
London Borough of Hackney
Council
Municipal Year 2016/17
Date of Meeting Wednesday, 25th January, 2017

Minutes of the proceedings of
Council held at Hackney Town
Hall, Mare Street,
London E8 1EA

**Councillors in
Attendance:**

Mayor Philip Glanville, Cllr Kam Adams, Cllr Soraya Adejare, Deputy Mayor Anntoinette Bramble, Cllr Barry Buitekant, Cllr Laura Bunt, Cllr Jon Burke, Cllr Robert Chapman, Cllr Mete Coban, Conway, Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cllr Michael Desmond, Cllr Tom Ebbutt, Cllr Sade Etti, Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas, Cllr Margaret Gordon, Cllr Katie Hanson, Cllr Abraham Jacobson, Cllr Christopher Kennedy, Cllr Richard Lufkin, Cllr Clayeon McKenzie, Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cllr Patrick Moule, Cllr Sally Mulready, Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cllr Harvey Odze, Cllr Deniz Oguzkanli, Cllr M Can Ozsen, Cllr Sharon Patrick, Cllr James Peters, Cllr Emma Plouviez, Cllr Clare Potter, Cllr Ian Rathbone, Cllr Rebecca Rennison, Cllr Caroline Selman, Cllr Ian Sharer, Cllr Nick Sharman, Cllr Peter Snell, Cllr Simche Steinberger, Cllr Vincent Stops, Cllr Geoff Taylor, Cllr Jessica Webb and Cllr Carole Williams

Apologies:

Cllr Brian Bell, Cllr Will Brett, Cllr Sophie Cameron, Cllr Michelle Gregory, Cllr Ben Hayhurst, Cllr Yvonne Maxwell, Cllr Sem Moema, Cllr Ann Munn, Cllr Tom Rahilly, Cllr Anna-Joy Rickard and Cllr Rosemary Sales

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Councillor Soraya Adejare [Deputy Speaker] in the Chair

1 Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Apologies for absence from Members are listed above.
- 1.2 An apology for absence was received from Kim Wright, Group Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing.
- 1.3 Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Burke and Gordon.

2 Speaker's Announcements

- 2.1 The Deputy Speaker welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all of those that had supported the Speaker's fundraising and other events during 2016.

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2.2 The Deputy Speaker notified Members of the following events, on behalf of the Speaker:-

Friday 27 January **Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony**
Council Chamber, Town Hall, 10.00am

Fundraising events during 2017 include:-

Sunday 30 April **Hackney Half Marathon**
Join the Mayor, the Deputy Lieutenant and others in
the Hackney's Speaker's Team

Saturday 6 May **Speaker's Concert**
St John of Jerusalem Church, Lauriston Road,
7.00pm

2.3 The Speaker's charities were the Hackney Migrant Centre and the North London Action for the Homeless. Donations could be made at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/hackneyspeaker>

3 Declarations of Interest

3.1 A number of Councillors declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 b) Wordsworth Road Area CS1 Motor Traffic Reduction Scheme, as they were all members of the London Cycling Campaign.

3.2 Councillor Stops also declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 b) Wordsworth Road Area CS1 Motor Traffic Reduction Scheme, as he lived in a neighbouring road.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

4.1 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 November 2016 be approved, subject to the following comments from Councillor Steinberger:-

- Reference was made to paragraph 4.1 and Councillor Steinberger wished to note that he had not expressed his admiration of the former Mayor, Jules Pipe at the previous Council meeting held on 20 July 2016.
- Councillor Steinberger referred to paragraph 7.10 and expressed his disappointment that there was not more put in the minutes regarding former Councillor Landau.

5 Deputations

a Lack of on-street parking for residents in Lea Bridge Ward

Councillor Rathbone introduced the deputation on behalf of residents.

Mr Ian McNicol referred to the map circulated at the meeting which detailed the 7 streets in Displacement Zone N CPZ that had no parking restrictions and therefore had a lack of car parking spaces left for its residents.

Mr McNicol stated that the CPZ (N displacement) had been implemented on 19 December 2016, which had caused growing tension, altercations and damage to cars due to frustration caused by the poor implementation of the extended zone. A petition had been submitted by residents last year following the stage 1 consultation for the Zone N displacement area, objecting to the proposals. It was felt that the proposals had not been properly considered. He added that residents of the affected roads were currently unable to move their cars on Mondays to Fridays from 7am – 7pm as they would lose their parking space.

Mr McNicol, on behalf of residents, asked the Council to find a solution for residents in the streets affected that could be implemented immediately, to alleviate the situation.

Councillor Odze took the opportunity to extend his condolences to the Speaker for the loss of her Father and thanked Mr McNicol for bringing this matter to the attention of Council. Councillor Odze believed that the solution was to get rid of controlled parking zones within the Borough.

Councillor Jacobson stated that he had been experiencing similar problems in his ward and referred to issues surrounding a CPZ in Cazenove ward and queried whether the whole parking system could be managed by a private company.

Councillor Oguzkanli stated that it was important that residents were fully aware of the implications of CPZs in the surrounding area when responding to consultation. It was acknowledged that an 8 page document was circulated with the consultation document which explained the implications of CPZs.

Councillor Demirci responded to the deputation and thanked the residents for their attendance. Councillor Demirci also thanked the Ward Councillors that had been working on this matter. She advised that Parking Services had consulted all roads in the Zone N displacement area on the introduction of parking controls between August and October 2015. This was due to requests received from some of the roads in the area that were finding it difficult to park.

Councillor Demirci explained that when considering new parking zones, the Council had to regard its statutory duties under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council's priorities defined in the Sustainable Community Strategy, and the objectives set out in the Parking Enforcement Plan which was the Council's agreed policy on parking approved by Cabinet. The introduction of a parking zone required a comprehensive consultation to be carried out by the Council, as well as approval from Cabinet.

It was reported that the decision to consult on the Zone N displacement area had been approved by Cabinet on 22 June 2015. As a result, a Stage 1 consultation had been carried out for a period of 8 weeks with these areas between 14 August and 11 October 2016. The consultation documents delivered to residents and businesses were very detailed, explaining how the Council made its decisions on introducing parking controls. The overall feedback from all roads indicated that 38% were in favour of parking controls whilst 62% were against the introduction of parking controls. When the feedback from the area was analysed on a street by street basis, the majority of the roads to the north of Millfields Road and to the east of Cornthwaite Road were not in favour of parking controls. Results were also analysed for support for controls if CPZs were introduced on nearby roads and again this indicated no

support for parking controls. Therefore based on this feedback, these roads remained uncontrolled.

Councillor Demirci reported that since the consultation results had been released, the Council had received numerous requests and a petition for parking controls from the residents in the roads that were previously not in favour. Based on the feedback received, the Council had re-consulted those roads who were previously not in favour of parking controls. The consultation ended on the 23 December 2016 and the Council was currently in the process of drafting the delegated report. If the feedback was in favour of parking controls, taking into account of the legislative constraints, Parking Services aimed to implement parking controls in the area by May 2017. Councillor Demirci stated that she was happy to discuss this matter further with residents outside of the meeting.

b Wordsworth Road Area CS1 Motor Traffic Reduction Scheme

Councillor Gregory introduced the deputation on behalf of the residents in the Wordsworth Road Area.

Ms Jen Andrews the deputation spokesperson highlighted how the residents believed that road closures implemented in September as part of the CS1 motor traffic reduction scheme did not fairly address the needs of all road users – cyclists/cars/pedestrians, and that the consultation process was not carried out representatively or transparently.

Adverse effects had been witnessed since the road closures were implemented in September 2016, including:

- Traffic overspill from restricted roads resulting in congestion on neighbouring residential roads.
- Traffic pushed onto the busy A10 and Crossway or neighbouring residential streets – worsening pollution and increasing the risk of accidents.
- Speeding cyclists on Wordsworth Road – endangering pedestrians.

Ms Jen Andrews advised that any perceived advantages of this scheme were outweighed by the disadvantages. It was highlighted that the consultation process was not transparent, as many residents claimed that they did not receive a consultation pack. Ms Jen Andrews actively engaged with local residents and stakeholders and collected a significant number of objections including those on-line, door-to-door petitions and individual letters of objection submitted to Hackney and Transport for London. The residents in the Wordsworth Road area asked that:

- The ETO review due in March agrees to remove the road closures.
- Hackney and Transport for London to meet with the Wordsworth Road residents' group to review all aspects of the responses to the ETO and discuss alternatives for a workable and balanced solution that will democratically address the needs of all road users.

Councillor Odze explained that there was a similar issue which occurred in Stanford Hill where a petition had been signed with 3,000 signatures requesting for a road to be reopened in the area. Councillor Odze sympathised with the residents and wished them luck in their campaign to reopen Wordsworth Road.

Councillor Stops questioned if the residents of Wordsworth Road would also like their roads closed. Ms Jen Andrews explained that they would not like their road closed as this would then push additional traffic onto the surrounding roads in the area.

Councillor Snell questioned if the residents of Wordsworth Road felt that the work being carried out by Transport for London was satisfactory and if there was an established residential community group. Ms Jen Andrews stated that they were not happy with the consultation process as it was felt that they were not consulted upon, it was added that the roads were far too narrow and could not handle the amount of traffic it consumed on a day to day basis. The Council was informed that due to the Wordsworth Road traffic issue the residents association was formed.

Councillor Demirci responded to the residents declaring that as a councillor she was committed to making Hackney a better area to live in, and in this circumstance aiming to reduce the amount of road traffic. Residents were assured that the issues raised would be investigated by an Officer and that a traffic service consultation would be carried out.

Councillor Demirci added that the consultation was carried out by Transport for London and all responses from the consultation had been considered before the road was closed. The Council was informed that the consultation included letters to nearly 9,000 properties that fell within ¼ of a mile of the scheme. Emails were sent to over 1,000 stakeholders and 50,000 individuals known to use the area or who had expressed an interest in CS1 and there was a public drop in event for the Wordsworth Road area.

An investigation reviewing the impact of the A10 and a full traffic survey would be carried out in February. Residents were also informed that once the feedback had been received in relation to the survey, the Council would work for solutions to try and remove heavy traffic from residential roads to ensure less impact on residents and pollution.

6 Questions from Members of the Public

6.1 From Christopher Sills to the Mayor:

“Would you agree with me that fresh thinking by all concerned is needed if the current unsatisfactory situation of elderly care is to be resolved bearing in mind that there will never be enough money to solve the problem under any party if current policies are continued. Would you consider the following changes in policy which could reduce the problems in individual cases;

- A) Encourage tenants to take on tenants, which will reduce loneliness and homelessness and therefore demands on the health services.
- B) Introduce an estate based transfer system which will enable tenants to transfer on the same estate as their families grow, on condition they move to smaller accommodation when their children leave home.
- C) Introduce a limited Sons and Daughters scheme
- D) Consider one off schemes to solve individual problems”

Response from Mayor Glanville:

Mayor Glanville responded to each of the elements of the question in turn:-

- A) Mayor Glanville stated that there were many benefits to taking in a lodger and that Hackney Housing would usually allow this as long as prior permission was sought. However, the Council would usually only encourage such an arrangement where the prospective lodger was well known to the tenant and the tenant was fully aware of the consequences of allowing another person to share their property.
- B) Mayor Glanville stated that although the Council recognised the difficult challenges facing elderly residents who were in unsuitable properties, there were no plans to introduce a borough wide estate based transfer system. Where households, primarily pensioners, were in properties that were too big for their needs, the Council ran a cash incentive scheme for those who wished to downsize. Between April and December 2016 a total of 39 households had been helped to downsize under this scheme, with further moves imminent.
- C) Mayor Glanville stated that the Council had not considered a sons and daughters policy, as due to the severe pressures on social housing it was not possible to prioritise adult sons and daughters above other groups of residents. As of 30th November 2016 there were 2789 households homeless in temporary accommodation, of which 812 were being housed outside Hackney. Given these numbers it was difficult to prioritise adult sons and daughters for limited social lets, as they were often more able to meet their housing need than others on the housing register.
- D) Mayor Glanville advised that the Council always examined all cases on their merits, and considered all options available to provide the best outcome for the tenant. The Council's Benefits and Housing Needs service would discuss all options with those affected to find the most appropriate housing solution.

In response to a supplementary question, Mayor Glanville acknowledged that there was a growing elderly demographic and stated that he was happy to discuss solutions to elderly care and that was why the Council was also developing an Older Persons Housing Strategy.

In response to a question regarding bed blocking, Mayor Glanville explained that there was a housing needs team based at Homerton Hospital which allowed them to process cases more quickly.

6.2 From Mr Andy Pakula to the Mayor:

“At the Hackney Citizens Mayoral Accountability Assembly in September 2016, Mayor Phillip Glanville committed to resettling 7 Syrian families by Christmas 2016, however only 3 families have been resettled so far. We recently read a statement from the Mayor that this pledge will be fulfilled by March 2017.

What plans are in place to ensure that the families will be in the borough by March 2017 as promised?”

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Mayor Glanville recognised the plight of those Syrian families fleeing their homes in search of a safe haven, and agreed to offer support to help relieve the situation. The Council signed up to the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme, and through the scheme the Council accepted three families and committed to housing another four.

The Council worked closely with the Home Office and local charities to ensure that all of the expected seven families would be resettled in Hackney as soon as practicable, unfortunately due to the Home Office processes the Council were only able to resettle three families by Christmas.

The Council encountered many issues such as sourcing suitable accommodation for new families and affordable properties within the private sector. To maximise the opportunity of obtaining suitable accommodation, the Council worked with groups such as Citizen UK.

It was noted that those families who had been accepted were, with the assistance of the Council, well on the way to being assimilated within the community; with the children in education and families signed up with local GPs. The families have been assisted in claiming their benefits in which they were entitled to and in applying for ESOL classes.

The Mayor stated that there were still many barriers to overcome and added that it was important to understand that the provision of support for refugee children was not a short term commitment; help and assistance would be needed over many years. The most important requirements were the recruitment of Foster Carers, the provision of translation services, access to education and the provision of school places, access to health services and GPs, plus support to help refugee children assimilate into the community.

In response to a supplementary question, the Mayor explained that the Council would be open to commit to more resettlements but declared that it had been difficult resettling the allocated seven.

7 Questions from Members of the Council

- 7.1 From Cllr Abraham Jacobson to the Cabinet Member for Housing Services:
“What is Hackney Council doing to mitigate the financial impact on larger households due to the compulsory roll out of water meters in Hackney?”

Response from Cllr McKenzie:

Councillor McKenzie thanked Councillor Jacobson for his question and was sympathetic of his concerns regarding the impact on larger families of the compulsory roll out of water meters in Hackney. Councillor McKenzie explained that water management was the responsibility of the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), not local authorities. Thames Water would be rolling out meters over the next year in Hackney, with the aim of increasing the proportion of homes on meters to 73% from the current 29%.

Councillor McKenzie advised that Thames Water would be writing to households from February to explain their plans. However, officers were not aware of any plans from Thames Water to compulsorily install water meters in

the homes of Hackney Council residents at present and technical difficulties of installing meters in flats made widespread installation of meters highly unlikely.

The Secretary of State had designated London as an area of serious 'water stress' in 2007, and Thames Water had been granted the legal powers to compulsorily install meters in June 2012. On average, households with a meter had lower bills and used 10% less water, however it was acknowledged that there was likely to be an impact on larger families from bills based on meters. There would be a two year adjustment period after meters were installed where customers would be provided with comparisons from their current and metered bill. Thames Water had two 'social tariffs', amongst other schemes, Water Sure and Water Sure Plus.

In response to a supplementary question, Councillor McKenzie stated that he shared Councillor Jacobson's concerns regarding water leakage and was happy to discuss this matter with him and to also write to Thames Water. Councillor Jacobson requested a written response to his question.

7.2 From Cllr Sophie Conway to the Deputy Mayor:

"In light of the stabbing of three young people over the Christmas period could the Deputy Mayor explain what interventions (therapeutic and otherwise) are offered to the young victims, perpetrators and witnesses of such traumatic incidents?"

Response from the Deputy Mayor:

The Council's Youth Offending Team and Young Hackney offer services to children and young people who have been affected by knife crime and other incidents – either because those incidents involve friends or family, because they have witnessed incidents, or as perpetrators themselves. Support is tailored to the individual needs of the young person. The Council's Integrated Gangs Units objectives were to prevent knife crime, and provide support to victims, and interventions with gang members involved.

It was explained that young people who had previously been involved in knife crime had access to cognitive behavioural therapy (the Behind the Blade programme) and weapons awareness training through the Youth Offending Team. Youth Offending Team workers provide support to young people to address their complex needs and reduce re-offending rates by tackling the factors that most contribute to offending behaviours, these included communication difficulties, mental health needs, poor educational attainment and exclusion from school, home and community. The Integrated Gangs Unit also provided similar support to gang-associated young people, all of which was geared to help the young person exit involvement with gangs and associated violence.

The Council was informed that there was a good engagement between the Council's Children and Young People's Service and schools and community settings in Hackney around work with victims of traumatic incidents. Victims of knife crime who were under 18 would be referred to Children's Social Care for assessment as possible children in need, and support was provided where appropriate according to the individual young person's needs.

Therapeutic support would be available for victims through Young Hackney Early Help Services or clinicians based in the Youth Offending Team. Mentoring was also available to prepare young people for therapy if they had experienced traumatic incidents and were not yet ready to engage in therapeutic interventions. If there were concerns about a young person who had witnessed an incident, the young person's parents, the school or wider community members would be able to make a referral to Young Hackney for support for the young person.

7.3 From Cllr Ian Sharer to the Deputy Mayor:

"What assistance is Hackney Council providing to assist religious privately maintained Schools and establishments to find suitable premises?"

Response from Deputy Mayor Bramble:

Deputy Mayor Bramble stated that the Council was not in a position to provide specific assistance to religious privately maintained schools and establishments to find suitable premises.

Deputy Mayor Bramble referred to the early draft of the Stamford Hill Area Action Plan, as approved by Cabinet in December 2016, which identified the Ravensdale Industrial Estate (not a Council-owned site) as a potential opportunity site. The more detailed plan, to be prepared later in 2017, would need to address the issue of population growth amongst under 16s and demonstrate to a Planning Inspector that there was the land available to provide additional school places to cater for this population growth.

7.4 From Cllr Sharon Patrick to the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Devolution:

"What is the Council and its partners doing to assist people with Dementia to lead a fulfilling and activate life?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Devolution:

Members were informed that the Council and its partners were working with the Alzheimer's Society to make Hackney a Dementia-friendly borough by supporting the local Dementia Action Alliance.

The Hackney Dementia Action Alliance was committed to working with organisations and individuals across Hackney to turn the vision of a Dementia Friendly Community into a reality and would ultimately be judged on its success in achieving this and in making Hackney a Dementia Friendly Borough.

In addition to an ongoing programme of training for Dementia Awareness the Alliance would be forming a network of dementia friends who could support and advise all about how to make things more accessible and amenable for people with dementia and their carer's. There were also some specific projects emerging in the borough such as:

- A newly developed Extra Care Scheme for people with dementia opened in August 2016.
- A new Day Centre providing specialist support and personalised care for people with dementia. Oswald Street would be opening in early 2018 and cater for people living with dementia;

- Age UK London would be offering day opportunities to those in their own homes which contributes to service users care packages.
- The Dementia Swim Project delivered in partnership with the LBH Leisure services. The swimming sessions started in January 2016, since the start of the project the monitoring data illustrated positive feedback and there were plans to offer the sessions at other Leisure Centre located in the borough.

7.5 From Cllr Harvey Odze to the Mayor:

"Would the Mayor please inform the council how much leaseholders and council tax payers have been overcharged for energy not supplied but billed for in 2015/16 and what is being done to prevent this waste of leaseholders and council tax payers' hard earned money."

Response from Mayor Glanville:

Mayor Glanville believed that this question related to an unusually high bill the Council received from British Gas for the supply of electricity that was based on its meter readings. The Council had challenged British Gas and they were currently investigating the matter. Mayor Glanville added that Councillor McKenzie, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, had already made a public statement on this. It was acknowledged that the Council had offered affected residents the option of deferring payment of the energy charges pending the outcome of the investigation. Any reduction in the bill would be passed on to residents.

Mayor Glanville stated that the Council was committed to continuing to monitor how electricity was charged and the installation of new systems, where appropriate. Work was also being done to look at communal lighting within blocks of flats and PV panels on roofs, as ways of boosting sustainable energy.

In response to a supplementary question, Mayor Glanville stated that the Council was disturbed by the overcharge from British Gas and had taken relevant action as soon as it had been notified. The matter was subject to an ongoing investigation between the Council and British Gas.

7.6 From Cllr Snell to the Cabinet Member for Planning, Business and Investment:

"What is the Council doing to protect the traditional street scene in Hackney; particularly in terms of limiting the loss of small retail units to bar and restaurant use?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for Planning, Business and Investment:

Members were informed that the Council protected the vitality and viability of Hackney's high streets through planning policies which were used to determine planning applications and through the use of Article 4 Directions to remove permitted development rights.

The Council used its powers to make Article 4 directions to control the change of use from retail to bar and restaurant uses – the Article 4 directions ensured that development was assessed through a planning application. It also set out policies in its Local Plan to assess planning applications for such proposals. Development involving the loss of retail would normally be refused if it would result in an overconcentration of non-retail uses.

Councillor Nicholson explained that he would be launching a major campaign to mobilise businesses to voice their concern about business rate increases.

7.7 From Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Transport and Parks:

“I would like the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Transport and Parks, to provide an update on the Council's long term business plan for Clissold House in Clissold Park”

Response from Cllr Demirci:

Councillor Demirci stated that from 1 September 2016 the management of Clissold House was taken in house by the Council, having previously been run by the Council's leisure contractor GLL. The house was now being run by the Council's Venues and Events team and currently generated income from private, small business and community bookings, intended to cover the operating costs of the House.

Councillor Demirci advised that Clissold House was open to the public seven days a week, it therefore had significantly higher staffing requirements and operating costs than the Council's other venues. Since the House re-opened in 2008 it had operated a deficit, and it needed to move towards a cost neutral operating model by the end of 2018/19. The business plan for the next 2-3 years was focused on the income from Clissold House through more effective marketing, a better and more responsive sales process, and a more efficient use of the space. Prices have been kept to a minimum for the next financial year and every effort was being made to balance the need to generate income against community use.

In response to a supplementary question, Councillor Demirci reiterated that every effort would be made to ensure that Clissold House would be cost neutral and sustainable and she was happy to explore the suggestion of assistance from community groups further.

Councillor Coban added that he was happy to see that the rates would be kept at a minimum, which was crucial to the community groups that used the facility.

7.8 From Cllr Margaret Gordon to the Deputy Mayor:

“Could the Deputy Mayor outline her strategy in respect of the proposed so called 'fair funding formula' which, if implemented as proposed, will have a very significant impact on our schools?”

Response from the Deputy Mayor:

Members were informed that the National Fair Funding formula for schools was being introduced over two years 2018-19 and 2019-20, with 2018-19 being a transition year. Although it had been proposed and speculated upon for a number of years, it was only possible to begin to assess its impact properly following the DfE's announcement of the values attached to the new formula factors in December 2016. Pending the DfE's publications, the first part of the strategy anticipated ways in which the impact of a new formula on schools would be reduced, and to oppose the negative parts of these proposals in the strongest possible terms.

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It was added further that Hackney Learning Trust's work with the Schools Forum had tried to shape the current local schools formula in a way that would help smooth the transition for schools to a new national formula. In addition, Hackney put considerable effort into shaping the opposition to some of the more drastic options for redistributing funds away from London schools. Nevertheless, the new formula values and their impact on each school had been published and as expected, these would have a very negative impact on Hackney schools. Hackney is one of the areas that was set to lose most from the new arrangements. The Deputy Mayor highlighted that she would be responding alongside the other bodies representing London schools to oppose these reductions.

The second part of the strategy was the preparation and plan for how best to manage the changes for schools that would be implemented in 2018 and which were very likely to be the same or similar to those proposed in the stage two consultation.

The Schools Finance teams had been modelling the impact of a range of reductions in order to plan for supporting schools. Whilst it should be remembered that it was school governing bodies who were responsible for strategic financial planning in their schools, the Hackney Learning Trust were undertaking a number of activities to support schools.

7.9 From Cllr Clare Potter to the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Devolution:

"Can the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Devolution provide an update on the North East London Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP); with particular reference to the potential impact on health service provision for Hackney residents."

Response from Cllr McShane:

Councillor McShane advised that a detailed update on the North East London Sustainability and Transformation Plan had been provided to Hackney's Health and Wellbeing Board earlier that month. Over the last few months Councillor McShane had made clear the Council's concerns about the way these plans had been developed across the country and made challenges to the NHS on this matter, both nationally and locally. These concerns would also be brought to Cabinet in February 2017.

Councillor McShane stated that as the process moved forward it would be important that the Council worked closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), third sector partners and its residents to ensure that its interests and services were able to develop in a way that best met the health and care needs of people in Hackney.

8 Elected Mayor's Statement (standing item)

- 8.1 Mayor Glanville stated that £110 million had already been taken out of the Council's budget, with another £30 million left to go. He stated that he and the Chief Executive had attended an induction session for staff that day which focused on the investments and improvements made to the Council and not

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- managing decline. He stated that since the last Council meeting the Council had seen further new housing schemes like Nightingale Estate agreed, as well as works commenced on the Colville Estate and Aitkin Court. The Tower Court application had also been approved by Cabinet. Mayor Glanville advised that new shared ownership schemes at Great Eastern Buildings and Kings Crescent had enabled 90% of units to be sold to owner occupiers and not investors.
- 8.2 Mayor Glanville stated that work was continuing on the consultation of the Britannia Leisure Centre site, setting out a clear vision for a new school, leisure centre and new affordable homes. Work was also continuing on the investment of the Narrowway and Springfield Park, as well as detailed works commencing on Dalston Cultural Quarter and the revision of the Hackney Central Masterplan. This included the approval of the acquisition of the Tesco site in Morning Lane by Cabinet recently.
- 8.3 Mayor Glanville gave an overview of the Council's business and creative economy and confirmed that Village Underground had been granted a new lease. He advised that himself and Councillor Nicholson would continue to campaign against the proposed rises in business rates in London. Mayor Glanville also paid tribute to Susan McKenna who had stepped down as Creative Director of the Hackney Empire, who had made a massive contribution to the theatre over the past seven years.
- 8.4 Mayor Glanville congratulated the Hackney Gazette on their campaign and focus on the Hidden Homeless and stated that the Council was totally committed to supporting Rough Sleepers. There had been a rise in homelessness and people in temporary accommodation which had been made worse by the benefit cap and the Government's Housing Policy. Mayor Glanville referred to the following figures and highlighted the increase in homelessness figures since 2007/08:-
- 2007/08 – number of families in TA 1896/acceptances 731
 - 2010/11 – number in TA 1296/acceptances 761 – severe overcrowding down to 400 families
 - 2011/12 – last year TA no net cost to the Council
 - Now in 2015/16 – applications at 1491, acceptances at 1090, number in TA 2495 (now 2800) – total cost £35 million, net cost £6.1 million.
- 8.5 Mayor Glanville stated that he was due to meet with the Housing Minister to discuss the Homelessness Reduction Bill and Housing Act. He would be raising issues such as tackling the cost of private renting, housing support and supporting the build of much needed homes in the borough.
- 8.6 Mayor Glanville referred to issues surrounding transport and stated that the borough was clearly living with the former Mayor of London's legacy of toxic air. Mayor Glanville and Councillor Demirci were committed to taking action on parking, promoting sustainable transport and believed that CPZs were a key tool in reducing pollution levels in the borough.
- 8.7 Mayor Glanville extended his condolences to all Members, including the Speaker, who could not be in attendance this evening due to family bereavements.

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- 8.8 Mayor Glanville took the opportunity to wish Gordon Bell MBE, Freeman of the Borough, a happy 83rd birthday and congratulated him on 63 years of civic life. Gordon Bell MBE thanked Mayor Glanville for his kind words and was proud to say that Hackney was now one of the best boroughs.
- 8.9 Mayor Glanville stated the importance of marking Holocaust Memorial Day on Friday and was also looking forward to LGBT history month.
- 8.10 Councillor Steinberger responded to the Mayor's statement on behalf of the Conservative Group. Councillor Steinberger also sent his condolences to absent members and the Speaker on their recent losses, on behalf of all members of the Conservative Group. Councillor Steinberger also welcomed Gordon Bell MBE to the meeting and congratulated him on his achievement, as well as fellow Freeman of the Borough, former councillor Saleem Siddiqui.
- 8.11 Councillor Steinberger raised the issue of neighbourhood planning and area action plans and expressed his concerns regarding the consultation of a CPZ in Lordship ward, where it was suggested that over 3,000 consultation responses had been lost. He requested that this be looked into again and his and Councillor Jacobson's questions answered. Councillor Steinberger was also concerned about the level of homelessness in the borough and queried whether empty shops could be converted into residential units.
- 8.12 Councillor Sharer responded to the Mayor's statement on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group. Councillor Sharer also extended his condolences to the Speaker and other members of their losses. Councillor Sharer supported the concerns raised regarding the cuts to benefits and the growing housing crisis in the borough. He acknowledged that there had been a 14% increase in homelessness figures in London, however he believed that this could be even higher if the number of 'sofa surfers' were also taken into consideration. He also agreed that the business rates were a disaster and were having a negative impact on local smaller businesses.
- 8.13 Councillor Sharer also raised the issue of CPZs and stressed the importance of taking into consideration the responses from residents during the consultation process.
- 8.14 Mayor Glanville thanked the opposition group leaders for their responses and responded to the issue of neighbourhood planning and area action plans. Mayor Glanville stated that the Council did not want polarised forums and he promoted inclusive discussions regarding Stamford Hill.
- 8.15 With regard to the issue surrounding the proposed introduction of parking controls in Northern Hackney, Mayor Glanville explained that this had been reported to Cabinet on 31 October 2016 and confirmed that all of the roads affected had been properly consulted as part of a transparent process. He added that all of the contributions made by residents as part of the consultation process had been taken into consideration and any knock on effects of the CPZ would be looked into and rectified. He also urged that the local councillors get involved in the next stage of the consultation.
- 8.16 Mayor Glanville reiterated his concerns regarding the proposed increases in business rates, which was contributed to by a cut in corporation tax

implemented by the Government. He praised the work of Councillor Nicholson on this issue and added that local pubs, offices and businesses were essential to economic growth in the borough and measures should be taken to ensure that they were retained.

- 8.17 Mayor Glanville advised that homelessness levels were partially captured by the number of people in temporary accommodation and added that 'sofa surfing' was a real challenge within the borough. There was a real need for a pathway for affordable housing and long term solutions for preventing homelessness within the borough.

9 Report from Cabinet: Calculation of Council Tax Base and Local Business Rate Income for 2017/18

- 9.1 The Council was informed that there were no proposed changes to the local Council Tax Reduction Scheme in 2017/18, although Officers would review the scheme during the year to ensure that it continued to be used as effectively as possible to continue to provide support to those residents who need it most. Any proposals for changes to the scheme following that review would be fully consulted upon in accordance with the relevant Regulations. Members were asked to agree the baseline level of Local Business Rate income the Council will be likely to receive for 2017/18.

RESOLVED that:

1. 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%.
2. 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.
3. 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

- 10.1 Councillor Taylor, Cabinet Member for Finance and Customer Services, introduced the report and commended it to Council.

RESOLVED that the Council opts 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

- 11.1 Members were informed that the Localism Act 2011 required the Council to publish an annual pay statement for Chief Officer Pay. The statement must legally be approved by a resolution of the Council before 31 March 2017.
- 11.2 This report was presented to Corporate Committee as part of its remit in relation to Human Resources and was presented for decision.
- 11.3 Councillor Webb noted the Chief Executive's additional allowance for elections despite the voting issues residents experienced.

RESOLVED that Council noted the comments of the Corporate Committee and approved the Pay Policy Statement.

12 Motions

- a Hackney Road Recreation Ground

Councillor McShane introduced the motion and gave an overview of Thomas Fairchild. He stated that the local community was keen to reflect Hackney Recreation Ground's unique history by renaming it 'Fairchild's Garden'.

Councillor Moule recognised the contribution that Thomas Fairchild had made to the borough, which had already been reflected in the naming of Thomas Fairchild Community School.

Councillor Demirci seconded the motion and also felt it was important to recognise the contribution Thomas Fairchild had made to the borough.

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 *Fairchild's Garden*, to celebrate this notable Hackney citizen.

For: Unanimous

b Number 73 Bus Route

Councillor Steinberger informed members that the 73 bus route was 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 Station, as opposed to its previous route from Tottenham Swan to Victoria Station, and that the curtailment of this route was 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 Transport for London 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.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Steinberger and seconded by Councillor Odze

The following amendment to the Motion was proposed by Councillor Stops -

Insert before the first paragraph:

"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 73...affected only 2.5 per cent of journeys" along the route."

The following sentence be added to the end of the first paragraph:

"Possibly to coincide with anticipated improvements to reliability following proposed changes at the western end of the route in 2018."

Insert after last paragraph:

"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."

The amendment to the motion was seconded by Councillor Margaret Gordon.

Councillor Odze proposed the following amendment to the amended motion, which was seconded by Councillor Steinberger - "This Council notes that this in no way reduces the inconvenience of having to unnecessarily change buses."

Councillor Stops declared that the Labour Group would not support the amendment to the amended motion and following discussion Councillor Odze withdrew his amendment.

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The Council debated the motion, Councillor Demirci explained that the Number 73 Bus route had been discussed many times in the past, it was highlighted to members that with the election of Boris Johnson as the Mayor of London a manifesto commitment to get rid of articulated buses saw the service converted to classic double deck operation in 2011 and revised to operate daily between Stoke Newington and Victoria. As a direct consequence the service between Stoke Newington and Seven Sisters was withdrawn. Councillor Demirci stated that the Council would fight for the Bus Route 73 service to return.

Councillor Steinberger stated that there had not been enough work undertaken to overcome the issue. He added that the Hackney Travel Plan did not include any information in relation to the Bus Route 73.

Councillor Odze said that the issues in relation to the 73 Bus Route were not political, it was felt that the amendment to the motion submitted by the Labour Group politicised an a-political issue, an objection to this amendment was made clear to the Council.

Councillor Moule and Councillor Taylor shared the view that this was an example of a cut to Government expenditure, therefore was seen as a political issue.

Members of the Council voted on the amended motion from the Labour Group.

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 73...affected 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 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

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13.1 There were no appointments to Committees or Commissions.

Duration of the meeting: 7:00 – 9:55pm