

London Borough of Hackney
Council
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Date of Meeting Wednesday, 24th January, 2018

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, Cllr Brian Bell, Deputy Mayor Anntoinette Bramble, Cllr Barry Buitekant, Cllr Jon Burke, Cllr Sophie Cameron, Cllr Robert Chapman, Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cllr Michael Desmond, Cllr Sade Etti, Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas, Cllr Margaret Gordon, Cllr Michelle Gregory, Cllr Katie Hanson, Cllr Ned Hercock, Cllr Abraham Jacobson, Cllr Christopher Kennedy, Cllr Michael Levy, Cllr Yvonne Maxwell, Cllr Clayeon McKenzie, Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cllr Sem Moema, Cllr Patrick Moule, Cllr Sally Mulready, Cllr Ann Munn, Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cllr Harvey Odze, Cllr Deniz Oguzkanli, Cllr M Can Ozsen, Cllr Benzion Papier, Cllr Sharon Patrick, Cllr James Peters, Cllr Emma Plouviez, Cllr Clare Potter, Cllr Tom Rahilly, Cllr Ian Rathbone, Cllr Rebecca Rennison, Cllr Anna-Joy Rickard, Cllr Rosemary Sales, 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 Dawood Akhoon, Cllr Will Brett, Cllr Laura Bunt, Cllr Mete Coban, Cllr Sophie Conway, Cllr Tom Ebbutt, Cllr Ben Hayhurst and Cllr Richard Lufkin

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Councillor Michael Desmond [Speaker] in the Chair

1 Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 There were apologies for absence received from Councillors Akkhoon Brett, Bunt, Coban, Conway, Ebbutt, Hayhurst and Lufkin.

2 Speaker's Announcements

- 2.1 The Speaker announced, with the sadness, the deaths of former Councillors Cam Matheson and Dr Harry Rezler. Councillor Matheson was a councillor in the 1990s and Dr Harry Rezler was a councillor in the 1950s.
- 2.2 Councillor Ian Rathbone paid tribute to Councillor Matheson describing him as great community activist who was never one to mince his words when it came to politics and what was right and what was wrong. He would speak his mind and the truth and he

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wanted society to change and he set about trying to do that, whatever the personal cost. Councillor Matheson was a keen supporter of the establishment of the Turkish and Kurdish communities in Hackney and he championed the recycling food at a time when it was not on the agenda. He was true scottish and hackney fighter.

2.3 Councillor Cann Ozsen echoed those comments by Councillor Rathbone reflecting on all the work Councillor Matheson had done over the years for the Turkish and Kurdish communities in the borough.

2.4 Councillor Michael Desmond paid tribute to former Councillor Dr Harry Rezler. Born in the East End of London before becoming a member of the council Councillor Rezler had held a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Besides sitting on the council, Councillor Rezler had also sat on the London County Council representing Hackney Central from 1958-65. On leaving the council Councillor Rezler returned to medical profession before eventually retiring to Bournemouth.

2.5 The Speaker offered her condolences to the Councillors respective families and led the council in a minute's silence.

2.6 The Speaker thanked Councillors Desmond for his involvement in the quiz night and Councillors and Sales for their sale of Christmas cards.

2.7 The Speaker thanked Councillors Potter and Williams for their involvement at the Olympic Park.

2.8 The Speaker reminded members that there was still plenty of time for them to sign up to the 2018 Hackney Half Marathon taking place on Sunday 20 May.

2.9 The Speaker congratulated Councillor Steinberger on his appearance in an episode of The Apprentice television series late last year.

3 Declarations of Interest

3.1 There was declarations of interest from Councillor Moema in relation to agenda item 6.1 and from Councillor Gordon in relation to agenda item 10.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

4.1 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th October 2017 be approved, subject to an amendment to minute 7.7.

Councillor Steinberger stated that minute 7.7 did not accurately reflect what he had said at the meeting. He did not say that the government would give assurances regarding staying in the European Union. Those European residents who wished to stay in the United Kingdom should be welcomed. Prime Minister Theresa May must give assurances to the 3 million European residents in the UK.

5 Deputations

5.1 Councillor Sales introduced parents and children from Holmleigh and Sir Thomas Abney Schools on Dunsmere Road, Stamford Hill to the Council requesting urgent action to improve road safety in the areas surrounding the schools. Parents welcomed the measures already introduced by the Council to

improve safety but they believed further action was required in order to protect the safety of pedestrians, particularly children and cyclists.

- 5.2 Speaking on behalf of parents and children, Theresa Hendricks, explained to Council that Holmleigh School has two entrances on busy roads neither of which had a crossing patrol officer or pedestrian crossing. Cars regularly exceed the speed limit and park dangerously. The school is next to the junction of Dunsmure/Fairholt Road and Bethune Road. This is extremely busy, especially when children, including those attending local orthodox Jewish schools, are walking to school and dangerous and aggressive driving is a daily problem. Despite of the two crossing patrol officers there have been frequent accidents.
- 5.3 The parents asked the Council to consider measures to improve safety including:
- Closing Holmleigh Road or making it one way for all or part of the day
 - Making a pedestrian crossing at Dunsmure Road entrance of Holmleigh Road
 - Reducing the number of entry/exit points to the junction at Dunsmure/Fairholt and Bethune Roads e.g. by preventing traffic travelling southwards on Bethune Road
 - Consider making roads adjoining the schools 'School Streets' where traffic is barred at school opening and closing times
 - Introduce more rigorous enforcement of traffic and parking regulations
- 5.4 Councillor Odze thanked Ms Hendricks for her deputation and acknowledged that the area in question was highly dangerous and that the area was very congested. However, Councillor Odze was against the suggestion that measures should be introduced that would end up punishing the general population.
- 5.5 Ms Hendricks replied that the 95% of those using the roads in the area were children who were walking to school. The parents wanted the existing regulations to be enforced.
- 5.6 Councillor Jacobson thanked the parents for their deputation and sympathised with their circumstances as child and road safety were issues close to his heart and was aware of the serious impact of accidents on people's lives. Councillor Jacobson stated that parking apps on mobile phones did not help by displaying the area as a free parking zone. Action needed to be taken to make clear which areas were not free parking areas.
- 5.7 Councillor Stops added that the area needed to be designated a car free pedestrian-only zone.
- 5.8 Mayor Glanville thanked the parents for their deputation and called for the regulations to be enforced as well as measures to curb levels of air pollution.

Response:

Councillor Demirci thanked the parents for bringing this important issue to the Council's attention this evening. Improving pedestrian and cycle safety was a priority

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for the Council and was central to an ongoing commitment to ensuring that Hackney was a liveable borough for all its residents.

Councillor Demirci had met Ms Hendricks, who was a parent representative from Holmleigh and Cllr Sales, on 9 January, together with the Head of Street scene Andrew Cunningham. At the meeting they discussed the various traffic issues that were affecting both Holmleigh and Sir Thomas Abney schools and they committed to completing surveys including traffic counts together with average speed data, along Dunsmure, Fairholt and Bethune Roads. The Council would also consider the feasibility of installing a static camera to monitor the traffic flow at the junction of Bethune Road, Dunsmure and Fairholt Road.

Councillor Demirci was pleased to say that both schools were now fully engaged with the School Travel Plan scheme. The Travel Plan would not only capture issues but would also include the proposed measures outside of the schools and enable the Council to access funding for any schemes that we may want to take forward. I hope that the schools continue to be positively engaged with the scheme and the Council to carry out actions contained within their Travel Plans which will allow them to gain full accreditation. The Council aims to complete traffic surveys, including traffic counts and average speed, by the spring break or shortly after.

With regards to parking enforcement, it should be noted that the area around Holmleigh, and Sir Thomas Abney, was not a controlled parking zone. However, the Parking enforcement team had been supported by the police (James Higgins) to raise awareness of inconsiderate parking within these areas. Sir Thomas Abney was included in the first tranche of School Keep Clear cameras in 2017 which were successful in deterring vehicles from parking on the school keep clears. Holmleigh Primary School was included in the second tranche and a camera was installed earlier this month and would remain there for around six months.

The School Streets initiative was in the pilot phase with the first School Street installed outside St John the Baptist School in June 2017. Two more would be going live in the next three weeks so that we will be on track to have a total of five School Streets by March 2018. The intention was to test the concept and roll it out wider once the Council had reviewed the pilot schemes and solved any issues that the pilots raise. The scheme had attracted considerable interest and the Council had a list of schools

that would like to be considered for the second phase. Participant schools would be prioritised based on suitability of the road (the scheme was not appropriate for strategic roads), levels of air pollution, number of road traffic accidents in the vicinity and whether there had been previous initiatives to address the issues through softer measures.

Councillor Demirci had asked officers to investigate whether Holmleigh School could be included for consideration in the next phase of School Streets, and this would be considered in early summer, once the current schemes had been in for a few months.

6 Questions from Members of the Public

6.1 Mr Christopher Sills to the Mayor

Are you aware that there is considerable uncertainty on Woodberry Down Estate as to when and indeed if each block is going to be demolished? Please could you therefore state when each block is currently expected to be demolished and publish this answer on the Council Website so that the occupiers know where they stand

Response from the Mayor

The Mayor highlighted that Woodberry Down was the Council's largest regeneration project and with our partners WDCO, Genesis Housing Association and Berkeley Homes, we would be delivering over 5,500 new, high-quality homes of which 41% are affordable. To date 1,479 new homes have been built. 530 households from the existing Woodberry Down estate have moved into new social rented homes and a further 206 homes have been sold as shared ownership. The vast majority of shared ownership homes have been sold to people who currently either live or work in Hackney or neighbouring boroughs. A further 804 homes are currently under construction; 667 outright sale homes and 137 shared ownership/shared equity homes.

All of the existing secure tenants, who were currently living in homes which do not meet current standards and were no longer economical to repair, would be able to move to a brand new home on the estate with the same terms and conditions as their current tenancy. We also provided homes under the shared equity scheme to enable resident leaseholders to remain living at Woodberry Down. The Council already rehoused over half the secure tenants at Woodberry Down. This is a long and complex project and as such there is always likely a degree of uncertainty as to the exact date of the demolition of each individual block. However, the Council remains committed to sharing up to date information with residents and with their representatives, WDCO, whenever it is able to.

In the summer of 2015 every household was sent a leaflet containing information on when residents could expect to move. Included in it was a table setting out the dates

of when the decanting would start, with the caveat that some dates may change. Since then officers and partners have continued to keep residents up to date with progress and have carried out extensive consultation, including monthly updates at WDCO board meetings, which are open to the public, and a regular newsletter which is sent to all households living at Woodberry Down. The next phase to be demolished will be Phase 3 and almost all the secure tenants from that phase have already moved. The Compulsory Purchase process for Phase 3 is underway and negotiations with leaseholders are ongoing, with a number of them having already moved out.

In a response to a Supplementary Question it was explained that secure tenants have the opportunity to move early into relets of the new Genesis properties. There are approximately 15 – 20 relets every year and these would be offered in sequence depending on the phasing plan, so would initially be offered to residents in Phase 3, then Phase 4, etc.. There were currently six secure tenant households remaining in Phase 3 and 45 in Phase 4. The Woodberry Down decant team maintain a list of residents interested in moving early and this was currently being updated. Two households from Phase 4 are moving this month. Leaseholders also have the opportunity to move early if they want the Council to buy back their property prior to it being required for demolition.

6.2 Ms Meera Khosla to the Cabinet Member for Health Social Care and Devolution.

St Joseph's Hospice has empty wards in good condition with free beds in it which were offered to The Clinical Commissioning Group and Social Services to alleviate the NHS bed shortage crisis. Notwithstanding initial discussions, no formal offer was made. What is the council doing about this valued resource?

Response from Health Social Care and Devolution:

Councillor McShane explained that the CCG and Local Authority did not commission hospital beds. These were commissioned by the hospital providers. The Council believed that there were enough hospital beds at the Homerton hospital, with an extra ward that could be opened in the event of a surge in demand. The Council's main focus is to invest in community resources to support people to receive care close to home.

The Council has been exploring with the CCG whether there is any scope to use the beds at St Joseph's hospice to provide nursing home care, of which there is a shortage in the borough. This would be explored by officers in the CCG and Local Authority within the "Planned Care" work stream. A supplementary question was proposed to the cabinet member requesting that it should be a priority to reduce pressures currently faced in the NHS. The Cabinet Member for Health Social Care and Devolution explained that there were a number of other options that could be explored to reduce the pressures which were faced, however the council would look into this request.

7 Questions from Members of the Council

7.1 From Councillor Sharon Patrick to the Cabinet Member for Health, Social care and Devolution

‘Could the Cabinet member tell the Council about the Sport England award and what this will mean to residents in the Kings Park Ward?’

Response:

Councillor McShane began by welcoming the news that Hackney had been selected as one of 12 Sport England Local Delivery Pilots. This was excellent news for the borough and Councillor McShane asked his fellow Councillors to join him in congratulating everyone that was involved in developing the bid.

Councillor McShane added that through the Sport England Local Delivery Pilots programme, around £100million of National Lottery funding would be invested in the 12 pilot schemes over four years, to create innovative partnerships that make it easier for people in these communities to access sport and physical activity, including better collaboration between a wider range of local organisations, including voluntary groups, social enterprises, local authorities, faith organisations, schools, GPs and parenting groups.

The Hackney Local Delivery Pilot would initially be led by the Council – although a different organisation may emerge to lead the Pilot as it develops. Councillor McShane added that there was a commitment from a wide range of partners to work collaboratively and deliver real and lasting change in helping all residents from the chosen areas of the Clapton Park and Kingsmead housing estates to lead healthy lives through the powerful agency of physical activity.

Councillor McShane explained that the Council was in the very early stages of the pilot and in discussions with Sport England about how it will progress and develop. Councillor McShane gave his Councillors the following assurances:

- Representatives from the local community would be involved in overseeing how the pilot is delivered;
- The Council would spend considerable time in the local community at the beginning of the pilot understanding the barriers and facilitators to physical activity, before the Council implements any initiatives;
- Any initiatives that the Council implements would be designed and delivered in partnership with the local community and stakeholders;
- Sustainability of initiatives would be at the core of the pilot; and
- The Council would always be looking for opportunities to take the learning from the pilot and broaden its impact across the borough.

Councillor McShane added that this was a hugely exciting opportunity for Clapton Park, Kingsmead, Kings Park Ward and the borough as a whole, but the Council needed to get it right so that lasting change is created. It was recognised that this would take time. Council McShane asked for the community’s and stakeholders’ patience as the Council undertakes engagement to make sure they implement the change that the community wants.

7.2 From Councillor Ian Sharer to Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Devolution

What is Hackney Council doing to assist with the current Coroner crisis whereby the Muslim and Jewish community are unable to bury their departed in a dignified manner?

Response:

Councillor McShane replied that Hackney was one of four boroughs covered by the coroner Mary Hassell, along with Tower Hamlets, Camden and Islington. Until recently there was an informal agreement in place between the coroner and local communities that allows most Jewish people who die at home to be taken to, and guarded at, a private funeral home so long as the death appears to be natural. This appears to have worked fairly effectively for the past two years, but there have been instances where concerns have been raised about the impact on the ability of the coroner and other bodies to establish the cause of death. The City and Hackney Children's Safeguarding Board wrote to the coroner in November 2016 on behalf of the Child Death Overview Panel, to raise concerns about a case involving the death of a baby, where the guarding protocol appeared to impinge on the ability of the panel to undertake their investigations. We would expect the cultural requirements of all communities to be respected and acted upon in coronial work and all other aspects of public life, but not where it impacts on the abilities of statutory bodies to complete the work they are legally obliged to perform.

The London Borough of Camden acts as the lead borough for the coronial consortium, and have initiated a review to find a resolution that is supported by all stakeholders. This has included discussions with MPs, contacting the chief coroner, the Ministry of Justice, the Metropolitan Police, community leaders from the Jewish and Muslim communities, and seeking independent legal counsel. Hackney council would support the review and provide input to ensure the views of local stakeholders were appropriately captured. The Council to date had not received any complaints directly from representatives of the Muslim community about the current practices for making burial arrangements, though understand that Camden have been contacted.

Councillor Odze's questioned if the Mayor would contact Tower Hamlets and write a joint letter. Councillor Odze's was advised that this would be investigated.

7.3 From Councillor Desmond to the Cabinet Member for Housing Services

Could the Cabinet member for Housing Services provide an update on the fire safety inspections which have happened to date in the 4 tower blocks in Hackney Downs; Beckers 1 and 2, Gooch House and Seaton Point? Can the answer include decisions made on installing sprinkler systems (if they do not exist) and action taken to pursue government funding allocated to meeting the costs of improvements found to be necessary? As well as advice which has been sought and received from the fire brigade on the fire safety of these buildings, and the accessibility of this information in the public

domain?

Response:

Councillor McKenzie replied that immediately after the Grenfell Tower Fire the Mayor committed to publishing the Council's 1,823 Fire Risk Assessments (FRAs) covering all of the London Borough of Hackney's housing stock. A fire safety web page was put on the Council's website and this contained information about fire safety, the Council's response and information about FRAs.

All FRAs that pre-date 1 April 2017 were redone and these were all published on the Council website. Councillor McKenzie was happy to send Councillor Desmond details of the links.

Councillor McKenzie added that at the 18 September 2017 Cabinet meeting, members considered a report that set out the Council's response to the Grenfell Tower fire and a further Cabinet report was planned for March 2018. Details of the FRAs for the four tower blocks in Hackney Downs area were available on the Council's website. Councillor McKenzie re-iterated his willingness to circulate details of the web link.

The London Fire Brigade (LFB) had provided quality assurance advice on Hackney's FRA process and the Council were in regular contact with both the inspection arm and the emergency response arm of the LFB.

Additionally the LFB regularly carries out no-notice inspections on blocks and properties across the borough, though the Council had not had a report from them on any of the tower blocks in Hackney Downs.

Sprinklers had not been installed within any of the above blocks. Each of the new FRA reports for them contains the following commentary:

"Current guidance would recommend that a sprinkler system is installed in blocks of flats over 30 metres high. Due to the height of the building, it is recommended that consideration is given to providing a sprinkler system throughout the premises. Sprinklers need only be provided within the individual flats, they are not required in the common areas such as stairs, corridors or landings. NB: The assessor is not aware of any current legislation making it a requirement to retrofit fire sprinklers".

- The Council's current position was that it would retrofit sprinklers, where advised by the LFB, fire risk assessors, or where the Council's independent fire safety adviser (who is a former LFB borough commander); or where the Council was required to do so by future legislation that might come about as a result of either the Hackitt Review of building regulations or the Grenfell Tower fire public inquiry.

Council McKenzie added, that In terms of funding, the Council had established a set of "asks" of the government concerning resourcing and particularly the need for funding for any appropriate additional fire safety work. Specifically, the Council had raised concerns, including the need to raise the HRA borrowing cap and other measures, with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government as well as with the Hackitt Review and the wider Grenfell

Tower public inquiry. The Council regularly raises fire safety funding with government officials, and it is working closely with the Local Government Association (LGA) and London Councils flagging up Hackney Council's funding concerns on this issue.

7.4 From Councillor Abraham Jacobson to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Transport and Parks

Do you have a timetable for the implementation of the Zebra and/or other road safe crossings requested a while back during meetings with the Satmar, Olive and Simon Marks Schools

Response:

Councillor Demirci replied that there have been several meetings between herself, officers and the schools and including Councillor Jacobson. Officers were taking forward some of the changes, such as installing the bus bay for Cazenove Road. The Council was in the process of advertising the traffic management order with a view to implementing by the end of February. However, it would have been inappropriate to take forward other changes to parking and waiting restrictions as the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) consultation was ongoing. The consultation and analysis was likely to conclude by the end of March, with potential implementation over the summer. Councillor Demirci assured Councillor Jacobson that, once the outcome to consultation was known, the Council would then proceed to investigate further measures including the zebra.

7.5 From Councillor Gregory to the Mayor

'Please describe any benefits to the council and Hackney residents of being part of the London Business Rates Devolution Pilot? How much do you estimate Hackney will receive under this scheme and how does this compare to the previous system? If there is additional income - how will the money be spent?'

Response:

The Mayor replied that the London Councils and the GLA had made various devolution proposals to Government in the last 12 months covering many areas, including business rates. Since September 2016, officers from London Councils, the GLA and the Society of London Treasurers (SLT) had framed a proposal which involves piloting of 100% business rates retention (BRR) via a voluntary pool for London as a whole from 2018-19. The CLG saw pooling as a precondition for a London pilot. A pool was where a group of authorities would come together under the business rate retention scheme to aggregate their business rates resources and be treated as a single entity under the scheme for the purposes of calculating tariffs, top-ups, levies and safety net.

The net financial benefit of pooling in London consisted of retaining 100% of growth (rather than 67% across London under the current scheme), and in not paying a levy on that growth (which tariff authorities and tariff pools currently pay). The principle would mean that any aggregate growth in the pool overall –

because of the increased retention level – would generate additional resources to share, with each borough benefiting.

The starting point for the Pilot Scheme would be to ensure that no borough was better or worse off than it would have been under the current system. As Hackney and the other boroughs would be getting significantly more income from business rates as part of the Pilot, Hackney had agreed to forgo revenue support grant in 2018/19. There would then be some fine tuning through Hackney's top-up grant allocation to ensure that they were no better or worse off at the start. As Hackney progresses through the year and the London tax base grows, Hackney would then benefit from a share of this growth (the growth was not included in the starting point). In the extremely unlikely event that there was little or no growth or even a decline in the London tax base during the year, the Government had undertaken to provide funding to ensure that Hackney was no worse off than it would have been under the current system (the no-detriment rule).

One of the key negotiating points between the boroughs, was how the growth in the London tax base would be allocated out. Hackney had argued for a method which would allocate out a significant amount according to needs and population, and the final method agreed reflected this.

Under the Pilot Hackney would retain 64% of its rating income and the GLA would receive 36%. The Government would not get any.

Hackney Council would not know how much rating income would get until the 2018/19 business accounts were finalised across London in the summer of 2019 and so the 2018/19 budget assumes that Hackney would get the amount guaranteed under the no-detriment rule. Whilst forecasts have been produced by London Councils these were based on individual borough growth estimates that were made over six months ago and before consideration could be given to the impact of revaluation on income levels. It follows that quoting any of these estimates at this stage would be misleading.

The Mayor added that it was also worth pointing out that whilst the scheme would automatically roll over into 2019/20, if one borough pulls out next year then the pilot would cease and would not roll forward, and so at this stage, it would probably be best to regard the pilot as for one year only.

7.6 From Councillor Etti to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement

'With reference to the concerns about acid attacks, what steps is the Council taking to involve local businesses in reducing the sale of acid materials to young people under the age of 18?'

Response:

Council Selman replied that Hackney Trading Standards was a leading authority in London campaigning for shopkeepers to stop selling corrosive products (commonly described as acid).

Products containing acid and ammonia can cause serious burns, blindness and irreversible damage when they come into contact with skin. While attacks using corrosive substances remain relatively rare, the consequences for victims can

be devastating, corrosive substances like drain cleaner have been used in violent attacks in Hackney and other parts of London.

In anticipation of the proposed new legislation being discussed in Parliament Hackney Trading Standards have pioneered a voluntary scheme where shops agree to request customers who appear to be under the age of 21 for ID and to not sell acid or ammonia to anyone they suspect may cause harm with these products. Other authorities in England and Wales have subsequently adopted similar schemes. Traders were provided with a poster which is displayed. Traders were advised where possible to place products behind the counter to limit direct access to customers. To date 19 businesses have signed up with visits undertaken for a further 21 businesses, whom were awaiting to sign up.

Councillor Selman added, that prior to the voluntary scheme being introduced the Council ran two test purchase operations where only two traders refused to sell to minors. The results of one operation was reported in the Sunday Times who accompanied Council Officers on the visits.

Hackney Trading Standards were acting as lead authority with respect to advice to government on Corrosive Substances on behalf of London Trading Standards. Hackney Council have met with the Home Office to give advice on the voluntary scheme in Hackney and made a number of recommendations on the introduction of new legislation. This has led to a number of major retailers being signed up to voluntary schemes. In addition they have been also working with the British Independent Retailers Association to promote the scheme and to get smaller, independent shops and stores signed up.

The Government had consulted on introducing new legislation which included legislative proposals to prohibit the sales of products containing the most harmful corrosive substances to under 18s and also to make it an offence to possess a corrosive substance in a public place without good reason.

As with restrictions on underage knife sales, restricting underage sales can play a useful role in making it harder for young people to take that first step into possessing a potentially dangerous weapon. But restricting sales was just one thing we do to try and prevent crime.

The Young Hackney Service continues to respond to requests from schools for support in delivering a broad PSHE curriculum. Education on corrosive substances can be delivered by Young Hackney staff through the PSHE curriculum or targeted group work offer for schools and community organisations. To date interventions have primarily been delivered by the Prevention and Diversion team and targeted at young people considered to be at risk of offending. Sessions have been delivered through alternative provision and the Pembury Community Centre alongside individual interventions for young people referred through out of court disposals. The Hackney Police Cadets and Young Hackney also partner with Trading Standards to facilitate youth participation in test purchasing activities.

7.7 From Councillor Chapman to the Cabinet Member for Housing Services

'The Council has been sent a petition from the residents of Banister House Estate organised by their TRA. They have raised concerns

about the so called "new blocks", that did not fall into any recent window replacement programme. The residents complain that the windows have passed their safe working life, most can't be closed properly, many are in danger of falling out and all are showing signs of decay and rot, in some cases extreme. Can the cabinet member explain the position of the council in regard to these concerns and what action is he planning to take as a result?'

Response:

Councillor McKenzie explained that the Council has surveyed the Banister House Estate, including the windows, and subject to Cabinet approval in March, was proposing a programme of works for 2018/19 to the value of £7,875,000, which would cover new roofs, new windows, major redecorations and other works.

7.8 From Councillor Jessica Webb to the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Devolution

'Given that girls are now getting the HPV vaccination through school, and that prevention is better than cure, can we extend this programme to boys?'

Response:

Councillor McShane replied that the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) was responsible for reviewing the evidence, impact and cost-effectiveness of a vaccination programme and making recommendations to the Department of Health. New vaccination programmes cannot take place without the recommendation of the JCVI.

In 2008, the JCVI recommended a universal programme of HPV vaccination in girls aged 12-13 years in schools, along with a catch up programme for girls aged from 13 to under 18 years. Evidence at the time indicated that vaccinating boys was unlikely to be cost-effective as the coverage in girls would provide herd immunity for the boys.

The programme was reviewed again in October 2013 and it considered the question of the vaccination of men who have sex with men and the potential extension of the programme to include adolescent boys.

After reviewing the evidence, a pilot was undertaken to evaluate providing HPV vaccination to MSM (men who have sex with men) up to and including those 45 years of age who attend GUM and HIVE clinics was undertaken. The pilot led to a full extension of the programme for MSM.

In January 2014 , the JCVI requested that Public Health England (PHE) develop a new model and review all available evidence of the cost and benefit of extending the HPV programme to adolescent boys. As result, modelling studies were undertaken by both PHE and the University of Warwick. They showed that while HPV was associated with a number of cancers which affect both sexes, herd immunity can be provided to the boys through a high uptake

of the vaccine in adolescent girls. Extending the programme in the UK was unlikely to be cost effective, where the uptake in girls is consistently over 85%.

The JCVI would continue to review both the uptake of the vaccine in girls and the cost effectiveness in adolescent boys and may make further recommendations to extend the programme in the future. The uptake of HPV vaccine in girls in Hackney was under 80%. NHS England (NHSE) was responsible for the delivery and uptake of immunisation, including HPV. Hackney Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group are working closely with NHSE to improve local uptake of the vaccine in girls.

Councillor Odzes proposed a supplementary it was requested that Cabinet Members explored the evidence and dangers of the vaccination. Councillor McShane stated that the vaccination was scientifically proven not to be dangerous, it was stated that it was important not to give the public mixed messages.

7.9 From Councillor Sharon Patrick to the Mayor

‘Could the Mayor update council members on the Housing Supply Programme across the borough?’

Response:

The Mayor was pleased to report that the Housing Supply Programme was making good progress across the borough. Earlier this month planning permission was granted for the first project in the programme. This would see 11 new Council homes built on a derelict garage site at Mandeville Street on the Clapton Park estate – 5 new Council homes for social rent and 6 for shared ownership. The Housing Supply team was working on two further projects at Clapton Park, which would deliver almost 50 new Council homes – all of them either social rented or shared ownership.

Planning permission had also been granted for conversion of the empty housing office at Whiston Road, Haggerston, into two desperately needed social rented homes. Meanwhile the team was continuing to develop an innovative, affordable home ownership product that would help key workers get their feet on the first rung of the housing ladder in architect-designed studio flats at Gooch House in Clapton.

Architects had been appointed and were developing design proposals for three sites in the Hoxton West ward – Buckland Street, Murray Grove and Wimborne Street. These sites mark a step up in scale for the programme, and the Council hoped to be consulting with local residents on plans during the spring.

Design teams would soon be appointed for multiple sites on the De Beauvoir and Frampton Park estates, and officers were keeping the Tenant & Resident Associations up to date with progress. Finally, the team was working on an engagement strategy for Lincoln Court, near Woodberry Down, recognising the high level of resident interest in this development.

The Mayor explained that this meant that work was underway on all of the HSP sites, and the programme was still on track to deliver over 400 new Council

homes – around 70% of them for social rent and shared ownership, all prioritised for local people. This would be ensured through a programme-wide Unilateral Undertaking, recently agreed with the planning authority.

8 Elected Mayor's Statement

- 8.1 The Mayor stated that it was the penultimate Full Council meeting before the Hackney Local Elections on 3rd May.
- 8.2 It was added that the Mayor had a certain interest in housing and Sesame Street which aligned with the news this month that the Government attempted to show they were responding to the housing crisis. The Mayor stated that each episode started with the famous phrase bought to you by certain letters and numbers. It was suggested that it would not be a bad theme for tonight and chose the letters 'R', 'A' and 'S' as well as the number 140m
- 8.3 R – For reputations, or resolutions – The mayor stated that if anyone was still thinking about a new resolution he recommend volunteering, this month the Council have been promoting volunteering in Hackney working with seven small charities and the Volunteer Centre.
- 8.4 Turning back to the letter 'H' the new Housing Strategy. Reputation plays its part in how the council have been able to respond, from the pioneering work of NFNO to the visit at the end of last year of Mayor of London to the site of NSNO hub at St Mungo's on Mare Street the GLA want to work with us to tackle homelessness. We're also able to attract the very best talent in terms of architects, officers and developers to projects.
- 8.5 'A' is for Austerity and the number 140, the £140m - a stark reminder of what, since 2010, the council have lost in terms of funding. The Mayor advised that the council was going into the final months of the financial year with an over spend and faced by difficult decisions.
- 8.6 It was highlighted that Britannia was to be invested in with a new facility for Shoreditch and Hackney. With a new school and council housing to rent and buy.
- 8.8 The Mayor congratulated Homerton and the local NHS as they achieved 94.5% of patients treated, admitted, discharged from A&E in December against a national target of 95% and they were the top performer in London. They are currently at 94.9% in January as at midnight, yesterday. This was been achieved not just through the hard work of the staff at the Homerton, though they deserve a lion's share of the credit, but the work of the council, social services, GPs, CCG and voluntary sector.
- 8.10 It was reported that since the November Council meeting the Council have been fighting for more resources – police cuts, education etc Foot the Bill. The Mayor thanked the cross party support and the police whom continue to do a remarkable job locally with reduced resources, including sensitive but effective

stop and search with some of the highest rates in the Met of recovery of knives and arrests. Continue to invest in that partnership, prevention and responding to incidents like the three unconnected murders we saw in recent months, the first in two years.

- 8.11 It was added further that Hackney we're not hiding away from the challenges, but were at the heart of responding to them. Hackney Council continue to enhance and maintain its reputation, starting to tackle the housing crisis, investing for the future, and fighting austerity. Building a better and fairer Hackney for all.
- 8.12 The Mayor invited colleagues to take part in Holocaust Memorial day commemorations on Monday, marking some of the darkest days in our collective history.
- 8.13 The Mayor stated that in Feb celebrations are ongoing commitment to diversity through LGBT History month and the new exhibition in the Museum on LGBT life in Hackney and the 100th Anniversary of the right of the first women to vote.
- 8.14 Councillor Levy highlighted the inequality issues that were still to be improved within the borough, Officer were also congratulation on their work. Councillor Sharer shared a number of abusive incidences that that occurred amongst the Jewish Community in recent times, it was requested that there was a need for a Holocaust Memorial Day.
- 8.15 The Mayor requested that the incidents must be reported to the police, it was also added that equality in the borough was important and that all residents must feel safe.

9 Report of the Group Director of Children, Adults and Community Health: Appointment of Young Speakers of Hackney

- 9.1 The Mayor was pleased to introduce to the Council the first two Young Speakers of Hackney, Rose Ilunga and Kamania Williams. These appointments take forward one of the Mayor's 2016 manifesto commitments around the creation of a Young Mayor. The two Young Speakers will represent and promote the Youth Parliament and will champion young people's voices and ideas in new ways. The Young Speakers would not only be involved in the civil side of the Council but also the day to day Council work as well.
- 9.2 Ms Ilunga thanked members for allowing her to address the Council. Ms Ilunga in her role hoped to address the stigma attached to someone from her background and to show, particularly to young girls, that you can rise above. She did not want to fall back on the usual stereotypes of young persons.
- 9.3 Mr Williams thanked members for allowing him to address the Council. Mr Williams explained that in his role as a Young Speaker of Hackney he hoped to raise awareness of mental health issues among young people. He also hoped to inspire other young people to take an active role in society.

RESOLVED That the appointment of Rose Ilunga and Kamani Williams from Hackney Youth Parliament as the first Young Speakers of Hackney, until October 2018, be noted.

RESOLVED That the intention to pilot and review the Young Speaker function, ahead of Hackney Youth Parliament elections in October 2018, be noted.

10 Report from Cabinet: Calculation of 2018/19 Council Tax Base and Local Business Rate

10.1 The Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing needs introduced the report. Members were informed that the report was a key component of setting the Budget and Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year. The monies available for service delivery in 2018 depended on the amount of Council Tax which is believed to be collected therefore the council must ensure that estimations are accurate.

10.2 In addition, Members were asked to agree the baseline level of Local Business Rate income the Council will be likely to receive for 2018/19.

10.3 The Business Rate element of the Council's budgeted income was more significant as the results of the 2017 revaluation exercise feed through into the system along with the move to the 2018/19 London 100% Business Rates Pooling Pilot scheme.

RESOLVED In accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount of calculation by Hackney Council as its Council Tax Base 2018/19 shall be 71,145 Band D equivalent properties adjusted for non-collection. This represents an estimated collection rate of 95%.

RESOLVED In accordance with the Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013 Hackney's non-domestic rating income for 2018/19 is £135,091,978 subject to completion of the NDR1. This comprises of three elements:

- £48,760,086 which is payable in agreed instalments to the Greater London Authority
- £82,518,155 which is retained by Hackney Council and included as part of its resources when calculating the 2018/19 Council Tax requirement
- £3,813,737 which is payable in agreed instalments to Central Government (in respect of 2017/18)

11 Report from Cabinet: Review of Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018-2020

11.1 The Mayor introduced the report giving a brief overview of the background to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. Year on year cuts to local government funding has meant that Hackney Council's current approach to CTRS is no longer sustainable. The council has taken steps to mitigate the impact of austerity on the most vulnerable in the borough. Council has sought and

- delivered savings and efficiencies across all services to meet the shortfall while CTRS has been maintained.
- 11.2 Based on the overall reduction in funding, it is estimated that the actual funding for CTRS has reduced proportionately from the original £23.2m to £8.6m while the scheme remains in excess of £25m. Currently the council supports the CTRS to the sum of £16m. Further cuts are planned and with expenditure expected to increase by a further £500k next year, it is now time to review the CTRS.
 - 11.3 The CTRS was not designed to interact with the government's Universal Credit Scheme, which was expected to roll out in October 2018. This is expected to put further pressures on the CTRS. In light of this the Council cannot continue to operate the CTRS in its current state and that a review was now required.
 - 11.4 The Mayor explained that the proposals set out in the paper have shown that the Council has listened and revised its proposal. The recommendation was for a two percent increase in the minimum contribution working age people will be required to pay. The Council would continue to support those on benefits or on low incomes to reduce their council tax bill by up to 83 per cent. The two percent increase would cover the predicted £500,000 increase in providing the scheme. The Council would also make a further commitment to increase awareness and use of the CTRS hardship fund.
 - 11.5 Councillor Rathbone told Council that the rise of two percent had not been easy. The Council was stuck between a rock and a hard place. The government must chase those unpaid taxes owed by big brand companies in the UK. Instead the government appeared to be more focused on running down local services and imposing privatisation. They had no connections to those struggling families. The Council should not take this lying down and should face up to government.
 - 11.6 Councillor Odze responded that he could not agree with any of the diatribe by the Councillor. Only one person was to blame for the financial situation and that was the former labour chancellor Gordon Brown. The councillor agreed with the hard work done by the council but the council had £100m in reserves. Councillor Odze commented that one set of figures in the document were only marked by an asterisk, there were no figures supplied. Private Finance Initiatives may have been introduced by John Major's government in the early 1990s but they were championed by Gordon Brown.
 - 11.7 Councillor Steinberger added that the Council needed to look at what it was spending its money on. It was felt that monies in the pot were being used for the wrong things and not the right things. It was accepted that the Council was on a tight budget but the money needed to be spent on bread and butter of the council not hobby horses.
 - 11.8 The Mayor began by welcoming Councillor Rathbone's comments. The Mayor disputed that money was not being spent wisely, for example, the Council continued to invest in vital services such as the Hackney Law Centre, where other Councils were cutting similar services. On the £100 m reserve figure quoted by Councillor Odze £90 m of which was used on infrastructures leaving only £10m. On the use of PFI contracts they had built many hospitals and

schools in the past but currently the only service affected by the collapse of Carillon was the Learning Trust.

RESOLVED That the contents of the report and the financial implications attached to each of the options outlined within the report, be noted.

RESOLVED That the Council's current Council Tax Reduction Scheme be revised by:

- Updating the cost of living parameters and other related cost comparators to bring them into line with the 2018 Council Tax Reduction Default Scheme;
- Introducing a means test to CTRS claimants in receipt of Universal Credit so they will receive the same entitlement as other non-Universal Credit claimants with the same income;
- Increasing the minimum contribution which all working age CTRS claimants have to pay from 15% to 17% of their Council Tax liability.

RESOLVED To seek to ensure that those taxpayers in the greatest financial hardship are able to access additional support by:

- The implementation of a comprehensive campaign to promote the Council's Discretionary Council Tax Hardship scheme throughout the borough;
- Continuing to work with stakeholders and partners in the development of a corporate debt approach as part of the Council's wider work on financial inclusion;
- Continuing to monitor and report on the impact of the scheme on Hackney residents;
- Agreeing that no further changes are made to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme until April 2020 (with the exception of annual uprating of the scheme parameters to match those in Government default scheme) unless statutory required.
- Agreeing to revise the Council's current Council Tax Reduction Scheme

For: Unanimous

Against: Two

Abstentions: None

12 Report from Cabinet: Hackney Housing Strategy 2017-22

12.1 The Mayor introduced the report to members, Officers and Members were thanked for their work on the project throughout the past few years. It was highlighted that there was not a requirement for a Housing Strategy however this was something that Hackney Council felt it was necessary to do.

12.2 The new Housing Strategy included measures that would help more families access the decent and safe homes they deserve. It set out the challenge, and the actions the Council and its partners could take over the next five years to help meet those challenges – such as delivering thousands of genuinely affordable new homes, innovative ways to help residents priced out of the market get onto the housing ladder, and improving the Councils ability to tackle poor standards and practices by private landlords and letting agents.

- 12.3 Councillor Odze's commended the report however the following key issues were raised.
- The Council's views on residents whom wish to extend their current home.
 - The number of people on the waiting list, it was highlighted that there should be a reduction of those in Bed and Breakfast Accommodation.
 - Page 157 – no mention of the Jewish Community was requested that the wording should be more Blatant.
- 12.4 Councillor Moneo supported the report and thanked the opposition for their assistance.
- 12.5 Councillor Stops thanked all those involved in the development.
- 12.6 The Mayor thanked everyone for their comments, it was agreed that there was also a need for homes in the Orthodox Jewish Community.

RESOLVED To formally adopt the Hackney Housing Strategy 2017-2022.

13 **Report of the Chief Executive: Amendment to the Terms of Reference - Constitution**

- 13.1 The Chief Executive, Tim Shields, introduced the report. In March 2017 Council proposed that amendments be made to the Constitution to reflect the establishment of the LBH Integrated Commissioning Committee and the Hackney Integrated Commissioning Board. The LBH Integrated Commissioning Committee and the NHS City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group integrated Commissioning Committee meet in common and are known together as the Hackney Integrated Commissioning Board. Each of the three Integrated Commissioning Committees agree that there would be benefit in the three committees meeting in common given that the majority of discussions at the boards are of interest to all three partners.
- 13.2 The report proposed a single Integrated Commissioning Board is established made up of the three Committees. Each of the committees though would continue to reach its own decision on matters under consideration. It was also proposed that Council approve the terms of reference for the single ICB including the agreement that any member of the LBH Committee, who was unable to attend an ICB meeting may nominate a deputy who was a Cabinet Member to reflect the revised terms of reference for the Integrated Commissioning Board.

RESOLVED That:

1. A single Integrated Commissioning Board made up of the existing three committees as set out in the revised Terms of Reference for the ICB and that they replace the Terms of Reference currently in the Constitution in Part 3.3, be established.
2. That a member of the London Borough of Hackney Committee, who is unable to attend an ICB meeting, may nominate a deputy who is a Cabinet Member.

14 Report of the Group Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing: London Councils- TEC Operational management for electric vehicle charging infrastructure

14.1 The Report was introduced to the Members of Council.

14.2 Councillor Odze's requested a change to paragraph 1.5 to read London Councils TEC may choose not to utilise the delegation of this power.

RESOLVED:

1. Delegate to London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee to provide and operate, as well as strategic oversight of a London wide residential electric vehicle charge point delivery partnership, charging apparatus for electrically powered motor vehicles under 16 of the London Authorities and Transport for London Act 2013.
2. Authorise the Director of Legal to amend the existing London Councils TEC governing agreement to include the power to provide and operate charging apparatus for electrically powered motor vehicles and take all necessary steps to give effect to the above delegation.

15 Motion

15.1 Councillor Maxwell proposed and introduced the motion:

This Council believes as a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the lives of people affected by dementia and their carers. All councillors can play a positive role in championing people affected by dementia on an individual and strategic basis.

It was stated that 350 council employees and 12 councillors were involved in the various Dementia programmes. There was also 65 students who signed up as dementia friends. Several Hackney businesses were signing up also to the scheme. Councillor Maxwell was commended for her work for the Council as a Dementia Champion.

15.2 Councillor Rathbone seconded the motion and spoke how Dementia had effected his life when his mother in law was recently diagnosed with the disease. A lot people suffering from Dementia were being cared for at home by family members. This disease affected a lot more than just the person with disease. Councillor Rathbone urged his fellow Councillors to read the dementia awareness leaflets distributed about the Council chamber. Councillor Rathbone also highlighted that Dementia did not only effect those 65 years of age and above, people much younger were becoming stricken with the illness. Members were encouraged to take the dementia awareness training.

15.3 Councillor Odze spoke to Council about the impact of Dementia on his family and how the Jewish community coped with this disease. He highlighted that old age often masked the symptoms of dementia. He commended Jewish care and the efforts they had made in applying various techniques in caring for dementia

sufferers. This was an issue that was above and beyond politics and Councillor Odze supported every effort to tackle it with all of his heart.

Response:

Councillor McShane thanked Councillors for bringing the motion to Council. Councillor McShane replied that the Dementia Alliance (DA) was a partnership between the statutory and voluntary sector partners; one of the key aims of the Alliance was to ensure Dementia was kept high on the Health and Social care Integrated Commissioning agenda for City and Hackney.

The DA comprises of nine organisations, the organisations are

- London Borough of Hackney;
- City of London
- East London Foundation Trust;
- Homerton University Hospital
- Alzheimer Society;
- City and Hackney Carers Centre;
- Hackney CVS Older Peoples Reference Group;
- City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group

The Dementia Alliance focuses on four key work streams, which are:

- Carers work stream
- Care Navigation and Care Mapping work stream
- Care Planning work stream
- Urgent and Crisis Care work stream

Work Stream Deliverables

A considerable amount of work had been achieved within each of the DA work streams, some of the work undertaken includes:

- Producing a carer's guide that identifies the services that can support carers who are caring for people living with dementia. The guide was launched in June 2017 during carers' weeks
- Developing provision for Peer support/be-friending, currently 20 volunteers recruited and trained, with 20 peer support relationships established
- DA has adopted the use of CMC (Coordinate My Care) as a platform for sharing care plans
- Mapping exercise has been undertaken to look at the whole urgent and crisis care pathway and proposal for new models of care to prevent crisis and hospital admissions to be developed in the new financial year;

Also LBH has given additional funding to the Alzheimer's Society to provide further awareness raising training and support to make sure Hackney sustains its Dementia Friendly Community Status.

Further work to be undertaken:

Councillor McShane outlined a list of some of the work that would be undertaken by the DA in the new financial year (2018/19);

- DA to work with LBH Service Improvement and Innovation Team to increase the number of carer assessments for those carers caring for people living with dementia, as well as working with LBH Performance Team to capture data that links primary diagnosis to carers;
- Development of the dementia navigation and referral route (the dementia navigation pathway)
- Development of Seven Day Dementia Hub that will provide a responsive model and a clear pathway;
- Further dementia training to be delivered to frontline staff working within contracted services.
- Identifying dementia champions in contracted service, for example identify champions among the home care agencies on LBH framework.
- Further work to be undertaken to ensure other health and social care professionals are accessing CMC;
- Develop a Joint City and Hackney Dementia Strategy that shall be led and coordinated by LBH commissioning with all partners participating in the formulation of the strategy.

15.4 The Mayor thanked the Councillors for all of their contributions. The Mayor highlighted the work of Councillor McShane in taking the lead on this area of work. The Mayor commended the motion to the Council. The Mayor talked about the impact of the dementia training that he had undertaken with his fellow Councillors and how it had changed his view on the disease. He highly recommended that his fellow councillors to undertake the training and to become a Dementia friend.

15.5 Councillor Moema thanked Councillor Maxwell for putting forward the motion. She spoke movingly of the personal impact that dementia had had on her family and commended the motion to the Council.

RESOLVED:

- To continue to be an active member of Hackney's Dementia Action Alliance
- To ensure the needs of people affected by dementia, and their carers, are considered in all aspects of the Council's work.
- To continue with the role of Dementia Champion, appointed by the Mayor.
- To continue to work with partners locally and the national Alzheimer's Society towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Borough

For: Unanimous

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Wednesday, 24th January, 2018

RESOLVED:

1. Approve the appointment of Councillor Ben Hayhurst to the Pensions Committee to replace Councillor Geoff Taylor, be approved.
2. Approve the appointment of Councillor Clare Potter to the Planning Sub-Committee to replace Councillor Will Brett, be approved.
3. Approve the appointment of Councillor M Can Ozsen to the CYPSC to fill a vacancy, be approved.
4. Agreed to the appointment of David Maher to the Health and Wellbeing Board to replace Paul Haigh, be agreed.

Duration of the meeting: 10.00pm