

London Borough of Hackney – Decisions taken by the Council on Wednesday, 27 September 2023

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Items considered in public

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| 4 | Minutes of the Previous Meeting | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2023, be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p> |
| 5 | Deputations | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note the deputation.</p> |
| 9 | Changes to Cabinet Portfolios | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note changes to Cabinet portfolios as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.</p> |
| 10 | Rename Aske Gardens to Joe White Gardens | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the removal of the name of 'Aske' from Aske Gardens and rename the green space, Joe White Gardens. 2. To approve the installation of an information board, located in a prominent position close to the basketball court (north entrance). This will contextualise the small park's new name, as well as the removal of the old name. |
| 11 | Audit Committee Annual Report | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note the Annual Report of the Audit Committee set out in Appendix 1 of the report</p> |

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| 12 | Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Function 2022/23.</p> |
| 13 | Resolution To Extend Six Month Rule - Section 85 Local Government Act 1972 | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To approve a dispensation for Councillor Samatar from the statutory requirement to attend a meeting of the Council until the Annual Council meeting in May 2024 for reason of ill-health.</p> |
| 14 | Appointments to Commissions and Committees | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To agree to the membership changes to the appointments to the Committees, Commissions and Outside Bodies set out at paragraph 1.3 of the published report.</p> |
| 15a | Labour Motion: - A Fertility Friendly Borough | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Infertility is defined by the World Health Organisation as a disease of the reproductive system. • In the UK, it's estimated approximately 1 in 6 heterosexual couples will struggle to conceive, or 3.5 million people per year. However, this number does not include same-sex couples, single or trans people who must also be afforded the right to try for a family. • Although often seen as a women's health issue, the reality is that both men and women are just as likely to face fertility problems. Data from the fertility regulator, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, shows that male infertility is the most common reason for a couple to start treatment. • We welcome the sector leading work of NHS North East London in consulting on and |

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| | | <p>then committing to more equitable access to treatment for all who need it. As a borough we stand on a long history of campaigning around NHS provision and believe all who face fertility issues must be treated with the same dignity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no legal right to time off for fertility treatment. But, if a woman is refused leave, it could be regarded as unlawful sexual discrimination. It can be ruled that a failure to accommodate conditions specific to women are unlawful. • The Trade Union Congress (TUC) has asked the Equal Opportunities Commission to recommend leave for fertility treatment in their equality law reform submission. <p>This Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes the sector leading work of NHS North East London in consulting on and then committing to more equitable access to treatment for all who need it. As a borough we stand on a long history of campaigning around NHS provision and believe all who face fertility issues must be treated with the same dignity. <p>Hackney Council is therefore pleased to announce its commitment to becoming a fully Fertility friendly borough as endorsed by the national charity Fertility Network UK, and resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To begin to work towards becoming a beacon of best practice via training for staff and managers, working towards policy implementation and committing to ongoing support for staff facing fertility issues. • To campaign for places of work within the London Borough of Hackney to be Fertility friendly, supportive to staff and to join the work of Fertility Networks own Fertility in the Workplace initiative. • To write to the Government to act upon its own recommendations in the women’s health strategy and the recommendations of NICE in fully implementing three cycles of IVF for all who are eligible. • To call for the implementation of recommendations in the national Government’s |

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| | | <p>Women’s Health Strategy that same sex couples be afforded the same access to treatment as heterosexual couples.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To commit to marking fertility awareness week each year as a Council thereby recognising the need to support and help many of our residents facing this issue. <p>Proposer: Cllr Sheila Suso-Runge Seconded: Cllr Anna Lynch</p> |
| 15b | Labour Motion - Mental Health: A Human Right For All | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>This Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across the UK there is an undeniable Mental Health crisis. In Hackney local mental health services are struggling to keep up with rising demand for the services available. The most recent figures point to nearly a quarter of the borough's population over 16 are suffering from common mental health disorders. • Inadequate Government funding for NHS delivered Mental Health services has amounted to 1.6 million people reported on waiting lists in the UK, leaving local mental health services unable to meet demand. Hackney waiting times are now 2-4 weeks for NHS Talking Therapies and up to 6 weeks for the Wellbeing Network, a service for residents with more complex mental health needs. For some specialist secondary care services waiting times can be up to a year. • There is an urgent need to place mental health on an equal parity with that of physical health. • The lack of parity has led to care and support being wrongfully and inhumanely applied as an option, not as a right. • Young people are amongst those who suffer the most whilst waiting for support. |

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| | | <p>Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has reported across the UK a 109% increase in referrals. Young Minds 2021 survey reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10% of young people were turned away from support ○ 26% have attempted suicide as a result of having to wait for support and ○ 58% said their mental health had worsened during this excruciating wait <p>Hackney's CAMHS referrals increased sharply following the pandemic from 3,826 across all three local NHS CAMHS services in 2018/9 to 5,502 in 2021/22. In April to June 2018/19 there were 158 young people waiting for an assessment across the three services, in April to June 2022/23 this number has risen to 356.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office for National Statistics in 2022 reported that there were 5,583 suicides attributable to mental health reasons registered in England and Wales; of those deaths, 74% were male and 26% female. In 2021 17 Hackney residents took their own lives. Mental ill-health one of the most common risk factors for suicide. • Suicide remains the biggest cause of death in men under the age of 50 in the UK. Females aged 24 years or under have seen the largest increase in suicide rate since 1981. • A combination of Government austerity policies over the last ten years and the COVID pandemic have had a direct impact on individuals and their mental health and wellbeing and exacerbated the already existing crisis in mental health care in the UK. <p>Council believes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Mental Health services and support is not an option, it's a Human Right. • The global call made by the Human Rights Council for the United Nations and from the World Health Organisation European Region that identifies mental health as a basic Human Right will bring definition to services and ensure parity with physical health in our care system. |

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| | | <p>Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call on the Elected Mayor to lobby Government on behalf of the Council for Mental Health to be recognised as a fundamental Human Right and to call on Government and the NHS to ensure resources are made available to support Hackney's local mental health services. 2. Working in partnership with the local NHS, the Council will continue to ensure that Hackney residents have access and the awareness of existing mental health services and support. 3. Promote the WAMHS (Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools programme) service available to every child in a Hackney school that helps meet their mental health needs for all students, staff and the parent community. 4. Advocate to local businesses and organisations the adoption and implementation of mental health promoting policies and training 5. Support a Hackney Mental Health Week, to coincide with World Mental Health Day each October. Working with partners the day will aim to identify the impact social inequalities have on the communities' mental health, promote support providers, ensure suicide prevention programmes are identified and work with existing local mental health networks and organisations to further improve outreach, accessibility and the support available <p>Proposer: Cllr Claudia Turbet-Delof Seconder: Cllr Chris Kennedy</p> |
| | <p>Green Motion -Call for an Independent Investigation Following the Resignation of the Mayor of</p> | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That this motion stand referred, without discussion, to the next ordinary meeting of Full Council</p> |

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| | Hackney | to be listed at the relevant agenda item in order received. |
| | Green Motion - Include a Ban on High-Carbon Advertising in the Council's Advertising and Sponsorship Policy | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That this motion stand referred, without discussion, to the next ordinary meeting of Full Council to be listed at the relevant agenda item in order received.</p> |
| | Green Motion - Defending Our Democratic Rights | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That this motion stand referred, without discussion, to the next ordinary meeting of Full Council to be listed at the relevant agenda item in order received.</p> |
| | Green Motion - Standing up for Responsible Tax Conduct: Councils for Fair Tax Declaration | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That this motion stand referred, without discussion, to the next ordinary meeting of Full Council to be listed at the relevant agenda item in order received.</p> |