-pecuniary interest' in a matter if:

- It relates to an external body that you have been appointed to as a Member or in another capacity; or

- ii. It relates to an organisation or individual which you have actively engaged in supporting.

4. If you have other non-pecuniary interest in an item on the agenda you must:

- i. Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- ii. You may remain in the room, participate in any discussion or vote provided that contractual, financial, consent, permission or licence matters are not under consideration relating to the item in which you have an interest.
- iii. If you have an interest in a contractual, financial, consent, permission or licence matter under consideration, you must leave the room unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee. You cannot stay in the room or public gallery whilst discussion of the item takes place and you cannot vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence the decision. Where members of the public are allowed to make representations, or to give evidence or answer questions about the matter you may, with the permission of the meeting, speak on a matter then leave the room. Once you have finished making your representation, you must leave the room whilst the matter is being discussed.
- iv. If you have been granted dispensation, in accordance with the Council's dispensation procedure you may remain in the room. If dispensation has been granted it will stipulate the extent of your involvement, such as whether you can only be present to make representations, provide evidence or whether you are able to fully participate and vote on the matter in which you have a non pecuniary interest.

Further Information

Advice can be obtained from Gifty Edila, Corporate Director of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services, on 020 8356 3265 or email Gifty.Edila@hackney.gov.uk



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