

London Borough of Hackney
Council
Municipal Year 2017/18
Date of Meeting Wednesday, 26th July, 2017

Minutes of the proceedings of
Council held at Hackney Town
Hall, Mare Street,
London E8 1EA

**Councillors in
Attendance:**

Mayor Philip Glanville, Cllr Kam Adams, Cllr Soraya Adejare, Cllr Brian Bell, Deputy Mayor Anntoinette Bramble, Cllr Barry Buitekant, Cllr Jon Burke, Cllr Sophie Cameron, Cllr Robert Chapman, Cllr Sophie Conway, Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cllr Michael Desmond, Cllr Tom Ebbutt, Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas, Cllr Katie Hanson, Cllr Ben Hayhurst, Cllr Ned Hercock, Cllr Abraham Jacobson, Cllr Richard Lufkin, Cllr Yvonne Maxwell, Cllr Clayeon McKenzie, Cllr Sem Moema, Cllr Patrick Moule, Cllr Ann Munn, Cllr Harvey Odze, Cllr Deniz Oguzkanli, Cllr M Can Ozsen, Cllr Sharon Patrick, Cllr James Peters, Cllr Emma Plouviez, Cllr Tom Rahilly, Cllr Ian Rathbone, Cllr Rebecca Rennison, Cllr Anna-Joy Rickard, Cllr Rosemary Sales, Cllr Caroline Selman, Cllr Ian Sharer, Cllr Nick Sharman, Cllr Peter Snell, Cllr Simche Steinberger and Cllr Jessica Webb

Apologies:

Cllr Laura Bunt, Cllr Sade Etti, Cllr Margaret Gordon, Cllr Michelle Gregory, Cllr Christopher Kennedy, Cllr Michael Levy, Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cllr Sally Mulready, Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cllr Clare Potter, Cllr Vincent Stops, Cllr Geoff Taylor and Cllr Carole Williams

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Councillor Soraya Adejare [Speaker] in the Chair

1 Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies for absence from Members are listed above.

2 Speaker's Announcements

2.1 The Speaker stated that, with sadness, she had to announce the death of past councillor, Edward Millen who died on 17 July. Eddie had been Chair of the Finance Committee and had been made Freeman of the Borough in 1986. On behalf of the Council, she sent her condolences to his family.

2.2 Councillor Rathbone stated that he had known Edward Millen for a number of years. Edward Millen had worked with the Tenants Residents Association

(TRA) at the Pembury Estate and was a community activist who gave a great deal to the community as a whole.

2.3 Gordon Bell, MBE, also spoke of Edward Millen, as a fellow Freeman of the Borough.

2.4 A minute silence was held in remembrance of former councillor, Edward Millen.

3 Declarations of Interest

3.1 Councillor Moema declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 – Questions from Members of the Council, as she worked for Genesis Housing Association, which related to one of the questions. Councillor Moema left the chamber during the discussion of this item.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

4.1 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting which was the Annual General Meeting held on 24 May 2017 be approved, subject to the following amendments:-

- Paragraph 10.6 – should state that Councillor Levy quoted the Emeritus Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, the former Chief Rabbi.
- Item 9 – Minutes of the previous meeting – 1 March 2017:
 - Paragraph 7.7 – should have stated that Councillor Steinberger stated that campaigning should continue regarding the 73 bus route, to reinstate the Stamford Hill Broadway to Victoria section of the route.

5 Questions from Members of the Public

5.1 From Christopher Sills to the Mayor:

“Would you agree with me that the switchboard service at HTH has got progressively worse in the last few years and that callers are frequently put through to the wrong department thus wasting everybody’s time and what steps are you taking to improve the service?”

Response from Mayor Glanville:

Before Mayor Glanville answered the question from Mr Sills, he took the opportunity, on behalf of the Council, to wish Councillor Taylor a speedy recovery as he had recently been unwell.

Mayor Glanville apologised for any issues Mr Sills had experienced when contacting the Council’s switchboard service. Mayor Glanville explained that improvements to the telephone service were introduced in July 2015 in order to make efficiency savings without compromising on service levels and used advanced speech recognition technology that worked with the Council’s existing infrastructure and telephone system.

Netcall had successfully implemented virtual switchboards in a number of local authorities and was used by 60% of London authorities. The automatic operator, voice recognition, system was implemented in June 2015, compiling a list of familiar names and building up a recognition of various accents.

Mayor Glanville advised that the Council worked with the contractor on a quarterly basis to monitor, quality check and analyse all calls that had been transferred to staff members. Over the past year (16/17), on average 95% of calls to the automated switchboard were answered. The automated agent routed 55% of calls correctly and 45% of calls were transferred to a Customer Services Officer, for a number of reasons.

In June 2016 the Council migrated onto a new telephony system called Myphone. From July 2016 the Hackney Service Centre, alongside the housing contact centres migrated onto a new contact centre system called Contact+. There had been delays in answering calls during this time and the matter was finally resolved in February 2017, when the contact centre transitioned to a new system called Intelcom/Puzzel.

In response to a supplementary question, Mayor Glanville did not agree that the new system was not working and stated that of the 10,000 plus calls received by the switchboard a month, only a small number of complaints had been received. Mayor Glanville urged Mr Sills to contact the Mayor's Office or Member Services if he had a specific concern regarding the service.

6 Questions from Members of the Council

- 6.1 From Councillor Susan Fajana-Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Housing:
"Can the Lead Member for Housing reassure residents living in social housing blocks, that tests on cladding have been carried out and all fire risk assessments are up to date now we know that cladding appears to have allowed the fire to spread in the Grenfell Tower tragedy."

Response from Councillor McKenzie:

Councillor McKenzie explained that the Council had robust procedures in place to ensure that all estate blocks had up-to-date fire risk assessments. Also a comprehensive fire safety review had taken place which included an independent inspection of cladding used on council estate blocks.

Within 48 hours of the Grenfell Tower fire, the Council completed an initial inspection of cladding and confirmed to the Department of Communities and Local Government that it had no blocks with cladding made of Aluminium Composite Material which was the type used on the Grenfell Tower.

To provide ongoing reassurance to residents, the Council produced a fire safety action plan which had been approved by both an independent fire safety consultant, Graham Howgate, who was a previous Fire Brigade Borough Commander and the current Borough Commander.

As part of the fire safety review, the Council worked with independent cladding experts, Cladtech Associates, who undertook an additional review of cladding. All the blocks inspected had shown no issues of concern and he reiterated that no estate blocks had the same cladding that was used on the Grenfell Tower. Fire Risk Assessments for medium to high rise blocks of five storeys were also being reviewed, and for transparency, all Fire Risk Assessments would be available to view online in the coming weeks.

Councillor McKenzie stated that the safety of residents was of the highest priority and the Council had written to all estate residents directly to provide fire safety updates.

6.2 From Councillor Jessica Webb to the Cabinet Member for Housing

“Five years ago, four Hackney Wick tower blocks, Heathcote, Hensley, Vanner and Ravenscroft were clad. Given the tragedy of Grenfell Tower, residents of these blocks have asked councillors for reassurance about their safety. Can the Cabinet member tell us what has been done to check the safety of these blocks?”

Response from Cllr McKenzie:

Councillor McKenzie advised that within 48 hours of the Grenfell Tower fire, the Council had completed an initial inspection of cladding and confirmed to the Department of Communities and Local Government that it had no blocks with cladding made of aluminium composite material, which was the type used on the Grenfell Tower.

All the blocks inspected, including Heathcote, Hensley, Vanner and Ravenscroft estate blocks, had shown no issues of concern. Councillor McKenzie reiterated that no estate blocks had the same cladding that was used on the Grenfell Tower. The Council also had robust procedures in place to ensure all estate blocks had an up-to-date fire risk assessment and a comprehensive fire safety review had been taking place.

In response to a supplementary question regarding safety checks beyond social housing, Councillor McKenzie stated that he would feed this back to the relevant officers.

6.3 From Councillor Clare Potter to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement:

(Councillor Bell asked the question on behalf of Councillor Potter).

“Wireless in Finsbury Park has taken place for the last 4 years. This year, despite extensive engagement in advance of the event to try to mitigate negative consequences, the level of anti-social behaviour (ASB) was extremely concerning. How can we ensure this does not happen again and residents are able to feel secure.”

Response from Councillor Selman:

Councillor Selman stated she was disappointed to see and experience some of the ASB and disruption to Hackney residents from this year’s Wireless festival in Finsbury Park.

In response to Cllr Potter, Councillor Selman stated that she was correct that there was extensive engagement with Haringey Council (who were responsible for the event as it was within their boundary) and the event organisers ahead of the event. Their revised egress plans were designed to accommodate the reduced capacity at Finsbury Park station this year by keeping large numbers of attendees inside the park boundaries and off Hackney streets. However these plans were amended just before Wireless without notice to the Council which resulted in larger numbers of festival goers using our streets than in previous

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years. The event also drew people to the area who did not have tickets but remained on our streets causing issues.

The Council contracted stewards to patrol some of Hackney's roads, rather than the event organiser, which had happened in previous years. These were however only at the numbers agreed by the event organiser and it was acknowledged that the sheer numbers of people and the lack of powers of the stewards meant that issues were experienced by residents that they were unable to tackle.

The Mayor, officers and Councillor Selman met local residents last week to hear and discuss the issues further. It was acknowledged that the levels of ASB and disruption experienced by residents went beyond acceptable and along with the Mayor, Councillor Selman directly addressed these with the police and Haringey Council.

The Mayor and Councillor Selman wrote last week to the leader of Haringey Council to formally record the Council's upset and determination to see significant improvements and that, if necessary, it would invoke a review of the licence for the event issued by Haringey Council. Councillor Selman also stated that she was in conversation with the police over their policing plans and how these can be changed to tackle the problems which were evident and not tackled.

In response, Councillor Bell and Potter thanked the Mayor and the Cabinet Member for attending the Brownswood ward forum the previous Thursday, where they had heard first-hand how much distress the event had caused some local residents.

They welcomed his agreement to raise it directly with the Leader of Haringey Council, and his statement that Hackney was prepared to oppose Wireless in the future unless adequate safeguards were agreed. They were also encouraged by his wider commitment to refresh the Finsbury Park Accord and improve joint working by Hackney, Haringey and Islington in the town centre.

6.4 From Councillor Brian Bell to the Lead Member for Community Safety and Enforcement:

"Following the recent terrorist attacks in Westminster, Manchester, London Bridge and Finsbury Park, what can the Council do to help keep Hackney safe and to work with the community to ensure it remains the inclusive, welcoming place that it is."

Response from Councillor Selman:

Councillor Selman gave her deepest sympathy to the friends and families affected by the recent terrorist attacks. In the aftermath of the terrorist incidents in London and Manchester the Council worked closely with the police to provide re-assurance and take positive steps to support continued strong cohesion amongst communities in Hackney.

Councillor Selman advised that the Council's Community Safety Enforcement and Regulation service had been included within police briefings, which had

enabled the deployment of enforcement officers and CCTV to provide visible re-assurance around places of worship and community centres.

The Council's Prevent and Community Engagement officers had maintained very close engagement with community representatives and in the case of places of religion had encouraged submissions to the Home Office for funding to enhance security. Several Mosques and community centres had submitted bids.

The Council's Civil Protection service had liaised with the police Counter Terrorism Security Advisor, in order that a further review of potentially vulnerable locations could be undertaken and mitigating factors to reduce risk put in place. Following the terrorist incident in Finsbury Park, Mayor Glanville and Councillor Selman had attended a Faith & Community Forum, chaired by Councillor Etti on 20th of June. This provided an opportunity to hear from faith leaders, community advocates and stakeholders on both the concerns following the incident and also hear ideas as to how we can further enhance cohesion in the borough.

Councillor Selman stated that the Council was currently developing a Hate Crime Strategy and action plan, involving the community in building on the cohesion that was valued in Hackney.

In response to a supplementary question, Councillor Selman stated that Hackney had a strong stance on anti-Semitism, there was no place for it and it would not be tolerated.

6.5 From Councillor Abraham Jacobson to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement:

"What is being done to curb the violence and knife crime following rave parties occurring on the Stamford Hill and other Estates?"

Response from Councillor Selman:

Councillor Selman stated that the work to deal with "rave" or "block parties" could be challenging for the Council, police and housing providers to respond to in some instances. The Council was informed that unlicensed music events had developed over the past few years from informal gatherings amongst a relatively small group into carefully organised large scale events, often advertised on social media with little or no notice as to the venue.

The Council had powers to take action in respect of noise and anti-social behaviour and the police had powers relating to anti-social behaviour and crime. In order to ensure the best response to these events, the Council and police locally had developed a protocol so that there could be prompt liaison and assessment of the event and deployment of available resources.

The event at Stamford Hill Estate on the evening of 20th of June was an event that was quickly attended by several hundred people which required an extensive deployment of police over several hours to bring disorder under control. Unfortunately one man received stab injuries during the disorder which was subject to police investigation. The Council had been supporting the police in that investigation and also Southern Housing who were looking at what sanctions may be available in terms of the tenancy of anyone identified as

being responsible for hosting the event. The Council had liaised with Southern Housing to advise them on options for CCTV upgrade on the estate.

In terms of any unlicensed events on Hackney housing property they, along with the police and Community Safety team, liaised to collate evidence and take action in respect of any breach of tenancy from hosting such an event.

As part of the wider response to noise and ASB, the Council, through the development of a new Community Safety Enforcement and Regulation Service, was increasing the number of enforcement officers from 12 officers and 3 supervisors, to 24 officers and 4 supervisors, which would enable a more dynamic response.

6.6 From Councillor Ian Sharer to the Cabinet Member for Housing:

“What action is Hackney Council doing to retrofit sprinkler systems in all the high rise buildings in Hackney as per the Coroner’s report in the Lakanal House fire tragedy?”

Response from Cllr McKenzie:

Councillor McKenzie stated that sprinkler systems would be fully explored as part of the Council’s comprehensive fire safety review and the Council would move to install them if recommended to do so by its independent fire adviser or following advice from either the London Fire Brigade or its Fire Risks Assessments. In addition, the Council would await any interim findings and recommendations from the public enquiry into Grenfell and, as it did following the Lakanal House tragedy, respond quickly to them.

Following the Lakanal enquiry, all low, medium and high-rise estate blocks were fire risk assessed, other work was also undertaken such as the hard wiring of smoke alarms and the upgrading and installation of fire safety doors and lighting, all of which fully met the recommendations. The Council had also continued to invest millions of pounds over the last five years to upgrade fire safety measures across all housing estates, whilst carrying out annual Fire Risk Assessments to ensure that estates met nationally-set fire regulations.

Councillor McKenzie advised that there were two blocks in the borough that because of their design had had sprinkler systems installed. Installation of a sprinkler system in a third block with the same design was in progress.

Following the comprehensive fire safety review, the Council was committed to keeping residents informed about what recommendations were being taken forward, including any decisions about the installation of sprinklers across estate blocks.

In response to a supplementary question, Councillor McKenzie stated that the fire safety review was expected to be fully published by the autumn 2017.

6.7 From Councillor Emma Plouviez to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Transport and Parks:

“The Council recently launched its first School streets scheme at St Johns the Baptist Primary School. This is where the road outside a school is closed to traffic at school opening and closing times; helping to achieve a safer, more pleasant environment whilst maintaining access for residents, businesses,

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pedestrians and cyclists. I welcome this initiative and would like to know what plans are in place to extend this scheme to other schools like the London Fields school in my ward which is one of the primary schools in Hackney that suffers from the highest levels of air pollution”.

Response from Councillor Burke:

Councillor Burke stated that the School Streets programme was intended to protect children from the harms of air pollution, road traffic dangers and inactive lifestyles, by introducing timed road closures in front of school gates to create a safe space for children as they arrived and left school each day.

This initiative was a commitment made by Mayor Glanville just over a year ago. Hackney’s first pilot School Street went live in June 2017 at St John the Baptist School on Crondall Street.

In response to a supplementary question, Councillor Burke was pleased to announce that the next schools to be considered for the programme were:

- London Fields Primary School, Westgate St
- Gayhurst Primary School, Gayhurst Rd
- Tyssen Primary School, Oldhill St
- Millfields Primary School, Rushmore Road and Hillsea Street.

Consultations for these sites were currently being prepared and would be launched in September. Officers were also investigating a School Streets proposal around St Monica’s Roman Catholic Primary School on Hoxton Street in Hoxton East & Shoreditch ward.

6.8 From Councillor Harvey Odze to the Mayor:

“What are the current and projected status of occupancy on the Woodberry Down Estate?”

Response from Mayor Glanville:

Mayor Glanville explained that the regeneration of the Woodberry Down estate was being delivered in partnership with the Woodberry Down Community Organisation (WDCO), Genesis Housing Association and Berkeley Homes. Mayor Glanville paid tribute to the work of the Manor House Development Trust and ward councillors, who had worked closely with the partners and were responsible for social and economic regeneration in the neighbourhood.

All of the partners were committed to delivering good quality homes across all tenures, creation of a new neighbourhood with parks, improved community facilities and retail/commercial premises as well as creating employment and apprenticeship opportunities, all of which would benefit residents and the wider community.

Mayor Glanville advised that currently a total of 2346 homes were occupied at Woodberry Down. 41% of the new homes being provided were affordable and to date 736 affordable homes had been completed of which 530 were social rented and 206 were shared ownership/shared equity. All of these homes were occupied. A further 707 homes had been sold on the private market and whilst the Council had no direct information on whether or not they were occupied, the

assumption was that the majority of them were. It was believed that the total number of new homes which were currently occupied was 1,443.

Currently, in the existing blocks, a total of 903 homes were occupied. Of these 604 homes were occupied by tenants and leaseholders and all of these households would have the opportunity to move to a new home on Woodberry Down once the new homes were completed. The remaining 299 homes were occupied by residents in temporary accommodation who would eventually be re-housed off the estate.

Mayor Glanville advised that the Council was working with the Mayor of London to develop policies to enable the Council to take further action when homes were being bought for speculative purposes and left empty and would continue to lobby the Government on this issue.

The development of Woodberry Down was due to be completed around 2035. The 2012 masterplan allowed for the development of up to 5,314 new homes, of which 41% would be affordable. At the inception of the programme there were 1980 homes on the estate, therefore the number of new homes would be more than double the original number when the programme was completed.

In response to a supplementary question, Mayor Glanville advised that 299 residents in temporary accommodation was at the highest point and there had been 100 properties that had been brought back into use in order to house these people. There were a number of properties that were not suitable to be brought back into use, as they did not meet modern space standards. The top priority was to use existing units where possible.

6.9 From Councillor Harvey Odze to the Mayor:

“In the light of the Grenfell Tower disaster it is quite obvious that speed of access for the emergency services to the site of a fire is of paramount importance so why does the Mayor of Hackney not persuade the relevant Hackney Council Officers to cancel the counterproductive, pollution creating plans to narrow the A503, Seven Sisters Road, since these plans, besides being against the wishes of the majority of residents in the area, would undoubtedly cause extra traffic congestion and delay access for the emergency services to the site of any major incident.”

Response from Councillor Demirci:

Councillor Demerci explained that the revised masterplan, which was approved in 2013, had an attached S106 Legal Agreement which set out how the work to Seven Sisters Road would increase the connections between the northern and southern areas of the estate.

Seven Sisters Road was part of the Transport for London Route Network and had a strategic function therefore as with any major scheme it would not gain Transport for London's approval if the traffic modelling showed an adverse impact on congestion, which could impact on emergency services and bus services.

The current scheme proposal provided bus lanes along the length of Seven Sisters Road between Green lanes and Amhurst Park. This would ensure that emergency services had a route along this section of road, which would

generally be clear of other traffic and provide reassurance that emergency vehicles would not be impeded in any new road layout.

Furthermore, Emergency Services' access would always be a key aspect in the design consideration for highway schemes and would be consulted on any proposal.

7 Elected Mayor's Statement (standing item)

- 7.1 Mayor Glanville stated that at the Council AGM they had all met after the shadow of the bombing in Manchester. Since then there had been the tragic death of Hackney resident James McMullan at the London Bridge attacks and also the fire at Grenfell Tower, resulting in a tragic loss of at least 80 people. Following the events at Grenfell Tower, Hackney and London as a whole came together to provide support for the victims and friends and families of those affected and he praised the efforts of all those people that had given their time to help others.
- 7.2 Mayor Glanville added that the Council had received a letter from the Secretary of State thanking Hackney for its work and in particular the Chief Executive for his efforts in setting up and staffing the Friends and Family Assistance Centre to help the bereaved. Mayor Glanville had also written to all staff from across the Council that volunteered at Grenfell and later Camden. Mayor Glanville stated that the Council had worked hard to ensure that it was doing everything it could to keep residents safe and that it would continue to do so in an open and transparent way.
- 7.3 Mayor Glanville referred to the recent fire that had taken place at a Jewish faith school near Clapton Common and also the terrorist attack that had targeted a mosque at Finsbury Park at the end of Ramadan. Mayor Glanville also made reference to the recent tragic death of Rashan Charles on the previous Saturday morning and the meeting which had taken place the previous evening with the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC). Mayor Glanville, said fellow councillors had attended the vigil held on Monday evening in memory of Rashan Charles and he had taken part in a meeting with young people, community leaders and Cllr Selman held at HCVS. Mayor Glanville welcomed the early involvement from the IPCC and their commitment to working with Rashan's family and engaging with the community. Mayor Glanville encouraged people to engage with that process and stated that communities needed to stay united.
- 7.4 Mayor Glanville stated that he had proudly marched at the recent Hackney Pride parade event held on 8 July, along with 150 other colleagues and community representatives. It was also the first time the Council had ever raised the rainbow flag above the town hall. Mayor Glanville also highlighted a number of other events being organised, such as big lunches, street parties and the successful bike around the borough event that took place on 29 June 2017, involving hundreds of Hackney school children from across 40 schools.
- 7.5 Mayor Glanville stated that the borough had always adapted to change and highlighted a number of programmes and events held by the council, including the renewal of the Hackney 100 project. The Council had currently launched 30

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- new apprenticeships, which would increase to 100 next year. The council also recently hosted an event to celebrate the restoration of the town hall.
- 7.6 Mayor Glanville advised that Councillors McShane and Williams were unable to attend the meeting as they were attending the opening of Amazon's new European headquarters in Shoreditch, which was an office of 620,000 sq ft on Council land, providing around 5,500 new jobs.
- 7.7 Mayor Glanville stated that the Ways into Work programme would become Hackney Works in a new service that would not only help those struggling to return to work, but also broaden its offer to various other groups of individuals in the borough.
- 7.8 Councillor Steinberger responded to the Mayor's statement on behalf of the Conservative Group. Councillor Steinberger welcomed Gordon Bell MBE, Freeman of the Borough and former Councillor Salem Siddiqui to the meeting, as well as the new Interim Director of Legal. He also took the opportunity to wish Councillor Taylor a speedy recovery and sent his condolences to the family of former councillor, Edward Millen.
- 7.9 Councillor Steinberger referred to the terrible terrorist attack which had taken place in Manchester affecting so many children, which he found very upsetting. Councillor Steinberger referred to the terrorist attacks that had taken place at London Bridge and the mosque at Finsbury Park, and praised the work of the emergency services in their response. He also referred to the recent instances of acid attacks which had taken place in 5 locations across the borough.
- 7.10 Councillor Steinberger also referred to the recent fire that had taken place at a Jewish faith school near Clapton Common, which had luckily taken place in the early hours of the morning. He questioned whether the Mayor had done anything to help accommodate the pupils that had attended the school.
- 7.11 Councillor Sharer responded to the Mayor's statement on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group. Councillor Sharer referred to the various recent terrorist attacks identified by the Mayor and stated that communities had to act together and that these acts of terrorism would not change the Hackney and British spirit.
- 7.12 Councillor Sharer congratulated the Mayor on the Hackney 100 programme, which he fully supported. He believed that it was a great benefit to the borough that Amazon had moved into Shoreditch and he hoped that this would encourage other large companies to follow suit.
- 7.13 Councillor Sharer referred to the issues surrounding the re-housing of residents and suggested that there were still some empty properties that could be looked into, such as flats above empty shops.
- 7.14 Mayor Glanville thanked the opposition group leaders for their responses and echoed the comments made regarding the Hackney spirit and praising the responses of the emergency services during the recent terrorist attacks. Mayor Glanville advised that the Group Director Children, Adults and Community Health had been liaising with the school affected by the fire and that there were some concerns regarding the unregulated setting of some of the educational

facilities within the borough. The safety of these facilities would be looked into and he urged the Conservative Group to engage on school and community settings in relation to fire safety.

- 7.15 Mayor Glanville stated that Hackney was a very positive borough, and good relationships had been built with youth services. It was important to continue with investments into this service and continually to invest in community cohesion. Mayor Glanville raised concern regarding the rise in crime in the borough since 2010, as a result of a reduction of 200 police officers over that time.

8 Report from Licensing Committee: Late Night Levy

- 8.1 The Council was advised that a revised version of the recommendations had been circulated to all members.
- 8.2 Councillor Plouviez introduced the report explaining that the late night levy was a discretionary power, which enabled licensing authorities to charge a levy to persons who were licensed to sell alcohol late at night in the authority's area, as a means of raising a contribution towards the costs of policing the late-night economy.
- 8.3 On 21 June 2017 the Licensing Committee considered the outcome of the consultation. Having considered the options and responses, the Licensing Committee made a recommendation for the Council to introduce the levy.
- 8.4 Councillor Snell welcomed the recommendation and believed that those who were not contributing to the levy must be targeted, to ensure that all business owners contributed.
- 8.5 Councillor Odze felt that there was not a need to raise contributions toward the late night levy and added that many premises were currently struggling to maintain their business. Councillor Patrick responded by highlighting the negative impact particular premises had on the community, and the importance of the levy in light of the current financial savings within the police authority.
- 8.6 Councillor Selman stated that £1.4 million was spent last year policing the late night economy. The Licensing Committee was commended on its hard work.

For – Many

Abstain - 0

Against – Councillor Odze, Councillor Steinberger

RESOLVED that

1. The Council agrees:
 - (i) to note and consider the contents of the report and appendices.
 - (ii) to introduce the Late Night Levy in Hackney on 1 November 2017
 - (iii) that the following will apply to the Late Night Levy:

- The late night supply period be from 00:01 to 06:00
- That no exemptions categories are to be applied
- That no reduction categories are to be applied
- The proportion of net levy payments to be paid to the Mayor of London's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) will be 70%.

2. The Council also agrees:

- (i) That the Group Director for Neighbourhoods and Housing creates a management board in accordance with paragraph 4.5 of this report and reports back to the Licensing Committee an agreed terms of reference, and
- (ii) To delegate to the Director of Legal to carry out and make any necessary constitutional changes that are required to the terms of reference of the Licensing Committee to bring recommendation 2.2(i) above into effect.

9 Report of the Chief Executive: Members' Allowances Scheme 2017/18

9.1 The Chief Executive introduced the report and commended it to Council. The Chief Executive reported that there had been no substantive changes to the members' allowances scheme and the report highlighted the 1% uplift from the pay settlement.

9.2 In response to a question from Councillor Steinberger, the Chief Executive advised that there had been a full and frank debate on the members' allowances scheme at Council a year ago with Sir Rodney Brooke and reiterated that this report purely dealt with the 1% uplift from last year.

9.3 Councillor Odze stated that he would be abstaining from the vote, as he had an issue with the existence of the report and believed that it should be produced independently and not by the Council.

(Councillor Odze abstained from the vote).

RESOLVED that the Council agrees the report and the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18, attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

10 Report of the Chief Executive: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

10.1 Councillor Munn introduced the Annual Overview and Scrutiny 2016-2017 report to Members. The Council was advised that Overview and Scrutiny presented an annual report of its activities to Full Council at the beginning of each municipal year. All Members were provided with a copy of the Annual Report.

10.2 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees were commended on their hard work.

RESOLVED that Council note the report.

11 Report of Standards Committee: Annual Report 2016/17

11.1 Deputy Mayor Bramble introduced the report and commended it to Council. Deputy Mayor Bramble took the opportunity to thank Councillor Webb for her work as Chair of Standards Committee, as well as the independent persons.

11.2 In response to a question from Councillor Steinberger regarding the representation of ward councillors at the Planning Sub-Committee, Deputy Mayor Bramble extended the invitation for the opposition members to take up their place on the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED that the Standards Committee's Annual Report for 2016/17 be noted, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

12 Report of Standards Committee: Re-appointment of Independent Person to Standards Committee

12.1 Councillor Odze queried the lack of prescribed time limits for the independent person to sit on the Standard Committee. The Deputy Mayor noted his comments.

12.2 Councillor Steinberger asked the Deputy Mayor to consider the issues set out in the Localism Act 2011 in relation to councillors paying an active part in local discussions, particularly around planning.

RESOLVED that the Council approve the re-appointment of Mr Jonathan Stopes-Roe as the Independent Person for a further period of four years. This appointment will come to an end in June 2021.

13 Motion

a UK 100 Clean Energy

The motion was proposed by Councillor Cameron and seconded by Councillor Chapman. Councillor Cameron introduced the motion.

Councillor Cameron stated that 67 local leaders had signed an agreement for UK 100 Clean Energy, with an ambition to achieve 100% clean energy across the borough's full range of functions by 2050. The UK100 Agreement was a pledge for jobs and economic prosperity.

The 2015 Paris Agreement seized the opportunity to commit to a new energy future, which the Council intended to match by delivering its own local commitments and solutions to climate change. Over 2,500 cities had submitted plans for reducing CO2 emissions from 2014 onwards.

Councillor Cameron reported that the Council, through the Pensions Committee, had recommended to decouple from fossil fuels as part of its pension fund, as it was not only good for the planet but also for members of the Council's pension scheme.

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There was a commitment in the National Labour Party's manifesto to tackle urgently the issue of climate change, which was one of the greatest challenges of current times.

Councillors Moema and Moule welcomed and were in support of the motion.

Councillor Odze opposed the motion and did not agree with the suggestion that there was human-influenced climate change. Councillor Odze believed that this had happened for centuries and that the Council should stop wasting money on measures to prevent climate change.

Councillors Sharer and Jacobson welcomed the motion, as they believed that actions should be taken to prevent further climate change. Councillor Jacobson suggested a number of measures the council could take, such as using reusable plastic cups at their meetings.

Councillor Burke responded to the motion and thanked Councillors Cameron and Chapman for bringing the motion to Council. Councillor Burke stated that it was essential that action was taken on climate change to prevent future temperature rises and melting of the polar ice caps.

Councillor Burke stated that 2016 had been the warmest year in 115,000 years, with the highest level of CO₂ in 800,000 years. He stated that the consequences of doing nothing would result in a typical summer in London of 48 degrees Celsius by 2050.

Councillor Burke believed that the Government was too slow in recognising the challenges that faced us with climate change and it was important that an energy management framework was implemented to tackle this issue. A considerable amount of work had been undertaken as part of the UK 100 Clean Energy scheme, which would be reported on in the future. This involved working with various Government partners and organisations.

RESOLVED:

This Council resolves to support the UK100 pledge to shift towards 100% clean energy across the London Borough of Hackney's full range of functions, by 2050.

We, Hackney Council, acknowledge our responsibility to help secure an environmentally sustainable future, both for our residents and all people around the world faced with the challenges brought about by human-influenced climate change.

At the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris, leaders seized the opportunity to commit to a new energy future. Although the groundbreaking Paris Agreement does not place binding commitments upon local government institutions, we in Hackney intend to match its goals. The world is coming together to create a new energy system - we intend to be part of that change by creating and delivering our own local commitments and solutions.

We will decouple from fossil fuels not merely because it is 'good for the planet' in an abstract sense, but because it is good for the people we serve.

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The people of Hackney deserve warm homes, secure and affordable energy, clean air and drinking water, and to live in a borough that takes its environmental obligations seriously.

Shifting Hackney's consumption of energy towards renewables will help keep the lights on, drive renewables deployment and lower their unit costs, protect consumers from high and unstable energy prices, and contribute to geopolitical stability by reducing our dependence on imported fuel.

By addressing the scientific reality of human-influenced climate change, we will also be able to rebuild our own industrial and manufacturing base; creating well-paid, high-skilled employment, both locally and across the country. The UK100 Agreement is a pledge for jobs and economic prosperity.

The challenges we face require ambition and imagination if they are to be overcome, so that our children can enjoy a safe and secure future. We will take action that tackles climate change but also builds communities, which are the best places for our children to grow up.

We are facing an existential crisis for which there is no comparison in human history, and it is to us that this challenge has fallen. As a society, we are well-placed to contribute to the solutions we require, because of our industrial past and our history of willingness to lead on finding solutions to the new challenges the world faces.

We have the ambition to achieve 100% clean energy across the London Borough of Hackney's full range of functions by 2050, and to work in partnership with our residents and business community to deliver against the commitments made nationally and internationally at the 2015 Paris Summit.

We hope other towns and cities across the globe will join us to demonstrate that this transition will happen through acts of leadership by the many not the few, and that a transition to a clean energy future is both viable and already beginning to happen in many towns and cities today. We join with other communities across the UK who have made the same commitment to delivering a better future for everyone.

We resolve to turn this commitment into reality by developing a route map to a more sustainable future that also builds the kind of community of which we can be proud.

For: Many

Against: 2

Abstention: None

14 Appointments to Committees and Commissions (standing item)

RESOLVED that the Council:

1. Agree the re-appointments of the following to Children and Young People's Scrutiny Commission for the period of 1 municipal year:

Voting co-optees

- Richard Brown, representative from the London Diocesan Board for Schools (Church of England) representative.

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- Jane Heffernan – Roman Catholic Westminster Diocesan Schools Commission representative
- Sevie Sali Ali – parent governor representative

There is one parent governor vacancy.

Non-voting co-optees

- Rabbi Judah Baumgarten, representative from the Orthodox Jewish community.
- Shuja Shaikh, from the North London Muslim Association representative.
- Ernell Watson, representative from the Free Churches Group of Churches Together in England
- Jo Macleod, representative from the Hackney Schools Governors' Association.

Youth Parliament Members (non-voting)

Agree the appointments of

- Maryam Mohammed and Kairi Weekes-Sanderson to replace Ella Cox, Beth Foster-Ogg.

Agree the re-appointments of

- Skye Fitzgerad Mcshane and Louis Comach

2. Agree the re-appointments of the following co-optees to the Standards Committee for the period of 1 municipal year:

- Julia Bennett, George Gross, Adedoja Labinjo and Onagette Louison

Duration of the meeting: 19:00 – 21:15