

London Borough of Hackney
Council
Municipal Year 2018/2019
Date of Meeting Wednesday, 31st October, 2018

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 Brian Bell, Cllr Polly Billington, Deputy Mayor Anntoinette Bramble, Cllr Jon Burke, Cllr Sophie Cameron, Cllr Robert Chapman, Cllr Ajay Chauhan, Cllr Mete Coban, Cllr Sophie Conway, Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cllr Michael Desmond, Cllr Sade Etti, Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas, Cllr Humaira Garasia, Cllr Margaret Gordon, Cllr Michelle Gregory, Cllr Katie Hanson, Cllr Ben Hayhurst, Cllr Ned Hercock, Cllr Clare Joseph, Cllr Christopher Kennedy, Klein, Cllr Anna Lynch, Cllr Yvonne Maxwell, Cllr Anthony McMahon, Cllr Sem Moema, Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cllr Harvey Odze, Cllr Deniz Oguzkanli, Cllr M Can Ozsen, Cllr Sam Pallis, Cllr Benzion Papier, Cllr Sharon Patrick, Cllr James Peters, Cllr Emma Plouviez, Cllr Clare Potter, Cllr Steve Race, Cllr Ian Rathbone, Cllr Rebecca Rennison, Cllr Anna-Joy Rickard, Cllr Caroline Selman, Cllr Nick Sharman, Cllr Gilbert Smyth, Cllr Peter Snell, Cllr Patrick Spence, Cllr Simche Steinberger, Cllr Vincent Stops, Cllr Jessica Webb, Cllr Carole Williams, Cllr Caroline Woodley and Wrouth

Apologies:

Cllr Soraya Adejare, Cllr Michael Levy, Cllr Richard Lufkin, Cllr Clayeon McKenzie and Cllr Tom Rahilly

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Councillor Clare Potter [Speaker] in the Chair

- 1.1 Apologies for absence for the meeting were received from Councillors Soraya Adejare, Michael Levy, Richard Lufkin, Clayeon McKenzie and Tom Rahilly.

2 Speaker's Announcements

- 2.1 The Speaker welcomed new Councillor Penny Wrouth to her first council meeting.
- 2.2 The Speaker began their announcements, with sadness, with the atrocities that took place in Pittsburgh last weekend. The Mayor also paid his respects to the tragedy which occurred.

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- 2.3 Councillor Simche Steinberger began by thanking the Mayor for his kind words. Councillor Steinberger spoke movingly of how he was in the United States last weekend and was attending a synagogue at the time of shooting and had feared for his life. He explained that he was still trying to process the events of last weekend and probably would not fully understand them for some time.....
- 2.4 The Speaker was saddened to announce to the council members the passing of Betty Shanks who was Hackney's Civic Mayoress from 1985 to 1986 and also the death of Lou Eustace who was her deputy during that time.

Those present in the chamber were asked to stand for a minute's silence.

Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 There were declarations of interest from Councillors Burke, Rennison and Moema in relation to agenda item 11. Councillor Stops declared an interest in relation to agenda item 8, specifically question 8.1.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18th July 2018 be approved as a correct record.

5 Deputation

80 years on, it's Our turn

We are a diverse group of Hackney residents who believe as a Borough we should live up to our long proud history of welcoming refugees. We would like to thank Hackney Council for their brilliant work supporting refugees in recent years. By giving homes to many Syrian refugee families through the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and unaccompanied minors, you have transformed their lives, giving them hope where they may have had none before. This year is the 80th Anniversary of the Kindertransport, the scheme through which Britain welcomed 10,000 child refugees on the eve of World War Two. This anniversary marks the best of what Britain is about.

Hackney alone took in more than 100 of these mainly Jewish child refugees. Giving them shelter when other communities, other countries around the world, would not step up and help. As part of this anniversary, we are joining a national campaign, led by Lord Alf Dubs. Local Authorities across the country are pledging places for the child refugees of today, to carry forward the legacy of the Kindertransport. These places would be fully funded by Central Government. We would like Hackney to live up to the legacy of 80 years ago, by like then, giving refuge to some of the most vulnerable child refugees.

Considering our borough's proud history, will you agree to pledge a number of places over the next decade for unaccompanied child refugees from Europe and the crisis hit regions in order to build a legacy for the Kindertransport?

- 5.1 The deputation was introduced by Councillor Caroline Woodley:

'I Was a Stranger and You Took Me In', these words, inscribed in a number of languages on a temporary monument 'for strangers and refugees' in Kassel,

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are celebrated by all those who know what it means to be welcomed as a stranger and by those who understand the importance of offering welcome and providing refuge. These words make me think of Hackney and how grateful I and so many others are to have been made welcome in this place, despite the difficulties, which in times of swingeing cuts are, frankly, many. 'I Was a Stranger and You Took Me In', with these words in mind I am pleased to welcome Doha Al-Halaq, a young Syrian resident in Hackney, to introduce Mike Hamilton of the charity Safe Passage and to remember the vital legacy of the Kindertransport which, in marking its 80th anniversary, is raised by this evening's deputation.

- 5.2 Ms Al-Halaq began by briefly explaining her journey on how she came to arrive from Syria to the United Kingdom and what had happened to her once she had arrived in Hackney. Ms Al-Halaq thanked the UK and Hackney for giving her this opportunity and she hoped in the future to be a translator living in Hackney.
- 5.3 Michael Hamilton, the Digital Communications Organiser at Safe Passage, began by explaining to council members that the Safe Passage project mixes strategic litigation, parliamentary lobbying and grassroots community organising to help people access safe and legal routes to protection.
- 5.4 Councillor Fajana-Thomas thanked Councillor Woodley for putting forward this deputation and also to Ms Al-Halaq and Mike Hamilton for coming to the meeting and speaking to Council Members. Councillor Fajana-Thomas fully supported the Safe Passage campaign; Hackney had a proud history of providing a safe haven for refugees. Councillor Fajana-Thomas told her fellow council members about her recent experience of meeting some of the refugees in the borough and how some of them were trying to overcome mental health issues.
- 5.5 Mr Hamilton, in response to Councillor Fajana-Thomas' comments, explained that addressing the mental health issues among refugees in the borough was challenging. The children that Safe Passage work with had been through a lot of trauma.
- 5.6 Mayor Glanville thanked Councillor Woodley for putting forward this deputation and also to Ms Al-Halaq and Mike Hamilton to coming to the council meeting and talking to the members. The council was fully behind the campaign but the Mayor was not aware whether the government was behind this campaign.
- 5.7 Mr Hamilton replied that hoped that the government would back the campaign. Safe Passage were handing a petition in at Number 10 Downing Street today.
- 5.8 Councillor Selman replied:

Response to Deputation

I would like to start by thanking the deputation for attending this evening and for the work that has gone into the campaign both locally and nationally.

Thank you in particular Doha for speaking so powerfully and reminding us all why this campaign is so important. Earlier this month myself and a number of colleagues within the chamber were privileged to attend an event organised by

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Safe Passage inclusive of three films capturing the experiences of child migrants who have moved to the UK, illustrating what's at the heart of this campaign – respecting, caring about and helping our fellow human beings.

As the deputation notes, the people of Hackney have a long history of welcoming refugees and we have continued to do so in recent years – currently:

We are supporting more than 100 children and young adults that came to this country as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, with 48 children in our care and 60 former unaccompanied children supported through our leaving care service.

Seven families through the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.

A further family is being supported through the Community Sponsorship route with arrangements being made with the Home Office for a second family to be supported through this route.

We very much welcome this campaign, calling on Government to fund a new Children at Risk Scheme to resettle 10,000 unaccompanied child refugees over the next 10 years – a number that could be met, as the campaign notes, if every local authority pledges to take three children a year over those 10 years.

As a Council we welcome this campaign and pledge to:

Continue to provide support for unaccompanied and vulnerable children now and under a future Children at Risk scheme

Commit to supporting an additional three children or young people each year for the next 10 years and urge other London authorities; and

Support the campaigns' call to ensure that such a scheme be fully funded, in order to ensure that children's needs are met without the need to divert spending from support to other vulnerable children.

I look forward to working with the campaign in future to support these calls to government and thank you for your continued efforts towards making this a reality.

a Rare and Uncommon Cancers

- 6.1 Councillor Rennison introduced the motion as set out in the agenda. The effects of Cancer were experienced by the majority of people, and raising awareness of cancer including NETS uncommon Cancer was something Councillor Rennison felt very passionate about.
- 6.2 It was highlighted that World NET Cancer Day was an annual event held on the 10th of November, created to increase awareness of Neuroendocrine (NET) cancers and to provide a voice to the NET community for improved diagnostics, treatments, information, care and research.
- 6.3 Councillor Maxwell explained that world NET Cancer Day is about drawing attention to this uncommon form of cancer, therefore urged councillors to use this opportunity to highlight this through their social media accounts.
- 6.4 Councillor Billington explained that this type of cancer was slow growing and commonly misdiagnosed. The impacts of uncommon cancers on people's lives is devastating, however by discussing this topic awareness of this disease will spread.
- 6.5 Councillor Lynch shared her experiences of working as a nurse and explained how proud she was to have held hands and supported those who had been affected by cancer. Uncommon Cancers tended to be a longer road for recovery and a difficult time for the individual and their relatives. Councillor Lynch highlighted her support and hoped that this discussion spread the message to the community.
- 6.6 Councillor Etti shared her support for the motion. She expressed her experience of losing a good friend to cancer and therefore was thankful and proud that this topic had been brought to council as a motion to raise awareness, she encouraged donations to the NET Cancer Charity.
- 6.7 Councillor Steinberger supported the motion, and thanked Councillor Rennison for bringing the motion to council. Councillor Steinberger shared that he had met with an individual who was undergoing cancer related tests in July, however the individual still to this date had not received any results, and he felt that his was upsetting. It was recommended that everyone supported World NET Cancer Day.
- 6.8 Councillor Rennison thanked all those present for their support.

RESOLVED This Council notes:

- **The work of the NETs Patient Foundation, a UK wide charity, providing support and information to patients and their families.**
- **Although first identified as a specific disease in the mid-1800's, physicians unfamiliar with NET cancers are less likely to suspect a NET cancer in initial investigations when patients present with symptoms.**

- 60-80% of patients are diagnosed at an advanced stage, often because of the similarity of symptoms to other conditions - IBS, menopause, asthma gastritis etc.
- NETs and their symptoms can severely impair quality of life.
- The work done by the NET Patient Foundation to lobby for rare and less common cancers to be included in the next Cancer Strategy for England.
- The recent delayed announcement by NICE to make Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT), available again treating NETs patients in England.
- PRRT is a radioactive protein used in the precision treatment of NETs.

RESOLVED The Council to:

- Join the international NET community on 10 November each year, raising awareness of NET cancers among decision makers, health professionals and the general public;
- Launch a campaign with Hackney GPs and the NHS Trust to work toward improving an understanding of this disease among medical professionals, contributing to reduce delays in diagnosis.
- Work toward ensuring that the inclusion of rare and less common cancers in the Cancer Strategy for England is reflected in Hackney's public health Strategy.
- Work alongside councils across London to explore the mechanisms for a London-wide strategy to increase awareness of NETs and other less common cancers.
- Recognise living with cancer is a long term condition and work with our partners to ensure that no one has to face cancer alone.

7 Question from Member of the Public

7.1 Question from Christopher Sills to the Mayor:

Please could you tell the Council how many beds are available this winter and what steps are being taken by the Council and the Hackney Clinical Commission Group to ensure that they are used this winter particularly as the Median Road Facility has been closed by the Quality Care Commission.

Response:

Deputy Mayor Feryal Demirci replied:

Thank you Mr Sills for his question. I am afraid no borough knows at this stage how many beds are going to be available at any one time, as it will always

depend on what is available locally and in neighbouring boroughs. Care homes will have a certain number of vacant beds, or "voids" at any one time.

It is never good for someone to stay in hospital for any longer than necessary. If someone is leaving hospital, we will always work in partnership to support a return to their own home wherever this is possible. If somebody needs longer term nursing or residential care, because their needs are more complex and can't be met at home, we will work with them and their families to find a care home. The choice of care home will depend on what is available at that particular time, as Hackney has very few care homes.

This works the same way in other boroughs.

Sometimes people might need a care home provision for a short period of time - for example when adaptations are being made to their home to make it easier to live independently there, or when somebody is moving to a new home that is more accessible for a disabled person, but is waiting for a tenancy agreement to be signed. In these cases, we have commissioned 14 beds in a neighbouring borough which can be used as "interim beds".

This means that someone will only stay for a short period of time (usually no longer than six weeks) before either moving back home, or, occasionally moving into a permanent care home if that is the right thing for them.

A great deal of work has gone on between London Borough of Hackney and our partners in the National Health Service (NHS) Homerton and NHS City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to prepare for any winter pressures.

There has been a lot of work between the Council, the CCG and Homerton hospital to make it quicker and easier for people to return home. This has included investing in more staff to help people with the move out of hospital in a supportive way. For example, our discharge to assess service helps people to leave hospital earlier, as soon as a consultant has confirmed that their treatment is complete, by planning with patients for them to leave hospital with lots of care and therapeutic support around them. Once home, there is a focus on helping the person to relearn skills to help them regain some of their independence. Longer term care arrangements can then also be arranged.

Other areas of investment have included ensuring that there is a seven day social work service in place. We have ensured that there is plenty of cover over the whole of the Christmas and New Year period, so that social support will continue as normal during this time.

The joint work between NHS and adult services has been successful in getting people safely home from hospital more quickly. The number of Delayed Transfer of Care DTOC "bed day delays" (i.e the number of days that any hospital bed was occupied by someone who was ready to leave) has fallen by half in 18 months - from 1,000 for May 2017, to 400 in August 2018.

8.1 Question from Councillor Patrick to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Transport and Parks:

'There is considerable concern among responders as to the safety implications of the closure of ticket offices at overground stations across the Borough. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on what representations the council is making to Transport for London (TfL) about these proposals?'

Response:

Thank you for the question, both the Mayor and I have been concerned about the proposals and lack of detail Representations have been made to Travelwatch, TfL and Arriva and were also raised at the Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission on the 22 October at which TfL officers were present.

We are concerned Councillor Patrick because we believe if public transport is to be promoted across London to meet the Mayor of London's transport aspirations, then the entrance to the station has to be the focal point to the start of the journey.

Linked to that are concerns over safety, of our residents and the LO staff. Visibility of staff provides reassurance that the Overground is a safe place to travel. No information is supplied on staffing levels for stations in Hackney - current and proposed.

With the exception of London Fields, all the stations in Hackney have ticket offices. We are aware that Stamford Hill has been closed due to structural issues and this has resulted in queues building up at times for the ticket machines. We fear that with further closures this could become the norm at other stations.

As well as issuing the full range of tickets, ticket offices can also deal with the issuing of annual season tickets, refund Oyster deposits and unused credit and top up Oyster credits for small amounts.

This is important to many on low wages. Ticket offices can also print out Oyster journey histories. With the closure of the ticket offices these facilities will be lost.

Although it is accepted that the self-service ticket machines used on London Overground do issue a full range of tickets (including to any National Rail (NR) station) and zone boundary extensions to many groups such as people with disabilities (some not apparent) these are still difficult to use. Our Mayor Philip Glanville and I would wish to receive assurances with any changes that there would be staff on hand at all times to offer assistance with their use.

Annual Season Tickets

Although it is accepted that the popularity of Oyster products has reduced demand for annual season tickets, a sizeable number of passengers nevertheless still use these. In addition LO ticket offices sell 'point to point' annual tickets. With the closure of ticket offices on the London Underground the only place to purchase these (other than on-line) is at a ticket office or at a Visitor Centre. There are none of these in Hackney.

Staffing

The proposals state that London Overground operates with a staffing model that guarantees that a member of staff will be on each managed station. There is no

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information to suggest at what times the stations have more staff. One member of staff alone would not be able to deal with gateline problems, assistance with passengers and help with buying a ticket.

Reliability of gatelines

Although information on unscheduled booking office closures and ticket machine performance has been submitted no information is supplied on reliability of the gatelines. It is often the case that these break down (Hackney Central being an example) and dangerous levels of overcrowding at several of our station means diverting staff to dealing with these issues would take them away from the ticket machines where they would be assisting passengers.

Ticket machine availability

The proposals refer to reliability issues with the ticket machines and that two types are in use. It is mentioned that at least one of each type will be installed at each location. We would point out that this is not the case at present in all locations.

Booking hall congestion

At a number of locations the booking office spaces are cramped and congestion regularly occurs on the concourse. The location of the existing booking offices allows for the queues to be managed. The proposals do not show any plans for the location of any additional ticket machines and what future use will be made of the redundant space. The Council would suggest, as a pre-requisite that if the closures go ahead that these should be linked to a programme of improvements to help passenger flows and that machines should not be located in proximity to gatelines where these could restrict entry and exits.

In conclusion, the Council considers that these proposals, as currently submitted lack detail and the necessary information for proper assessment.

8.2 Question from Councillor Garasia to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement:

‘Our manifesto pledge is to support residents and keep them safe, despite the Tory cuts to police numbers. Can the Cabinet member for community safety outline what actions have been taken to reduce violent crime since the elections in May?’

Response

Councillor Selman recalled the meeting held earlier on the year in response to a spate of tragic, violent attacks in Hackney and across London. The Meeting reflected that there was no one single answer – but rather a carefully calibrated balance of long term prevention, opportunities for earlier and earlier intervention, proportionate and targeted enforcement where lines are crossed and persistent diversion working to support individuals to exit damaging lifestyles and offending patterns.

Since that meeting, individuals from across the council, our partners, the voluntary sector and members of the community have been working to put words into action. In terms of that immediate response:

- Crime reduction action plans are in place within key areas, pulling together the work of the Integrated Gangs Unit, Youth Services, Community Safety, the voluntary sector and wider partners;
- Community outreach has been undertaken to support communities and parents to be better informed and supported providing practical advice and peer support
- There has been extensive outreach with our young people – on street, through schools and other venues, with more sessions planned
- Further work has been undertaken to identify those at risk of criminal exploitation so that additional safeguarding measures can be put in place.
- We have made sure we are working at a cross-border level, with representation from Islington attending our tasking meetings; and
- We have benefitted from increased police resource for police, and joint partnership patrols as well as increased police proactive resource resulting in arrests of a number of key individuals.

Members were informed that Cllr Selman, Cllr Demirci and the Mayor attended the formal launch of Redthread’s Youth Violence Intervention Programme at Homerton Hospital who which they were supporting through both the Council’s Community Grants Programme and the Healthier City and Hackney Fund. The programme Embeds youth workers alongside clinical staff, and enables support to be provided at a crucial “teachable moment”.

The Council, through the Contextual Safeguarding programme, are putting significant resources into early intervention and wellbeing. Through the Department of Education’s innovation fund the council are transforming the traditional social work model so that its equipped to understand and respond to young people’s experiences beyond their families through their peer groups, in their neighbourhoods schools or online.

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Also through a successful bid to the Home Office's Trusted Relationship the council is able to increase its outreach resource - through working with individuals in the spaces they occupy such as streets, housing estates, parks and playgrounds.

The ongoing work with schools around no need to exclude, our commitment to ensuring that trauma-informed and culturally competent practice is embedded in our and our partners work, the work of Children & Adult Mental Health such as the Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools pilot embedding CAMHS workers in 40 of our schools and upskilling school staff to help identify possible mental health concerns, the work championed by Cllr Williams around employment and skills to create the kind of real opportunities that provide inspiring alternatives for our fantastic, inspiring young people – all of this, and more, has a key role to play. And as the Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission recently heard – there are positive signs that, collectively, we are having an impact with reductions over the last 12 months in:

- Knife crime of 3.8%
- [Serious Youth Violence]
- Violence with injury of 6%
- Gun crime of 10.5%

However, last month saw the tragic murder of Elyon Poku. The impact of that loss cannot be emphasised enough – the unquantifiable grief of his parents and family, the ripple out sense of shock, fear and sadness felt across the community that he was so much a part of. Councillor Selman explained that serious violence should not be viewed as inevitable as it can be treated. Hackney has the commitment, the expertise and the passion across the Council, across its partner's community to respond to it and cure it, together.

8.3 Question from Councillor Lynch to the Cabinet Member for Housing Services:

'As a result of the Grenfell disaster the council is rightly ensuring that our residents are safe by replacing 17,000 frontdoors over the next 3 years, will the council be reimbursed by the Government?'

Response:

Mayor Philip Glanville explained that since the Grenfell tragedy the Council has been concentrating on ensuring the safety and wellbeing of its residents is at the front and centre of our response to the disaster. We have undertaken a considerable amount of work post Grenfell which includes carrying out a survey of all our external cladding, removing and replacing insulation on four tower blocks, installing dry risers and installing a sprinkler system in one of our blocks.

We continue to work with the London Fire Brigade and have committed to implementing any additional measures that they recommend to ensure residents safety. The Council has also shown its commitment to the safety of residents with the investment into a dedicated Resident Safety Service whose main priority is ensuring our residents safety is not compromised. The Council has also reviewed all its fire risk assessments across its property portfolio which resulted in over 22,000 recommendations which are currently being closed down on a risk based approach. All critical findings have been addressed and the majority of high priorities have also been dealt with

The fire risk assessments have also highlighted the need for the Council to undertake a door replacement programme to ensure all our flat entrance doors meet the current standards.

We have also taken into consideration the ongoing Government testing of composite doors in identifying the doors that need replacing. This has resulted in approximately 17,000 doors which will need to be replaced over the next three to four years and the intention is to implement phase one of the replacement early next year with the replacement of doors within the blocks which are ten storey or higher.

The cost of phase one alone is expected to be in the region of £5.9m which is over and above the £5m capital budget which was agreed in January 2018 for fire safety works.

Currently the Government have only offered to fully fund council's who have had to replace aluminium composite cladding however Hackney did not have this type of cladding so will not receive this funding and there has been no offer to fund the door replacement programme nor has there been any other offer of funding from the Government for the additional fire safety work that has resulted from the Grenfell disaster.

The cost of the safety works is significant, and we are disappointed that the Government is not doing more to help council's fund this vital work. We acknowledge that the HRA cap has been lifted as a consequence of Councils such as ours having lobbied the Government however the cost of the additional fire safety works will have an impact on our long term investment programme and we will continue to lobby Government for additional funds.

We can specify that in our response to the government's social housing green paper we'll be making the case for funding for fire safety work and for HRA borrowing flexibility to cover maintenance of existing stock as well as new build.

8.4 Question from Councillor Etti to the Cabinet Member for Housing Services:

'Tenants of housing associations deserve a decent service including on repairs, completed on time and satisfactorily. We made a manifesto pledge that we would work with housing associations to improve services and ensure they are well managed and maintained. Can the Cabinet Member for Housing services report on progress so we can be confident our residents are living in a safe and habitable environment?'

Response

The Cabinet Member for Housing services explained that Hackney maintains an approved list of housing providers and aspires to achieve better homes for local people. Following the Grenfell tragedy Hackney met with 18 housing associations within Hackney to ensure that no properties were at risk, intensive investigations were carried out which resulted that no properties were at risk. All those living in high-rise flat written to and notified of the process and steps being taken immediately.

Members were informed that the government had been consulting on a paper which would strengthen social power to ensure that satisfactory services were delivered. It was also confirmed that the private sector housing team did have allocated powers.

8.5 Question from Councillor Adams to the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care, Transport and Parks:

'This month we have marked World Mental Health Day, by raising awareness of the impact it has on so many peoples lives, especially the young. How will Hackney be making a material difference to the lives of young people suffering from poor mental health?'

Response

The Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care, Transport and Parks explained that in the last five years in Hackney has seen a comprehensive range of provision in place for Children and Young People (CYP) suffering from poor mental health. These include clinical Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), incorporating First Steps (for brief interventions), Specialist CAMHS, CAMHS for children with disabilities and a CAMH service dedicated to those known to Children's Social Care. We are prioritising reducing our waiting times for services and making access easier.

Hackney is also currently delivering a number of innovative pilots, linked to national transformation initiatives, such as our 'Wellbeing and Mental Health in schools' programme ('WAMHS'), our 'reach and resilience' work with vulnerable groups and consultation work through Young Hackney.

In Hackney we are very proud to have a CAMHS Alliance, which brings together commissioners and providers across Hackney and the City, to strengthen joint working. The CAMHS Alliance's main aim is to create support systems that exist beyond traditional health care settings, by extending projects to schools and the wider community; increasing the reach and effectiveness of the care provided.

The CAMHS Alliance is delivering on 4 main workstreams:

1. Schools: The Schools work - mentioned earlier, (Wellbeing and Mental Health in School) sees CAMHS workers now in 50% of the schools in City & Hackney. This also aims to improve early identification of possible mental health concerns and upskill school staff to be able to promote and support their student's wellbeing. This pilot is one of the first in the country.
2. Transitions: Work is being undertaken to support CYP during times of transition including transition between services, from primary to secondary school and into puberty and adulthood for CYP with high-functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
3. Parenting: Offers for parents within community and educational settings is expanding to focus on parents from Turkish and orthodox Jewish communities, new parents and multi-family groups to target BME children at risk of exclusion.
4. Crisis: The crisis workstream is piloting a one-year enhanced provision in CYP's Crisis Care across the ELC Footprint (City and Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham) to provide intensive support and crisis response over extended hours (9am-11pm on weekdays, 10am- 2.30pm on weekends).

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For CYP accessing Children's Social Care Services, Family Support Service, Young Hackney and the Youth Justice Service, we provide the Hackney Children and Families Clinical Service. This integrated and specialist service, which does not have a waiting list operates on an outreach basis to promote accessibility for families. Cllr Rahilly, Hackney's Mental Health Champion, is working with Public Health and the CCG to oversee a programme of work that embeds positive mental wellbeing across Council services, aiming to make Hackney a positive place for residents' wellbeing, that becomes the most welcoming, accessible and friendly place for people with severe and enduring mental illness.

A new cross-sector Suicide Prevention Steering Group formed in October 2018, chaired by Cllr Rahilly. The group will develop a new suicide prevention strategy and action plan for Hackney, working collectively to reduce the risk of suicide in the borough.

A number of Voluntary Care Sector (VCS) organisations also support our children and young people around mental health as well as a range of support bought in directly by schools.

We are proud of the range and quality of CAMHS support for our young people in Hackney, that we know to among the most comprehensive and innovative in the country and we hope that this continues to make a material difference to the lives of children and young people suffering from mental ill health.

On World Mental Health Day itself, the Council and the CCG supported a pioneering and fun arts event for Black Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender and Questioning plus (LGBTQ+) communities, with a focus on mental wellbeing. This was attended by over 170 people, and raised the challenging topic amongst groups more at risk of mental ill health.

The Council also took the opportunity on the day to promote the local Five to Thrive campaign (based on the New Economics Foundation 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'), via Hackney's twitter page. This included messages and tips on how residents could meet their Five to Thrive, which are: connect, give, be active, keep learning, and take notice.

The Council and the CCG also supported the Street Life Festival on Well Street Common on 7th October. Opened by the Mayor, the event was well attended and promoted positive mental wellbeing through a series of talks, workshops and activities, all based around the Five Ways to Wellbeing.

8.6 Question from Councillor Smyth to the Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years and Play:

'The cuts to Special educational needs funding by this Tory government have been profound, with funding for this service in Hackney having been frozen since 2011. Can the Cabinet Member for families early years and play update us on progress of the task and finish group established early this year to resolve the challenges the council faces?'

Response:

The Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years and Play highlighted that today at the royal court of justice family's and relatives challenged the changes to the SEND funding. The Council received a large negative response to the changes in funding and following this decided to take action and act upon the upset of the community. The Council set up a task and finish group which consisted of parent representatives SEND leaders and Governors. The Task and Finish Panel reviewed and presented options for further funding, however due to the closeness of the panel and the judicial review things were put to a halt until Mid-November.

8.7 Question was withdrawn.

8.8 Question from Councillor Gordon to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing Needs:

Could the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing Needs supply an update on procurement of the North London Heat and Power Project?

Members were advised that a written response would be provided to Councillor Gordon.

Response:

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing Needs responded:

NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT

- 1.1 The North London Waste Authority (NLWA) is made up of seven north London boroughs (Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest). Over two million residents live in the NLWA area. NLWA is responsible for helping the seven north London boroughs dispose of the 850,000 tonnes of waste they collect every year. After recycling, around 600,000 tonnes is "residual waste", equivalent to 280 dustcarts of "black bag" waste every day. Most residual waste is converted into energy within the Authority's area at the Edmonton EcoPark. The existing Energy from Waste plant opened in 1970.
- 1.2 Its impending life expiry means a need exists for a new solution. Even with growth in recycling, a long-term sustainable route is needed for treating our non-recyclable waste. The NLWA explored procurement through partnership with the private sector, but in 2013 concluded that this offered poor value for money. In addition, the life of the existing facility could be extended to 2025 to investigate alternative approaches. A Development Consent Order for a new Energy Recovery Facility was submitted in 2015 and approved in 2017. Procuring our own facility assures NLWA of availability of disposal route and allowed us to specify standards. This project is now at a key stage and over the coming months a number of decisions will be taken that will have material finance consequences for all Boroughs beyond 2022.
- 1.3 The new solution - the North London Heat and Power Project - will treat 700,000 tonnes of waste each year. If recycling increases to 45% in North London, even by 2050 the facility would provide enough capacity to deal with all NLWA's residual waste, and any spare capacity could be used to secure income from treating others' waste. The facility will generate enough heat and power for 127,000 homes – roughly the number in LB Enfield – over 50% more

than the current energy from waste plant. Its performance is based on the most reliable, proven, and advanced modern technology – gives operational confidence. It is expected to provide employment for 150+ people in operating the new facilities and being within the Authority area – reduces travel distances/transport emissions. The new facility will meet the Mayor's "carbon intensity floor" targets, including NOx emissions 60% below current permitted levels.

- 1.4 The critical decision that now needs to be taken relates to which option will be taken to procure the facility as each one has different key steps but, in each case, will have a Net Present Cost estimates at over £1.1bn. In effect 4 options exist and these will be set out in detail in papers to the authority in October but in essence are as follows;
1. Design, Build, Finance, Operate - this would in effect be a single private contract for all elements and be financed privately.
 2. Private construction and operation - this would involve single private contracts for the design, build and operate elements.
 3. Two private contracts - private contracts for design and build - separate private contracts for operations.
 4. Private construction - Private contract for design and build.

NB. Options 2 to 4 are all funded via public finance most probably the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB).

- 1.5 Following a decision the expectation is for officers to move to tender issue (in 2020) subject to officers successfully delivering the option approved by Members. Given the scale of this project and its financial consequence the intention is to bring regular updates to members through the OFP

9 Elected Mayor's Statement

- 9.1 Thank you Madam Speaker, let me first welcome again Councillor Penny Wrout to the chamber and her first Council meeting. She will make an excellent councillor and has already shown in the recent campaign her commitment to the borough.

I was tempted this evening to theme my speech this evening on Halloween, but the seriousness of the issues we are discussing make the slightly harder. However, the Party Conference season and this weeks budget lend itself quite well.

On the budget I'll start with the positive. Credit where credit is due after eight years of campaigning by me, this Council, Hackney Labour Party and housing campaigners across the country we have finally seen an end to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) cap. Unlike so many over the past decade, we were first in the borough to build nearly 300 affordable homes since 2010 we never gave up on Council housing, nor the people who live in them now and need them in the future, we march, lobbied and built actually many Council homes.

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This is a victory for Hackney and the 3,000 families in temporary accommodation.

For the Tories, like with austerity this was always about ideology: and now they have listened to sense and Hackney is ready to build on our track record and return fully our historic role as a housebuilder.

We believe by 2025 this full HRA reform could help us build between 700 and 900 additional council homes – the highest number since the 1970s and 1980s. But we must also strike a note of caution. The Chancellor did not announce a single penny of funding to build council housing – only the ability to prudently borrow our own money, against our assets, to finance the expensive business of constructing homes. This means we'll still need to find ways to invest so that continues to mean having to build for pre-sale.

Though last week the Mayor of London did announce the first direct new funding for Council homes in Hackney – over £45m to build nearly 1,000 Council homes to rent and buy by 2022.

The rest of the budget however Madam Speaker has more Trick or Treat.

A budget made of eye-catching one-offs, rather than offering long-term solutions to the serious funding shortfalls across the local government and a true end to austerity.

Another ad-hoc boost for 600 adult social care is welcome, but until we get meaningful reform of the system it is simply a sticking plaster. To put in context £136m out of £600m.

The extra funding to solve the Frankenstein's monster that is Universal Credit, while offering some much-needed support, does not address the fundamental flaws in the system that we have raised numerous times. The Government has ignored lessons learned through the gradual roll-out across the country and while these tweaks might make good headlines, they will not help those who are at risk of being plunged into debt or those fleeing domestic abuse who are unable to claim at both their family home and refuge.

Currently the Government have only offered to fully fund councils who have had to replace aluminium composite cladding however Hackney did not have this type of cladding so will not receive funding and there has been no offer to fund the door replacement programme nor has there been any other offer of funding from the Government for the additional fire safety work that has resulted from the Grenfell disaster.

The cost of the safety works is significant and we are disappointed that the Government is not doing more help Council's fund this vital work. We acknowledge that the HRA cap has been lifted as a consequence of Councils such as ours having lobbied the Government, however the cost of the additional fire safety works will have an impact on our long term investment programme and we will continue to lobby government for additional funds, we can specify that in our response to the government's social housing green paper we'll be making the case for funding for fire safety work and for HRA borrowing flexibility to cover maintenance of existing stock as well as new build.

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However, the cost of the additional fire safety works will have an impact on our long-term investment programme and we will continue to lobby government for additional funds.

Madam Speaker, and Councillor Lynch be reassured, that Hackney Council, in the absence of government action will keep our residents safe.

9.2 Councillor Simche Steinberger replied by firstly welcoming Councillor Wrouth and how he looked forward to working with her in the future. On the recent by-election Councillor Steinberger explained that they had put forward a strong candidate and run a good campaign. Councillor Steinberger raised concerns about the low turnout for the election – 75 % of the ward did not bother to vote. This needed to be looked into. Councillor Steinberger also raised concern about the timing election being in the middle of consecutive Jewish holidays, indeed the council meeting was on Halloween night when no doubt a lot of the members would have preferred to be with their families, perhaps there needs to be some consideration of some of the current scheduling of meetings in the calendar.

9.3 Councillor Steinberger continued by raising concerns about the Labour Party's stance on Europe and the possibility of a second vote on Britain's exit from the European Union (EU). The vote was lost it is too far-fetched to run it again. We had the result time to move on.

On the budget, Councillor Steinberger acknowledged the policies on housing and that there was not much money to go around, however, he was concerned about some of the small details in Hackney Council's budget. Councillor Steinberger was concerned that some of the money spent by the council was very funny. Councillor Steinberger highlighted how small businesses in Adler Street, for example, were fighting for survival. Clearly something was not working.

9.4 Mayor Glanville replied by beginning by thanking Councillor Steinberger for his comments. On the scheduling of council meetings they had been done so to avoid a clash with the school half term break in late October. The Mayor pointed out that the opposition had made no attempt to support their small budget.

On the turnout for the Victoria ward election the Mayor Glanville commented that the opposition had not been spotted on the campaign trail. There had been a 25 % turnout for the vote. The council acknowledged that 75% of the ward had not turned out to vote and they would be looking into this. On Brexit and the current negotiations, the Mayor was of the view that it was a mess. We thought we had a government that could make a deal but we now need a chance to think again.

On the issue of air pollution, Mayor Glanville explained that the council's policies was not set out to play off different groups against each other. People needed to change the way they travel. For six weeks there would be no parking before Christmas.

10 Report from Cabinet: Corporate Plan 2018-2022

- 10.1 The Mayor introduced the report, it was explained that the new manifesto was titled 'Hackney Labour: Building a Fairer, Safer and More Sustainable Hackney'.
- 10.2 The Council was advised that the manifesto had been drawn up over the past year it set out a bold vision of over one hundred and forty different priorities that the administration would deliver over the next four years. The Manifesto had a core clear focus on sustaining high quality public services and creating opportunity, while reducing inequality and poverty; protecting what is best about Hackney and ensuring an open and transparent Council committed to social change.
- 10.3 Following the election the administration had been working closely with officers and the Chief Executive through regular meetings to develop the themes and priorities into a deliverable Plan for the Council.
- 10.4 The Mayor drew reference to the new 2018-2022 Hackney Corporate Plan included in the report. It was advised that the plan was the critical next step, as it showed how the Council would deliver on the ambitious manifesto, guided by the new ten year Community Strategy and Mayor's Priorities.
- 10.5 The Mayor referred to Hackney Council as an engine for social change and commended all those who had been involved in the process on their work.

RESOLVED to note and endorse the Corporate Plan 2018-2022 as set out in Appendix A.

11 Report from Cabinet: North London Waste Plan - Proposed Submission

- 11.1 Councillor Nicholson introduced the report setting out the planning framework for the management of North London Waste Plan (NLWP). This would go through a final consultation before being submitted to government for adoption. The purpose of the plan was to ensure there will be adequate provision of waste management facilities of the right type, in the right place and at the right time up to 2035.
- 11.2 The proposed submission version NLWP identifies a future additional requirement of nine hectares of land across all seven boroughs and identifies areas suitable for waste management facilities to meet that requirement. The identified areas in addition to the existing safeguarded waste sites in north which is Millfields Depot and the other is Downs Road. The NLWP sets out policies to assist development management decisions on new planning applications for waste facilities.
- 11.3 Councillor Rathbone commented that he was glad to see the report at last, after the mess they made last time round, listing 400 flats, several industrial units, a doctor's surgery, a police station, a main road and a large supermarket in my ward as a suitable site for a recycling facility. This blighted the area, and caused a major row with residents. The North London Waste Authority (NLWA)

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did not do their homework and relied on contractors who did not bother to actually visit the area before coming to that conclusion - and they only so admitted at a public meeting called by Councillor Rathbone where the then new Head of Planning, Ian Rae, had the decency to apologise for the errors, which were actually made before he arrived. Councillor Rathbone thought it ridiculous that the whole plan was being run by one planner based at Camden, but he was glad to see that there was now only one site being proposed in Hackney at the Millfields Depot.

Councillor Rathbone added that most of the proposed recycling facilities seem to be based in the London Borough of Enfield. Councillor Rathbone comments that he felt sorry for the people there to have to put up with all that, but then they have more space than Hackney.

- 11.4 Councillor Rathbone highlighted in the report that work was to start shortly on Deephams Sewage Treatment Works in Haringey, this was not a moment too soon as it has been discharging tonnes of raw sewage illegally into the River Lea on a number of occasions in the last few years. Councillor Rathbone hoped that in future, proper planning would ensure that the works would match up to the increasing demand from the whole area of 891,000 people plus that it serves. I have to say that it has been the campaigning efforts of local residents the length of the river who have brought sufficient pressure to bear on NLWA to get the leaking sewage factory in order.
- 11.5 Councillor Rathbone also raised concerns about the impact of the Crossrail project on the NLWA plan. There was a proposed Crossrail two rail line serving six of the NLWP constituent Boroughs. Transport for London and Network Rail were currently developing the scheme. Whilst the final scheme and timetable was not yet known, there was a potential for Crossrail two to impact upon existing or future waste management sites. Councillor Rathbone stressed the need for there to be certainty on this proposed new line. Councillor Rathbone highlighted that the report appeared to be written from the perspective that in the coming years amount of waste produced in the borough would rise. What measures was the council putting in place to reduce the amount of waste long term?
- 11.5 Councillor Odze highlighted on page 56 of the report an error.
- 11.6 Councillor Odze highlighted that the report hardly referred to recycling. He stressed the need for Hackney Council to generate less waste and encourage more recycling.
- 11.7 Councillor Nicholson, replying to Councillor Rathbone, said that the issue of River Lea was down to Thames Water to resolve. On recycling, he commented that the purpose of the plan was not to discourage recycling, recycling was embedded in the plan. The plan had referred to large volumes of waste because the council was planning ahead to take into account population growth in the borough over the coming years.
- 11.8 Councillor Burke, referring to the national budget, questioned the members of the opposition on why the chancellor had not included a tax on single use coffee cups in the budget.

RESOLVED to:

- 1. Approve the Proposed Submission Version of the North London Waste Plan (as set out in Appendix 1) for public consultation and the subsequent submission to Government for Examination in Public.**
- 2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Realm/Head of Planning to make any necessary minor changes ahead of consultation and/or ahead of submission to Government for Examination in Public.**

12 Report from Cabinet: Local Plan 2033

- 12.1 The Mayor introduced the report, it was explained to all those present that the new borough wide Local Plan was the primary strategic planning policy document that set about establishing a vision, a growth strategy and the supporting planning policies to curate and guide development in the Borough through to 2033, known as LP33.
- 12.2 Consultation and evidence gathering to inform the development of the LP33 had been carried out over the past 2 years, including full consultation on a draft plan.
- 12.3 Council was advised that this version of the report was called the Proposed Submission Local Plan 2033, Cabinet and Council approval for which is sought for a Borough-wide consultation before submission to Government for an examination in public. The Plan following the decision was expected to go to consultation so that individuals had an opportunity to discuss the plan in the public domain, the plan would then be viewed by the planning inspector, then finally next year a final version would be formed for adoption.
- 12.4 Mayor Glanville thanked the Planning Department for being the fall front of the change.
- 12.5 Councillor Billington expressed how impressed she was of the scale and ambition of the plan. It was been reported that there had a 1.5 degrees increase in the overall climate and therefore was highlighted that Hackney must prepare and transform our homes to ensure the council is prepared for the future. Councillor Billington aspired that Hackney would be a 0 Carbon Zone by 2025.
- 12.6 Councillor Odze's declared that he could not support the anti-carbon views, he explained that residents of Hackney should be able to continue using their vehicles as the claims regarding Carbon and global warming were a myth.
- 12.7 Councillor Moema thanked the Planning Officers for coming down to Hackney Downs for their resident's liaison session, it was felt that the plan would address Hackneys needs.
- 12.8 Councillor Burke welcomed the report and also the provision of single use plastics, the policy for local neighbourhoods was also highlighted.

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- 12.9 Councillor Rathbone drew reference to Hackneys gypsy traveller community, he was pleased to announce that there were more sites in Hackney today than ever, and that they were expanding.
- 12.10 Councillor Steinberger felt that the homes being built in Hackney were small houses, and were not big enough for large families.
- 12.11 Councillor Demerci declared how ambitious the plan was including how it would improve air quality and create new green spaces
- 12.12 Councillor Nicolson highlighted that the plan was an extensive exercise with lots of objectives, fellow Councillors were thanked for their comments.

Vote

For : Many

Against: Councillor Odze and Steinberger

RESOLVED to:

- 1. Approve the Proposed Submission Local Plan 2033 (appendix 1) for public consultation and the subsequent submission to Government for Examination in Public.**
- 2. Delegate authority to Director of Public Realm/Head of Planning to make minor changes ahead of consultation or ahead of submission to Government for Examination in Public.**

13 Report from Cabinet: Children and Families Service 2017-18 Full Year Report to Members

- 13.1 Councillor Bramble, Deputy Mayor, presented the report in her capacity as Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care ensure that the Local Authority fulfils its legal responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in Hackney. As such the Deputy Mayor explained that she wanted to ensure that services with the important mandate of protecting Hackney's most vulnerable children and young people from risk of harm are understood across all areas of the Council. Case studies and direct quotes from children and young people are included in the report to help Members get a better picture of the services provided.
- 13.2 The Deputy Mayor began by bringing to the attention of the Council Members some of the highlights from the Overview of Performance section of the report including:
- 4,563 referrals were received in 2017/18 – a 16% increase compared to last year when 3,940 were received.
 - 200 children were on Child Protection Plans as at 31st March 2018 – a 39% decrease compared to 330 as at 31st March 2017.
 - 381 children were looked after as at 31st March 2018 – a 3% increase compared to 371 children in care as at 31st March 2017.
 - 62% looked after children had long-term placement stability in 2017/18 – a decrease compared to 69% in 2016/17.

- 13.3 Councillor Bramble explained that the council's corporate team were currently analysing the data in the report with a view to finding a way forward.
- 13.4 Council members noted the Priorities for the Children and Families Service in 2018/19:
- Continue to invest in the workforce across the Children and Families Service
 - Continue to deliver a comprehensive range of integrated, targeted early help interventions
 - Through our Contextual Safeguarding project, continue to develop our response to adolescents in different contexts outside the home
 - Continue our drive to recruit and retain more in house foster carers
 - Ensure that we have the right placements to provide stability for our more complex adolescents
 - Ensure that our care leavers are well supported in all aspects of their lives
 - Further strengthen the coordination of domestic abuse services
 - Develop our understanding of the communities with which we work
 - Ensure that issues relating to identity, diversity, inequality and discrimination are considered and addressed in all aspects of our work
- 13.5 Deputy Mayor Bramble remarked upon how following the analysis of the results the council would look at running a pilot scheme working with Councillor Selman followed by a conference. Deputy Mayor Bramble hoped that in a year's time the progress made had become a reality.
- 13.6 Mayor Glanville echoed Deputy Mayor Bramble's comments. The Mayor thanked the members of staff for their hard work on this project. The Mayor gave special thanks to the former Head of Early Years Services at the Hackney Learning Trust, Angela Scattergood.
- 13.6
- 13.7 Councillor Kennedy commented by heartily echoing the Mayor's comments and those of Deputy Mayor Bramble and their support for the council officers who had been working on this project.
- 13.8 Councillor Odze welcomed Deputy Mayor Bramble and Mayor Glanville's support for the staff who were working on this project. He enquired about when there would be a group director in place. Councillor Odze queried why the report did not make mention of foster care – this was seen as an important issue that should have been given more prominence in the report. Work needed to be done on recruiting extra foster carers.

- 13.9 Deputy Mayor Bramble replied that the council noted concerns about the drop in the number of foster carers in the borough. The Deputy Mayor added that Hackney was not the only borough affected by this issue. This was a nationwide issue. The mayor's office was working with the Corporate Parenting team. There was work under way to look at for example some form of allowance scheme but it was recognised that this issue was a constant challenge. It was increasingly difficult to work out this issue because of the impact of extra cuts from central government.

RESOLVED to note the report.

14 Report of the Licensing Committee: Gambling Policy

- 14.1 The report was introduced to members, Section 349 of the Act stated that each Licensing Authority must prepare and publish a statement of principles that it proposes to apply in exercising its functions under the Act during the three year period to which the policy applies. The Statement must be kept under review during the period and be republished where it is revised. The Statement must be in place before the authority can determine any application
- 14.2 Councillor Odze's commended the report, he felt strongly that Fixed-odds betting terminals should be abolished.

RESOLVED to:

- 1. Approve the statement at Appendix 1.**
- 2. Note the report on the consultation at Appendix 2.**
- 3. Authorise the Group Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing to make any non-substantive changes to the proposed statement as appropriate.**

15 Use of Special Urgency Provisions

- 15.1 Tim Shields, Chief Executive, introduced the report. The Council's Constitution provides that the Mayor will submit a quarterly report to the Council on any executive decisions taken under the special urgency rule.

RESOLVED to note the recent use of the special urgency provisions as set out in paragraph four of the report.

16 Appointments to Committees

The appointments to Committees were agreed.

Duration of the meeting. 3 hours.