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COUNCIL

15 October 2015

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COUNCIL MEETING – 15 OCTOBER 2015

REVISED QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Amended questions

- g Councillor Ismail to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council

As leader of Islington council, what do you think is the single biggest issue facing BAME youth and young men of Islington other than unemployment, and what is the council doing about it?

- i Councillor Ismail to Councillor Shaikh, Executive Member for Economic and Community Development

How can the Council be radical and work with the VCS by helping organisations create consortiums bids and up- skill, such as using language asset skills, while still making the enforced savings required because of the massive cuts from this Tory government?

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF WHIP

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

1. APPOINTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- a) That Councillor Jeapes is appointed as a member of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Poyser, for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.

Recommendation:

- a) To agree that Councillor Jeapes be appointed as a member of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee, with immediate effect, for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.

2. APPOINTMENT TO HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- a) That Councillor Ismail be appointed as a member of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee, in place of Councillor Hamitouche, for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.
- b) That Councillor O'Halloran be appointed as a member of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Gantly, for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.

Recommendation:

- a) To agree that Councillor Ismail be appointed as a member of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee, with immediate effect, for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.
- b) To agree that Councillor O'Halloran be appointed as a member of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee with immediate effect, for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.

3. APPOINTMENTS TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

- a) That Cathy Blair, Director of Targeted & Specialist Children's Services, be appointed as a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board in place of Eleanor Schooling, for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.

- b) That Emma Whitby be appointed as the Healthwatch representative on Health and Wellbeing Board in place of Olav Ernstzen for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.

c) **Substitutes:**

That the following representatives be appointed as named substitutes to the relevant member of Health and Wellbeing Board for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.

Committee Member	Named Substitute
Wendy Wallace, Chief Executive, Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust	Paul Calaminus, Deputy Chief Executive, Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Henrietta Hughes, Medical Director, North East London, NHS England	Dr Helene Brown, Associate Medical Director, NHS England London Region
Simon Pleydell, Chief Executive, The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust	Siobhan Harrington, Deputy Chief Executive, The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust
Sorrell Brooks, Lay Vice Chair, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group	Lucy de Groot, Lay Chair of the Islington Clinical Commissioning Group Audit Committee
Emma Whitby of Healthwatch	Olav Ernstzen of Healthwatch
Julie Billett, Director of Public Health Camden and Islington	Jonathan O'Sullivan, Islington Assistant Director of Public Health
Sean McLaughlin, Corporate Director Housing and Adult Social Services	Simon Galczynski, Service Director Adult Social Care
Cathy Blair, Director of Targeted and Specialist Children's Services	Mark Taylor, Director of Learning and Schools

Recommendations:

- a) To agree the appointment of Cathy Blair to Health and Wellbeing Board for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed.
- b) To agree the appointment of Emma Whitby as the Healthwatch representative on Health and Wellbeing Board for one year or until a successor is appointed.

c) **Substitutes:**

To agree that the following representatives be appointed as named substitutes to the relevant member of Health and Wellbeing Board for a period of one year or until a successor is appointed:

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Emma Whitby of Healthwatch	Olav Ernstzen of Healthwatch
Julie Billett, Director of Public Health Camden and Islington	Jonathan O'Sullivan, Islington Assistant Director of Public Health
Sean McLaughlin, Corporate Director Housing and Adult Social Services	Simon Galczynski, Service Director Adult Social Care
Cathy Blair, Director of Targeted and Specialist Children's Services	Mark Taylor, Director of Learning and Schools

4. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a) That Councillor Ismail is standing down from Planning Committee with immediate effect and that Council will appoint a replacement.

Recommendation:

- a) To agree that Councillor Ismail stands down from Planning Committee with immediate effect and that Council will appoint a replacement.

APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER POSITIONS

5. MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPION

That Councillor Gantly be appointed as the Council's Mental Health Champion.

Recommendation:

To agree the appointment of Cllr Gantly as the Council's Mental Health Champion for one year, or until a successor is appointed.

6. SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CHAMPION

That Councillor Hamitouche be appointed as the Council's Social Enterprise Champion.

Recommendation:

To agree the appointment of Cllr Hamitouche as the Council's Social Enterprise Champion for one year, or until a successor is appointed.

OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS

7. CITY OF LONDON ACADEMY ISLINGTON

That Councillor Joe Caluori be appointed as the Local Authority School Governor to City of London Academy Islington in place of Felix Hebblethwaite, for a period of four years or until a successor is appointed.

Recommendation:

To agree the appointment of Councillor Joe Caluori as the Local Authority School Governor to City of London Academy Islington, for a period of four years or until a successor is appointed.

AMENDMENT TO PAY POLICY STATEMENT

8. Audit Committee agreed at its meeting on 6 October 2015 to increase the additional payment under the council's voluntary redundancy scheme to £5,000 on a pilot basis for the 2015/16 scheme.

Recommendation:

To agree that the council's Pay Policy Statement is amended to reflect that the additional payment under the voluntary redundancy scheme has been increased to £5,000 for the 2015/16 scheme.

COUNCILLOR ALICE PERRY
Chief Whip

Amendment

Moved by Cllr Claudia Webbe

3. Motion: Islington ~~commits to~~ welcomes the National Park City Initiative

This Council notes that the Labour London Mayoral candidate Sadiq Khan has recently declared his support for the proposal to make Greater London a National Park City and that the London Assembly has passed a motion approving the plans to turn London into a National Park City.

Further, the National Park City initiative is seeking the support of ward councillors across London.

This Council celebrates the huge natural diversity in Islington, a borough in a city that more than 8 million people share with over 13000 other species. We believe that people in Islington share our commitment to nurturing and enhancing our natural wonders, from our allotments, to the gardens at King Henry's Walk to the Ecology Centre in Gillespie Park and many more precious and valued green spaces besides.

This Council therefore welcomes the Greater London National Park City Initiative, which aims to "inspire us to create a more liveable, fair and healthy London". The proposed organisation would bring together public, private and third sector organisations and seeks to enhance our natural and cultural heritage, encourage a better understanding and enjoyment of the city, foster wellbeing and inspire others to share these purposes.

This Council notes that, despite the ambitious proposals for the Park, it would be unlike other UK National Parks, and would not control development or prepare planning policies. These powers would remain with the Greater London Authority, the 32 London boroughs and the City of London Corporation.

This Council further notes that the estimated annual cost of the National Park City would be £2 million rising to £4 million per year.

This Council resolves thatto -

~~The Council explore how the plans to make London a National Park City can fit in with the administration's regeneration plans for the borough.~~

~~All Islington Councillors be encouraged to sign to declare their wards support for the scheme at <http://www.nationalparkcity.london/ward-support> website.~~

~~The Council show~~

- ~~• Call on Cllr Claudia Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport, and Cllr James Murray, Executive Member for Housing and Development to investigate the proposals further, paying specific attention to how the proposals would impact on the council's development plans and to~~

ensure that there would be no financial burden placed on the council by this proposal.

Show support for the organisation as it develops its vision, in particular by setting out how Islington Council and Islington residents can contribute towards its aims.

Amendment

To be moved by Cllr Richard Watts -

4. Motion: PREVENT Strategy

This council notes ~~On 26~~that on 26th November 2014, the Home Secretary ~~Theresa May~~ introduced the Counter Terrorism and Security Bill (CTSB) to Parliament highlighting some revised and new counter-terrorism powers that would be placed on a statutory basis.

~~Prevent and it's associated measures that curb free speech are increasingly generating a wave of opposition from academic & student bodies as well as many members of the Muslim community.~~

More people who lived and worked in Islington died in the 7/7 attacks than any other borough, and the Council's most important responsibility is to keep our residents safe. We are fully committed to tackling violent extremism.

The Council utterly condemns those who engage in hate speech and the grooming of people into violent extremist activity and notes there are already a range of laws in place to tackle this.

This Council also notes -

Since the rollout of Prevent, local schools and even early years childcare providers now face statutory counter terrorism duties as they are required to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism".

In the face of these duties, schools s now have a requirement to promote "British Values" ~~from as early as birth~~.

Further more, schools are required to risk assess the likelihood of a child or young person being drawn into extremism, as well as having clear procedures in place for protecting children and young people at risk of radicalisation.

This Council ~~resolves~~believes –

That over the longer term, we best reduce the risk of violent extremism by promoting community cohesion, active citizenship and integration.

That the council's approach to Prevent should be guided by two principles –

1. Safeguarding is essential and we see preventing radicalisation as an important integral strand of our safeguarding practice.
2. Prevent can only be successful if it enjoys the support of local communities, and does not stigmatise or lead to entire communities feeling under suspicion.

This Council resolves -

To work with local schools, school governors and local faith groups to ensure that the implementation of Prevent is effective, sensitive and constructive. Working

To work with local groups to ensure extremism is challenged collaboratively rather than driven underground or over exaggerated.

To praise the many local community and faith groups who work across our borough to improve community cohesion and prevent violent extremism.

To work with local Trade Unions, universities and faith groups to make representations to government and local MPs ~~in opposition to~~ request the ~~worst excesses~~ Government to change the elements of the ~~government's~~ anti-terror ~~programs~~ programme that damage community cohesion and are therefore counter-productive.

URGENT MOTION – RIGHT TO BUY EXTENSION TO HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

To be moved by: Councillor O'Sullivan

To be seconded by: Councillor O'Halloran

On 7th October 2015, the Prime Minister spoke at the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester and made a series of announcements concerning housing. In his speech the Prime Minister confirmed that the Government would accept the National Housing Federation's 'voluntary' offer to extend the Right to Buy to Housing Associations.

This council notes that all the major Housing Associations operating in Islington have signed-up to the extension, and that thousands of homes could be sold through this scheme.

This council further notes that other Government policies on housing, including the forced sell-off of council owned homes in part to compensate housing associations for the Right to Buy discounts, will have disastrous effects for Islington.

This council resolves to:

Supports the Executive Member for Housing and Development in urging major housing associations operating in the borough to ring-fence any receipts from Right to Buy sales in Islington and invest them in like-for-like replacement homes for social rent within the borough.

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