



ISLINGTON

COUNCIL

26 March 2015

SECOND DESPATCH

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Questions for Full Council Meeting March 2015

Question 1 for Councillor Richard Watts, Leader of the Council (Y Cllr Christiane Pangula)

Elections

What is the Council doing to encourage young people to register to vote and to engage with the upcoming election?

Question 2 for Councillor Asima Shaikh, Executive Member for Economic and Community Development (Y Cllr Abu Mensah)

Youth Employment

Cllr Shaikh, how many apprenticeships have been created in Islington Council over the last year? If you were in Parliament, what would you do to support young people into apprenticeships?

Question 3 for Councillor Richard Watts, Leader of the Council (YCllr Taiga Asada)

Equalities

Cllr Watts, we were told that Islington has been recognised by Stonewall as an excellent employer for LGBT staff. Why do you think it has improved so much, moving from 66th in 2014 to 13th in 2015?

Question 4 for Councillor Janet Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing (Y Cllr Hiba Warsame)

Health and Wellbeing

The Youth Council recognises the importance of local health services. What is the Council doing to raise awareness of these services among young people and how are these services engaging with schools?

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Amendment to Motion – SYRIAN REFUGEES

This council notes:

More than 3 million Syrians have had to flee their country since the war began more than three years ago, and a further 6.5 million are reported to have been forcibly displaced from their homes within the country. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees has stated, 'Syria has become the greatest tragedy of this century – a disgraceful humanitarian calamity with suffering and displacement unparalleled in recent history'.

This Council also notes:

- In January of this year the UK Government announced a scheme to provide protection in this country for vulnerable refugees as our part of an international response which is working to a target of resettling some 33,000 Syrian refugees by the end of 2014 – 3 months ago, and 130,000 by the end of 2016. Under the UK scheme local authorities have been invited by the Home Office to volunteer to help by participating in the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation (VPR) scheme.
- However, that the VPR funds are only for one year, after which costs would transfer to the local authority.
- That the Government's cap on housing benefit and overall benefit cap mean that very few private rented homes would be available in Islington to accommodate refugees; and these people are therefore the latest victims of the Government's 'welfare reforms'.

This Council resolves:

To play a part in this important national and international initiative to respond to the suffering and trauma of refugee families; building on the dialogue that has taken place between the Leader of the Council and Citizens over recent months.

To work with any appropriate community and faith groups that wish to accommodate refugees and to co-ordinate necessary support.

To liaise with neighbouring authorities and all interested parties, including our MEPs, local MPs and housing associations, to make representations to the Government for it to provide adequate financial support to meet the costs of accommodating refugees, in-light of the caps on housing benefit and the benefit cap more generally imposed by the current Government.

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REVISED REPORT OF THE CHIEF WHIP

1. Amendment to the Constitution

The Council has a new power to issue Community Protection Notices under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Community Protection Notices are intended to deal with particular, ongoing problems or nuisances which negatively affect the community's quality of life by targeting the person responsible. The notice will direct the individual, business or organisation responsible to stop causing the problem and it could also require the person responsible to take reasonable steps to ensure that it does not occur again. The exercise of this power needs to be delegated to the appropriate officers in the relevant services. It is therefore proposed that the post holders listed in the recommendation below may exercise the Council's power to issue Community Protection Notices under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, if authorised by the Service Director Public Protection:.

Recommendation:

To agree that the post holders specified below may exercise the Council's power to issue Community Protection Notices under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 if authorised by the Service Director – Public Protection to do so:

Greenspace:

Parks Operations Manager
 Area Parks Manager
 Area Parks Manager
 Area Parks Manager
 Parks & Open Spaces Manager

Public Protection:

Out of hours ASB Team Manager
 ASB Team Leader
 ASB Officer
 Noise Patrol Saturday Officer
 Noise Patrol sessional Officer
 ASB sessional Officer
 Street Management Officer
 Senior Animal Welfare Officer
 Animal Welfare Assistant
 Pollution Officers
 Air Quality Officer
 Construction Impacts Monitoring Officer
 Acoustics Officer
 Noise Officer (licensing)
 Daytime Response and Patrol Manager
 Senior Street Management Officer
 Daytime Response and Patrol officer

Community Safety
MAGPI Neighbourhood Officer

2. APPOINTMENT TO ISLINGTON HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Islington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has appointed Ms Sorrel Brookes as the Lay Vice-Chair of the CCG to replace Ms Anne Weyman. In accordance with Islington's Constitution, the Lay Vice-Chair also serves on Islington Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommendation:

That Ms Sorrel Brookes be appointed to Islington Health and Wellbeing Board, as the Lay Vice-Chair of Islington CCG, for a period of one year, or until a successor is appointed.

COUNCILLOR ALICE PERRY
Chief Whip