



COUNCIL MEETING - 5 JULY 2018

Councillors of the London Borough of Islington are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **5 July 2018 at 7.30 pm.**

Chief Executive

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If you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest*** in an item of business:

- if it is not yet on the council's register, you **must** declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent;
- you may **choose** to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is already in the register in the interests of openness and transparency.

In both the above cases, you **must** leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If you have a **personal** interest in an item of business **and** you intend to speak or vote on the item you **must** declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent but you **may** participate in the discussion and vote on the item.

- *(a) **Employment, etc** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- (b) **Sponsorship** - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of your expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of your election; including from a trade union.
- (c) **Contracts** - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between you or your partner (or a body in which one of you has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) **Land** - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences**- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies** - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest.

- (g) **Securities** - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

This applies to **all** members present at the meeting.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - 24 MAY 2018

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the Annual Council held at Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 24 May 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Bell-Bradford	Graham	Picknell
Burgess	Hamitouche	Poole
Caluori	Heather	Poyser
Champion	Hull	Russell
Chapman	Hyde	Shaikh
Chowdhury	Ismail	Smith
Clarke	Jeapes	Spall
Clarke-Perry	Kay	Turan
Comer-Schwartz	Khondoker	Ward
Convery	Khurana	Watts
Cutler	Klute	Wayne
Debono	Matt	Webbe
Fletcher	Mackmurdie	Woodbyrne
Gallagher	Ngongo	Woolf
Gantly	O'Halloran	
Gill	O'Sullivan	

The Mayor (Councillor Una O'Halloran) in the Chair

1 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor expressed her sympathy to the family and friends of the man tragically murdered on Upper Street earlier this week.

The Mayor also announced the death of former councillor Evan Stone, a former deputy leader of the Council, who passed away in March 2018. The Mayor extended her condolences to the family and friends of Mr Stone.

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Councillors Lukes and Williamson.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and the Mayor be authorised to sign them.

3 YOUNG MAYOR AND YOUNG DEPUTY MAYOR - WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF BADGES

The Youth Councillors were welcomed to the meeting a badges of office were presented to Young Mayor Honey Baker and Young Deputy Mayor Abubakar Finiin.

4 VOTE OF THANKS AND PRESENTATION OF COMMEMORATIVE BADGES TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND CONSORT

Councillor Watts moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor O'Halloran. Councillor Watts commended Councillor O'Halloran for her resolve, empathy and ability to unite Islington's communities. Councillors Watts said that Councillor O'Halloran's civic leadership following the Finsbury Park terror attack would live long in the memory. It was noted that approximately £28,000 had been raised for the Angel Shed Theatre during the year. Councillor Watts also thanked the Mayor's Consort, Ray O'Halloran, for his work in supporting the Mayor.

Councillor Burgess seconded the vote of thanks.

Councillors Convery and Shaikh also spoke in support of the vote of thanks.

The Mayor thanked the community for the way they pulled together following the Finsbury Park terror attack. The Mayor said that Islington had grown stronger through the terrible attack and that the borough's communities would continue to support and respect each other. The Mayor thanked her Consort, her fellow councillors, and officers for their support over the past year, and said it was an honour to serve as First Citizen of the Borough.

Councillor Watts presented commemorative badges to Councillor O'Halloran and Ray O'Halloran.

5 TO ELECT THE MAYOR OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

Councillor Spall, seconded by Councillor Fletcher, moved that Councillor Poyser be elected as Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

RESOLVED:

There being no other nominations, the Mayor declared that Councillor Poyser be elected as Mayor of the London Borough of Islington for 2018/19.

The Mayor vacated the chair and the Council adjourned while Councillor Poyser was invested with the robes of office. The Mayoral Party then returned to the Chamber.

The Mayor (Councillor Poyser) in the Chair.

6 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor accepted by office by making and subscribing to the required declaration, attested by Councillors Spall and Fletcher.

Emma Barker was appointed as the Mayoress.

The Mayor announced that his charities would be the CARIS Islington Cold Weather Shelter Project and Freightliners City Farm.

7 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor appointed Councillor Rakhia Ismail to the role of Deputy Mayor. Yassin Hersi was appointed as the Deputy Mayor's Consort.

8 ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Hull, seconded by Councillor Champion, moved that Councillor Watts be elected as Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Watts be elected as Leader of the Council for a four year term.

9 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AND THE EXECUTIVE

Councillor Watts introduced the paper. The Council noted the following appointments made by Councillor Watts as Leader of the Council:

Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Health and Social Care: Cllr Burgess

Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families: Cllr Caluori

Executive Member for Community Development: Cllr. Comer-Schwartz

Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety: Cllr Hull

Executive Member for Economic Development: Cllr Shaikh

Executive Member for Housing and Development: Councillor Ward

Executive Member for Environment and Transport: Cllr Webbe

10 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POLITICAL POSITIONS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR 2018/19

Councillor Gill, seconded by Councillor Picknell, moved the recommendations in the report, subject to an alteration that Councillor Cutler would be a full member of the Planning Committee; that Councillor Webbe would be a substitute member of the Planning Committee; that Councillor Hamitouche would be a full member of the Environment and Regeneration

Scrutiny Committee; and that Councillor Hamitouche would not be a substitute member of the Audit Committee.

RESOLVED:

A. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POLITICAL POSITIONS:

That the Council note that the Labour Group have notified the following appointments:

Leader of Group	Councillor Richard Watts
Deputy Leader of Group	Councillor Paul Smith
Chief Whip	Councillor Satnam Gill
Deputy Whips	Councillors Angela Picknell & Mouna Hamitouche
Chair of Group	Councillor Gary Heather
Vice-Chair	Councillor Claudia Webbe
Secretary	Councillor Jilani Chowdhury
Treasurer	Councillor Janet Burgess
Social Secretary	Councillor Marian Spall
Ordinary Member Posts	Councillors Matt Nathan & Sue Lukes

B. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR 2018/19

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the following appointments be made to the Policy and Performance Committee for 2018/19 or until successors are appointed be agreed:

POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (15 Councillors)

Councillor Una O'Halloran (Chair)	Councillor Gary Heather
Councillor Troy Gallagher (Vice Chair)	Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford	Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Rowena Champion	Councillor Mick O'Sullivan
Councillor Sheila Chapman	Councillor Marian Spall
Councillor Jilani Chowdhury	Councillor Nick Wayne
Councillor Theresa Debono	Councillor Kadeema Woodbyrne
Councillor Osh Gantly	

Substitutes:

Councillor Alice Clarke-Perry	Councillor Sue Lukes
Councillor Satnam Gill	Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche	Councillor Angela Picknell
Councillor Martin Klute	Councillor Paul Smith

- 2) That the following appointments be made to the remaining committees for 2018/19 or until successors are appointed be agreed:

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Theresa Debono (Chair)	Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo
Councillor Vivien Cutler (Vice Chair)	Councillor Marian Spall
Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford	Councillor Kadeema Woodbyrne
Councillor Rakhia Ismail	Councillor John Woolf

Co-opted Members for Education related issues:

Parent Governor – Primary – Erol Baduna*
Parent Governor – Secondary – James Stephenson*
Roman Catholic Diocese – Mary Clement
Church of England Diocese - *Vacancy*

** The Parent Governor representative terms of office expire in July 2018. Further appointments are to be made at the Council meeting on 5 July 2018*

Substitutes:

Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche

Councillor Angela Picknell
Councillor Nick Wayne

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (9 Councillors)

Councillor Rowena Champion (Chair)	Councillor Mouna Hamitouche
Councillor Roulin Khondoker (Vice Chair)	Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford	Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Tricia Clarke	Councillor Caroline Russell
Councillor Alice Clarke-Perry	

Substitutes:

Councillor Osh Gantly
Councillor Satnam Gill

Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Angela Picknell

HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Osh Gantly (Chair)	Councillor Sara Hyde
Councillor Nurullah Turan (Vice Chair)	Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Jilani Chowdhury	Councillor Martin Klute
Councillor Tricia Clarke	Councillor Kadeema Woodbyrne

Substitutes:

Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche

Councillor Angela Picknell

Co-Opted Member:

Jana Witt – Healthwatch Islington

HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (9 Councillors)

Councillor Mick O'Sullivan (Chair)	Councillor Gary Heather
Councillor Sue Lukes (Vice Chair)	Councillor Ben Mackmurdie
Councillor Theresa Debono	Councillor Una O'Halloran
Councillor Troy Gallagher	Councillor Caroline Russell
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche	

Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury
Councillor Tricia Clarke
Councillor Vivien Cutler
Councillor Osh Gantly

Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Angela Picknell
Councillor Marian Spall

Resident Observers:

Rose-Marie McDonald
Dean Donaghey

AUDIT COMMITTEE (4 Councillors and 2 Independent Members, as below)

Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair)
Councillor Sue Lukes (Vice Chair)

Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Una O'Halloran

Substitutes:

Councillor Vivien Cutler
Councillor Sara Hyde

Councillor Rakhia Ismail
Councillor Flora Williamson

Independent Members:

Alan Begg
Nick Whitaker

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (15 members, as below)

Members of the Board are also members of the Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards Joint Sub-Committee, with the exception of the NHS England representative.

Councillors:

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)
Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Joe Caluori

Officers:

Julie Billett – Joint Director of Public Health for Camden and Islington
Maggie Kufeldt – Interim Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services
Carmel Littleton – Corporate Director of Children, Employment and Skills

Representatives of the Islington Clinical Commissioning Group:

Tony Hoolaghan – Chief Operating Officer, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr Jo Sauvage – GP and Chair, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group
Vacancy – GP and Vice Chair, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group
Sorrel Brookes – Lay Vice-Chair, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group
Jennie Williams – Director of Nursing & Quality, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group
(non-voting)

Representative of Healthwatch Islington:

Emma Whitby – Chief Executive, Healthwatch Islington (non-voting)

Representatives of the NHS:

Dr Helene Brown, Medical Director, NHS England (non-voting)
Angela McNab, Chief Executive, Camden and Islington NHS Trust (non-voting)
Siobhan Harrington, Chief Executive, Whittington NHS Trust (non-voting)

Substitutes may attend meetings subject to prior agreement of the Chair.

Councillor Substitutes:

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Councillor Andy Hull
Councillor Claudia Webbe

Councillor Asima Shaikh
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

Officer Substitutes:

For Julie Billett – Charlotte Ashton, Islington Deputy Director of Public Health
For Maggie Kufeldt – Jess McGregor, Director of Adult Social Care
(Strategy and Commissioning)
For Carmel Littleton – Finola Culbert, Director of Safeguarding and Family Support

Clinical Commissioning Group Substitutes:

For Tony Hoolaghan & Jennie Williams – Clare Henderson, Director of Commissioning
For Sorrel Brookes – Lucy de Groot, Lay Chair of the ICCG Audit Committee

Healthwatch Islington Substitute:

For Emma Whitby – Jennifer Kent, Healthwatch Islington

NHS Substitutes:

For Dr Helene Brown – Dr Hasz Sonigra, Associate Medical Director, NHS England
For Siobhan Harrington – Carol Gillen, Chief Operating Officer, Whittington NHS Trust
For Angela McNab – Andy Rogers, Deputy Chief Executive, Camden and
Islington NHS Foundation Trust

PLANNING COMMITTEE (10 Councillors)

Councillor Martin Klute (Chair)
Councillor Jenny Kay (Vice Chair)
Councillor Angela Picknell (Vice Chair)
Councillor Sheila Chapman
Councillor Paul Convery

Councillor Vivien Cutler
Councillor Phil Graham
Councillor Roulin Khondoker
Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor John Woolf

Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury
Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Osh Gantly
Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche

Councillor Sue Lukes
Councillor Dave Poyser
Councillor Flora Williamson
Councillor Nick Wayne
Councillor Webbe

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4 Councillors and 4 Independent Persons)

Councillor Satnam Gill (Chair)
Councillor Theresa Debono

Councillor Mouna Hamitouche
Councillor Angela Picknell

Substitutes:

Councillor Alice Clarke-Perry
Councillor Anjna Khurana

Councillor Paul Smith
Councillor Flora Williamson

Independent Persons (who have observer status on the committee):

Louise Richards
Ali Bird JP

James Woolf
Rosalind Stevens

LICENSING COMMITTEE (15 Councillors)

Councillor Flora Williamson (Chair)	Councillor Ben Mackmurdie
Councillor Nick Wayne (Vice Chair)	Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Rowena Champion	Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo
Councillor Sheila Chapman	Councillor Gary Poole
Councillor Paul Convery	Councillor Asima Shaikh
Councillor Vivien Cutler	Councillor Marian Spall
Councillor Phil Graham	Councillor Kadeema Woodbyrne
Councillor Martin Klute	

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE (4 Councillors)

Councillor Nurullah Turan (Chair)	Councillor Kat Fletcher
Councillor Alice Clarke-Perry	Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo

Substitutes:

Councillor Mouna Hamitouche	Councillor Marian Spall
Councillor Martin Klute	Councillor Flora Williamson

Note: Appointments to sub-committees of the Audit Committee, the Executive and the Licensing Committee will be made at the first meeting of those committees in the new municipal year.

FOSTERING PANEL AND ADOPTION AND PERMANENCE PANEL

Councillor Paul Convery

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Councillor Joe Caluori (Chair)	Councillor Gary Poole
Councillor Vivien Cutler	Councillor Flora Williamson
Councillor Sara Hyde	

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster		Conor McGinn 1 Vacancy
Free Church Federal Council:	Archway Methodist Church	Tim Bradshaw
	Salvation Army	1 Vacancy
	United Reformed Church	1 Vacancy
	Baptist Union	1 Vacancy
Society of Friends		1 Vacancy
Greek Orthodox Church		1 Vacancy
Elim Pentecostal Church		1 Vacancy
Jewish	Board of Deputies of British Jews	Judith Fox

London Borough of Islington

Muslim Community	Muslim Welfare House Trust Muslim Education Trust	Mohamed Mahmoud Merium Bhuiyam 1 Vacancy
Jain	Jain Samaj Europe	Vinay K Shah
Buddhist	Harrow Zazenkai - White Wind Zen Community	Frank Tettsu Woods
Islington Baha'i Community		1 Vacancy
Hindu Sikh		1 Vacancy Rosalind Miller
Daoist		1 Vacancy
Church of England	London Diocesan Board for Schools St Mary Magdalene Academy St Luke's Church St Clement's Church	Mary Thorne April Keech Revd Dave Tomlinson Fr David Allen
Humanist	British Humanist Association	Edward Prout
National Union of Teachers Association of School and College Leaders	Drayton Park Primary School St Lukes / Moreland Primary Schools	1 Vacancy Damien Parrott Ann Dwulit
National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)		1 Vacancy
National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)		1 Vacancy
Head of RE Secondary Schools	St Mary Magdalene Academy	Sophie Morgan
Head of RE Special Schools	New River College	Ian Benson
Head of RE Primary Schools	Winton Primary School	Semra Gokce
Representatives of Governor Organisations		1 Vacancy
Islington Council	Labour Group	Cllr Joe Caluori Cllr Angela Picknell

JOINT TMO LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor Mick O'Sullivan

OTHER POSITIONS

Carers Champion – Councillor Rakhia Ismail

Equalities Champions – Councillor Mouna Hamitouche

Arts Champion – Councillor Sheila Chapman

Armed Forces Champion – Councillor Gary Poole

Mental Health Champion – Councillor Osh Gantly

Reading Champion – Councillor Tricia Clarke

Recycling Champion – Councillor Mouna Hamitouche

Social Enterprise Champion – Councillor Jenny Kay

Women and Girls Champion – Councillor Kadeema Woodbyrne

11 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CERTAIN OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS FOR 2018/19

Councillor Gill, seconded by Councillor Picknell, moved the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

a) That the following list of appointments to outside bodies for 2018/19 for one year or until successors are appointed be agreed:

Outside Body	Term of Office	Member(s)
London Council Committees:		
Leaders Committee	One Year	Leader: Cllr Richard Watts Deputies: Cllr Janet Burgess Cllr Paul Smith
Associated Joint Committee - Transport and Environment Committee	One Year	Cllr Claudia Webbe Deputies: Cllr Rowena Champion Cllr Phil Graham Tricia Clarke
London Councils Forums:		
Greater London Employment	One Year	Cllr Tricia Clarke

Local Government Association:		
LGA General Assembly	One Year	Cllr Claudia Webbe Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz Cllr Richard Watts Cllr Paul Smith
Others:		
Angel Business Improvement Board	One Year	Cllr Martin Klute
Archway Town Centre Management Board	One year	Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz Cllr Sheila Chapman
Crossrail High Level Forum	One Year	Cllr Claudia Webbe Deputy: Cllr Phil Graham
Cross River Partnership	One Year	Cllr Asima Shaikh
Finsbury Park Town Centre Management Group	One Year	Cllr Gary Heather
Groundwork London Local Authority Strategic Board	One Year	Cllr Claudia Webbe
Islington Community Covenant Grant Schemes Panel	One Year	Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz Cllr Gary Poole
Islington Community Chest Panel	One Year	Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz Cllr Rowena Champion Cllr Alice Clarke-Perry Substitute: Mouna Hamitouche
London Road Safety Council	One Year	Cllr Claudia Webbe
Nags Head Town Centre Management Group	One Year	Cllr Gary Heather Cllr Asima Shaikh
Newable (previously known as Greater London Enterprise)	One Year	Cllr Asima Shaikh
North London Waste Authority	One Year	Cllr Andy Hull Cllr Claudia Webbe
Reserve Forces and Cadets	One Year	Cllr Gary Poole
Safer Neighbourhoods Boards	One Year	Cllr Andy Hull Cllr Rakhia Ismail
Three Corners Trust	One Year	Cllr Ben Mackmurdie

b) That the following list of appointments to outside bodies to take effect on the date indicated, for the term of office indicated, or until successors are appointed be agreed:

Outside body	Member(s)	Term of Office	Date Appointment to take effect
Camden and Islington NHS Trust	Cllr Marian Spall	Three year	25 May 2018
Central London Forward	Cllr Richard Watts	Two year	25 May 2018
Clerkenwell Charities	Cllr Mouna Hamitouche Cllr Matt Nathan	Four year	1 Sept 2018
Islington United Charities	Cllr Michelline Safi Ngongo Cllr Theresa Debono	Four year	31 August 2018
Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Tricia Clarke Cllr Osh Gantly	Four year	25 May 2018
Pensions Board	Cllr Paul Smith	Four year	25 May 2018
School Forum	Cllr Rakhia Ismail	Four year	25 May 2018
St Lukes Trustee Ltd	Cllr Claudia Webbe Cllr Phil Graham	Four year	29 June 2018
St Sepulchre United Charities	Cllr Claudia Webbe Cllr Mouna Hamitouche	Four year	25 May 2018

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

MAYOR



ISLINGTON

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PETITION DEBATE

Motion to debate the petition: Reduce traffic on new Islington Quietway

Motion moved by: Councillor Claudia Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport
Motion seconded by: Councillor Rowena Champion, Chair of the Environment & Regeneration
Scrutiny Committee

This Council notes that:

- In October 2014 this Council agreed to introduce measures to encourage members of the public to actively participate in Full Council meetings, including allowing questions without notice to be asked of members of the Executive and the Chairs of Scrutiny committees, making it easier for members of the public to set up petitions by introducing e-petitions, and allowing a debate at an ordinary meeting of full Council if a petition attracts 2,000 signatures or more.
- A petition was received at the Council meeting on 22 February 2018 which had over 2,000 signatures.

This Council resolves to:

- Continue to encourage residents to participate in local democracy by carefully considering the concerns raised in the petition and to undertake the debate in a spirit of openness and transparency.

The text of the petition is set out overleaf.

Petition received at the 22 February 2018 meeting of the Council

Reduce traffic on new Islington Quietway

Islington has secured money from TfL to build a cycling Quietway from Finsbury Park to Clerkenwell. The route is quieter than Holloway Road, but it is still heavily used by through traffic. We want the council to trial removing the majority of traffic from this route by only providing local access. After a 6-month trial and comprehensive traffic counts before and during, the council can make an informed decision about the proposal.

This is a great opportunity for cycling money to be used to benefit local communities. Installing traffic filters at strategic points on Westbourne Road, Thornhill Road, Gillespie Road and Amwell Street will reduce pollution and traffic noise for those living and working here. At the same time, it will create a truly “Quiet” route north to south through Islington. Everyone from school children to pensioners will be able to walk, scoot, and cycle here in comfort and safety.



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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

- a Youth Councillor Bella to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Community Development:

It was great to attend the celebration event to mark the repeal of Section 28 and to learn about how Islington has always been at the forefront of campaigning for LGBT equality. How are faith institutions encouraged to extend LGBT equality within education settings they are responsible for both inside and outside of the school curriculum?

- b Youth Councillor Honey to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council:

At the recent council election, Islington's voters provided you with a mandate to continue with the commitment to make Islington a fairer borough. What positive things can Islington's young people expect during the next 12 months which will improve their lives?

- c Youth Councillor Lydia to Councillor Caluori, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families:

The YMCA in April 2018 conducted research to examine Local Authority expenditure on youth services in England & Wales. In just six years, Local Authorities have cut their expenditure on youth services in England and Wales by more than £750m.

As this research demonstrates, the long-term benefits of youth services are far too often overlooked and young people may miss out on opportunities outside the school setting to engage in activities that support their learning and development. What reassurance can Cllr Caluori provide to Islington's young people that Islington will continue to invest in youth services?

- d Youth Councillor Ben Boukerma to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Community Development:

It's been a great year for women as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women being granted the right to vote following the suffragette movement. We would like to congratulate Cllr Kadeema Woodbyrne on becoming Islington's first ever women and girl's champion and Islington YCllrs have enjoyed working with Cllr Woodbyrne as part of the Fair Futures Commission. What will be the main focus for this role over the next few months, especially for girls and young women in Islington?

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- a Sebastian Sandys to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

What conditions are the Council proposing to attach to the planning permission granted to the developers of the Richard Cloudesley site?

- b Benali Hamdache to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport:

Can the council inform me what the number 08449312211 is for and how many signs it's currently being displayed on in Islington?

- c Kaily Fox to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport:

What representations has the Council made to TFL in the last three months regarding the delayed improvements to the Shepherdess Walk/City Road/Bath Street junction?

- d Sarah Weiner to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

As a parent and local resident, I hope the council shares the commitment of residents and local councillors to supporting the Highbury/Finsbury Park community; preventing pollution increases in schools and standing up to Sainsbury's attempt to bully its way into Highbury (having revived its plans for building a second store on Blackstock Road). How can the council help us as we try to protect our children, support local businesses, and keep our pavements for pedestrians?

- e Nikki Uppal to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Community Development:

Islington is one of the most deprived local authorities in the UK where a third of residents live in poverty and almost 70% of secondary school girls are eligible for pupil premium. Given this, what is the Council's short and long term strategy to address period poverty in the borough for both women and girls?

- f Ernestas Jegorovas to Councillor Hull, Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety:

How important is it for the council to work closely with the local police to address high crime levels in the borough?

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COUNCIL MEETING – 5 JULY 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- a Councillor Clarke to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Islington Council recently secured a High Court victory over a developer who was twice refused planning permission at the former Territorial Army site on Parkhurst Road, because the plans did not include enough genuinely affordable homes. This is a significant legal victory that will support this Council's plans to deliver more genuinely affordable homes for local people, including at the former Holloway Prison site. Can Cllr Ward explain what steps he and the Council are taking to ensure the precedent this judgement sets is recognised by the development industry and by government?

- b Councillor Heather to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

The former George Robey site in Finsbury Park Ward is the subject of negotiations between Islington Council's Planning Department and a private developer for a chain hotel to be built there. I have asked council officers if genuinely affordable homes could be built on the site, in accordance with council policy, but I have been informed this is not possible due to the location and size of the site. As there is enormous need for genuinely affordable homes in Finsbury Park Ward I am requesting your second opinion in this matter.

- c Councillor Lukes to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

I know Cllr Ward will agree with me that it is unacceptable that anyone is forced to sleep rough on the streets, so I was concerned to find out that a couple of people had been seen sleeping on Highbury Fields. I know they are no longer there, and I know we are short of resources due to central government cuts, but could Cllr Ward provide an update on how this Council is supporting vulnerable rough sleepers, including those who may have no access to housing or benefits because of their migration status or rights to reside?

- d Councillor Khurana to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport:

Crouch Hill station in Tollington currently has no step-free access to its platform, which makes it inaccessible to residents with disabilities and mobility issues. The Equality and Human Rights Commission identified access to public transport as a key barrier for disabled people in the UK. Do you agree that Transport for London and the Department for Transport should listen to the calls of local people, and those of my colleagues and I as local community champions, and bring forward plans to make Crouch Hill station accessible for all?

- e Councillor Convery to Councillor Caluori, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families:

Please outline how much money is being spent by the Council in Caledonian Ward on (a) general youth services; and (b) targeted youth services and other preventative measures aimed at reducing the high incidence of gang related crime and ASB.

- f Councillor Turan to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

Supporting local people to lead healthier lives is a key priority of this Council. Obesity costs the NHS alone £5.1 billion every year and obese individuals lose on average 12 years of their lives. In Islington, more than a fifth of children start primary school overweight and more than a third leave secondary school overweight. It is clear that the vast quantities of sugar in our modern diets is unhealthy and is contributing to this health crisis. Could Cllr Burgess provide an update on what the Council is doing to tackle obesity and what more can be done to tackle the high levels of sugar in people's diets?

- g Councillor Hyde to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health and Social Care:

The Roman Way Medical Centre, which serves 4,400 local patients, is due to close as one of the current GPs is retiring, the other GP proposes to move. As the GPs own the practice building, it will not be possible to continue providing NHS GP services from the current premises. Roman Way is a much-needed local GP surgery and the closure could particularly affect older and more vulnerable people, of whom there are many in the immediate vicinity. There is vociferous opposition to losing provision in this area from the residents. Working with Cllr Burgess and local people, the Caledonian ward councillors submitted a petition with 550 signatures calling for NHS England to provide a new NHS GP surgery for local people, or to ensure robust plans are in place to expand existing local NHS surgeries to ensure local people maintained good access to NHS services.

Now the NHS has delayed a decision on what to do next, will Cllr Burgess confirm that she will continue to work with us as local councillors to get the best outcome for local people, and can she confirm that this Council will always fight to protect the NHS and local people's ability to access NHS services?

- h Councillor Jeapes to Councillor Shaikh, Executive Member for Economic Development:

It has been just over one year since the unreasonably high increase in business rates on Islington's businesses, for instance, Canonbury (the N1 area) has suffered a 39% increase. This will have the greatest impact on residents on the lowest incomes and/or those in receipt of benefits, the very people that the Prime Minister, Theresa May, has said she wanted to help – the "JAM's" – "just about managing". For example, a small business like a laundrette burdened with a 39% tax increase will put up their prices to compensate, so putting more pressure on Islington's residents already struggling with this Conservative Government's austerity agenda.

I would like to know if the Council has an idea of how many businesses have been so affected by this tax increase that they have left Islington to find cheaper, more affordable premises or have just gone out of business? What are we doing to get the message across that Councils do not set the rate, but that this is yet another example of a Conservative Government that actually does not care about the majority of residents, and in particular, has really no idea about JAM?

- i Councillor Russell to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing and Development:

Given the smoke damage and difficulty in exiting the building experienced by residents in 6-10 Aberdeen Park in the recent fire, how many front doors are non-compliant with fire regulations in council properties, tenanted and leasehold, in each ward?

- j Councillor Russell to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport:

The City of London has a pedestrian friendly Electric Vehicle (EV) charging policy that avoids any charging points or boxes being located on the pavement. Why has Islington Council allowed Source London to install EV charging equipment on the footway rather than on pavement build outs in the carriageway as has been done previously e.g. in Sherringham Rd?

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Resources Department
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Report of: Acting Director of Law and Governance

Meeting of	Date	Ward(s)
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Subject: CONSTITUTION UPDATE

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report proposes a number of changes to the Council's Constitution to ensure it reflects changes in legislation and council policy and remains fit for purpose.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the amendments to the Constitution as set out in the attached Appendix 1.
- 2.2 To adopt the Members Allowance Scheme for 2018/19.
- 2.3 To authorise the Director of Law and Governance to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution considered necessary.

3. Background

- 3.1 Appendix 1 contains extracts from the Constitution in which proposed changes are marked, by crossing through in the case of deletions and by underlining in the case of additions. The main changes proposed are described below. It is also proposed to make minor amendments to correct typographical errors.

4. Main proposed changes

4.1 Part 7: Members' Allowance Scheme

The Council is required to agree the Members' Allowance Scheme annually. The proposed amendments include:

- Changes to the benefits section of the report, in response to the introduction of Universal Credit, changes to Members' Allowances to reflect the Local Government Pay Settlement and changes to appointments following Annual Council.

4.2 Part 4: Procedure Rules

The proposed amendments include:

- Changes to facilitate and encourage resident participation, extending the arrangements that allow members of the public to ask questions at meetings, by allowing questions with notice at the Budget Council meeting each year.
- A numbering correction in the Access to Information rules.

4.3 Part 2: Articles

The proposed changes include:

- Article 10 – to clarify the arrangements for convening Ward Partnership meetings.
- Article 13 – to clarify the Key Decision criteria.

4.4 Part 5: Terms of Reference

The proposed changes are to update the following Committee TORs:

- Voluntary and Community Sector Committee
- Children's Services Scrutiny Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Licensing Regulatory Committee
- Planning Committee

4.5 Nomenclature changes

The proposed changes include updating all references to Children's Services Department and Housing Operations.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

5.2 Legal Implications

Legal implications are contained in the body of the report.

5.3 Resident Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding. There are no resident impact implications arising directly from this report.

5.4 **Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications arising directly from this report.

6. Conclusion and recommendations

- 6.1 A number of changes are proposed to the Constitution in this report to ensure that the Council's Constitution remains up to date and fit for purpose.

Background papers: None.

Attachments: Appendix 1 – Extracts from the Constitution

Final Report Clearance

Signed by



27 June 2018

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Part 7 – Members’ Allowance Scheme

1. MEMBERS’ ALLOWANCES SCHEME – ~~2017/18~~ 2018-19

- 1.1 The ~~Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) Regulations 1991, Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and the~~ Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) (England) Regulations 200~~1~~3 require authorities to make a scheme for the payment of allowances to Councillors.

Before making, amending or reworking its allowances scheme, the Council is required by virtue of Regulation 3 of the 200~~1~~3 Regulations to have regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel. The Council is not, however, bound to adopt all or any of the Panel’s recommendations provided it has given them due consideration and is satisfied that it has justifiable reasons for not doing so.

Government Regulations do not limit the amount that can be paid under allowances schemes. This Council’s total budget including on-costs for Members’ Allowances for ~~2017/18~~ 2018-19 is ~~£935,765~~ £953,890.

Any Member may by notice in writing to the Chief Executive, elect to forego any part of entitlement to an allowance under the scheme.

- 1.2 ~~In March 1999 the Council agreed to move to a new Members’ Allowances Scheme based on the model recommended by the independent panel report commissioned by the Association of London Government. This resulted in three bands for the payment of Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA) to certain Councillors, together with the payment of a basic allowance to all Councillors.~~
- ~~1.3 The Council agreed to adopt the new scheme with the recommended levels of payment for Basic and SRA, but to phase in full payment over four years with the maximum payable in 2002/2003.~~
- ~~1.4 The Policy Committee on 30 March 2000 amended the bandings for SRA to include two new bands.~~
- 1.5 The Corporate Services Committee on 28 May 2003 adopted the recommendations of the Association of London Government’s Independent Panel’s Second Report into Members’ Allowances. The Committee on 31 July 2003 and Council on 16 September 2003 agreed ~~further changes to the scheme following a further Independent Panel report relating to members being able to join the Local Government Pension Scheme and~~ that the basic and special responsibility allowances be upgraded annually with reference to the annual Local Government Pay settlement.

1.6 The Corporate Services Committee on 20 March 2007 considered the recommendations of the December 2006 report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and adopted the recommendations in relation to basic allowance increase, payment of an allowance to the Independent Members on the Standards Committee and the co-optees on the Children and Young People's Education Committee.

1.7 If there are substantial changes to the Scheme it will be submitted to budget Council for approval.

1.8 The scheme as approved provides for the following:

(a) **Basic Allowance**

A Basic Allowance payable equally to each Member for the financial year ~~2017/18~~ 2018-19 is ~~10,110.57~~ £10,312.78 (This is paid on a monthly basis rather than as a lump sum).

(b) **Special Responsibility Allowance**

Local authorities may make provision within the scheme for the payment of Special Responsibility Allowance and, if so, include a list of posts and the amount of SRA payable. This allowance is paid in addition to the Basic Allowance to those Members considered to bear additional responsibilities. Holders who are entitled to SRA for the period they hold the post must fall into one or more of the following groups.

Acting as leader or deputy leader of a political group within the authority;

Presiding at meetings of a committee or a sub-committee of the authority, or a joint committee of the authority and one or more other authorities, or a sub-committee of such a joint committee;

Representing the authority at meetings of, or arranged by, any other body;

Membership of a committee or a sub-committee of the authority which meets with exceptional frequency or for exceptionally long periods;

Acting as the spokesman of a political group on a committee or sub-committee of the authority;

Such other activities in relation to the discharge of the authority's functions that require of the member an amount of time and effort equal to or greater than would be required by any one of the above activities.

Where an SRA is paid and Members of the authority are divided into at least two political groups, SRA will be paid to at least one Councillor who is not a member of the controlling group provided that Member has a special responsibility as defined above.

No Councillor may receive more than one SRA.

The list of Special Responsibility Allowances is set out in **Appendix A**.

Special Responsibility Allowance and Basic Allowance will be paid pro rata to Councillors whose term of office begins or ends part way through the financial year. Similarly, if the scheme is amended so as to affect entitlement, the Allowance will be paid pro rata.

(c) **Allowances for the Independent person, co-optees on the Standards Committee, Audit Committee, Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and the Pension Board Independent Member**

Independent and Co-opted members:

An allowance per meeting is payable to the Independent person appointed under the Localism Act 2012 and to the co-optees on the Standards Committee, the Audit Committee and to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and the Pension Board Independent Member. This is calculated on the number of meetings per year and at a standard rate as follows:

Standards Committee

Independent Person £11~~7~~⁹ per meeting

Audit Committee and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Co-opted Members £11~~7~~⁹ per meeting

Pension Board

Independent Member £11~~7~~⁹ per meeting of the Pension Board and of the Pension Sub-Committee.

The Independent and Co-opted member allowances above, are paid by cheque at the end of each municipal year and it is the Independent Member's responsibility to declare this additional income. The Independent Person may also claim reasonable out of pocket expenses for tasks undertaken outside formal committee meetings. Any such claim shall be made to, and authorised by, the Director of Law and Governance.

(d) **Dependent Carers' Allowance**

A Dependent Carers' Allowance is payable to Councillors who, in order to undertake their duties as a Councillor, incur costs in arranging care for dependent relatives living with them. Dependent relatives are defined as children under the age of 15, elderly, disabled or invalid (temporarily or permanently) relatives who cannot be left alone. Payments will not normally be made to carers who are family members or persons resident at the Councillor's home.

The Carers' Allowance also includes costs associated with Councillors who themselves need the help of a carer in order for them to fulfil their duties as a Councillor.

The maximum rate for this allowance is £8.44 per hour to meet, or contribute towards the actual costs incurred in arranging care. The maximum period from which any one claim can be made is the duration of the meeting itself, plus £4.22 as a contribution towards travelling time to and from the meeting venue.

2. TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

- 2.1 Travel expenses can be claimed to cover the cost of travelling to and from approved duties/conferences **outside** the borough (or within the borough in the case of non-councillor members of the Housing Scrutiny Committee). The amount claimed depends on the means of travel i.e.

Public transport	-	actual fare
Own vehicle	-	schedule of rates set by Central Government

Subsistence allowance is a 'meals' allowance for approved duties lasting 4 or more hours, again payable by a schedule of rates set by Central Government. Copies of these rates are set out in **Appendix B**.

3. BROADBAND EXPENSES

- 3.1 The Scheme provides for the payment of the one-off connection charge to Broadband plus the monthly broadband rental up to the value of £25 per month.

4. PAYMENTS FOR OTHER BODIES

The Local Government Association have their own Members' Allowances Scheme payable to those Members' of Executive and Scrutiny bodies of the Association. The London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority also have their own separate scheme.

5. CLAIMING THE ALLOWANCES

- 5.1 Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances are paid automatically, once bank details, National Insurance, date of birth and home address are forwarded to the Corporate Director of Resources; all others are claimed by means of the appropriate forms, samples of which are attached at **Appendix C**.
- 5.2 Payments via the payroll system are made on a regular monthly cycle direct to your bank or building society account with a payslip being sent to you at the same time. Travel and Subsistence (if taxable are paid through the payroll). Telephone and Dependent Carers' Allowances are paid through the payroll.
- 5.3 You should submit your claims for Travel, Subsistence and Dependent Carers' Allowance within **two** months of the duty undertaken. Broadband allowance payments need to be claimed either monthly or quarterly and should be accompanied by the relevant invoice.

Receipts **must** accompany all expenses claims.

6. RATES PAYABLE

- 6.1 The rates for each allowance change from time to time, generally with effect from 1 April each year.

7. MATERNITY, PATERNITY AND SICKNESS PAY

- 7.1 All Members shall continue to receive their Basic Allowance in full in the case of maternity, paternity and sickness leave.
- 7.2 Members entitled to a Special Responsibility Allowance shall continue to receive their allowance in the case of maternity, paternity and sickness leave in the same way that the Council's employees enjoy such benefits.
- 7.3 If a replacement to cover the period of absence is appointed by Council or the Leader of the Executive (or in the case of party group position, the party group) the replacement will be entitled to claim an SRA.
- 7.4 During an agreed period of maternity or paternity leave, and during sickness leave, where the latter is confirmed by a doctor's certificate, Members will not be required to attend committee meetings and their absence will therefore not be recorded and the '6 month rule' in Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 will not apply.

~~7~~8. TAXATION

Basic, Special Responsibility, Dependent Carers' Allowances and telephone expenses are taxable and the Director of Finance and Resources will deduct and account for tax as directed by the Inspector of Taxes. Members will receive an annual certificate of tax deducted, at the end of each tax year, or on leaving office.

~~Business travel is not treated as earnings and is not taxable. Business travel means travel from place of work to place of work. For a councillor, place of work is defined as the Town Hall, any Council building, any place visited in your capacity as a councillor and your home, but not your place of normal paid employment.~~

9. NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Local authority councillors are elected office holders and they are treated as employed earners for benefit purposes. Members' Basic Allowance, Special Responsibilities Allowance and Dependent Carers Allowance are, accordingly, taxable under Schedule E and count as income liable for deduction of Class 1 national insurance contributions. Payment towards expenses actually incurred in carrying out employment, for example travelling expenses, do not count as income and do not give rise to a liability for class 1 NI contributions.

Class 1 national insurance contributions do not have to be paid if you are above state pension age. You can check your pension credit age at <https://www.gov.uk/state-pension-age>. If you are above state pension age, you will need to give your employer proof that you have reached pension age in order to

avoid further national insurance contributions. Satisfactory proof includes: birth certificate, passport, driving licence or certificate of age exemption (available from HMRC). If you have more than one employer, you will need a certificate of age exemption for each.

Class 1 contributions are also not payable if your earnings from employment do not exceed the employee's earnings threshold. From April 2017~~8~~, that threshold is ~~£157~~£162.

If, in addition to your office as an elected member, you do paid work for another employer, you will have to pay class 1 national insurance contributions in respect of each employment where the earnings exceed the earnings threshold.

If you are self-employed, you may have to pay self-employed national insurance rates. These rates are available at <https://www.gov.uk/self-employed-national-insurance-rates>.

Some married women or widows, who were eligible on or before 5 April 1977 to opt for paying a reduced rate of national insurance contribution, also do not have to pay the full rate of class 1 contributions. Many have lost their entitlement to a reduced rate of contributions because of changes in personal circumstances. If you are still paying reduced contributions, take advice. Your entitlement to benefits is affected by your rate of contribution and, if the reduced rate is being applied incorrectly, the Inland Revenue may ask you to make good any missing payments. You can apply to revoke your reduced rate of contribution, but the government's proposal for a single tier retirement pension means you should take advice on transitional protection expected for women who have paid at a reduced rate.

10. BENEFITS AND TAX CREDITS

Most benefits have rules that give special treatment both to work carried out as an elected councillor and to the Members allowances received. These rules are intended to ensure that people claiming benefits are not discouraged from carrying out public duties. However, the roll out of the government's Universal Credit programme will have implications for Member's allowances, expenses and benefits.

Advice regarding benefits and Universal Credit is available from:

Claimit@islington.gov.uk
[Tel: 020 7527 8600](tel:02075278600)

Universal Credit Helpline: 0800 328 5644
You can apply on line at: www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit

~~Although local authority councillors are treated as employed earners for benefit purposes, any council business undertaken as a councillor does not attract the usual penalties associated with working while claiming out of work benefits. Your hours of work as a councillor will be ignored for income support, job seeker's allowance (JSA) and Employment & Support Allowance (ESA). However, if you do work as a Member for a minimum of 30 hours a week, are between 25 and 59 years of age and would~~

~~be better off by claiming in-work benefits, you can choose to have your hours of work as a councillor taken into account in claiming working tax credit. People under 25, those over 60 and couples can also claim working tax credit, but hours of work are treated differently and some will face additional conditions about responsibility for a child or disability. This flexibility in choosing whether to claim out of work benefits or working tax credit can result in elected members facing complex decisions about how they will be better off. You may need help to decide what is best for you to claim, take advice.~~

~~At the moment, in Islington, Universal Credit is claimed by single job-seekers only. No other dates have been announced for when couples and families will be able to claim Universal Credit, but it is expected that the full roll out of universal Credit will be complete by the end of 2020.~~

~~However, if a newly elected councillor receives Universal Credit, they should seek advice from the:~~

~~Income Maximisation Team on 0207527-8600 who will be able to advise on how allowances and expenses are treated under Universal Credit rules.~~

~~Hours of work, as an elected councillor, can include all official council business, travel to and from home when engaged on council business, time spent at home reading and preparing for council meetings and work undertaken on behalf of constituents. Work does not include purely party political activities.~~

~~The special benefit rules applying to councillors provide significant advantages, but they can make it difficult to know if you are claiming the right benefits for your circumstances. The following brief summary is only a general guide to the main factors affecting benefits for elected Members. Advice should be sought in individual cases.~~

Members of working age who claim income-replacement benefits or tax credits

~~If you are claiming income replacement benefits because you are out of work, your duties undertaken as a councillor are ignored, except for the purposes of statutory sick pay and industrial injuries scheme. You still have to meet all of the other conditions of entitlement for each particular benefit – for example, if you claim Jobseeker's Allowance you still have to be available for work, actively looking for work and keeping to the terms of your claimant commitment.~~

~~Members' allowances still count as earnings, however, and the amount you are paid may affect means tested benefits, benefits based on your national insurance contributions and tax credits. Means tested benefits include: income support, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, housing benefit and council tax support). National insurance benefits include: contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance, and contribution based Jobseeker's Allowance. Tax credits include both working tax credit and child tax credit. Some expenses arising from your council duties, unless reimbursed by the Council, can be used to reduce the income taken into account when calculating your~~

~~means tested benefits or tax credits. Expenses offset against your Member's allowance must arise wholly and exclusively from your work as an elected Member.~~

Members over pension credit age

Work as a councillor and the allowances paid to you will not affect your right to your own retirement pension, or the amount paid to you. It may, however, affect means tested benefits such as pension credit, housing benefit and council tax support. If you work for more than 16 hours a week as an elected Member, you may be able to claim working tax credit. Some expenses arising from your council duties, unless reimbursed by the Council, can be used to reduce the income taken into account when calculating your means tested benefits or tax credits. Expenses offset against your Member's allowance must arise wholly and exclusively from your work as an elected Member.

Members with a disability or caring responsibility

Members who have a disability that affects their ability to carry out the usual tasks of personal self-care (such as washing, dressing, communicating or avoiding substantial danger) may be entitled to claim additional disability benefits. These benefits are personal independence payment (if under 65) and attendance allowance (65 and over). These benefits are not taxable ~~and may mean that you will be entitled to more means' tested benefits or tax credits.~~ If you have a need for care or assistance in the course of carrying out your duties as an elected member, this can be taken into account when your claim for either of these benefits is considered by the Department ~~of~~[for](#) Work and Pensions.

If you are caring for a severely disabled person for at least 35 hours a week and they receive Attendance Allowance or the middle or highest rate of the care component of DLA or the personal independence payment, then you may be able to claim Carer's Allowance. You will not be entitled to Carer's Allowance if your earnings exceed ~~£110.~~[£120](#) per week but this is after deducting any NI contributions, half of any pension contributions and work-related expenses not reimbursed by the Council.

Couples

Married couples and couples in a Civil Partnership, as well as couples living together as wife and husband or as civil partners, have their joint incomes, including Members' allowances, taken into account in working out entitlement to means tested benefits and tax credits. Additionally, if you live as part of such a couple, and your partner claims an additional amount of a contribution-based benefit for you as a dependent, then your Member's allowances may affect that additional payment.

Your Duty to Disclose

It is a condition of most benefits that you disclose details of work and earnings, including Members' allowances. Failure to make an effective disclosure may result in an overpayment of benefit, a civil penalty (fine) or criminal proceedings.

You can elect not to be paid your Member's allowances, but the benefits authorities are likely to treat you as possessing "notional income" equivalent to the value of the allowances you are failing to claim. Even if you elect not to claim the Member's allowance(s), you are under a duty to disclose the details of the allowances you are choosing to forgo.

Civil penalties (fines of £50) can be applied if you are overpaid benefit because you make a "negligently" incorrect statement or a fail to disclose a change of circumstances promptly. These fines reinforce the need for prompt and accurate disclosure to the benefits authorities. ~~You have the right to appeal against a civil penalty. Take advice.~~

Earnings, benefits and expenses

~~The basic Member's allowance and the special responsibility allowance are treated as earnings for benefits and tax credit purposes.~~

~~Travel, subsistence allowances, and reimbursement of expenses incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily in the performance of Council duties are not earnings and are ignored in calculating the amount of benefit or tax credit to be paid.~~

~~The benefits system recognises that Members have to do a lot of work at home and that they may have additional expenses arising from the performance of their duties that are not reimbursed by the local authority. Any expenses arising wholly, exclusively and necessarily from performance of Council duties, which are not met by the Council, should be deducted from the Member allowances that count as earnings before entitlement to benefits or tax credits are worked out. Only the net figure, after the deduction of these expenses, is then treated as earnings to be taken into account for benefits and tax credits.~~

~~Examples of such work related expenses may include:~~

- ~~* Postage and stationery;~~
- ~~* Secretarial expenses;~~
- ~~* Clothing and footwear;~~
- ~~* Travelling costs to and from home, or other premises, on Council business;~~
- ~~* Subscriptions to trade unions or other political or professional bodies;~~
- ~~* Additional costs arising from use of the home as an office, for example, heating and lighting;~~
- ~~* Telephone charges;~~
- ~~* Internet use.~~

~~This list of work expenses is not exhaustive. You should keep a detailed record of your expenses and, where possible, retain any receipts or other proofs of expenditure. This is to ensure that you can demonstrate that you have not been overpaid benefit and have disclosed your expenses sufficiently accurately that you do not become liable for a civil penalty. Work related expenses can be averaged over a reasonable period to give you the level of weekly expenditure to be deducted from your Members allowance(s) before any impact on your benefit or tax credit income is calculated.~~

~~If you do not ask the benefits authority to review your benefit in the light of your expenses, you may be underpaid benefit.~~

~~Your earnings, after deduction of expenses, will be taken into account for most contribution based and means tested benefits. The rules applying to each benefit are too various to summarise here. Take advice on your individual circumstances.~~

Further advice

The income maximisation service offers confidential benefit advice to Members on the way in which Member's allowances may affect their rights and duties under the benefit regulations. Contact their advice line on 020 7527 8600 or Eileen Broderick on eileen.broderick@islington.gov.uk or 020 7527 8892.

Alternatively, you may wish to contact an organisation outside the authority. Look up "Advice" in Yellow Pages.

11. AUDIT

All claims will be subject to review by Internal Audit and by the District Auditor.

12. GENERAL

A statutory register of all allowances paid to Members is open to inspection by any elector resident in the area. The Council are required to publish details of the Members' Allowances Scheme and of total payments made to each Member annually. This is done by means of an advertisement in the local newspaper.

This is a general and by no means exhaustive statement of the law on these matters.

For any advice in relation to the Scheme please contact:

Philippa Green, Democratic Services Manager, 020 7527 3184

~~Zoe Henney~~ [Charlotte Brown](#), Finance 0207 527 3751

Geeta Degnarain, Payroll Manager 020-7527 2160

[For advice regarding the changes to benefits following the introduction of Universal Credit, please contact:](#)

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APPENDIX A

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES ~~2017/18~~ 2018-19

The SRA figures will come into effect on 1 April 201~~7~~ 8

<u>Band 4</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
Leader of the Council – Councillor Richard Watts	38,053 <u>38,814</u>
<u>Band 3</u>	
Executive Members	
Councillor Janet Burgess	29,712 <u>30,306</u>
Councillor Joe Caluori	29,712 <u>30,306</u>
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz	29,712 <u>30,306</u>
Councillor Andy Hull	29,712 <u>30,306</u>
Councillor Asima Shaikh	29,712 <u>30,306</u>
Councillor Diarmaid Ward	29,712 <u>30,306</u>
Councillor Claudia Webbe	29,712 <u>30,306</u>
<u>Band 2</u>	
Chair of Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee	
Councillor Richard Greening <u>Councillor Una O'Halloran</u>	11,990 <u>12,230</u>
Chief Whip: Councillor Satnam Gill	5,213 <u>5,317</u>
<u>Band 1(a)</u>	
Chairs of Scrutiny Committees	
Councillor Theresa Debono	5,213 <u>5,317</u>
Councillor Rowena Champion	
Councillor Martin Klute <u>Osh Gantly</u>	
Councillor Mick O'Sullivan	
<u>Band 1</u>	
Chair of Audit Committee: Councillor Kat Fletcher <u>Nick Wayne</u>	3,128 <u>3,191</u>
Chair of Licensing Committee: Councillor Flora Williamson	3,128 <u>3,191</u>
Chair of Planning Committee: Councillor Robert Khan <u>Martin Klute</u>	3,128 <u>3,191</u>
Chair of Planning Sub Committee A: Councillor Martin Klute <u>Angela Picknell</u>	3,128 <u>3,191</u>
Chair of Planning Sub Committee B: Councillor Alice Donovan <u>Jenny Kay</u>	3,128 <u>3,191</u>
Mayor	
Councillor Una O'Halloran <u>David Poyser</u>	6,386 <u>6,514</u>
Deputy Mayor	
Councillor David Poyser <u>Rakhia Ismail</u>	430 <u>133</u>
Member of the Adoption and Fostering Panels	
Councillor Paul Convery	6,255 <u>6,380</u>

Councillors are only entitled to claim one Special Responsibility Allowance. Any allowances marked with an asterisk above are therefore unclaimed.

Part 4 - Procedure Rules - Council

19.2 Questions

- (a) Subject to Rule 19.4, councillors and members of the public may at any ordinary meeting of the Council, ~~other than the budget setting meeting,~~ ask the Leader, another member of the Executive or the Chair of any scrutiny committee questions on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the borough.
- (b) There is no requirement to submit questions in advance of the council meeting, other than to the meeting at which the Council's budget is set.
- (c) Written notice of a question may be delivered to the Proper Officer and if notice of a question is received not later than 2pm on the day which falls 7 clear working days before the date of the meeting, the question will be notified to the councillor which may facilitate a more detailed answer at the council meeting.

19.3 Supplementary question

Other than at the meeting at which the Council's budget is set, a person asking a question under Rule 19 (c) may ask one supplementary question without notice, of the member who answered the question. The supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

Part 4 - Procedure Rules – Access to Information

88.5 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC TO MAINTAIN ORDERLY CONDUCT

The public may be excluded from meetings to maintain orderly conduct accordance with Procedural Rules 29, 53 and 56.

88.56 EXCLUSION OF ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC TO REPORTS

If the Proper Officer thinks fit, the Council may exclude access by the public to reports which in his or her opinion relate to items during the consideration of which, in accordance with Rule 88, the meeting is likely not to be open to the public. Such reports will be marked "Not for publication" together with the category of information likely to be disclosed.

Part 2 – Articles

Article 10 – Ward Partnerships

- 10.7 The convening of a Ward Partnership meeting will be with the agreement of the majority of members in the ward. The issues for discussion at each meeting are determined by the relevant ward councillors.

Article 13 – Decision Making

13.03 Types of decision

(a) Decisions reserved to full Council

Decisions relating to the functions listed in the table at 7.1 in Part 3 will be made by the full Council and not delegated.

(b) Key decisions

- (i) A key decision is an executive decision (other than a decision which relates to the placement of an individual, be that an adult or child) which in the view of the Proper Officer is likely:
- (a) To result in the local authority incurring expenditure or obtaining a receipt which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates. A decision is significant for these purposes if,
- it involves expenditure or the making of savings of an amount in excess of £1m for capital expenditure or £500,000 for revenue expenditure; or
 - ~~where expenditure or savings are less than the amounts specified above, they constitute more than 50% of the budget attributable to the service in question; or~~
 - in respect of a disposal of land by the Council, the proposed receipt (or reasonable pre-sale estimate in the case of an auction sale) exceeds £1.5 million and the Executive has not already agreed in principle to disposal of the land;
 - in respect of the acquisition of land or property, the proposed expenditure (or reasonable estimate prior to entering into the contract) exceeds £500,000;
- (b) To be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.

Part 5 – Terms of Reference

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE

Composition

- The Leader
- The Executive member for Economic and Community Development
- The Executive member for ~~Finance and Performance~~ [Housing and Development](#)

Substitute members:

Executive members for Children and Families; Health and Wellbeing; Community Safety; Environment and Transport; and ~~Housing and Development~~ [Finance and Performance](#).

The following members will be invited to attend as observers:

3 majority party backbenchers

1 opposition party members

Quorum

The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be two.

Terms of Reference

1. To oversee the Council's engagement with the Islington community and voluntary sector and to ensure value for money and fairness in the allocation of council resources to the sector.
2. To be responsible for the allocation of the Islington Community Fund including:
 - a. allocating the ~~Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Grants Fund~~ [VCS Partnership Grants Programme](#);
 - b. allocating the Advice Fund;
 - c. allocating the Local Initiatives Fund having regard to the recommendations of the relevant ward members/relevant ward partnership or neighbourhood group and on the basis that the funding will be allocated equally among the 16 wards making up the Council's area
 - d. ~~allocating the VCS Rescue Fund.~~
3. [To receive updates on the allocation of funding by the Islington Community Chest Panel.](#)
- ~~3.~~4. To review and, if necessary, withdraw funding to organisations where there is a potential breach of conditions of grant aid and/or service level

agreement.

- 4.5. To consider the management, use and disposal of council owned buildings occupied by voluntary and community sector organisations and to agree the disposal or leasing of council owned properties to voluntary sector and community bodies including, where relevant, the rent to be set save that decisions referred to in Part 3 4.4(j) may be taken by officers with the relevant delegated authority.
- 5.6. To approve the annual budget proposed for the London Councils Grants Committee.
- 6.7. To make an annual report to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee on its activities.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Composition

Members of the Executive may not be members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

No member may be involved in scrutinising a decision in which he/she has been directly involved.

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to appoint a number of people as non-voting co-optees and shall include in its membership the following voting co-optees:

- (a) At least one Church of England diocese representative;
- (b) At least one Roman Catholic diocese representative;
- (c) Between two and five parent governor representatives; and
- (d) A representative from other faiths or denominations as appropriate.

These representatives will be entitled to vote on education functions related to the Council's education functions, in respect of which the Council has responsibility under the Education Acts.

Quorum

The quorum for the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee shall be ~~four~~three members, not including co-opted members.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Composition

The Licensing Committee shall comprise at least ten, but no more than fifteen members of the Council.

Quorum

The quorum of the committee shall be four members.

Terms of Reference

1. To discharge all of the licensing functions of the Council as the licensing authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005, except the determination of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the publication of that Statement under either Act, the making of a resolution not to issue a casino premises licence under section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005 ~~and the fixing of fees under the Gambling Act 2005~~.
2. To discharge the functions of the Council under schedule 3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended.
3. To establish and appoint to sub-committees to :
 - a. determine matters under the Licensing Act 2003 regarding personal licences, premises licences, club premises certificates, provisional statements, variation of the designated premises supervisor, interim authorities, police objections to temporary event notices and any applications requiring a hearing under the Act; and
 - b. determine matters under the Gambling Act 2005 regarding premises licences, provisional statements, variations of premises licences, transfers of premises licences, reviews of premises licences, [the fixing of fees](#) and any applications requiring a hearing under the Act.

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Composition

No special requirements apply to the composition of the Licensing Regulatory Committee.

The membership of the committee shall be four.

Quorum

The quorum of the committee shall be three members.

Terms of Reference

1. To determine applications for street trading, track betting and special treatment licences where there are unresolved objections to those applications.
2. To designate streets as licensed streets.
3. To revoke licences (except on the ground of non payment of fees).
4. To set and review policy in relation to the matters coming within the remit of the committee.
5. To take decisions on any other licensing matter referred to it by the Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration, except those which may lawfully be taken by the Licensing Committee established for the purpose of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.
6. The hearing of representations and the determination of applications for a licence of a Scrap Metal Dealer, under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, where the Service Director of Public Protection proposes to refuse or to cancel a licence or to vary a licence under section 4 of the Act and the applicant has given notice to the authority, within the prescribed time, that they require the opportunity to make representations about the proposal.
7. To determine the amount of any fees and charges to be made for any approval, consent, licence, permit or registration within the terms of reference of the Committee.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Quorum

The quorum shall be three members.

Terms of Reference

1. To determine any application for planning permission, consent or approval recommended for approval in respect of all major* developments other than an application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 covered by paragraph 6.
2. To determine any other applications for planning permission, consent or approval falling within the terms of reference of the Planning Sub-Committees which the Planning Committee has specifically indicated it wishes to consider itself.
3. To determine any other application for planning permission, consent or approval referred to it by a planning sub-committee or the Service Director, Planning and Development/Head of Service, Development Management.

4. To determine any other application for planning permission, consent or approval recommended for approval (including any falling within the terms of reference of the Planning Sub-Committees), which the Chair [of Planning Committee](#) or at least two members of the Council have requested by notice to the Service Director, Planning and Development/Head of Service, Development Management (setting out reasonable planning grounds for the request) be considered by a Planning Committee.
5. To make traffic management and stopping-up orders which are consequent upon the grant of planning permission by the committee.
6. A Section 73 application need not be referred to the committee where the Service Director Planning and Development/Head of Service Development Management, following consultation with the Chair [of Planning Committee](#) (or in the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair) considers:
 - i) a condition can be imposed, varied or removed in respect of the permission as a result of which it would not be fundamentally different from or a substantial alteration to the permission which has been previously approved by the Council in relation to the same site;
 - ii) the application relates to minor material amendment(s) and the amended permission will not be substantially different from the permission which has been previously approved by the Council in relation to the same site.

NOMENCLATURE CHANGES:

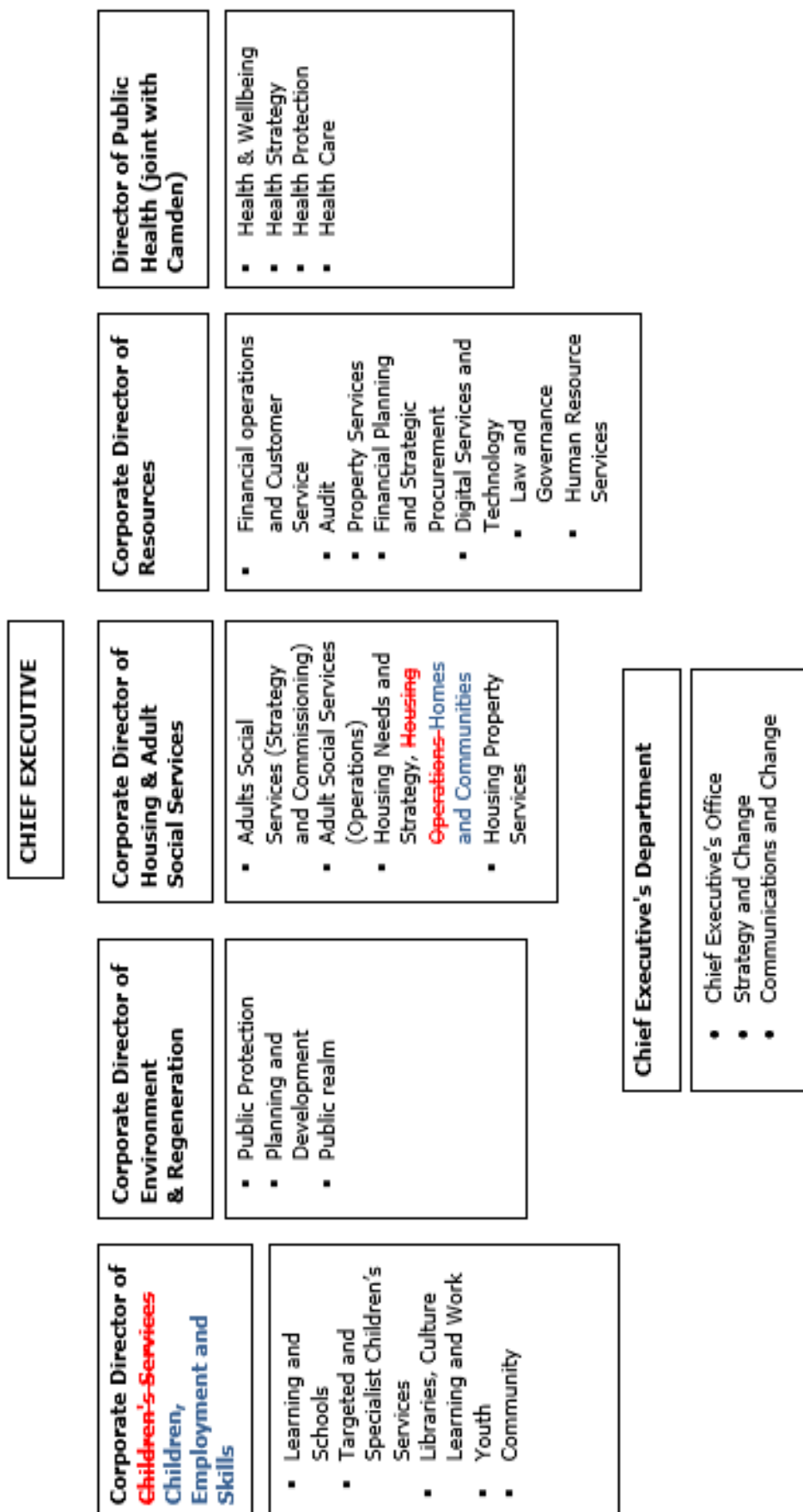
Children's Services

All references to Children's Services in the Constitution, with the exception of references to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, be changed to Children, Employment and Skills.

PART 8 – MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

To change the reference to Children's Services as above and to change the name of Housing Operations to be Homes and Communities, as per the following extract.

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE



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Report of: **Acting Director of Law and Governance**

Meeting of	Date	Ward(s)
Council	5 July 2018	N/A

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Subject: QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 In accordance with the Constitution, Corporate Directors and the Director of Public Health may take urgent decisions, subject to certain provisions. Paragraph 68, Part 4 of the Constitution, requires that, where five clear working days notice of a key decision were not provided or call-in did not apply, details of the decision will be included in a quarterly report to Council.
- 1.2 A decision was made by the Corporate Director of Resources on 13 April 2018 using the urgency provisions in the Constitution that meets the criteria detailed in Paragraph 68 of the Constitution and which is summarised below.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the decision taken on 13 April 2018 to award a contract to Insight Direct (UK) Ltd for the purchase of Microsoft licences.

3. Background

- 3.1 In accordance with paragraph 8.9 of Part 3 of the Constitution, the Chief Executive, Corporate Directors and the Director of Public Health are authorised to take decisions where the matter is urgent.
- 3.2 The decision was taken under urgency procedures, including waiving call-in, because any delay in taking the decision would have prevented continued use of Microsoft Office products which are essential for the council to conduct its day to day business and provide service continuity for residents.

- 3.4 The Chair of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee consented to the matter being treated as urgent and call-in being waived.
- 3.5 The relevant public notice, a record of the decision and the report have been published on the council's website.

4. Implications

- 4.1 **Financial Implications**
These are contained in the individual report.
- 4.2 **Legal Implications**
These are contained in the individual report.
- 4.3 **Equalities Impact Assessment**
These are contained in the individual report.
- 4.4 **Environmental implications**
These are contained in the individual report.

5. Conclusion and reason for recommendation

In accordance with the Constitution, urgent key decisions taken by a Corporate Director, on which call-in has been waived or five clear working days notice was not given, must be included in a quarterly report to Council.

Appendices: None

Background papers: None

Signed by:



16 May 2018

Acting Director of Law and Governance

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COUNCIL MEETING – 5 JULY 2018

REPORT OF THE CHIEF WHIP

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

1. APPOINTMENT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

- a) That Katy Porter, Chief Executive of the Manor Gardens Welfare Trust, be appointed as the voluntary sector representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board and Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards Joint Sub-Committee for a two-year term with immediate effect.

Recommendation:

- a) To agree that Katy Porter, Chief Executive of the Manor Gardens Welfare Trust, be appointed as the voluntary sector representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board and Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards Joint Sub-Committee with immediate effect for a two-year term or until a successor is appointed.

2. APPOINTMENT TO THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- a) That the term of office of Erol Baduna, Primary Parent Governor representative, has ended and that Osama Al Jayousi be appointed as Primary Parent Governor representative on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee for a four-year term with immediate effect.

Recommendation:

- a) To agree that Osama Al Jayousi be appointed as Primary Parent Governor representative on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee with immediate effect for a four-year term or until a successor is appointed.

COUNCILLOR SATNAM GILL
Chief Whip

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COUNCIL MEETING – 5 JULY 2018

NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 1: Fairness for All

Moved by Cllr Michelline Safi Ngongo

Seconded by Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz

Islington is proud to be a welcoming and tolerant borough that is home to many people from different backgrounds and from places across the world. Many people who have made Islington their home have done so after fleeing persecution and conflict. We are proud that the sanctuary Islington has provided has allowed them to make new lives here and that many make invaluable contributions to our community.

This Council is steadfast in its support of the vulnerable, the dispossessed and those seeking a better life. From our support for the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa, to our welcoming of and support for Syrian refugees in recent years; Islington is proud to be a place that not only supports people, but fights for what is right and against injustice.

This Council notes that –

- In recent months, the Government's 'hostile environment' policies have rightly been condemned by many, including this Council, for the impact they have had on people who have lived in Britain for decades and are part of the Windrush Generation.
- Concerns raised by many organisations about the treatment of people held in immigration detention centres in the UK, exacerbated by the Government's 'hostile environment' policies. The rate of suicide attempts in detention is now more than one a day and over 50 per cent of those detained in 2016 did not have any legal representation.
- The Government's ongoing treatment of local residents originally from other European Union countries as bargaining chips in its Brexit negotiations is a further example of the 'hostile environment' policies and rhetoric it has adopted.

This Council further notes that -

- The UK's practice of detention is a blight on its standing in the international community, with the UK being the only country in Europe with no time limit on detention.
- The Executive Member for Community Development wrote to the Home Secretary in March 2018 seeking action to address concerns about conditions at the Yarl's Wood Detention Centre.
- This Council has welcomed 14 Syrian refugee families to the borough.

- This Council has provided advice and support to local residents affected by the Government's failure to guarantee the full rights of approximately 30,000 local residents originally from other European Union countries to remain and work in the UK.
- Our commitment to making Islington a fairer borough includes standing up for everyone who lives here, regardless of their country of origin.
- In 2017-2018, the Council's No Recourse to Public Funds Team supported 147 people who had problems with their immigration status.

This Council resolves to –

- Explore establishing a programme of briefing sessions for Voluntary and Community Sector organisations, to enable them to provide advice to residents affected by the Windrush scandal;
- Explore how to direct local residents affected by the Windrush scandal towards independent immigration advice, including by providing training to Frontline council staff;
- Make representations to the Government to urge them to implement the recommendations of the All Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Detention, including to end the practice of indefinite detention and introduce a time-limit of 28 days on the length of time anyone can be detained for immigration purposes; prosecute staff if there is evidence of abuse in detention; only use detention as a last resort; and directly involve experts-by-experience in future inquiries into detention;
- Continue to support calls for the rights of local residents originally from other European Union countries to be immediately guaranteed.

Motion 2: Parity of Esteem Between Physical and Mental Health Services

Moved by Cllr Osh Gantly

Seconded by Cllr Janet Burgess

This Council believes that the NHS is one of this country's proudest achievements. On Thursday 5th July, the NHS celebrates the 70th anniversary of its founding and this Council wishes to thank all those who work for the NHS for the care and support they give to local people.

However, this Council also notes that the NHS faces significant challenges, including ensuring there is a genuine parity of esteem between physical and mental health services.

This Council notes –

- Concerns about pressures facing the NHS today and increasing moves by the Government towards privatisation.
- NHS trusts reported a collective deficit of £791 million at the end of 2016/17. Meanwhile, Government funding allocated to private sector providers has grown from 4.4 per cent in 2009-10 to 7.7 per cent in 2016-17.
- The urgent need for properly-funded and preventative mental health services, that can be accessed by all residents who need them. 1 in 6 adults in Islington has at least one diagnosed mental health condition. People in contact with specialist mental health services in Islington have a mortality rate 3.6 times higher than that of the rest of the general population in London and England.
- National mental health spending fell by £600 million between 2010 and 2015. There are over 5,000 fewer mental health nurses than in 2010.

This Council further notes –

- Many Islington residents are not always receiving the mental health services they need, particularly from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities who face extra barriers in accessing these services.
- At least one in ten children and young people are affected by mental health problems. The Council's ongoing work to support Child and Adolescent Health Services (CAMHS) aims to better co-ordinate services to support young people.
- The Health and Care Scrutiny Committee published a report on the effectiveness of improving psychological therapies (IAPT) services, to which the Council Executive responded on 4th January 2018.
- The work of Thrive LDN, a movement to improve mental health and well-being across the capital.
- The importance of joined-up and preventative health services in helping residents lead active and healthier lives and reducing health inequalities, including mental health inequalities, in the borough.

This Council resolves to –

- Write to the Secretary of State for Health to urge him to ensure a genuine parity of esteem is achieved between physical and mental health services, and to provide adequate funding to ensure the NHS can deliver mental health services for all;
- Work with NHS partners, and the voluntary and community sector, to ensure residents can access the mental health services they need; including by providing community-based preventative services and commissioning specific services for residents from BAME communities;
- Support Thrive LDN's campaign to empower individuals and communities in Islington to improve their mental health;
- Reaffirm this Council's commitment to ensuring the NHS remains free at the point of use, and remains publicly owned and publicly accountable.

Motion 3: Make Votes Matter

Moved by Cllr Caroline Russell

Voices across the political spectrum have raised concerns over the First Past the Post voting system.

The Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform publication "The Many, Not the Few - Proportional Representation & Labour in the 21st Century" lays out many of the concerns: First Past the Post elects governments and councils that don't match the votes cast and creates safe seats that discourage political engagement.

Many London boroughs had turnout lower than 40% at the recent local elections. These elections may have been the last council elections where EU voters could vote.

This Council notes –

- That no party has done more to advance the case of Proportional Representation than the Labour Party, introducing Single Transferable Vote into Scottish local elections and the Alternative Member System into the Welsh Assembly, the London Assembly and the Scottish Parliament.

- That the Single Transferable Vote system is already used at local elections in Scotland and Northern Ireland and does better to elect councils representative of the votes cast, whilst maintaining the constituency link.
- That turnout at the Scottish local elections is noticeably higher than elections in the UK, with proportional representation playing a part in improving engagement.
- That this government has failed to guarantee the rights of existing EU citizens.

This Council believes –

- A vibrant and engaged local democracy is good for our community and that proportional representation helps deliver that.
- That EU Citizens should not lose their right to vote or to stand in local elections.

This Council resolves –

- To write to Islington's MPs to ask them to express their support for the principle of proportional representation at Council Elections and retention of voting rights for EU citizens;
- To contact the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to ask for a review of the First Past the Post voting system for local council elections.