

London Borough of Hackney – Decisions taken by the Council on Wednesday, 25 January 2017

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Part A – Items considered in public

9	Report from Cabinet: Calculation of Council Tax Base and Local Business Rate Income for 2017/18	 In accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Hackney Council as its Council Tax Base for 2017/18 shall be 68,399 Band D equivalent properties adjusted for non-collection. This represented an estimated collection rate of 95%. In accordance with The Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013 Hackney's non-domestic rating income for 2017/18 was £115,509,254, subject to completion of NDR1. This comprised three elements. £37,427,756 which was payable in agreed instalments to Central Government. £43,428,722 which was payable in agreed instalments to the Greater London Authority. £34,652,776 which was retained by Hackney Council and included as part of its resources when calculating the 2017/18 Council Tax requirement. It be noted that there were no proposed changes in 2017/18 to the local CTRS scheme that had now been in operation since April 2013.
10	Report of the Group Director Finance and Resources: National Scheme for Auditor Appointments	RESOLVED that the Council opted into the appointing person arrangements made by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of external Auditors.
11	Report of Corporate Committee: Pay Policy Statement 2017-18	RESOLVED that Council noted the comments of the Corporate Committee and approved the Pay Policy Statement.

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12	Hackney Road Recreation Ground	RESOLVED:
		Hackney Road Recreation Ground is one of the 58 parks and green spaces managed by the Hackney Council. The space is the old burial ground of St Leonard's Church of Shoreditch and is the last resting place of Thomas Fairchild (1666-1729), a notable horticulturalist who discovered that plants have a sex and was the first person to scientifically create an artificial hybrid plant.
		The local community is keen to reflect the site's unique history by renaming it 'Fairchild's Garden'. The proposed new name for the park was selected through a consultation exercise with park users and the wider community, and is supported by St Leonard's Church, the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association and by the local community.
		Hackney Council approved the proposal to rename the space <i>Fairchild's Garden</i> , to celebrate this notable Hackney citizen.
		For: Unanimous
12	Number 73 Bus Route	Councillor Stops proposed an amendment to the motion. This was formally seconded by Councillor Gordon.
		RESOLVED:
		This Council notes that the Seven Sisters Road to Stoke Newington Common section of the 73 bus route was curtailed under the former Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, in 2011. When questioned by Hackney's London Assembly Member Jennette Arnold, the former Mayor noted that "curtailing route 73affected only 2.5 per cent of journeys" along the route.
		Given that the 73 bus route is garaged in Stamford Hill Bus garage and runs empty through Stamford Hill en route to its starting point at Stoke Newington Common then on to Victoria

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		Station as opposed to its previous route from Tottenham Swan to Victoria Station and that the curtailment of this route is a great inconvenience to many Hackney residents, businesses and visitors, this Council calls upon Mayor Glanville to use his best efforts to intercede with the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan to request that he instruct senior officers at TfL to immediately review the starting point of this bus route with a view to reintroducing the Stamford Hill Broadway to Stoke Newington Common section of the 73 bus route at the earliest possible opportunity, possibly to coincide with anticipated improvements to reliability following proposed changes at the western end of the route in 2018.
		Boris Johnson's decision to curtail the 73 bus route placed an additional financial burden on Stamford Hill residents – forcing them to pay one fare to Stoke Newington, then a second fare to take the 73 from its new starting point. This Council therefore commends the current Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, for introducing the 'bus hopper' fare, which allows passengers to change buses within one hour without paying for a new journey.
		For: Many (Cllr Odze recorded vote) Against: 3 Abstention: None