

London Borough of Hackney – Decisions taken by Full Council on Wednesday, 25 January 2023

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Items considered in public

4	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting of Council held on 23 November 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.
8	Calculation of 2023/24 Council Tax Base and Local Business Rate Income	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Hackney Council as its Council Tax Base for 2023/24 shall be 77,108.86 Band D equivalent properties adjusted for non-collection. This represents an estimated collection rate of 92.5% 2. That in accordance with The Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013, Hackney’s non-domestic rating income for 2023/24 is £161,803,507 subject to completion of the 2023-24 NNDR1 return. This comprises three elements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ £59,639,165 which is payable in agreed instalments to the Greater London Authority ▪ £48,972,654 which is retained by Hackney Council and included as part of its resources when calculating the 2023/24 Council Tax requirement. ▪ £53,191,688 which is payable in agreed instalments to Central Government 3. To note that no changes are proposed to the current CTRS scheme in 2023/24.

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9	Children and Families Service Annual Report	RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.
10	Gender and Ethnicity Pay Gap 2022	RESOLVED: To note the Gender and Ethnicity Pay Gap 2022
11	Annual Pay Policy Statement 2023/24	RESOLVED: To approve the Pay Policy for Chief Officers for 2023/2024, as recommended by the Corporate Committee.
12	Members' Allowances Scheme	RESOLVED: To agree the report and the Members' Allowances Scheme 2022/23 (Updated January 2023) at Appendix 1 of the report.
13	Appointments to Committees and Commissions	<p>RESOLVED: To agree the following appointments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Claudia Turbet- Delof to the Skills, Economy & Growth Scrutiny Commission. 2. Cllr Kam Adams (the Mayor's nominee) to the Appointments Committee.
14	Appointments to Outside Bodies	RESOLVED: To agree the nomination of Cllr Clare Potter and Cllr Soraya Adejare to the Hornsey Parochial Charity.

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	Fireworks and Sky Lanterns	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That this Council abhors the misuse of fireworks that can cause distress and harm to persons, domestic pets and wildlife. • That the Council's CCTV team and Enforcement Officers continue to monitor the illegal setting off of fireworks in public spaces and report them to the Metropolitan Police, who have the authority to act on the information provided to prosecute individuals who misuse fireworks in public spaces. • The Council notes that the current legislation allows a retailer to apply for an all year licence to trade in fireworks and sparklers. Otherwise, fireworks and sparklers are only permissible for purchase from registered sellers for private use on selected dates of the year from the 15th October to 10th November, between 26th to 31st December, 3 days before Diwali and 3 days before Chinese New Year. • In Hackney, no all year licences have been issued for the sale of fireworks outside of the dates above. • The Council notes that under current legislation, a local authority can only refuse to grant a licence, including an all year licence, if the applicant has previously committed offences under related pieces of legislation. • The Council notes that Hackney Trading Standards apply the powers that current national legislation enables them to enforce. In addition, the team also carry out on-site inspections to ensure fireworks are stored safely and are being sold in line with the law. • Hackney Trading Standards Officers work with the Metropolitan Police to tackle the illegal sale of fireworks to under 18s and advisory visits are made to retailers

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		<p>prior to the fireworks season to ensure that they are fully aware of the law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hackney Council already uses quieter fireworks for council-run fireworks displays to ensure minimum disturbance to local wildlife and domestic pets. • There is no evidence that in Hackney there is an overuse or misuse of sky lanterns. • The Council notes that there is a lack of national legislation enabling the Council to control the use of sky lanterns on public or private land. However, Hackney Council uses its available powers around littering and refusing permission for formal public events which plan to release sky lanterns. <p>Hackney Council therefore resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to ensure that residents are notified by the Council in advance of all public firework displays within the Local Authority’s boundaries. • To continue to promote alongside the London Fire Brigade, a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on environmental pollution, animal welfare, vulnerable residents and the measures to mitigate the risks of injury and stress from the use of fireworks on residents, domestic pets and wildlife. • To advise local firework suppliers to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks and fireworks for safe use in small outdoor spaces for private domestic use. • To encourage the use of sky lantern alternatives, as advised by the RSPCA. • That the Mayor and Cabinet member write to the Secretary of State about the need to enhance the legislation that enables the Council to enforce the safe use of fireworks and sky lanterns.

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		<p>Proposer: Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas</p> <p>Seconder: Cllr Ian Rathbone</p>
	Local Electricity Bill	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>Hackney Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A government report published in 2014 stated that with investment and legislative change, the community energy sector could deliver 3,000 megawatts (MW) of energy by 2020. • Evidence to the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee’s recent ‘Technological Innovations and Climate Change: Community Energy’ inquiry states that “by 2030 the community energy sector could grow by 12-20 times, powering 2.2 million homes and saving 2.5 million tonnes of CO2 emissions every year... • But the same inquiry also noted that as of 2020, community energy contributed just 278 MW of renewable energy. • Local renewable energy generators, such as community energy groups, are unable to sell the energy that they generate to local people because the current energy market and licensing rules lead to unmanageable local supply costs. • Power for People is a not-for-profit organisation campaigning for the Local Electricity bill that would kick start a community energy revolution. • Power for People estimates a Local Electricity Act would result in a twenty-fold increase in renewable community energy generation over 10 years, preventing 1.5 million tonnes of CO2 emissions every year. • The Co-operative Party is calling for a £90 million National Community Energy

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		<p>Fund to help deliver 150,000 new community energy owners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recognised that Hackney Council is already working on encouraging local renewable energy projects along with the innovation of setting up Hackney Light and Power, which is pioneering a programme of solar panels on roofs. • Hackney Council is supporting community energy generation schemes through its £300k Community Energy Fund. • That making costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies and community groups to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses, and organisations which in turn could help lower energy bills for local people to help them cope with the rising cost of living; <p>Hackney Council believes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Local Electricity Bill would help local authorities, like Hackney, sell locally generated renewable energy installed by Hackney Light and Power. • Revenue generated from Hackney Light and Power could be re-invested into a local decarbonisation scheme. <p>Hackney Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to Power for People to inform them of the Council's support for their campaign. • Write to the local Members of Parliament to inform them that the Council has passed this motion and supports the Local Electricity Bill. • Write to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and

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		<p>the Minister for Energy and Climate, calling on the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o support the Local Electricity Bill; o follow Hackney Council’s lead by setting up a National Community Energy Fund <p>Proposer: Cllr Gilbert Smyth</p> <p>Seconder: Cllr Mete Coban</p>
	Right to Food	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last decade has seen a staggering rise in food poverty across the UK, with millions of people going hungry in the UK and food bank use spiking since the start of the pandemic. • In April 2020 alone, Hackney's foodbank fed 1,803 people (an 186% increase on the previous year) with over 400 of them being children. • During the height of the pandemic and first lockdown, the Council was delivering 1,500 food parcels per week, on average. • During school holidays and half terms, Hackney Council supports families of more than 20,000 children on low incomes with help to buy food and pay bills. • Some data suggests that as many as 56,000 adults are missing meals and 22,000 using a food bank in Hackney as a result of the cost of living crisis. • Department of Work and Pensions statistics show that the number of people in

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		<p>Hackney dependent on Universal Credit has risen from 13,000 in 2020 to 32,000 in 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty in our borough and across London has been exacerbated by the pandemic and this Conservative Government’s failure to tackle the current cost of living crisis and target support to those who most need it. • The ‘Right to Food’ campaign argues that the millions pushed into food poverty should be central to this strategy. • The establishment of a council-wide Free School Meals task force, aimed at providing a hot meal to as many children in poverty as possible. <p>Council believes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These figures are devastating for a rich country like the UK and reflect the fact that twelve years of Tory austerity have left too many people below the breadline. • Enshrining the Right to Food in law would clarify government obligations on food poverty and would introduce legal avenues to hold public bodies accountable for failing to prevent people from going hungry in the fifth largest economy in the world. <p>Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declare Hackney a Right to Food borough and campaign for the Right to Food to be adopted at a national level. • Ask the Mayor to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs urging the Government to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bring forward legislation to enshrine the Right to Food in law, clarifying the government’s obligation to protect people from food poverty and introducing

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		<p>legal avenues to hold government bodies accountable for violations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create a national network of community kitchens including community use of school kitchens. ○ Implement a policy of Universal Free School Meals. ○ Promote access to public land suitable for community food growing. ○ Strengthen Hackney’s Food Poverty and Insecurity Action Plan to address the worsening impact of the cost of living crisis to support the borough’s poorest and most vulnerable families. <p>Proposer: Cllr Jon Narcross</p> <p>Seconder: Cllr Sheila Suso-Runge</p>