

COUNCIL

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

Wednesday, 26th July, 2017 at 7.00 pm

in the Council Chamber, 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 October 17

24 January 18

21 February 18

23 May 18 (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	5 minutes
5	Questions from Members of the Public	5 minutes
6	Questions from Members of the Council	30 minutes
7	Elected Mayor's Statement	20 minutes
8	Late Night Levy	15 minutes
9	Members' Allowances Scheme 2017/18	10 minutes
10	Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report	10 minutes
11	Standards Committee Annual Report	10 minutes
12	Appointment to Independent Person	5 minutes
13	Motion	15 minutes
14	Appointments to Committees	5 minutes

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.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

(Pages 1 - 12)

5 Questions from Members of the Public

5. 1 Mr Christopher Sills to the Mayor

Would you agree with me that the switchboard service at Hackney town Hall has got progressively worse in the last few years and that callers are frequently put through to the wrong department thus wasting everybody's time and what steps are you taking to improve the service.

6 Questions from Members of the Council

6.1 <u>Councillor Susan Fajana-Thomas to the Lead Member for Housing</u>

Can the Lead Member for Housing reassure residents living in social housing blocks, that tests on cladding have been carried out and all fire risk assessments are up to date now we know that cladding appears to have allowed the fire to spread in the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

6.2 <u>Councillor Jessica Webb to the Lead Member for Housing</u>

Five years ago, four Hackney Wick tower blocks, Heathcote, Hensley, Vanner and Ravenscroft were clad. Given the tragedy of Grenfell Tower, residents of these blocks have asked councillors for reassurance about their safety. Can the Cabinet member tell us what has been done to check the safety of these blocks?

6.3 <u>Councillor Clare Potter to the Lead Member for Community Safety and Enforcement</u>

Wireless in Finsbury Park has taken place for the last 4 years. This year, despite extensive engagement in advance of the event to try to mitigate negative consequences, the level of ASB was extremely concerning. How can we ensure this does not happen again and residents are able to feel secure.

6.4 <u>Councillor Brian Bell to the Lead Member for Community Safety and Enforcement</u>

Following the recent terrorist attacks in Westminster, Manchester, London Bridge and Finsbury Park, what can the Council do to help keep Hackney safe and to work with the community to ensure it remains the inclusive, welcoming place that it is.

6.5 Question from Councillor Abraham Jacobson to the Lead Member for Community Safety and Enforcement

What is being done to curb the violence and knife crime following rave parties occurring on the Stamford Hill and other Estates?

6.6 Question from Councillor Ian Sharer to the Lead Member for Housing

What action is Hackney Council doing to retrofit sprinkler systems in all the high rise buildings in Hackney as per the Coroner's report in the Lakanal House fire tragedy?

6.7 Question from Councillor Emma Plouviez to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Transport and Parks

The Council recently launched its first School streets scheme at St Johns the Baptist Primary School. This is where the road outside a school is closed to traffic at school opening and closing times; helping to achieve a safer, more pleasant environment whilst maintaining access for residents, businesses, pedestrians and cyclists. I welcome this initiative and would like to know what plans are in place to extend this scheme to other schools like the London Fields school in my ward which is one of the primary schools in Hackney that suffers from the highest levels of air pollution

6.8 From Councillor Harvey Odze to the Mayor

What are the current and projected status of occupancy on the Woodberry Down Estate

6.9 From Councillor Harvey Odze to the Mayor

In the light of the Grenfell Tower disaster it is quite obvious that speed of access for the emergency services to the site of a fire is of paramount importance so why does the Mayor of Hackney not persuade the relevant Hackney Council Officers to cancel the counterproductive, pollution creating plans to narrow the A503, Seven Sisters Road, since these plans, besides being against the wishes of the majority of residents in the area, would undoubtedly cause extra traffic congestion and delay access for the emergency services to the site of any major incident.

- 7 Elected Mayor's Statement (standing item)
- 8 Report from Licensing Committee: Late Night Levy

(Pages 13 - 66)

9 Report of the Chief Executive: Members' Allowances Scheme 2017/18

(Pages 67 - 84)

10 Report of the Chief Executive: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

(Pages 85 - 122)

11 Report of Standards Committee: Annual Report 2016/17

(Pages 123 - 132)

12 Report of Standards Committee: Re-appointment of Independent Person to Standards Committee

(Pages 133 - 136)

- 13 Motion
 - a UK 100 Clean Energy

UK100 Agreement Motion

 This council resolves to support the UK100 pledge to shift towards 100% clean energy across the London Borough of Hackney's full range of functions, by 2050.

We, Hackney Council, acknowledge our responsibility to help secure an environmentally sustainable future, both for our residents and all people around the world faced with the challenges brought about by human-influenced climate change.

At the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris, leaders seized the opportunity to commit to a new energy future. Although the groundbreaking Paris Agreement does not place binding commitments upon local government institutions, we in Hackney intend to match its goals. The world is coming together to create a new energy system - we intend to be part of that change by creating and delivering our own local commitments and solutions.

We will decouple from fossil fuels not merely because it is 'good for the planet' in an abstract sense, but because it is good for the people we serve.

The people of Hackney deserve warm homes, secure and affordable energy, clean air and drinking water, and to live in a borough that takes its environmental obligations seriously.

Shifting Hackney's consumption of energy towards renewables will help keep the lights on, drive renewables deployment and lower their unit costs, protect consumers from high and unstable energy prices, and contribute to geopolitical stability by reducing our dependence on imported fuel.

By addressing the scientific reality of human-influenced climate change, we will also be able to rebuild our own industrial and manufacturing base; creating well-paid, high-skilled employment, both locally and across the country. The UK100 Agreement is a pledge for jobs and economic prosperity.

The challenges we face require ambition and imagination if they are to be overcome, so that our children can enjoy a safe and secure future. We will take action that tackles climate change but also builds communities, which are the best places for our children to grow up.

We are facing an existential crisis for which there is no comparison in human history, and it is to us that this challenge has fallen. As a society, we are well-placed to contribute to the solutions we require, because of our industrial past and our history of willingness to lead on finding solutions to the new challenges the world faces.

We have the ambition to achieve 100% clean energy across the London Borough of Hackney's full range of functions by 2050, and to work in partnership with our residents and business community to deliver against the commitments made nationally and internationally at the 2015 Paris Summit.

We hope other towns and cities across the globe will join us to demonstrate that this transition will happen through acts of leadership by the many not the few, and that a transition to a clean energy future is both viable and already beginning to happen in many towns and cities today. We join with other communities across the UK who have made the same commitment to delivering a better future for everyone.

We resolve to turn this commitment into reality by developing a route map to a more sustainable future that also builds the kind of community of which we can be proud.

Proposer Cllr Sophie Cameron Seconder Cllr Robert Chapman

14 Appointments to Committees and Commissions (standing item)

(Pages 137 - 140)

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 <u>all</u> 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 Interim Director of Legal;
- 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;
- ii. 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
- iii. 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:

- i. Declare the existence and <u>nature</u> 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).
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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:

- i. 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 <u>nature</u> 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 Suki Binjal, Interim Director of Legal, on 020 8356 6234 or email suki.binjal@hackney.gov.uk

