

London Borough of Hackney – Decisions taken by the Council on Wednesday 20 July 2022

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**Items considered in public**

4	Minutes of the previous meeting	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 25 May 2022 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.
8	De Beauvoir By-Election Results	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To note the results of the recent by-election in De Beauvoir ward as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
9	Political Balance and Appointments to Committees	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the review of the allocation of seats in accordance with section 15 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 following the by-election in De Beauvoir Ward on 7 July 2022 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.</li> <li>2. To note that there are no changes to the allocation of seats on the Council's Committees etc. as between the three political groups of the Council.</li> <li>3. To approve the nominations of Councillors and Co-Optees to the Committees and Commissions as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.</li> </ol>
11	Members' Allowances Scheme 2021/22 (updated July 2022) and Members' Allowances Scheme 2022/23	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the report and the Members' Allowances Scheme 2021/22 (July 2022 Council) attached at Appendix 1 of the report.</li> </ol>

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		<p>2. To agree the Members' Allowances Scheme 2022/23 (July 2022 Council) attached at Appendix 2 of the report.</p>
12	Constitution Committee Terms of Reference and Membership	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the terms of reference of the Constitution Committee be amended as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.</li> <li>2. That Councillor Binnie-Lubbock be appointed to the Constitution Committee having been nominated by the Green Party.</li> </ol>
	Motion: Cost Of Living Crisis	<p>The Labour Party's proposed amendment to the motion as set out in the tabled papers was <b>WITHDRAWN</b></p> <p>The Green Party's proposed amendments to the motion as set out in the tabled papers were <b>NOT CARRIED.</b></p> <p>The original motion as set out in the agenda was put to the vote and it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To call on the Government to introduce an Emergency Budget to take urgent action to protect the people of Hackney from the cost of living crisis.</li> </ol>

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		<p>2. To note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Food prices are soaring, some basic staples by as much as 20%</li> <li>• Inflation has hit 9% – its highest level in 40 years</li> <li>• Personal Taxation is now at its highest level in 70 years</li> <li>• 48% of children in Hackney live in poverty and 16.5% of local residents are claiming out-of-work benefits</li> <li>• Meanwhile £11.8bn of public money has been lost to fraud through the Governments covid support schemes</li> </ul> <p>3. To write to the Prime Minister urging him to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce an immediate Emergency Budget to protect children, families, and pensioners from the worst fall in living standards in generations</li> <li>• Cut business rates for small businesses</li> <li>• Cut the VAT rate on energy bills</li> <li>• Increase the support available to all claimants through the welfare and benefits system</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Fund Hackney Council’s Green Homes programme to retrofit homes helping to</li> </ul>

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		reduce home energy consumption and cut energy bills.
	Motion: Long COVID	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That in accordance with Procedure Rule 16.4 of the Council’s Constitution that this motion, which was not debated stand referred without discussion, to the next ordinary meeting of Full Council on 14 September 2022.</li> <li>2. That this motion will be the first motion to be debated at the next ordinary Full Council meeting.</li> </ol>
	Motion: Fair Votes	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That in accordance with Procedure Rule 16.4 of the Council’s Constitution that this motion, which was not debated stand referred without discussion, to the next ordinary meeting of Full Council on 14 September 2022.</li> <li>2. That this motion will be the second motion to be debated at the next ordinary Full Council meeting.</li> </ol>