



# COUNCIL

All Members of the Council are  
**HEREBY SUMMONED**

to attend a meeting of the Council  
to be held on:

Wednesday, 20 July 2022 at 7.00 pm

Council Chamber, Hackney Town Hall,  
Mare Street, London E8 1EA

The meeting will be live streamed and can be viewed here:

<https://youtu.be/0u699eJpoLI>

Backup link: <https://youtu.be/qR5CSiq8lLw>

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# MEETING OF COUNCIL

## WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2022

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### 1 Apologies for Absence

#### 2 Speaker's Announcements

#### 3 Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to consider the guidance which accompanies this agenda and make declarations as appropriate.

#### 4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Enclosed (Pages 9 - 16)

To consider the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 25 May 2022

#### 5 Questions from Members of the Public

The deadline for questions from members of the public is 12 noon, four clear working days before the meeting (Wednesday, 13 July). If you wish to submit a question you can do so by emailing [governance@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:governance@hackney.gov.uk) or via the Council's website:- here A supplementary agenda including any questions for Full Council will be circulated shortly after this deadline.

#### 6 Questions from Members of the Council

##### 6.1 Question from Cllr Anya Sizer to the Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Culture

Hackney Council's Hoxton Street Market street market is a great place to buy food and a hub for the whole Hoxton community. But it has also helped tackle food poverty, accepting council food vouchers, such as Alexandra Rose Vouchers, for some of our most vulnerable residents in Hackney. Can the Cabinet Member with responsibility for food justice outline the other measures the Council has taken to address food poverty in our borough, what it is doing to fight for food justice for all, and the steps it is taking to make Hackney a Right to Food Borough?

##### 6.2 Question from Cllr Zoë Garbett to the Mayor

Developers failed to bring forward a plan for the Morning Lane Tesco site and the agreement has expired, what is the latest plan for the site?

6.3 Question from Cllr Joseph Ogundemuren to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

What will the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport be doing to ensure the Council are requesting Transport for London provides full details of its equality and diversity impact assessments in relation to the proposed bus cuts and how these negatively affect Hackney residents?

6.4 Question from Cllr Zoë Garbett to the Mayor

The development of Ridley Road Studios has seen a loss of genuinely affordable studio space. Given how few artists are returning, what will you do to ensure Dalston remains a place for all artists, not just the ones who can afford to pay ever increasing market rent?

6.5 Question from Cllr Grace Adebayo to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services

The Mayor rightly condemned the distressing scenes around the police operation on moped crime that took place in Dalston in May. Can the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services outline what engagement she has had to hold the local police to account, and what the Council is doing to restore trust and confidence in policing among local residents?

6.6 Question from Cllr Alastair Binnie-Lubbock to the Mayor

Following strong support of many members of this Council for recent RMT industrial action, what role do you see unions playing in the borough?

6.7 Question from Cllr Margaret Gordon to the Cabinet Member for Employment, Human Resources and Equalities

Would the Cabinet Member with responsibility for migrants and refugees tell me how the Council is responding to the Ukrainian refugee crisis, detailing how many Ukrainian nationals have settled into family homes under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and what support they are receiving from the Council?

6.8 Question from Cllr Alastair Binnie-Lubbock to the Mayor

A recent report found that Hackney has 87 fire-risk buildings, this in the top three in London. What is the council doing to promote and ensure fire safety of residents living in these buildings with minimum disruption?

6.9 Question from Cllr Polly Billington to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

The Council's Cycling Plan sets out a vision for the borough with 'the most attractive and safest roads for cycling in the UK.' But for many of our residents, having access to secure and suitable bike storage is also a significant barrier to cycling. The Council has already responded to this

issue by installing more cycle hangers. Can the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport outline what more this administration will do to improve cycle storage across Hackney, and meet its manifesto commitment to help another 4,000 households who may lack the storage space at home to keep a bike.

**7 Elected Mayor's Statement**

**8 De Beauvoir By-Election Results**

Report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer – Enclosed  
(Pages 17 - 20)

**9 Political Balance and Appointments to Committees**

Report of the Director of Legal, Democratic & Electoral Services –  
Enclosed (Pages 21 - 28)

**10 Annual Update on Progress with Decarbonisation Commitments July 2022**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport - Enclosed  
(Pages 29 - 102)

**11 Members' Allowances Scheme 2021/22 (updated July 2022) and Members' Allowances Scheme 2022/23**

Report of the Chief Executive - Enclosed (Pages 103 - 154)

**12 Constitution Committee Terms of Reference and Membership**

Report of the Chief Executive - Enclosed (Pages 155 - 158)

**13 Motions**

**13a Cost of Living Crisis**

This Council calls on the Government to introduce an Emergency Budget to take urgent action to protect the people of Hackney from the cost of living crisis.

Council notes that:

- Energy costs have risen by an average of £693 per household – and are set to rise even further, with Ofgem setting the energy price cap at £2800 from October
- Food prices are soaring, some basic staples by as much as 20%
- Inflation has hit 9% – its highest level in 40 years
- Personal Taxation is now at its highest level in 70 years
- 48% of children in Hackney live in poverty and 16.5% of local residents are claiming out-of-work benefits
- Meanwhile £11.8bn of public money has been lost to fraud through the Governments covid support schemes

Council therefore resolves to write to the Prime Minister urging him to:

- Introduce an immediate Emergency Budget to protect children, families, and pensioners from the worst fall in living standards in generations
- Cut business rates for small businesses
- Cut the VAT rate on energy bills
- Increase the support available to all claimants through the welfare and benefits system
- Deliver on the calls made by UNISON, the NEU and other education unions to expand the free school meals programme to all families receiving universal credit or an equivalent benefit
- Fund Hackney Council's Green Homes programme to retrofit homes helping to reduce home energy consumption and cut energy bills.

The Council believes that the Emergency Budget must include real help for residents and local businesses in Hackney.

**Proposer:** Soraya Adejare; **Seconded:** Ifraax Samatar

### 13b Long COVID

Hackney Council notes:

- As of 1 May this year, Figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) reveal that two million people living in private households in the UK – or 3.1% of the population – reported they were still experiencing Covid symptoms more than four weeks after their first suspected coronavirus infection.
- About two in five of those with long Covid, or 826,000 people, noted that infection was at least a year ago while one in five, or 376,000 people, said it was at least two years ago. In addition, 71% of those with Long Covid said their symptoms had a negative impact on their day-to-day activities, with 20% saying their ability to undertake such activities had been “limited a lot”.
- As a proportion of the UK population, the prevalence of self-reported long Covid was greatest in people aged 35 to 69 years, females, people living in more deprived areas, those working in social care, teaching and education or health care, and those with another activity-limiting health condition or disability,” the ONS added.
- At present it is not clear what causes Long Covid, but it can be the result of the initial infection sends some people's immune systems into overdrive, meaning they attack not just the virus but their own organs.
- NICE (National Institute for Health & Care Excellence) describes Long Covid as “signs and symptoms that continue or develop after acute Covid-19”. This definition includes both ongoing symptomatic Covid-19 and post Covid-19 syndrome. Therefore, according to this definition, Long Covid starts from four weeks onwards.
- Long Covid symptoms are plentiful, and more are being seen as related to Covid 19 infection.
- At a local level Hackney Council celebrates the Post Covid Specialist Assessment Clinic and The Covid Rehabilitation (CoRe) service provided by Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, including the work of respiratory consultants Professor Karalasingam Rajakulasingam and Dr Santino Capocci.

- Hackney Council will continue to highlight the needs and support our school children experiencing long Covid symptoms and issue guidance when available from the government to schools and educational settings on the many pupils living with Long Covid, and support for them.

Hackney Council therefore resolves to:

- Work with our health partner organisations to ensure that support for those experiencing Long Covid is a central part of the next City and Hackney Long Term Conditions Strategy.
- Recommend to the Head of the Paid Service that the Council's employment policies and procedures be reviewed to ensure that those with Long Covid symptoms are supported.
- Consider the key recommendations of the Long Covid publication by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Coronavirus.

**Proposer:** Cllr Anna Lynch; **Seconder:** Cllr Anya Sizer

### 13c Fair Votes

Hackney Council notes:

- The UK's First Past the Post voting system curtails voter choice and leaves millions feeling unrepresented by their elected representatives.
- Research has found that electoral systems impact participation in politics for example there is a positive correlation between proportional representation (PR) and women elected to legislatures.
- The introduction of PR for local elections in Scotland has led to an increase in turnout, which was 44.8% at the last elections, held in 2022. In contrast turnout in Hackney in 2022 was 34.29% (this varies by ward with lowest turnout in Hoxton at 24%).
- The Labour Party in government successfully implemented Proportional Representation to a number of elections, introducing PR into the London Assembly, in devolved government for Scotland and Wales and the Supplementary vote for the Mayoral elections.
- With the Welsh Senedd reviewing legislation on Single Transferable Vote for local councils, England looks likely to be the only part of the UK without any form of PR at local level.
- According to polling, the majority of voters in the United Kingdom support the use of PR for elections in the United Kingdom.
- The last Labour Government put together the Jenkins Commission, which recommended the adoption of the AV+ voting system. This system is similar to how we vote for the London Assembly, giving voters local representatives and regional list members.
- The Green Party of England and Wales has a long standing policy of supporting proportional representation and electoral reform.
- In June, Prospect and the University and College Union (UCU) voted to embrace more proportional general elections. The list of trade unions who back electoral reform is long and growing, it currently includes Unison, Unite the Union, Fire Brigades Union and Musicians' Union.

Hackney Council recognises:

- That these factors have contributed to dangerous levels of distrust and disillusionment with our democratic process.
- That it is essential that faith is restored in our democratic system and that the public see Parliament as fairly reflecting their views.
- That our First Past the Post voting system is a significant barrier to restoring this faith and all but guarantees that the balance of opinion among the electorate is not reflected in Parliament and at local councils.
- That a system of Proportional Representation in which seats match votes and all votes count equally would help to rebuild public trust by ensuring that all political views are represented in Parliament and at local councils in proportion to their level of public support.
- That systems of Proportional Representation that maintain a constituency link are best, since they mean voters will still have local representatives. Single Transferable Vote and AV+ both fulfil this criteria.

Hackney Council therefore resolves to:

- To make representations to Hackney's MPs asking them to lobby for change to our outdated electoral systems and support Single Transferable Vote for electing local councils, AV+ for Westminster elections and the return of Supplementary Vote for Mayoral elections.
- To oppose this Conservative Government's efforts to remove existing PR systems, and write a letter to the Home Secretary condemning the removal of the supplementary vote for Mayoral elections.
- To use proportional systems in non-statutory elections managed by Hackney Council, for example Hackney Youth Parliament, where this is supported by the relevant body.

**Proposer:** Cllr Garbett; **Seconder:** Cllr Binnie-Lubbock

## Dates of Future Meetings

Members are requested to note the dates of Full Council meetings for 2022/23. All meetings of Full Council will commence at 7.00pm and are scheduled as follows:

- September 2022
- 23 November 2022
- 25 January 2023
- 1 March 2023
- 17 May 2023 (Annual Meeting)

## **Public Attendance**

Following the lifting of all Covid-19 restrictions by the Government and the Council updating its assessment of access to its buildings, the Town Hall is now open to the public and members of the public may attend meetings of the Council.

We recognise, however, that you may find it more convenient to observe the meeting via the live-stream facility, the link for which appears on the agenda front sheet.

We would ask that if you have either tested positive for Covid-19 or have any symptoms that you do not attend the meeting, but rather use the livestream facility. If this applies and you are attending the meeting to ask a question, make a deputation or present a petition then you may contact the Officer named at the beginning of the Agenda and they will be able to make arrangements for the Chair of the meeting to ask the question, make the deputation or present the petition on your behalf.

The Council will continue to ensure that access to our meetings is in line with any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in force from time to time and also in line with public health advice. The latest general advice can be found here - <https://hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-support>

## **Rights of Press and Public to Report on Meetings**

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 give the public the right to film, record audio, take photographs, and use social media and the internet at meetings to report on any meetings that are open to the public.

By attending a public meeting of the Council, Executive, any committee or sub-committee, any Panel or Commission, or any Board you are agreeing to these guidelines as a whole and in particular the stipulations listed below:

- Anyone planning to record meetings of the Council and its public meetings through any audio, visual or written methods they find appropriate can do so providing they do not disturb the conduct of the meeting;
- You are welcome to attend a public meeting to report proceedings, either in 'real time' or after conclusion of the meeting, on a blog, social networking site, news forum or other online media;
- You may use a laptop, tablet device, smartphone or portable camera to record a written or audio transcript of proceedings during the meeting;
- Facilities within the Town Hall and Council Chamber are limited and recording equipment must be of a reasonable size and nature to be easily accommodated.

- You are asked to contact the Officer whose name appears at the beginning of this Agenda if you have any large or complex recording equipment to see whether this can be accommodated within the existing facilities;
- You must not interrupt proceedings and digital equipment must be set to 'silent' mode;
- You should focus any recording equipment on 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 to respect the wishes of those who do not want to be filmed and photographed may result in the Chair instructing you to cease reporting or recording and you may potentially be excluded from the meeting if you fail to comply;
- Any person whose behaviour threatens to disrupt orderly conduct will be asked to leave;
- Be aware that libellous comments against the council, individual Councillors or officers could result in legal action being taken against you;
- The recorded images must not be edited in a way in which there is a clear aim to distort the truth or misrepresent those taking part in the proceedings;
- Personal attacks of any kind or offensive comments that target or disparage any ethnic, racial, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability status could also result in legal action being taken against you.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in the support and assistance of the Council in the recording of proceedings being withdrawn. The Council regards violation of any of the points above as a risk to the orderly conduct of a meeting. The Council therefore reserves the right to exclude any person from the current meeting and refuse entry to any further council meetings, where a breach of these requirements occurs. The Chair of the meeting will ensure that the meeting runs in an effective manner and has the power to ensure that the meeting is not disturbed through the use of flash photography, intrusive camera equipment or the person recording the meeting moving around the room.

## Advice to Members on Declaring Interests

If you require advice on declarations of interests, this can be obtained from:

- The Monitoring Officer;
- The Deputy Monitoring Officer; or
- The legal adviser to the meeting.

It is recommended that any advice be sought in advance of, rather than at, the meeting.

## Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)

You will have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) if it:

- Relates to your employment, sponsorship, contracts as well as wider financial interests and assets including land, property, licenses and corporate tenancies.
- Relates to an interest which you have registered in that part of the Register of Interests form relating to DPIs as being an interest of you, your spouse or civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse or civil partner.
- Relates to an interest which should be registered in that part of the Register of Interests form relating to DPIs, but you have not yet done so.

If you are present at any meeting of the Council and you have a DPI relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you **must**:

- Not seek to improperly influence decision-making on that matter;
- Make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of the DPI at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent; and
- Leave the room whilst the matter is under consideration

You **must not**:

- Participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business; or
- Participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

If you have obtained a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee prior to the matter being considered, then you should make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of the DPI and that you have obtained a dispensation. The dispensation granted will explain the extent to which you are able to participate.

## Other Registrable Interests

You will have an 'Other Registrable Interest' (ORI) in a matter if it

- Relates to appointments made by the authority to any outside bodies, membership of: charities, trade unions,, lobbying or campaign groups, voluntary organisations in the borough or governorships at any educational institution within the borough.
- Relates to an interest which you have registered in that part of the Register of Interests form relating to ORIs as being an interest of you, your spouse or civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse or civil partner; or
- Relates to an interest which should be registered in that part of the Register of Interests form relating to ORIs, but you have not yet done so.

Where a matter arises at any meeting of the Council which affects a body or organisation you have named in that part of the Register of Interests Form relating to ORIs, you **must** make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of the DPI at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You **may** speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

## Disclosure of Other Interests

Where a matter arises at any meeting of the Council which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you **must** disclose the interest. You **may** speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

Where a matter arises at any meeting of the Council which **affects** your financial interest or well-being, or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate to a greater extent than it affects the financial interest or wellbeing of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest, you **must** declare the interest. You **may** only speak on the matter if members of the public are able to speak. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or voting on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

In all cases, where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that the interest in question is a **sensitive** interest, you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest itself.