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COUNCIL

20 September 2018

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REVISED REPORT OF THE CHIEF WHIP

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

1. CAMDEN AND ISLINGTON JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- a) To establish a Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, as required by Regulation 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013;
- b) To approve the terms of reference of the Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, as set out at Appendix A, and to incorporate them into Part 5 of the Council's Constitution;
- c) To appoint all members of the Health Scrutiny Committee to the Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendations:

- a) That a Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee be established, as required by Regulation 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013;
- b) That the terms of reference of the Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, as set out at Appendix A, be approved and incorporated into Part 5 of the Council's Constitution;
- c) That all members of the Health Scrutiny Committee be appointed to the Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

1. AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

- a) That the Leader of the Council has amended the title of the Executive Member for Economic Development to the 'Executive Member for Inclusive Economy and Jobs'.

Recommendation:

- a) To note that the Leader of the Council has amended the title of the Executive Member for Economic Development to the 'Executive Member for Inclusive Economy and Jobs'.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

1. SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CHAMPION

- a) That Councillor Kay has stood down as the Council's Social Enterprise Champion and to appoint Councillor Picknell as her replacement with immediate effect.

Recommendation:

- a) That Councillor Picknell be appointed Social Enterprise Champion for the remainder for the 2018/19 municipal year or until a successor is appointed.

2. PRIVATE RENTERS CHAMPION

- a) To appoint Councillor Kay as the Council's Private Renters Champion.

Recommendation:

- a) That Councillor Kay be appointed Private Renters Champion for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year or until a successor is appointed.

COUNCILLOR SATNAM GILL
Chief Whip

CAMDEN AND ISLINGTON JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Establishment and purpose of the Joint Committee

If a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider proposes to consult more than one local authority on any proposal for a substantial development of the health service in the area, or a substantial variation in the provision of health services in the area, Regulation 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, requires the local authorities whose area will be affected by the proposed changes, to establish a joint overview and scrutiny committee to consider a consultation response.

In accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, the Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee may not discharge any functions other than described above and will only meet when required to do so to consider a consultation by a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider on any proposal for a substantial development of the health service in the area, or a substantial variation in the provision of health services in the area.

The committee has been convened to consider the proposals being made by Islington and Camden Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Camden and Islington Foundation Trust: 'Transforming Mental Health Services in Camden and Islington: Proposals for change to the Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust Estate'.

2. Membership

Membership of the Joint Committee will comprise of the members of both the Camden Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Islington Health and Care Scrutiny Committee.

3. Chair

The Chair of the Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will be either the Chair of the Camden Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee or the Islington Health and Care Scrutiny Committee, and will be determined by the Joint Committee, at the commencement of each meeting. The remaining Chair will act as Vice Chair.

4. Quorum

A meeting of the Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will be considered quorate when at least three members from each constituent borough's Health Scrutiny Committee are in attendance.

5. Meetings

(a) Meetings of the Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will be held in public, although the public may be excluded from part of a meeting during an item of business if it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that, if members of the public were present during that item, confidential information as defined in section 100A(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 or exempt information as defined in section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

(b) Meetings will be convened and publicised at least 5 clear working days prior to the meeting date in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government Act 2000.

(c) Meetings will be governed and abide by the Committee procedure rules and standing orders applying to committees of the Council which is hosting the meeting.

(d) The first meeting of the committee will take place at the offices of Camden Council and meetings will then alternate between Camden and Islington offices.

6. Access to information

Such meeting papers as the relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider propose to consider at the meeting, that are not confidential information as defined in section 100A(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 or exempt information as defined in section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government act 1972, will be made available to the public for 5 clear working days prior to the meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government Act 2000.

7. Deputations

Deputations wishing to attend the Joint Committee shall require the approval of the Chairs of both Council's Health Scrutiny Committees.

Requests for deputations should normally be in writing and be received by the clerk named on the agenda, at least two clear working days before the meeting.

Deputations shall only be received where the subject of the deputation is on the agenda of the meeting concerned.

One representative of the deputation will be entitled to address the meeting and shall speak for no more than three minutes unless the Chair decides otherwise.

8. Terms of Reference

(a) To make comments on proposals consulted on pursuant to regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, namely any proposal made by a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider for a substantial development of the health service or for a substantial variation in the provision of a service affecting residents in both local authority areas.

(b) The Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee may require the relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider to provide such information about the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area as the authority may reasonably require in order to discharge its functions, in accordance with regulation 26 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

(c) The Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee may require a member or employee of the relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider to attend before it under regulation 27 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 to answer questions in connection with the consultation.

(d) The Camden and Islington Joint Health Scrutiny Committee may not discharge any functions other than relevant functions above, in accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

9. Administrative Support

Administrative support for the meetings of the Joint Committee will be provided by the Committee Services staff at the location where the meeting is being held.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MOTION 1

MOTION 1: Single Use Plastic – Unflushables

Proposed amendment to be moved by Cllr Claudia Webbe

This council notes:

- The recent report of the Environment Committee of the London Assembly on single-use plastic unflushables.
- That use of single use plastic disposable products is increasing. There has been a 25 percent increase in the use of wet wipes and fifty percent increase in the use of incontinence products over the last five years.
- That period pads and incontinence products contain up to 90 percent plastic and disposable nappies up to 50 percent.
- No period or incontinence product or wet wipe on the market disintegrates fully when flushed.
- Unflushables combine with fat in sewers forming blockages and fatbergs.
- Thames Water unclog five blockages an hour from London's sewers. These cause huge distress to people who are flooded with backed up sewage and cost Thames Water and ultimately Londoners £12 million per year to clear.

This council further notes:

- [Islington Council annually reviews its waste minimisation and recycling strategy and communications with residents. This strategy includes reducing plastic waste through introducing new water fountains in the borough and promoting the use of refillable water bottles.](#)
- The significant cost and environmental damage caused by the inappropriate flushing of single use plastic items such as incontinence and period products, as well as disposable nappies and wet wipes.
- The important role borough councils have in London in educating and informing residents in order to reduce this environmental damage.
- The particular role of the council as an education authority and early years provider.

- [Islington Council's ongoing work to tackle period poverty and reduce stigma in the borough, including through introducing the 'Tricky Period' scheme alongside Islington Libraries so that women and girls can access free sanitary products.](#)
- [The Council has developed personal, social, health and economic \(PSHE\) education resources for primary and secondary schools to contribute to the reduction of stigma relating to periods.](#)
- That Islington already participates in the reusable nappy scheme offering new parents a voucher to buy reusable nappies worth the equivalent cost of sending an average baby's nappies to landfill.
- That while reusable nappies and reusable period products such as menstrual cups, period pants and washable pads can save people significant sums of money, people in nappy or period poverty may not have access to convenient washing facilities to make their use viable.

This council resolves:

- ~~To work~~ [To build on the Council's existing PSHE work by working](#) with head teachers to develop culturally sensitive period positive education as part of the Healthy Schools initiative; and to use period positive language to reduce stigma around menstruation enabling students to more easily discuss opportunities to cut the cost of managing their periods with reusable products and binning not flushing single use plastic wipes and period products.
- To use contact with parents through the council's Brightstart Early Years provision to raise awareness of the opportunity for people to save money via the council's reusable nappy voucher scheme, [potty training at an early age](#) and by using reusable period products; and to raise awareness of the importance of binning not flushing wetwipes and disposable period products.
- To ~~provide~~ [explore providing](#) "bin it, don't flush" it labels for toilet doors ~~in schools and council buildings~~ along with bins in men's toilets for single use plastic unflushable items [across buildings the Council is responsible for, including schools.](#)

The amended motion would read as follows:

This council notes:

- The recent report of the environment committee of the London Assembly on single-use plastic unflushables.
- That use of single use plastic disposable products is increasing. There has been a 25 percent increase in the use of wet wipes and fifty percent increase in the use of incontinence products over the last five years.
- That period pads and incontinence products contain up to 90 percent plastic and disposable nappies up to 50 percent.
- No period or incontinence product or wet wipe on the market disintegrates fully when flushed.
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- Islington Council annually reviews its waste minimisation and recycling strategy and communications with residents. This strategy includes reducing plastic waste through introducing new water fountains in the borough and promoting the use of refillable water bottles.
- The significant cost and environmental damage caused by the inappropriate flushing of single use plastic items such as incontinence and period products, as well as disposable nappies and wet wipes.
- The important role borough councils have in London in educating and informing residents in order to reduce this environmental damage.
- The particular role of the council as an education authority and early years provider.
- Islington Council's ongoing work to tackle period poverty and reduce stigma in the borough, including through introducing the 'Tricky Period' scheme alongside Islington Libraries so that women and girls can access free sanitary products.
- The Council has developed personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education resources for primary and secondary schools to contribute to the reduction of stigma relating to periods.
- That Islington already participates in the reusable nappy scheme offering new parents a voucher to buy reusable nappies worth the equivalent cost of sending an average baby's nappies to landfill.
- That while reusable nappies and reusable period products such as menstrual cups, period pants and washable pads can save people significant sums of money, people in nappy or period poverty may not have access to convenient washing facilities to make their use viable.

This council resolves:

- To build on the Council's existing PSHE work by working with head teachers to develop culturally sensitive period positive education as part of the Healthy schools initiative; and to use period positive language to reduce stigma around menstruation enabling students to more easily discuss opportunities to cut the cost of managing their periods with reusable products and binning not flushing single use plastic wipes and period products.
- To use contact with parents through the council's Brightstart Early Years provision to raise awareness of the opportunity for people to save money via the council's reusable nappy voucher scheme, potty training at an early age and by using reusable period products; and to raise awareness of the importance of binning not flushing wetwipes and disposable period products.
- To explore providing "bin it, don't flush" it labels for toilet doors along with bins in men's toilets for single use plastic unflushable items across buildings the Council is responsible for, including schools.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MOTION 2

MOTION 2: Council Tax Relief

Proposed amendment to be moved by Councillor Andy Hull

This council notes:

- That the Conservative government's local authority and welfare cuts have been an unprecedented and destructive attack on disabled people and society's poorest.
- That changes to disability benefits have affected disabled people's independence, well-being and security.
- That the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities described the behaviour of the Department for Work and Pensions as a "human catastrophe", violating the human rights of disabled people.
- That Universal Credit (UC) is being rolled out in Islington.
- That in UC trial areas, administrative errors have added, on average, an extra three weeks to the formal 35 day wait for an initial benefit payment.
- That, as revealed by a Freedom of Information request by the Observer Newspaper, one in three UC recipients are facing regular deductions from their benefit, because of having to pay back advance payments due to arrears in rent, council tax or utility bills.
- That Islington Council's Policy and Performance Committee is looking at the impact of UC on Islington residents, the council and other local services.

This council further notes:

- That in 2013 the Coalition government scrapped Council Tax Benefit and forced councils to implement their own council tax reduction schemes [whilst reducing the budget for them to do that by 10 per cent.](#)
- That whilst Islington Council has laudably implemented a council tax reduction scheme that is more generous than many other councils, still **many** [some](#) households are falling into arrears.
- [That Islington Council has a resident support scheme that provides targeted support to residents most in need. The scheme cost over £2 million in 2017/18 to administer and supported 4,570 residents.](#)
- [That other London councils have adopted different approaches to supporting their poorest residents.](#) In 2017 Camden Council decided to exempt the borough's poorest entirely from paying council tax, taking 12,000 households out of the tax, [although its local welfare scheme will be reduced over the next two years.](#)

- That Haringey Council, [under new administration](#), is looking to reform council tax, investing £1.6 million to exempt 6,000 of the poorest households from council tax.
- That Islington Council has exempted care leavers and foster carers from paying council tax, recognising that exempting certain groups from paying council tax is worthwhile.
- [That Islington Council continues to provide a £100 council tax reduction for older residents.](#)
- [The work of the Council in resisting the Government's abolition of local authorities' welfare provision funds, and preparing for the roll-out of UC in Islington.](#)

This council resolves:

- ~~To review the Council Tax exemption scheme, to see whether a similar scheme to those in Haringey and Camden could be rolled out in Islington in time for this year's budget.~~
- [To continue its practice of annually reviewing its council tax support scheme to explore how the Council can best support residents from the poorest households. This will include requiring any proposals to amend the council tax support scheme to be fully costed and funded.](#)

The amended motion would read as follows:

This council notes:

- That the Conservative government's local authority and welfare cuts have been an unprecedented and destructive attack on disabled people and society's poorest.
- That changes to disability benefits have affected disabled people's independence, well-being and security.
- That the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities described the behaviour of the Department for Work and Pensions as a "human catastrophe", violating the human rights of disabled people.
- That Universal Credit (UC) is being rolled out in Islington.
- That in UC trial areas, administrative errors have added, on average, an extra three weeks to the formal 35 day wait for an initial benefit payment.
- That, as revealed by a Freedom of Information request by the Observer Newspaper, one in three UC recipients are facing regular deductions from their benefit, because of having to pay back advance payments due to arrears in rent, council tax or utility bills.
- That Islington Council's Policy and Performance Committee is looking at the impact of UC on Islington residents, the council and other local services.

This council further notes:

- That in 2013 the Coalition government scrapped Council Tax Benefit and forced councils to implement their own council tax reduction schemes whilst reducing the budget for them to do that by 10 per cent.
- That whilst Islington Council has laudably implemented a council tax reduction scheme that is more generous than many other councils, still some households are falling into arrears.

- That Islington Council has a resident support scheme that provides targeted support to residents most in need. The scheme cost over £2 million in 2017/18 to administer and supported 4,570 residents.
- That other London councils have adopted different approaches to supporting their poorest residents. In 2017 Camden Council decided to exempt the borough's poorest entirely from paying council tax, taking 12,000 households out of the tax, although its local welfare scheme will be reduced over the next two years
- That Haringey Council, under new administration, is looking to reform council tax, investing £1.6 million to exempt 6,000 of the poorest households from council tax.
- That Islington Council has exempted care leavers and foster carers from paying council tax, recognising that exempting certain groups from paying council tax is worthwhile.
- That Islington Council continues to provide a £100 council tax reduction for older residents.
- The work of the Council in resisting the Government's abolition of local authorities' welfare provision funds, and preparing for the roll-out of UC in Islington.

This council resolves:

- To continue its practice of annually reviewing its council tax support scheme to explore how the Council can best support residents from the poorest households. This will include requiring any proposals to amend the council tax support scheme to be fully costed and funded.

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