



COUNCIL

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

Wednesday, 26th February, 2020

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

20 May 2020 (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 (Up to not exceeding)
1 – 4	Preliminaries	5 minutes
5	Deputation	15 minutes
6	Question from Member of the Public	30 minutes
7	Questions from Members of the Council	30 minutes
8	Elected Mayor's Statement	20 minutes
9	Budget and Council Tax Report	30 minutes
10	Annual Pay Policy Statement	10 minutes
11	Executive Response to the Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission Review	10 minutes
13	Amendments to the Constitution	5 minutes
14	Appointments to Committees	5 minutes
15	Draft Programme of Meetings 2020-21	5 minutes
TOTAL:		2hours 45 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

5 Deputations

Deputation to be introduced by Cllr Clare Joseph

We ask the Council to stop the Frampton Park Community Hall from being demolished and removed from the housing supply programme and for the youth services to be restarted. We also ask that there is a cap on the number of flats being built and no more housing developments allowed on the estate.

6 Questions from Members of the Public

Question from Ms Feodora Rayner to the Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm

I welcome the Council's increasing recognition of the importance of active travel and liveable neighbourhoods. Unfortunately, Sadiq Khan is implementing the Silvertown Tunnel Scheme, effectively a motorway into central London. How will you mitigate the negative public health effects of increased traffic and congestion on Hackney residents, workers and visitors?

Question from Mr Noah Birksted-Breen to the Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm

In spite of the best car-reduction schemes by Hackney Council, most Hackney residents are still breathing illegally toxic air. Will you commit to consult residents on removing non-essential cars from Hackney, alongside a borough-wide health campaign informing residents of the toxicity level in their ward plus the benefits of walking/cycling?

Question from Mr Christopher Sills to The Cabinet Member for Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy

In May 1968 when the Conservatives controlled the Council the twinning arrangements with a suburb of East Berlin were suspended and not revived.

(Pages 1 -
24)

Would you agree with me that it is now time to revive it to show that Hackney wants to remain friends with the European Union people?

7 Questions from Members of the Council

Cllr Ben Hayhurst to Deputy Mayor Rennison

Please can the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing Needs and Supply give an update on the work the Council has done to increase the take up of pension credit.

Cllr Desmond to Deputy Mayor Rennison

Given damaging central government changes to the benefits system that is leaving Hackney residents in debt and in rent arrears, can the Cabinet Member for Finance update us on what the Council is doing to support residents who are struggling financially, particularly those that are in debt to the Council?

Cllr Wrout to Cabinet Member for for Community Safety, Policy and the Voluntary Sector

The Conservative government shamefully overturned a House of Lords amendment to the EU Withdrawal Bill, and ended the guarantee that child refugees have the right to join their families in the UK. Can the cabinet member with responsibility for refugees outline what, if anything, Hackney with its strong tradition of welcoming refugees, can do to help children and refugee families who are estranged, now the Bill has become law?

Cllr Conway to the Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources

Can the Cabinet Member with responsibility for equalities update me in what steps she has taken to address concerns I raised with her about the discrimination young black Caribbean and African girls face when they choose to embrace their natural hair?

Cllr Garasia to Cllr Kennedy, former Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years and Play

Can the Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years and Play provide an update on the commitment to make Hackney a child friendly borough?

Cllr Adejare to the Cabinet Member for Planning Culture and Inclusive Economy

Dalston is one of Hackney's most vibrant areas; its community has helped give Hackney the reputation as a creative heart of London. Can the Cabinet Member for Planning update us on the work to protect Dalston's character and its residents from the worst elements of regeneration and growth?

Cllr Snell to the Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm

Can the Cabinet Member for Energy inform me about the Council energy company and what it will do for residents?

Cllr Smyth to Deputy Mayor Rennison

Councils are on the frontlines of fighting austerity, defending our most vulnerable residents from the worst elements of central government cuts by protecting frontline services. Can the Cabinet Member for Finance tell us how the government's Fair Funding Review may damage the Council's efforts to invest in our services on behalf of the residents of Hackney?

Cllr Billington to Mayoral Adviser for Private Renting and Housing Affordability

There are now three privately owned sites with apartment blocks in De Beauvoir ward which have been deemed to have cladding which is not compliant with fire safety standards. The residents - tenants, mortgage holders and those in shared ownership - are left in the distressing situation of uncertainty about their homes, worried about their safety and the risk of the costs which could be astronomical passed on to them. What can the Council do to help residents who find themselves in this situation through no fault of their own?

8	Elected Mayor's Statement	
9	Budget and Council Tax Report	(Pages 25 - 314)
10	Annual Pay Policy Statement	(Pages 315 - 326)
11	Executive Response to the Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission Investigation into Council and Partnership Response to Escalation in Serious Violence	(Pages 327 - 344)
12	Amendments to the Constitution	(Pages 345 - 402)
13	Appointments to Committees	(Pages 403 - 406)
14	Draft programme of Meetings 2020-2021	(Pages 407 - 416)

RIGHTS OF PRESS AND PUBLIC TO REPORT ON MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Providing oral commentary during a meeting is not permitted.

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further Information

Advice can be obtained from Suki Binjal, Director of Legal, on 020 8356 6234 or email suki.binjal@hackney.gov.uk



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