



COUNCIL MEETING - 27 JUNE 2019

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 **27 June 2019 at 7.30 pm.**

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- (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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Where a motion concerns an executive function, nothing passed can be actioned until approved by the Executive or an officer with the relevant delegated power.

Motion 1 - Tackling the environment and climate emergency by achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030

Motion 2 – Protecting Local Welfare Assistance

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London Borough of Islington

Awards Council - 14 March 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Awards Council held at Islington Assembly Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 14 March 2019 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Burgess, Chapman, Chowdhury, Clarke, Convery, Cutler, Debono, Gallagher, Graham, Hull, Ismail, Khondoker, Klute, Poole, Gantly, Gill, Heather, Jeapes, Kay, Lukes, Nathan, O'Halloran, Picknell, Poyser, Shaikh, Turan, Ward, Watts and Williamson.

The Mayor (Cllr Dave Poyser) in the Chair

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Caluori, Champion, Comer-Schwartz, Hamitouche, Khurana, Russell, Smith, Spall, Wayne, Webbe and Woodbyrne.

2 THE BEN KINSELLA AWARD 2019 (Item 2)

Following an introduction by Debbie Kinsella, Sasa Onyango spoke in support of her nomination of Shauna Maragh.

The Mayor, Debbie and George Kinsella, and Ramzy Alwakeel, Editor of the Islington Gazette, presented the Ben Kinsella Award to Shauna Maragh.

3 CIVIC AWARDS 2019 (Item 3)

Following speeches by the nominators, the Mayor and Ramzy Alwakeel presented Civic Awards to Sadia Ali, Irene Francis, Jane Garfield, Steve Griffith, Mick Havens, Jessica Plummer and Dot Gibson.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

CHAIR

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LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - 16 MAY 2019

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the Annual Council held at Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 16 May 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

The Mayor (Councillor Dave Poyser) in the Chair

12 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Caluori, Clarke-Perry, Picknell, Khurana, Khondoker, Woodbyrne and Woolf.

(b) Order of business

The Mayor advised that the order of business would be as per the agenda.

(c) Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor said that he was pleased to be able to publicise Mental Health Awareness Week and attend events which challenged the stigma around mental health issues. The Mayor expressed his shock and sadness at the news of a suicide at Archway Bridge earlier the same week and reiterated the council's support for the anti-suicide measures due to be installed on the bridge. The Mayor said that the council's thoughts were with the family and loved ones of the deceased.

The Mayor had attended a successful tri-borough civic event celebrating 150 years of Finsbury Park with the Mayor of Haringey and the Speaker of Hackney. The Mayor highlighted the importance of inter-borough co-operation and thanked Talal Karim of the Finsbury Park Trust for his work in organising the event.

The Mayor thanked everyone involved in the Grayson Perry event at Union Chapel which had raised £16,000 for the mayor's charities.

(d) Vote of thanks to Lesley Seary

The Council passed a vote of thanks to Lesley Seary, former Chief Executive of Islington Council. The Mayor and the Leader of the Council paid tribute to Lesley for her service to the council and her commitment to making the borough a fairer place.

13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 28 FEBRUARY 2019

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 February 2019 be agreed as a correct record and the Mayor be authorised to sign them.

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

The Youth Councillors were welcomed to the meeting and badges of office were presented to Young Mayor Lydia Banjo and Young Deputy Mayor Arkan Ali Akiil.

15 VOTE OF THANKS AND PRESENTATION OF COMMEMORATIVE BADGES TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Councillor Chapman moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Poyser. Councillor Chapman said that Councillor Poyser would be remembered for the way in which he enthusiastically participated in community events and engaged positively with local residents. The vote of thanks was seconded by Councillor O'Halloran, who commented that Councillor Poyser should be proud of a fantastic year as Mayor. Councillor Watts also contributed to the debate, thanking Councillor Poyser for his dedication to the role. It was noted that approximately £30,000 had been raised for the mayor's charities, CARIS Cold Weather Night Shelter and Freightliners City Farm, during the year.

Councillor Poyser thanked his fellow councillors, the Mayoress Emma Barker and everyone who had supported him during his year as Mayor. Councillor Poyser said that the mayoralty was a much loved institution and highlighted the importance of engagement with the local community. Councillor Poyser also thanked the people of Islington and said that it was an honour to serve as Mayor.

Councillor Watts presented commemorate badges to Councillor Poyser and Emma Barker.

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

Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Webbe, moved that Councillor Ismail be elected as Mayor for the ensuing municipal year. Councillor Watts also spoke in favour of the nomination.

RESOLVED:

There being no other nominations, the Mayor declared that Councillor Ismail be elected as Mayor of the London Borough of Islington for 2019/20.

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

The Mayor (Councillor Rakhia Ismail) in the Chair

17 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE MAYOR

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

Yassin Hersi was appointed as the Mayor's Consort.

The Mayor announced that her charities would be Centre 404 and the Nafsiyat Intercultural Therapy Centre.

18 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor appointed Councillor Troy Gallagher to the role of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Marian Spall was appointed as the Deputy Mayor's Consort.

19 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AND THE EXECUTIVE

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

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

Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families: Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz

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

Executive Member for Community Development: Cllr Una O'Halloran

Executive Member for Inclusive Economy and Jobs: Cllr Asima Shaikh

Executive Member for Housing and Development: Cllr Diarmaid Ward

Executive Member for Environment and Transport: Cllr Claudia Webbe

20 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POLITICAL POSITIONS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR 2019/20

Councillor Gill, seconded by Councillor Hamitouche, moved the recommendations in the report. The recommendations were put to the vote and CARRIED.

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 Nurullah Turan & 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 2019/20

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the following appointments be made the Policy and Performance Committee for 2019/20 or until successors are appointed be agreed:

POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (16 Councillors)

Councillor Rowena Champion (Chair)	Councillor Sara Hyde
Councillor Troy Gallagher (Vice Chair)	Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford	Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Sheila Chapman	Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Jilani Chowdhury	Councillor Mick O'Sullivan
Councillor Vivien Cutler	Councillor Dave Poyser
Councillor Osh Gantly	Councillor Caroline Russell
Councillor Gary Heather	Councillor Nick Wayne

Substitutes:

Councillor Mouna Hamitouche	Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Roulin Khondoker	Councillor Nurullah Turan

- 2) That the following appointments be made to the remaining committees for 2019/20 or until successors are appointed be agreed:

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Vivien Cutler (Chair)	Councillor Phil Graham
Councillor John Woolf (Vice Chair)	Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford	Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo
Councillor Alice Clarke-Perry	Councillor Flora Williamson

Co-opted Member for Education related issues:

Roman Catholic Diocese – Mary Clement

Substitutes:

Councillor Satnam Gill	Councillor Roulin Khondoker
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche	Councillor Nurullah Turan
Councillor Sara Hyde	Councillor Nick Wayne

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (9 Councillors)

Councillor Dave Poyser (Chair)	Councillor Mouna Hamitouche
Councillor Roulin Khondoker (Vice Chair)	Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Rowena Champion	Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Tricia Clarke	Councillor Caroline Russell
Councillor Paul Convery	

Substitutes:

Councillor Satnam Gill	Councillor Nurullah Turan
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HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Osh Gantly (Chair)	Councillor Tricia Clarke
Councillor Nurullah Turan (Vice Chair)	Councillor Sara Hyde
Councillor Joe Caluori	Councillor Roulin Khondoker
Councillor Jilani Chowdhury	Councillor Martin Klute

Substitutes:

Councillor Mouna Hamitouche	Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Satnam Gill	

The co-opted member from Healthwatch Islington is to be confirmed.

HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Mick O’Sullivan (Chair)	Councillor Mouna Hamitouche
Councillor Sue Lukes (Vice Chair)	Councillor Gary Heather
Councillor Theresa Debono	Councillor Ben Mackmurdie
Councillor Troy Gallagher	Councillor Marian Spall

Substitutes:

Councillor Vivien Cutler	Councillor Jenny Kay
Councillor Osh Gantly	Councillor Roulin Khondoker
Councillor Satnam Gill	Councillor Nurullah Turan
Councillor Sara Hyde	

Resident Observers:

Rose-Marie McDonald
Dean Donaghey

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

Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair)	Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Sue Lukes (Vice Chair)	Councillor Anjna Khurana

Substitutes:

Councillor Vivien Cutler	Councillor Sara Hyde
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche	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 representatives of NHS England and Islington GP Federation.

Councillors:

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)
Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz

Officers:

Julie Billett – Joint Director of Public Health for Camden and Islington
Carmel Littleton – Corporate Director of People
Katharine Willmette – Service Director – Adult Social Care

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
Imogen Bloor – 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)

Voluntary Sector Representative:

Katy Porter, Manor Gardens Welfare Trust (non-voting)

Islington GP Federation:

Michael Clowes, Chief Executive, Islington GP Federation (non-voting)

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

Councillor Substitutes:

Councillor Una O'Halloran	Councillor Asima Shaikh
Councillor Andy Hull	Councillor Diarmaid Ward
Councillor Claudia Webbe	

Officer Substitutes:

For Julie Billett – Charlotte Ashton, Islington Deputy Director of Public Health
For Katharine Willmette – 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 Paul Convery
Councillor Jenny Kay (Vice Chair)	Councillor Phil Graham
Councillor Angela Picknell (Vice Chair)	Councillor Dave Poyser
Councillor Ben Mackmurdie	Councillor Marian Spall
Councillor Tricia Clarke	Councillor John Woolf

Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury	Councillor Nurullah Turan
Councillor Satnam Gill	Councillor Nick Wayne
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche	Councillor Claudia Webbe

LICENSING COMMITTEE (15 Councillors)

Councillor Phil Graham (Chair)	Councillor Ben Mackmurdie
Councillor Nick Wayne (Vice Chair)	Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Joe Caluori	Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo
Councillor Sheila Chapman	Councillor Gary Poole
Councillor Alice Clarke-Perry	Councillor Marian Spall
Councillor Paul Convery	Councillor Kadeema Woodbyrne
Councillor Vivien Cutler	Councillor John Woolf
Councillor Satnam Gill	

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE (4 Councillors)

Councillor Nurullah Turan (Chair)	Councillor Kat Fletcher
Councillor Marian Spall (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo

Substitutes:

Councillor Alice Clarke-Perry	Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Theresa Debono	Councillor Mouna Hamitouche

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4 Councillors and 4 Independent Persons)

Councillor Satnam Gill (Chair)
Councillor Theresa Debono

Councillor Mouna Hamitouche
Councillor Nurullah Turan

Substitutes:

Councillor Jenny Kay

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

Louise Richards
Ali Bird JP

James Woolf
Rosalind Stevens

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor Satnam Gill (Chair)
Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Joe Caluori

Councillor Rakhia Ismail
Councillor Marian Spall

GRIEVANCE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Councillor Nurullah Turan (Chair)
Councillor Sue Lukes
Councillor Angela Picknell

Councillor Gary Poole
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair)
Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Andy Hull

Councillor Jenny Kay
Councillor Una O'Halloran

Substitute:

Councillor Troy Gallagher

DISCIPLINARY APPEAL COMMITTEE

Councillor Mouna Hamitouche (Chair)
Councillor Vivien Cutler
Councillor Phil Graham

Councillor Dave Poyser
Councillor Claudia Webbe

Substitute:

Councillor Sara Hyde

FOSTERING PANEL AND ADOPTION AND PERMANENCE PANEL

Councillor Paul Convery

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz (Chair)
Councillor Paul Convery
Councillor Vivien Cutler

Councillor Sara Hyde
Councillor Flora Williamson

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
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		1 Vacancy
Sikh		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		1 Vacancy
Association of School and College Leaders	Drayton Park Primary School St Lukes / Moreland Primary Schools	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 Kaya Comer-Schwartz Cllr Flora Williamson

JOINT TMO LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor Mick O'Sullivan

OTHER POSITIONS

Carers Champion – Councillor Mouna Hamitouche

Equalities Champions – Councillor Mouna Hamitouche

Arts Champion – Councillor Sheila Chapman

Armed Forces Champion – Councillor Gary Poole

Mental Health Champion – Councillor Nurullah Turan

Reading Champion – Councillor Tricia Clarke

Recycling Champion – Councillor Clare Jeapes

Small Business, Co-ops and Social Enterprise Champion – Councillor Angela Picknell

Women and Girls Champion – Councillor Kadeema Woodbyrne

Private Renters Champion – Councillor Jenny Kay

Migrants Champion – Councillor Sue Lukes

21 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS FOR 2019/20**

Councillor Gill, seconded by Councillor Hamitouche, moved the recommendations in the report. The recommendations were put to the vote and **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the following list of appointments to outside bodies for 2019/20 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 Roulin Khondoker Cllr Phil Graham Cllr 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 Una O'Halloran Cllr Gary Poole
Islington Community Chest Panel	One Year	Cllr Una O'Halloran Cllr Rowena Champion Cllr Anjna Khurana Substitute: Mouna Hamitouche
London Road Safety Council	One Year	Cllr Claudia Webbe Deputy: Roulin Khondoker
Nags Head Town Centre Management Group	One Year	Cllr Gary Heather Cllr Asima Shaikh
Newable	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

- b) To agree 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
Dame Alice Owens Foundation Advisory Committee	Cllr Kaya Comer Schwartz Cllr Richard Watts	Three year	May 2019

22 APPOINTMENT OF PANEL MEMBERS FOR INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEAL PANELS AND REVIEW PANELS

Councillor Gill moved the recommendation in the report. Councillor Hamitouche seconded. The recommendation was put to the vote and **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

That those appointed to serve on Independent Admission Appeal Panels and Review Panels be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

MAYOR



COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JUNE 2019

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

- a Youth Councillor Honey Baker to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

A Times investigation shows there are around 6,500 British schools, with 2.6m pupils, in areas where air pollution levels exceed World Health Organisation limits. The total includes 3,900 nursery and primaries. The numbers involve fine particles, known as PM2.5, which are the most dangerous form of air pollution. Every school in London is over the limit.

What is Islington Council doing to improve air quality to minimise damage to young people's health in the borough?

- b Youth Councillor Lydia Banjo to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families:

A Government review led by former children's minister Edward Timpson is to recommend that schools must be held accountable for the results of excluded children, with head teachers responsible for pupils even after they have been expelled. The review is also expected to say there is a correlation, but not causation between exclusions and gang violence.

What can Council Leaders do encourage Heads to reduce exclusions and provide more support to young people who may have issues leading to challenging behaviour

- c Youth Councillor Arkan Aqil to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

As you know young people have a real interest in climate change and many of us took part in the recent protests. Islington currently recycles just under 30% of household waste, whilst we are pleased that this is the 5th highest of the 13 inner London Boroughs. We are also pleased with the new recycling bins on the streets.

What more can be done to increase recycling and get businesses and residents to reduce waste in the borough?

- d Youth Councillor Crystal Thoms to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families:

We successfully collaborated with the Islington Safer Neighbourhood Board, Ben Kinsella Trust and Targeted Youth Support to organise and deliver YouthFest. Over 200 young people attended the event at Lift Youth Hub. It gave us a chance to engage with our peers on a Friday night and share some of the positive opportunities available for young people in the borough.

What collaborations and partnerships is the Council actively forging to reduce knife crime and youth violence in the borough?



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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- a Gulus Egilmez to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

Why are there no traffic signals at two crossings on Holloway Road (Palmer Place N7 and Drayton Park) for pedestrians? Pedestrians attempt to cross the road safely when they perceive a safe gap in traffic but also quickly (not everyone can cross at the same speed). This presents a high risk of accidents. It also seems the council is giving higher priority to cars over pedestrians.

- b Tanya Vyshniakova to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

Dog owners in Islington ignore all warnings and don't clean up after dogs. The reason for this is that the Council fail to prosecute and fine in practice.

When I walk out of my door and I am getting surrounded with dog mess. I saw a little girl with her mum. The mum was pushing a buggy and the girl was playing around as all children do, one moment and this girl ran behind the tree, picked up dog mess and played with it like it's clay. Her mum called her pretty quickly. Is this what we want our children to play with?

What is your view on this issue and how do you prosecute dog owners in practice? How many cases have you investigated and how many penalties have been paid around Islington in the last month?

- c Sebastian Sandys to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council

Extinction Rebellion Islington are proud to live in a Borough with the country's first female Somali Mayor. We are proud too of the several hundred people who signed the petition demanding a Citizens Assembly. Would the Leader of the Council tell me when he will be in a position to meet that demand?

- d Jackie Noone to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development:

From the annual public health report released by the Town Hall earlier this year it highlighted the challenges that Islington had with a rising population and ageing demographic. It showed a predicted 60% increase in the predicted number of adults over the age of 65 in the borough in the next 15 years. I'd like to understand how the Council propose to support this when Community assets are being lost through "consolidation" or closure such as Sotheby Mews Day Centre and the increasing reliance on the voluntary sector?

- e John Dear to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development:

Despite the windfall of 1000 dwellings at HMP Holloway of which 600 will be deemed affordable or for social rent and Islington Council exceeding its GLA targets for new housing why has the Council not considered a compromise with mixed use at Sotheby Mews Day Centre as the site currently, from Planning, will only accommodate 10 dwellings?

- f Christopher Procter to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development

In light of the new evidence from the IPCC that we have only 12 years to save ourselves from runaway climate change does the council plan a new Local WWII style 12-year EMERGENCY Supplement to the revised Local Plan?

- g Helena Farstad to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

Islington Council's Climate emergency declaration and commitment to become net zero carbon by 2030 is demonstrating that you are taking the Climate Emergency seriously and are a truly progressive Council.

How will the Councillor look to communicate (channels e.g. social media/ printed press, advertising, collaboration with local groups & partnerships and frequency e.g. daily social media, weekly press, continuous marketing & advertising campaigns etc.) this important message to its residents, and the many future changes that will be required as part of meeting the target, recognising that behaviour changes and involvement of Islington's residents and businesses is required to be successful in its quest?

- h Kate Pothalingam to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health & Social Care:

I would like to submit a question about the works to repair Highbury Pool which was so badly damaged in a fire on 25th September 2018. This much loved and well-used community resource has been out of action for months and no information on the timetable for repairs is being provided to users - including the many Islington school children who now have to travel across the borough to alternative pools for their swimming lessons. It is also worrying to observe that the holes in the roof of the female changing rooms and over the main pool are not covered, but remain exposed to the elements, perhaps allowing further damage (e.g. from recent heavy rains). It would be helpful if the Council and management of the Leisure Centre could provide regular updates and take steps to keep residents better informed - particularly since we no longer have useful Ward Partnership meetings in Highbury East. Is it correct that an inspection of the roof steels only happened in mid-May, some 8 months after the fire, and that there is still no start date for the repair project?

- i Lucy Facer to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

Islington Council has only committed to installing 100 electric car charging points per year over the next four years. Do the council think this will make any impact on improving air quality or could they implement a much faster rate of installation like other London boroughs to facilitate a much more significant number of EV cars in the borough, and discourage petrol and diesel ownership by implementing higher parking tariffs?

- j Sophie Talbot to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development:

How many disabled people live in secure housing managed by the council?

- k Mx. A Doodle to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council:

Does the council provide documents in appropriate alternative formats for people with a range of reading impairments?

- l Rachael Swynnerton to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

Air pollution from transport is of huge concern in particular to people living in inner city borough's like Islington. About 15% of Islington overall CO2 emissions stems from traffic and the annual legal mean limit of 40µg/m³ NO₂ exposure is not upheld. Please note that the World Health Organisation guideline is for no human exposure to NO₂ over 200 micrograms per cubic metre (ug/m³) measured over one hour. The EU legal limit for exposure to NO₂, also in UK law, is 18 hours in a calendar year. According to Clean Air in London (<https://cleanair.london/legal/breathtaking-breach-of-no2-annual-legal-limit-in-eight-days/>), London is exceeding the legal limit of NO₂ exposure within the first month of the year.

Recognising that reducing air pollution is not exclusively within the Local Authority's control, it is however understood that local initiatives can have material positive impact. e.g stopping rat-runs through residential streets by introducing Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, regular borough-wide road closures, significantly increasing parking charges for all fossil fuel vehicles, reducing the number of parking spaces available, stopping endorsement of residential car use by the Islington roaming policy, actively and seriously targeting idling, banning wood burners, introducing outdoor air filtration systems at most polluted roads (eg red routes), setting up green screens and overall greenery etc. Informing and educating the residents is also seen as effective as many still do not know the impact air pollution has on their health.

Can the Councillor identify what measures need to be taken, to reduce air pollution across the borough below EU legal limits before 2025?

- m Justin Portess to Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment & Transport:

Islington Clean Air Parents is a fast growing network of parents and carers concerned about the effects of air pollution on the health of their children. We welcome Islington's initiative to implement the first 10 school streets, but parents all over Islington want to see school streets outside their children's school and don't want to wait until 2025.

Please can councillors respond to parents' concerns across the Borough and consider how to install School Streets outside all schools by the end of the next academic year?

- o Ernestas Jegorovas to Councillor Hull, Executive Member for Finance, Performance & Community Safety:

How important is it that every citizen is enfranchised to take part in the democratic process does so without barriers? What percentage of European citizens in Islington were denied their vote in 2019 European Elections?



COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JUNE 2019

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- a Councillor Clarke to Councillor O'Halloran, Executive Member for Community Development:

Congratulations to Cllr O'Halloran on becoming the Executive Member for Community Development. Islington has a proud record of supporting the voluntary sector with its grants programme when other boroughs have gone down the route of commissioning. Islington has also managed to sustain its many community centres throughout this period of massive government cuts to its budget.

The Voluntary sector and our community centres are both important assets in our community, can Cllr O'Halloran confirm that we as a council will continue our commitment to fund the Voluntary sector and our support of community centres?

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

It is of great concern to me that since the year 2000, Land Registry data, as reported by the Islington Gazette, shows that 3,136 council houses bought under Right to Buy in Islington by former tenants have been re-sold at a collective profit of £861million. Tenants who purchased publicly funded and owned council homes made an average profit of £153,260 each. Forty-nine properties were bought from the local authority for less than £20,000 and later re-sold for a combined total of £11.7m.

This may be within the law, but it is wrong and immoral when we have over 14,000 households in Islington on the council's housing waiting list and the council has lost 70% of its funding from central government since 2010. And that is why the law on right to buy needs changing. To his credit, Cllr Diarmaid Ward, Islington Council's executive member for housing and development, is on the record as opposing the current right to buy laws as they "have hampered our council's ambitions to deliver council homes and genuinely affordable homes in the borough.

Given the critical nature of this issue for the council and its residents, can I ask if we can step-up our campaign to reform the wrongs of the right to buy laws?

- c Councillor Poyser to Councillor Hull, Executive Member for Finance, Performance & Community Safety:

Would councillor Hull like to support me in congratulating Islington Council, Haringey Council and TfL for co-operating in the construction of anti-suicide measures on Hornsey Lane Bridge this month?

- d Councillor Turan to Councillor Burgess, Executive Member for Health & Social Care:

I am very honoured to be the Mental Health Champion for our beautiful Islington and would like the opportunity to thank Cllr Janet Burgess for her hard work in helping to make Islington a fairer place.

According to the recent Islington CCG report, Islington has a higher prevalence of Serious Mental Illness (SMI) which is 1.5% compared to London (1.1%) and England (0.9%). Islington also has higher rates of hospital admission for mental ill health. It is anticipated that levels of mental ill-health might increase over the coming years due to a challenging economic environment, which I believe are significantly due to the politics of austerity by the government. What is Islington council doing to improve the determinants of mental health?

- e Councillor Russell to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development:

Two years after the Grenfell Tower fire, are you confident that the council has resolved all outstanding issues of fire safety in council homes in the borough?

- f Councillor Russell to Councillor Una O'Halloran, Executive Member for Community Development:

Does this council recognise non binary identities in all its work?

- g Councillor Mackmurdie to Councillor Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development:

How is insourcing of all possible housing services progressing? What options are being pursued to speed this up?



Report of: Leader of the Council

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SUBJECT: Islington Armed Forces Community Covenant – Annual Update

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Islington Council is committed to recognising and celebrating the valuable contribution made by the Armed Forces, and to supporting veterans and their families in times of need. In June 2013, the Council signed the Islington Armed Forces Community Covenant, and agreed a package of measures to demonstrate how the spirit of the covenant would be delivered in practice. This report summarises activity over the past year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note activity over the past year to celebrate and support Armed Forces personnel, veterans, and their families.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is a national agreement which sets out the relationship between the nation, the state and the Armed Forces. It recognises that the whole nation has a moral obligation to members of the Armed Forces and their families and establishes how they should expect to be treated. It applies to both current and ex-Forces personnel and their families, with a view to redressing the disadvantages that the Armed Forces community faces in comparison to other citizens, and recognising the sacrifices they have made.
- 3.2 In addition to the national Covenant, the government has encouraged local authorities, their partners, and military organisations to sign their own Armed Forces Community Covenants, setting out how they will work together to celebrate and support the Armed Forces community within their areas.

- 3.3 Islington Council and its partners signed the Islington Armed Forces Community Covenant in June 2013, and the council backed this up by committing to a package of measures to celebrate and support Forces personnel in the borough. Details are set out at Appendix A and on our website at <https://www.islington.gov.uk/advice/armed-forces-support>.
- 3.4 The government has also established the Covenant Fund, with £10 million a year available for projects across the country which support the ambitions of the Armed Forces Covenants.

4. The Armed Forces population in Islington

- 4.1 One of the challenges we face in identifying and targeting support is the limited information we have on Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families. It is really difficult to get a sense of numbers of Islington residents who are ex-Forces, because this is not generally included as a distinct category in national or local services data collection.
- 4.2 This lack of information is being challenged by the Royal British Legion who point out that, despite an estimated 1 in 10 of the UK population being members of the Armed Forces community, there is very limited information about where they are or what their needs might be. To address this problem, they launched the 'Count Them In' campaign in 2017, calling on the Government to add new questions to the 2021 census so that we can improve our understanding of the Armed Forces community and ensure that politicians, charities and service providers fully meet the needs of serving personnel, veterans and their families. Islington Council has pledged its support to this campaign.
- 4.3 In December 2018, the Cabinet Office confirmed the Government's intention to recommend to Parliament the inclusion of a question on the Armed Forces Community in the next census in England and Wales.

Military presence

- 4.4 Islington is home to the Honourable Artillery Company, one of the oldest military organisations in the world. The HAC, which is based in the south of the borough, is a registered charity whose purpose is to support the defence of the realm. It supports the HAC Regiment, which is the oldest regiment in the British Army and now a renowned regiment within the Territorial Army. It also supports a detachment of the City of London Special Constabulary, plus a number of other charitable activities. The Company consists of 2,500 members, around 400 of whom are actively serving with the HAC regiment or the detachment of Special Constabulary. The remainder are veterans of the HAC Regiment or other military or police services.

Resident population

- 4.5 There is very little information on numbers of Armed Forces personnel or veterans at local authority level. The 2011 Census identified 75 Islington residents who were, at that time, employed in the Armed Forces. However, the Census did not record details of veterans.
- 4.6 Islington's allocation of the Pupil Premium includes an element based on pupils from Forces families. According to the allocation for 2018-19, there are currently less than 5 pupils across Islington's schools who are from Forces families.

Street population

- 4.7 The Greater London Authority (GLA) publishes data on rough sleeping across London. Information is derived from the Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN), a multi-agency database, managed by St Mungos, which captures data on people seen rough sleeping in each borough by outreach teams. People are categorised as rough sleeping if they have been encountered by an outreach worker bedded down on the street or in an open space 'not designed for habitation'. The reports do not include 'hidden homeless', for instance those who are 'sofa surfing'.
- 4.8 The data indicates that the overall number of rough sleepers in Islington has been increasing – from 53 in Quarter 1 2018/19 to 106 by the end of Quarter 4 (NB: these figures only reflect those seen by outreach teams - the actual number of rough sleepers is likely to be much higher). Of those seen rough sleeping, the number who have been in the Armed Forces remains very low. In Quarter 1 there were 3 rough sleepers in Islington with military experience. By Quarter 4 this had decreased to just one person.

Prison population

- 4.9 Since January 2015, the Ministry of Justice has been collecting 'experimental statistics' on inmates with Armed Forces experience. As part of the Basic Custody Screening (BCS) interview, individuals entering custody are asked whether they had previously served in the armed services. As of June 2018, 4% of inmates (who responded to this question) indicated that they were ex-Forces. Data is not publicly available for individual prisons so we are unable to access statistics for HMP Pentonville.

5. Islington Armed Forces Covenant – summary of commitments

- 5.1 The commitments set out by the Council to honour the Islington Armed Forces Community Covenant focus upon:
- Recognition, celebration and remembrance: championing the Armed Forces, formally marking important events and celebrating achievements and sacrifices
 - Grants for local projects and organisations
 - Support for veterans and their families: financial support, access to council housing, employment and skills support, and help with health and social care needs
- 5.2 An update on activity in each of these areas is set out below.

6. Recognition, celebration and remembrance

Championing the Armed Forces

- 6.1 Each year, the Council nominates an elected councillor as its Armed Forces Champion. The current champion is Cllr Gary Poole. His role includes attending meetings of the Youth Organisations in Uniform (YOU) forum and celebration and commemorative events, and championing and supporting Armed Forces and veterans in Islington.

Marking and commemorating key events

- 6.2 The past year has seen a number of significant anniversaries related to the Armed Forces, over and above the annual commemorations. The Council has played an active role in both planning and attending these important occasions to recognise the achievements and sacrifices of our Armed Forces.
- 6.3 Key events attended by the Mayor, Leader, Armed Forces Champion or other Members and officers included:
- 1 September 2018: Reserve Forces and Cadet Association's WW1 Commemorations at the Royal Chelsea Hospital
 - 18 October 2018: WW1 Exhibition Launch at the Islington Museum (further details below)
 - 6 November 2018: Unveiling of Tommy statue at Islington Green, as part of the nationwide 'There But Not There' campaign. The statue provides a memorial to the 10,000 Islington men and boys who gave their lives in WWI
 - 8 November 2018: Wreath Laying Ceremony at Islington Cemetery War and Civilian Memorials with Islington Veterans' Association as part of Remembrance events
 - 11 November 2018: Remembrance Sunday / Armistice Day was marked by the annual parade and service at Islington Green, followed by further events at Spa Green War Memorial and Manor Gardens WWI Memorial. The day culminated in a Beacon Lighting event at Dartmouth Park to mark the 100th anniversary as part of a nationwide tribute to those who lost their lives in the First World War
 - 25 April 2019 – Anzac Day: parade and service at Islington Green to commemorate ANZAC Day with the Islington Veterans Association (IVA)
 - 6 June 2019: D-Day Commemorations at Islington Green with the IVA
- 6.4 Coming up in June 2019 is Armed Forces Week. On 24 June there will be the annual Armed Forces Flag Raising ceremony at the Town Hall, followed by further events on Armed Forces Day – 29 June 2019. The Mayor, Leader and other councillors will join representatives from local service units, veterans, St John's Ambulance, and scouts and guides groups in annual Armed Forces Day Parade, including a picnic and service at Islington Green with the IVA.
- 6.5 Our Greenspace Team have provided vital behind the scenes support in planning and delivering each of these events – including the logistics for the day, carrying out health and safety checks, and ensuring all sites were clean, tidy and safe. Our Heritage Service has also played a key role in developing and running these and other events – these are set out in more detail below.
- 6.6 In addition to the key commemoration events above, the Mayor has continued to support local military related organisations. Visits included:
- 24 September 2018: St John Ambulance Cadet to present awards, with a further visit on 30 April 2019
 - 17 November 2018: Islington Veterans' Association Monthly Breakfast
 - 14 May 2019: Honorary Artillery Company (HAC) Open Day

Exhibitions and memorials

- 6.7 During October 2018 to January 2019, the Heritage Service organised a WWI commemorative exhibition at Islington Museum. The exhibition - *Raid, Rations and Rifles: Islington during the First World War* – focused on Islington on the home front and fighting front during the Great War. This was well received by visitors and featured many objects and papers loaned to us by Islington residents. The programme included activities for adults and children, including WWI walks, talks, musical concerts, storytelling and sing-alongs. Museum staff also gave talks outside of the borough about the subject and various WWI projects
- 6.8 In November 2018, Islington libraries displayed panels featuring their library and surrounding area during WWI. Each library - from Archway to Finsbury, Caledonian Road to Newington Green - had a fascinating story to tell about their location.
- 6.9 The service played a key role in planning the commemorative event which took place on Islington Green earlier this month to remember those who fell during the D-Day landings on 6 June 1944. This included a series of tweets, as well as an article for Islington Life magazine.
- 6.10 Also in June, the service is organising a 75th anniversary commemoration service to remember those who died and were injured as a result of the V-1 rocket attack on Highbury Corner 27 June 1944; 28 were killed and 150 injured, many of whom were Islington residents. The event will start in the Mayor's Parlour and concludes at the location on Highbury Corner.
- 6.11 A social media campaign is also planned for June 2019 to remember the 100th anniversary of the official end of the First World, and the signing of the Peace Treaty of Versailles. After the signing, peace street parties took place across the country, including in Islington and Finsbury.
- 6.12 Looking ahead, 8 May 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) day. A major exhibition is being planned to feature Islington on the home front (1939-45), including a full supporting programme of events. It will provide a great opportunity to collect reminiscences from Islington residents, who experienced the war in the borough, as well as collecting material from other sources relating to WWII for future generations.
- 6.13 Over the past year or so, the Heritage Service has overseen the laying of five paving stones on Islington Green to remember Islington residents who were awarded the Victoria Cross. In addition to these, WWI commemorative street plaques have been installed around the borough since August 2014, which continue to be very popular with residents. In 2018, a further 30 plaques were installed in time for the WWI centenary commemorations. The Heritage team will ensure that all plaques are maintained and replaced where necessary.
- 6.14 The Heritage Team is keen to continue to collect material and stories reflecting life in Islington and Finsbury during the world wars, as well as in peace time. Anniversaries are especially effective in highlighting major events in the borough's history and encouraging residents to tell their story.

7. Grants and funding

Local Initiatives Fund

- 7.1 The Local Initiatives Fund is a pot of funding available to Islington Councillors to support events and projects in their wards or across Islington. The bulk of the funding is allocated to local voluntary sector and community groups. These small amounts of money can make a huge difference to local residents.
- 7.2 Each year, the St Mary's Ward councillors allocate a sum of their LIF budget to the Islington Veteran's Association to organise Armed Forces Day, which takes place annually at the end of June. In June 2018, the figure was £960, and a similar sum is expected this year.
- 7.3 In 2018-19 the Canonbury Ward councillors allocated £5,250 of their LIF budget to the Islington Sea Cadets for ongoing work to their building meet health and safety regulations which will enable the building to be reopened and accessible for wider public use (£3,250 was contributed towards installing up to date fire safety measures and the remaining £2,000 funded infrared heaters for the building).

Islington Community Chest

- 7.4 The Council also works in partnership with Cripplegate Foundation to provide small grants through the Islington Community Chest. There have been no applications from organisations linked to the Forces or Youth Organisations in uniform (YOU) during the past year, but the fund has previously supported organisations such as the scouts and the sea cadets.

Armed Forces Community Covenant Grants Scheme

- 7.5 Each year, the Government sets aside £10 million for the Armed Forces Covenant Fund which supports initiatives which contribute towards delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant. This includes a Local Grants Programme which awards grants of up to £20,000 for projects that tackle community integration and delivery of local services.
- 7.6 There have been no applications from Islington organisations or for Islington based projects in recent years. However, in 2018-19, Local Grants were awarded to a number of London wide initiatives including:
- The Fighting Chance for Veterans - an employability programme to get Veterans back on the path to work by using boxing training to engage and motivate, and individualised employment support
 - The Soldiers' Arts Academy - staging a play with injured veterans to help them recover, retrain and return to work
 - Civil Engagement HQ London District - a project to create an accessible and enduring online resource in commemoration of the 85 VCs awarded to residents of the London Boroughs during the First World War. The project will map the locations of the commemorative paving stones (including paving stones in Islington) and provide further information of those honoured and the circumstances of their valour.

- 7.7 The grants programme for 2019-20 grants is now open. The application process is open to:
- Registered charities
 - Local authorities
 - Schools or other statutory organisations
 - Community Interest Companies
 - Armed Forces units
- 7.8 From April 2018, administration of the Covenant Fund passed to the Covenant Fund Trust. Details about the Covenant Fund and how to apply for the Local Grants Programme can be found on the Covenant Trust's website at <https://www.covenantfund.org.uk/>.

8. Supporting veterans and their families

Financial support

- 8.1 The Council currently administers Housing Benefit to help residents who are out of work or on low incomes to meet housing costs. There are currently eleven Housing Benefit claimants who are in receipt of war pensions (our only way of identifying veterans), though numbers have slowly reduced over the years.
- 8.2 Islington residents in times of need are able to claim crisis support through our Residents Support Scheme, including Discretionary Housing Payments to help meet shortfalls in rent. No veterans or their families have applied for support over the past year.

Support with Housing

- 8.3 Veterans and their families are a priority group in terms of help with housing. There is one known ex- serviceman who has applied to be on the waiting list for a council home – his case is being taken forward by our Housing Needs team.
- 8.4 In addition to this, our Housing Income Team has supported two existing council tenants who were previously in the Armed Forces and who were struggling with rent arrears. The Team provides advice and support to enable tenants to retain their tenancies.

Employment and skills

- 8.5 Armed Forces veterans and their families are a priority group for employment support through the Council's iWork team and the new Islington Working partnership. The service records whether a client has links to the Armed Forces when they are registered. Similarly, veterans are also a priority group for our Adult Learning Service. Neither service has received any requests for support during the past year.

Health and social care needs

- 8.6 Data on whether a client has links to the Armed Forces is not routinely recorded. However, our Adult Social Care service does support some people who were previously in the Armed Forces, although the numbers are extremely low. In a recent case, the council and health partners agreed a package of support to an Army veteran who had complex health and social care needs alongside PTSD linked to his experiences in the Army. We also support some older war

veterans from World War II in care settings (such as domiciliary care, residential or nursing care) although numbers of are dwindling.

- 8.7 Camden and Islington Mental Health Trust refer veterans through two specialist Veterans services, both commissioned by NHS England:
- NHS Veterans' Mental Health Transition, Intervention and Liaison services (TILs)
 - NHS Veterans' Mental Health Complex Treatment Service (CTS)
- 8.8 Feedback from the Trust is that they see very few Islington residents through these specialist services.

9. Conclusion

- 9.1 The commitments set out in our Armed Forces Covenant send an important message that the Council and its partners recognise and celebrate the achievements and sacrifices of our Armed Forces, and are able to offer practical support to veterans and their families in times of need to help them adjust to and resettle into civilian life.
- 9.2 Over the past year, the Council has led, organised and supported a wide range of activities to celebrate and commemorate the Armed Forces in Islington. And although evidence indicates that the number of ex-Forces personnel in Islington is low, with little demand for support, it is nonetheless important that we demonstrate our commitment and gratitude to veterans by maintaining that package of support should they ever need it.

Appendices

- Appendix A: Islington Armed Forces Community Covenant

Signed by:



17 June 2019

Leader of the Council

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Islington Armed Forces Community Covenant: Council's Commitment

On 29 June 2013 – Armed Forces Day – the Council signed up to the Islington Armed Forces Community Covenant. In doing so it recognised and pledged to promote the valuable contribution of and sacrifices made by the Armed Forces and to provide practical support to help serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families living in Islington.

The Council already has in place a range of support services for residents, particularly for families on low incomes, disabled people, those with long term health conditions and vulnerable adults and children. Current and ex-serving personnel living in Islington will have access to the same services and support as other residents. This document sets out the commitments the Council has made, over and above the core offer, to support Armed Forces personnel and their families and recognise the contribution they make. We will honour our pledges in the community covenant through:

Financial support

The income of war widows and war disablement will be disregarded when calculating entitlement to:

- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Support
- Access to financial support through the Resident Support Scheme

Payments to veterans under the War Pension Scheme will be fully disregarded in the financial assessment for social care charging, with the exception of payments of Constant Attendance Allowance, which may be taken into account.

Access to council housing

Our housing allocations policy has been amended to support Armed Forces personnel and their families applying for council housing in the following circumstances:

- Service personnel will not be affected by residency restrictions if they have to live outside Islington as part of their service
- Welfare Category B is an award of 80 points and may be awarded in to bereaved spouses or civil partners of those serving in the regular forces where the bereaved spouse or civil partner has recently ceased, or will cease to be entitled, to reside in Ministry of Defence accommodation following the death of their service spouse or civil partner, and the death was wholly or partly attributable to their service
- Welfare Category C is an award of 40 points and may be awarded to applicants whose welfare needs are comparable to former members of the regular forces
- Medical Category A gives the maximum 150 points and will be awarded to serving members of the regular forces who are suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability which is wholly or partly attributable to their service

Employment and skills support

Ex-forces personnel who are facing challenges in securing employment will be eligible for support through council employment programmes. This could include support in developing new skills and in accessing local vacancies. The discipline, resilience and team spirit of armed forces personnel could be a considerable incentive to employers.

The Council provides employment and skills support to vulnerable groups and / or those facing significant barriers as part of its commitment to tackle poverty and inequality in Islington.

Support for health and social care needs

The Council will provide:

- Mental Health First Aid training to Armed Forces organisations / charities enabling them to recognise mental health issues and refer on to relevant support
- Alcohol awareness training to representatives of Armed Forces organisations / charities
- Support (both financial and practical) with housing adaptations – for those moving to private as well as council housing, and refer those with disabilities / longer term health conditions onto relevant support services

Appointment of an Armed Forces Champion

Each year the Council will formally nominate a councillor to be the Armed Forces Champion, ensuring good relationships with Armed Forces organisations in the borough and promoting engagement activities and support. The current Armed Forces Champion is Cllr Gary Poole.

Formally recognising the contribution of the Armed Forces

- The Armed Forces Flag will be flown on the roof of the Town Hall each year on Armed Forces Day
- A Veteran or Cadet of the Year Award will be launched during Armed Forces Week 2014 to highlight the contribution of individuals
- Freedom of the Borough has been awarded to:
 - The Honorary Artillery Company in 2009
 - Colonel Brian Kay, the former Deputy Lieutenant in 2010

Supporting 'Youth Organisations in Uniform'

Islington has a number of Air Training Corps, Army Cadets and Sea Cadets in the borough and the Islington Academy has just set up a Combined Cadet Force. The Council will support these positive activities for young people through:

- Active involvement of the Mayor in visiting and supporting the activities of the various cadet forces in Islington
- Access to funding for running costs and activities through the Council's two small grants schemes – the Local Initiatives Fund and Islington Community Chest
- Chairing meetings of Youth Organisations in Uniform (YOU) which brings together various organisations - the Cubs, Scouts, Boys Brigade etc. – to identify opportunities for sharing help and resources

Promote the Community Covenants Grants Scheme

The government has established a Covenant Fund, with £10m available per year for projects across the country which support the priorities of local Armed Forces Community Covenants, and which bring together the civilian and Armed Forces communities to promote integration and raise awareness of the contribution and sacrifices made by Forces personnel.

The scheme is administered on a regional basis. Applications can be submitted by any part of the community, including voluntary and community sector organisations / charities, community interest companies (CICs), local authorities and schools. Projects should deliver tangible results and meet the overall aims of the community covenant.

The Council will promote the Covenant Fund through its links with local Youth Organisations in Uniform (YOU), other voluntary and community sector organisations, statutory sector partners, schools and local businesses. The Council will also, through the Armed Forces Champion, convene a local panel to act as the Local Covenant Partnership (comprising senior Armed Forces / Council representatives) to review and support local bids to the Covenant Fund.

Islington Council will work closely with Armed Forces organisations to increase understanding of, and address issues faced by, serving and ex-personnel and to maximise awareness and take up of the commitments made through this covenant

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Report of: Executive Member for Housing and Development

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SUBJECT: Islington Local Plan Review - approval of Regulation 19 proposed submission draft documents for public consultation and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the content of the draft borough Local Plan. Each Local Planning Authority (LPA) is required to produce a Local Plan setting out the strategic planning priorities for its area, opportunities for development and clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where. The Local Plan provides the basis for making decisions on planning applications, and both it and the evidence behind it need to be kept up-to-date to ensure that its policies will continue to enable the Council to deliver on its objectives.
- 1.2 Islington’s current Local Plan includes the Core Strategy (2011), Development Management Policies, and Site Allocations and Finsbury Local Plan Development Plan Documents (DPDs) (all 2013). All these documents are now in the process of being reviewed in light of new evidence, and national and regional planning policy changes. Implementation of the Council’s planning policies is a key mechanism for achieving the Council’s fairness priority. For example, the draft Local Plan policies to maximise the delivery of genuinely affordable housing and affordable workspace.
- 1.3 The draft attached in the appendices is the version of the Local Plan that is intended to be formally consulted on in the Autumn of 2019 and then submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for Independent Examination. Local Plans must undergo examination by an independent planning inspector. This process establishes whether the draft Local Plan is considered ‘sound’,

meaning it is compliant with planning legislation and guidance. A Local Plan must be considered 'sound' in order for it to be formally adopted and then used to determine planning applications.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the summary of consultation responses (at Appendix 4) received during public consultation undertaken between November 2018 and January 2019, and the comments on how these responses have been taken into account. There may be minor changes to this document following the full Council meeting. For any significant changes, authorisation will be sought from the Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Development. The consultation statement will be published on the Council's website alongside the Local Plan documents at Appendix 1, 2 and 3.
- 2.2 To note the draft Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) (at Appendix 5). The IIA assesses sustainability and equalities impacts of the draft plan, and must be submitted alongside the draft Plan. A Residents Impact Assessment has also been produced (at Appendix 6) which links to the IIA information. There may be minor changes to the IIA following the full Council meeting. For any significant changes, authorisation will be sought from the Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Development. The IIA will be published on the Council's website alongside the Local Plan documents at Appendix 1, 2 and 3.
- 2.3 To approve the Local Plan proposed submission draft documents (at Appendix 1, 2 and 3) for six weeks formal statutory consultation (Regulation 19 stage) starting in September 2019, and subsequent submission to the Planning Inspectorate for Independent Examination.
- 2.4 To authorise the Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Development, to approve any further changes to the draft Local Plan ahead of public consultation in September 2019.
- 2.5 To authorise the Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Development, to approve appropriate changes to the Local Plan during Independent Examination, in response to requests from the Planning Inspector and/or any emerging evidence, guidance or legal advice and/or in response to the new London Plan, which is currently in the final stages of preparation.

3. Background

- 3.1 The preparation of a Local Plan is guided by planning legislation and national and regional policy and guidance, including the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The NPPF states that a Local Plan should provide a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and environmental priorities. The plan should contain strategic policies which set out the overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development. Development management policies which add further detail on the implementation of strategic policies can also be included. The plan should allocate sufficient sites to deliver the strategic priorities of the area.
- 3.2 Islington's current Local Plan covers the period up to 2026. It is made up of the Core Strategy (2011), Development Management Policies, and Site Allocations and Finsbury Local Plan Development Plan Documents (DPDs) (all 2013). The Core Strategy sets out strategic policies

to guide the future development of the borough, while the other documents provide detailed policy to enable the implementation of these strategic policies together with non-strategic policies that are used to make decisions on planning applications.

- 3.3 Islington's delivery record across a range of policy areas, including housing, sustainability and employment, indicates that current policies within the Local Plan are successfully achieving the Council's priorities. However, the Local Plan and the evidence base behind it need to be kept up-to-date to ensure that the policies will continue to enable the Council to deliver on its objectives in light of changes to national and regional policy. Changes in demographic and development trends have also occurred (highlighted by updated evidence-base work) which demonstrate a need to deliver additional development to accommodate growth, in particular housing and employment growth.
- 3.4 At the national level, the Government continues to implement wide ranging changes to the planning system, including the recently revised NPPF which includes a number of changes which necessitate a review of the Local Plan. As well as reflecting national policy, the Local Plan needs to be in 'general conformity' with the London Plan. The Mayor of London has published a new draft London Plan with adoption likely to be in 2020 (subject to the outcome of the examination hearings). Carrying out a review of the Local Plan in parallel with the London Plan review will ensure that the two processes are aligned, allowing Islington's policies to reflect those of the amended London Plan (where appropriate) and make use of the London Plan evidence base (where useful).
- 3.5 There have been several rounds of consultation on the Local Plan review. Information, including how responses received during these consultation exercises have been taken into account in the draft submission documents, is provided at Appendix 4.
- 3.6 An initial consultation exercise on a 'Scope of the Review' paper was undertaken between 25 November 2016 and 20 January 2017. The consultation received 93 responses on both policy and site issues from statutory consultees, businesses, developers and community groups and individuals.
- 3.7 Public consultation on Site Allocations Direction of Travel took place between 12 February and 26 March 2018. A wide variety of responses were received from residents, businesses and developers and including a mix of objections and support. The notable site allocations that generated responses include the Andover Estate, Tileyard Studios, Finsbury Leisure Centre, Braithwaite House and Quaker Court.
- 3.8 Public consultation on detailed draft versions of the Local Plan documents – Strategic and Development Management Policies, Site Allocations and the Bunhill and Clerkenwell Area Action Plan (AAP) - ran for a period of 8 weeks between Tuesday 20 November 2018 and Monday 14 January 2019. This consultation provided the first opportunity for various stakeholders to comment on proposed detailed policies. A total of 857 responses were received, from a range of statutory consultees, landowners, and local residents, organisations and businesses.
- 3.9 The majority of responses were objections to the Council's proposed policy on the Vale Royal/Brewery Road Locally Significant Industrial Site. This included 656 'set responses' relating to potential impacts that the draft Local Plan could have on Tileyard Studios, particularly their plans to expand. The responses raised very similar issues, most using exactly the same template wording and statistics. The responses were mostly from businesses who

currently operate at Tileyard Studios; there were also a number of responses from businesses located in the wider industrial area; and from a number of other businesses/individuals outside Islington who operate in the music industry

- 3.10 The Mayor of London's response noted that in its entirety, the draft Local Plan was in 'general conformity' with the draft London Plan.
- 3.11 Other objections received included:
- A number of objections to the tall buildings policy and evidence base were received. These ranged from local residents and organisations who objected to the principle of tall buildings; to landowners and developers who considered the evidence base to be flawed and/or suggested alternative approaches and locations suitable for tall buildings.
 - Several objections which considered that the requirements for affordable workspace were not viable.
 - Requests for greater flexibility on specific site allocations to allow different uses, particularly residential uses.
 - Objections to the proposed approach to purpose built Private Rented Sector accommodation and student accommodation. Responses considered that the Local Plan should be more accommodating of these specialist forms of housing.
 - Objections to the proposed site allocation for Finsbury Leisure Centre. Objections related to several parts of the allocation including the potential loss of open space.
- 3.12 No significant changes to policies or allocations are proposed as a result of the consultation, although there are a number of minor changes proposed for clarity, internal consistency, factual updates or to amend grammatical errors or typos. There are several site allocations that are proposed to be removed as development on these sites is nearing completion or has completed.
- 3.13 The Local Plan review (incorporating changes made since the previous consultation) will undergo a final round of public consultation, together with the finalised evidence base which has informed policy preparation and the IIA which appraises draft policies for their sustainability, health and equalities implications. This next consultation on the draft Local Plan will be undertaken in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 3.14 The Local Plan review includes evidence on viability which takes into account policy requirements, in particular the level of affordable housing, to ensure that realistic policies are set which ensure deliverability of the draft Local Plan objectives.

Content of the Plan

- 3.15 The draft Local Plan proposed submission documents are provided at Appendices 1, 2 and 3. These drafts may be subject to further minor changes ahead of start of public consultation in September 2019. Any minor changes following full Council approval will be authorised by the Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Development. The key policy areas (including any changes to the approach in the current Local Plan) are summarised briefly below:

- 3.16 Housing: Delivery of genuinely affordable housing is a key strategic priority. Strategic policy expects 50% of all housing delivered to be affordable. This is to be achieved through a specific on-site target of 45% from developments without public subsidy, alongside policy which strongly encourages the use of public subsidy to help schemes achieve 50% on-site delivery (or more). Incentives including viability review mechanisms will also be used as part of policy to ensure developers try to get subsidy to achieve 50% on-site delivery.
- 3.17 The affordable housing tenure split will remain at 70% social rented and 30% intermediate rent to reflect the fact that maximising social rented housing remains an absolute priority. The tenure split reflects a need to contribute to delivering mixed and balanced communities. London Living Rent, a new form of tenure recently introduced by the Mayor of London will be promoted as the priority for the 30% intermediate tenure, which will provide additional affordable housing supply for those on moderate incomes, including key workers, who are unable to obtain social housing and cannot afford market housing in the borough.
- 3.18 Islington's housing target, which is set out in the Mayor's draft London Plan, has decreased from 1,264 to 775 homes per annum, reflecting the scarcity of developable land in the borough. There are a number of Council policies designed to resist the development of specialist forms of housing (student accommodation, purpose built private rented sector housing and large-scale HMOs), primarily because these forms of housing take up scarce land supply and/or do not enable effective delivery of genuinely affordable housing. The need to provide housing for older people will be met primarily through conventional housing designed to be adaptable with different levels of care provided in people's homes rather than provision of specialist accommodation such as extra care housing.
- 3.19 Delivering high quality housing is a key priority with minimum standards for internal space, accessibility & inclusivity, floor to ceiling heights, private outdoor space, noise and other amenity considerations. All new housing development will be required to be 'tenure blind', where different tenures are indistinguishable from one another.
- 3.20 Employment: Over the period to 2036, evidence suggests that up to 50,500 extra jobs will need to be accommodated in Islington, most of which will be office based jobs. This requirement equates to 400,000sqm of office floorspace. Delivering this level of floorspace will be very challenging given competing development needs and the lack of land. In order to meet this need as far as possible, employment policies are seeking the maximisation of different types of business space - such as offices, light industrial space and SME space – within specific designated employment sites.
- 3.21 The Central Activities Zone (which is predominantly covered by the Bunhill and Clerkenwell AAP (Area Action Plan) area is expected to deliver the greatest uplift in office floorspace in the borough. To enable this, additional housing within the Bunhill and Clerkenwell area will not be actively promoted (with some site specific exceptions). Across the rest of the borough, existing employment land will be strongly protected.
- 3.22 Additional Locally Significant Industrial Sites (LSIS) have been designated in order to better protect important remaining small clusters of industrial uses across the borough. The Vale Royal/Brewery Road LSIS, the largest concentration of industrial uses in Islington, has its own spatial strategy to guide development in the area which reflects its particular importance to the local and central London economy. This area is considered suitable for the intensification of industrial uses, to meet the needs of small and medium size businesses.

- 3.23 10% affordable workspace, at peppercorn rent for 20 years, will be required from major development proposals (development of more than 1,000sqm) within various designated employment areas across the borough. On very large proposals in high value areas - such as the south of the borough - affordable workspace could be sought in perpetuity where viable.
- 3.24 Retail: The retail function of the four town centres of Angel, Nag's Head, Archway and Finsbury Park will be supported with a more focused retail core termed the 'primary shopping area', where a minimum level of A1 planning use-class will be maintained. The boundaries of these areas have been informed by detailed retail surveys. Outside the retail core a more flexible approach will be implemented to allow change of use from shops to other town centre uses, for example a restaurant, pending assessment of other considerations including amenity impacts. This more flexible approach is a response to, and reflects changes to retail behaviour and the way the retail industry operates, partly driven by the rise in online shopping.
- 3.25 Markets and the Camden Passage and Fonthill Road specialist shopping areas will continue to be strongly protected. Residential uses at ground floor level will be resisted in town centres and local shopping areas, due to the potential adverse impact on the retail function of these areas. Existing policy on hot food takeaways and betting shops will be strengthened with additional controls introduced in town centres and local centres. A new policy supporting meanwhile/temporary uses will be introduced.
- 3.26 Culture, night-time economy, hotels and leisure: New cultural quarters have been identified in Angel, parts of Clerkenwell/Farringdon and Archway. The night time economy, which includes a diverse range of uses including music venues, is supported with introduction of 'the agent of change' principle; this will help ensure that existing commercial uses are protected from complaints from new neighbouring residential development. Pubs are provided stronger protection against conversion, based on their social value, heritage merits and/or contribution to night time economy. A stronger protection against development of new hotels is introduced, focusing new hotels only on allocated sites or intensification of existing hotels subject to other constraints, and resisting their development outside these locations.
- 3.27 Design, heritage and tall buildings: Heritage policy has been revised in line with the NPPF, with additional clarity to reflect Islington's rich architectural history whilst also supporting innovation and architectural diversity. A detailed evidence base study of the local Islington character is being produced, to identify a number of character areas across the borough and provide basis for potential further supplementary design guidance for these areas. A policy for basements has been introduced which strengthens the current approach.
- 3.28 The draft Local Plan continues the current approach, which restricts buildings taller than 30 metres throughout the borough other than on specifically identified sites. Detailed evidence has been prepared to identify locations which are potentially suitable for tall buildings, to inform the Local Plan review. A number of potentially suitable sites have been identified in Archway, Finsbury Park, Nag's Head / Lower Holloway, Kings Cross fringe and around Old Street roundabout. Maximum heights have been identified for each site with design considerations set out in site allocations. Any proposals for tall buildings on the sites in question will have to satisfy a rigorous criteria-based policy which considers visual impact, functional impact and environmental impact of the proposal. This includes assessment of impacts on existing local views and strategic views, and daylight and sunlight impacts on properties in the surrounding area.

- 3.29 Sustainability: Delivering a sustainable built environment is crucial for Islington's long term sustainability and prosperity. The following changes to sustainability standards are proposed in the draft plan:
- New Fabric Energy Efficiency Standard for residential development to reduce carbon emissions.
 - Retention of the carbon offset charge, based on updated information from the London Plan.
 - Updated requirements on drainage to reduce flood risk.
 - New separate policy on green roofs and new policy on adaptive design (circular economy).
- 3.30 Health, social and community infrastructure: Planning can positively influence the wider determinants of health by shaping a healthier environment for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds across the borough, from ensuring every child has the best start in life to creating healthy, inclusive environments for older and disabled people. The Local Plan includes a range of policies which will have positive health impacts, for example limiting direct adverse health impacts by restricting hot food takeaways near schools to help tackle childhood obesity; and supporting independent living, which is important for mental wellbeing, through provision of adaptable high quality housing which can meet different needs for a variety of occupants throughout their lifetime.
- 3.31 Facilities such as hospitals, doctors' surgeries, nurseries, schools, leisure centres, libraries and community centres are vital for the creation and maintenance of strong, vibrant and healthy communities. These facilities will be strongly protected as they are in the current Local Plan. However, the draft Local Plan allows for recognised public sector bodies to justify loss of facilities through provision of wider estate rationalisation plans, where these plans clearly demonstrate that overall provision within a specified area will not be diminished. An additional requirement to produce a Community Impact Assessment will also ensure that loss of facilities is only acceptable where applicants mitigate/prevent adverse impacts for their users.
- 3.32 Transport: The existing approach to car free development has been maintained.
- 3.33 Open space: Islington has one of the smallest amounts of open space per person in England and its urban and densely populated character means there is great deal of pressure on the borough's existing green spaces to perform multiple functions, and limited opportunity to create large new green spaces. Public open spaces and sites of nature conservation will retain their strong protection. Redevelopment of semi-private amenity spaces such as those on Council estates will encourage re-provision in the first instance but a high quality proposal which results in some net loss may be acceptable. Additional policy on green infrastructure includes a requirement for major development to consider an urban greening factor in line with the draft London Plan, ensuring that a minimum level of green space is included as part of a development.
- 3.34 Bunhill and Clerkenwell Area Action Plan (formerly known as the Finsbury Local Plan): The Finsbury area (covering Bunhill and Clerkenwell wards) features a variety of uses often in close proximity to one another; significant competing development pressures; a unique historic character of the built environment and copious heritage assets. The Bunhill and Clerkenwell AAP is a fine-grain policy approach for this area, produced in response to these issues. Changes inside and outside the Bunhill and Clerkenwell AAP area necessitate a review of both the policy approach and related site allocations to ensure they remain up to date. The principal change is policy to prioritise business floorspace and require maximisation of such space across

the area, rather than just in the most prominent commercial locations. Additional housing within the Bunhill and Clerkenwell AAP area will not be actively promoted (with some site specific exceptions). Neighbourhood policies, which provide strategic policies for various areas across the Bunhill and Clerkenwell AAP area, will be retained with some amendments to the area boundaries and policies.

- 3.35 **Site allocations:** Site allocations provide site specific policy for key sites to help to secure specific land uses, meet identified development needs (e.g. for housing and different types of business space) and secure the infrastructure required to support growth. Site allocations bring certainty about what will come forward on different sites. Many existing site allocations from the current Local Plan are proposed to be retained, though some need refinement in light of changed circumstances. There is also a need to identify additional sites for housing, business and other uses. Major new development opportunities likely to come forward during the lifetime of the draft Local Plan include Moorfields Eye Hospital, Holloway Prison and potentially Pentonville Prison.

Next Steps

- 3.36 Following the consultation on this proposed submission draft Local Plan, the Local Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination, likely by the end of 2019. The plan will then be examined by an independent Planning Inspector. It is anticipated that the examination hearings will take place in early 2020. The Planning Inspector then writes a report determining whether the plan is 'sound' and can be adopted. This report is binding and the Local Plan can only be adopted in line with the findings of the report. Commonly, the Inspector will suggest modifications to the plan to resolve issues. Such modifications would be subject to public consultation prior to the final Inspector's report being issued. Islington's intention is to adopt its revised Local Plan in late 2020, following receipt of the Inspector's report. The decision to adopt the Local Plan requires the approval of Full Council.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial implications:

The cost of producing the Local Plan and the associated consultation costs will be met through existing budgets within the Planning and Development division.

4.2 Legal Implications:

The draft Local Plan has been prepared in line with relevant planning regulations. The proposed consultation and subsequent submission of the draft Local Plan for examination will be carried out in accordance with Regulations 19 and 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The consultation will comply with Islington's Statement of Community Involvement, which sets out how stakeholders with an interest in development in the borough can be involved in developing planning policies.

4.3 Environmental Implications:

The draft Local Plan is subject to an IIA (see Appendix 5). This brings together into a single framework a number of assessments of the social, environmental and economic impact of planning policies. The IIA follows the prescribed structure for the Sustainability Appraisal process as the basis of the framework while incorporating the requirements of the Equalities Analysis (EqA) and the Health Impact Assessments (HIA). The process is iterative and the IIA will continue to consider the sustainability of the Local Plan and its potential environmental impacts at each stage of plan preparation up to final adoption.

The draft Local Plan proposes a number of policies to mitigate and prevent climate change, including policies which seek specific energy efficiency standards and which promote decentralised energy networks.

4.4 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.

A Resident Impact Assessment (RIA) has been completed (attached at Appendix 6) and will be updated throughout the Local Plan process. The RIA refers to a contemporaneous process (the IIA, see above) which the Local Plan must undertake to assess environmental and equalities issues. The RIA will be informed by the IIA. In line with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, an IIA will be completed when the plan is in its final draft. The IIA will include an assessment of the likely significant economic, social and environmental impacts of the plan.

The outcome of the completed RIA is positive. The draft Local Plan is not considered discriminatory for people with any of the protected characteristics, there are no negative impacts for those with protected characteristics in relation to equality of opportunity and the draft Local Plan is unlikely to have a negative impact on good relations between communities with protected characteristics. The intention of the draft Local Plan is to address inequality within the boundaries of national and regional planning policy. For example, a key priority of the draft Local plan is the delivery of genuinely affordable housing with a strategic target of 50% of all new housing developed in the borough to be affordable. This is intended to go as far as possible within the boundaries of national and regional planning policy to address the serious affordability issue of housing in the borough.

5. Reason for recommendations

- 5.1 Islington's draft Local Plan sets out planning policies to guide the future development of the borough in line with the Council's fairness priority. It is necessary to update the Local Plan due to changes in development projections and the publication of updated national and regional policy. The consultation on the proposed submission draft Local Plan, and the subsequent submission to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination, represents the next stage of the formal plan production process in accordance with planning legislation.

Appendices

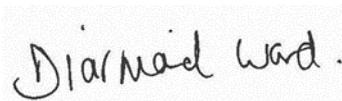
- Appendix 1 – Local Plan – Strategic and Development Management Policies (Regulation 19 draft)
- Appendix 2 – Local Plan - Site Allocations (Regulation 19 draft)
- Appendix 3 – Bunhill and Clerkenwell Area Action Plan (Regulation 19 draft)
- Appendix 4 – Summary of consultation responses
- Appendix 5 – Integrated Impact Assessment
- Appendix 6 – Resident Impact Assessment

All appendices are available on the Council's website at:

<https://democracy.islington.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=134&MIId=3574&Ver=4>

Final report clearance:

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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’ Allowances Scheme for 2019/20.
- 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.

4. Main proposed changes

4.1 Part 7: Members' Allowance Scheme

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

- Changes to Members' Allowances to reflect the Local Government Pay Settlement;
- Changes to the recipients of special responsibility allowances following appointments made at Annual Council; and
- Changes to the Carer's Allowance to bring the allowance in line with the 'real living wage'.

4.2 Part 3: Responsibility for Functions

The proposed amendments include:

- Changes to Paragraph 4, Matters Reserved for Executive Decision, to clarify which budget matters are reserved for decision by the Executive, and which the Executive must refer to Council for decision.

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 – Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Final Report Clearance

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Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Part 7 – Members’ Allowances Scheme

1. MEMBERS’ ALLOWANCES SCHEME – ~~2018-19~~ 2019-20

- 1.1 The Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 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 2003 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 ~~2018-19~~ 2019-20 is ~~£953,890.~~ £962,700

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 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 that the basic and special responsibility allowances be upgraded annually with reference to the annual Local Government Pay settlement.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 If there are substantial changes to the Scheme it will be submitted to budget Council for approval.
- 1.5 The scheme as approved provides for the following:

Appendix 1

(a) **Basic Allowance**

A Basic Allowance payable equally to each Member for the financial year ~~2018-19~~ 2019-20 is ~~£10,312.78~~ £10,519.04 (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.

Appendix 1

(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 ~~£119~~ £121 per meeting

Audit Committee and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Co-opted Members ~~£119~~ £121 per meeting

Pension Board

Independent Member ~~£119~~ £121 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~~ unwell relatives who cannot be left alone (either 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.

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The maximum rate for this allowance is ~~£8.44 per hour~~ £10.55 per hour, based on the Living Wage Foundation's 'real living wage', 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~~ £10.55 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

- 4.1 The Local Government Association have their own Members' Allowances Scheme payable to those Members' of Executive and Scrutiny bodies of the Association.

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

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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 LEAVE AND PAY

7.1 Leave Periods

- 7.1.1 Members giving birth are entitled to up to 6 months' maternity leave from the due date, with the option to extend up to 52 weeks by agreement if required.
- 7.1.2 In addition, where the birth is premature, the Member is entitled to take leave during the period between the date of the birth and the due date in addition to the 6 months' period. In such cases any leave taken to cover prematurity of 28 days or less shall be deducted from any extension beyond the initial 6 months.
- 7.1.3 In exceptional circumstances, and only in cases of prematurity of 29 days or more, additional leave may be taken by agreement, and such exceptional leave shall not be deducted from the total 52 week entitlement.
- 7.1.4 Members shall be entitled to take a minimum of 2 weeks' paternity leave if they are the biological father or nominated carer of their partner/spouse following the birth of their child(ren).
- 7.1.5 A Member who has made Shared Parental Leave arrangements through their employment is requested to advise the Council of these at the earliest possible opportunity. Every effort will be made to replicate such arrangements in terms of leave from Council.
- 7.1.6 Where both parents are Members leave may be shared up to a maximum of 24 weeks for the first six months and 26 weeks for any leave agreed thereafter, up to a maximum of 50 weeks. Special and exceptional arrangements may be made in cases of prematurity.

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- 7.1.7 A Member who adopts a child through an approved adoption agency shall be entitled to take up to six months adoption leave from the date of placement, with the option to extend up to 52 weeks by agreement if required.
- 7.1.8 Any Member intending to take maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave will be responsible for ensuring that they comply with the relevant notice requirements of the Council, both in terms of the point at which the leave starts and the point at which they return.
- 7.1.9 Any member taking maternity, paternity, shared parental, adoption or sickness leave should ensure that they respond to reasonable requests for information as promptly as possible, and that they keep officers and colleagues informed and updated in relation to intended dates of return and requests for extension of leave.

7.2 Basic Allowance

- 7.2.1 All Members shall continue to receive their Basic Allowance in full whilst on maternity, paternity, adoption or sickness leave.

7.3 Special Responsibility Allowances

- 7.3.1 Members entitled to a Special Responsibility Allowance shall continue to receive their allowance in full in the case of maternity, paternity, shared parental, adoption or sickness leave.
- 7.3.2 Where a replacement is appointed to cover the period of absence that person shall receive an SRA on a pro rata basis for the period of the temporary appointment.
- 7.3.3 The payment of Special Responsibility Allowances, whether to the primary SRA holder or a replacement, during a period of maternity, paternity, shared parental, adoption or sickness leave shall continue for a period of six months, or until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the date when the member taking leave is up for election (whichever is soonest). At such a point, the position will be reviewed, and will be subject to a possible extension for up to a further six month period.
- 7.3.4 Should a Member appointed to replace the member on maternity, paternity, shared parental, adoption or sickness leave already hold a remunerated position, the ordinary rules relating to payment of more than one Special Responsibility Allowance shall apply.
- 7.3.5 Unless the Member taking leave is removed from their post at an Annual Meeting of the Council whilst on leave, or unless the Group to which they belong loses control of the Council during their leave period, they shall return

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at the end of their leave period to the same post, or to an alternative post with equivalent status and remuneration which they held before the leave began.

7.4 Attendance, Resigning from Office and Elections

- 7.4.1 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.
- 7.4.2 If a Member decides not to return at the end of their maternity, paternity, shared parental, adoption or sickness leave they must notify the Council at the earliest possible opportunity. All allowances will cease from the effective resignation date.
- 7.4.2 If an election is held during the Member's maternity, paternity, shared parental, adoption or sickness leave and they are not re-elected, or decide not to stand for re-election, their basic allowance and SRA if appropriate will cease from the date that they leave office.

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

For any advice in relation to the Scheme please contact Democratic Services.

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APPENDIX A

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES ~~2018-19~~ 2019-20

The SRA figures will come into effect on 1 April ~~2018-2019~~

<u>Band 4</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
Leader of the Council – Councillor Richard Watts	38,814 <u>39,590</u>
<u>Band 3</u>	
Executive Members	
Councillor Janet Burgess	30,306 <u>30,912</u>
Councillor Joe Caluori	30,306
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz	30,306 <u>30,912</u>
Councillor Andy Hull	30,306 <u>30,912</u>
<u>Councillor Una O'Halloran</u>	<u>30,912</u>
Councillor Asima Shaikh	30,306 <u>30,912</u>
Councillor Diarmaid Ward	30,306 <u>30,912</u>
Councillor Claudia Webbe	30,306 <u>30,912</u>
<u>Band 2</u>	
Chair of Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee	
Councillor Una O'Halloran	12,230
<u>Councillor Rowena Champion</u>	<u>12,475</u>
Chief Whip: Councillor Satnam Gill	5,317 <u>5,423</u>
<u>Band 1(a)</u>	
Chairs of Scrutiny Committees	
Councillor Theresa Debono	5,317
<u>Councillor Vivien Cutler</u>	<u>5,423</u>
Councillor Rowena Champion	5,317 <u>5,423</u>
Councillor Osh Gantly	5,317 <u>5,423</u>
Councillor Mick O'Sullivan	5,317 <u>5,423</u>

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Councillor Dave Poyser 5,423

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Chair of Audit Committee: Councillor Nick Wayne 3,191- 3,255

Chair of Licensing Committee: ~~Councillor Flora Williamson~~ 3,191
Councillor Phil Graham 3,255

Chair of Planning Committee: Councillor Martin Klute 3,191- 3,255

Chair of Planning Sub Committee A: Councillor Angela Picknell 3,191 3,255

Chair of Planning Sub Committee B: Councillor Jenny Kay 3,191 3,255

Mayor

~~Councillor David Poyser~~ 6,514

Councillor Rakhia Ismail 6,644

Deputy Mayor

~~Councillor Rakhia Ismail~~ 133

Councillor Troy Gallagher 136

Member of the Adoption and Fostering Panels

Councillor Paul Convery 6,380- 6,508

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

Part 4 – Responsibility for Functions

4. MATTERS RESERVED FOR EXECUTIVE DECISION

4.1 GENERAL

~~(j) — To calculate the annual budget for income and expenditure including the overall Capital Investment Strategy, the Treasury Policy statement, the Housing Revenue Account Estimates and rents of dwelling houses and fixing charges (other than in-year changes to Cemeteries fees and charges) and the allocation of budgets to departments, recommending these to Council where appropriate and to make recommendations to Council on council tax.~~

(j) To calculate and recommend to the Council the annual budget for income and expenditure, including the overall Capital Investment Strategy, the Treasury Policy statement, the Housing Revenue Account Estimates, the allocation of budgets to departments, and matters related to the setting of council tax.

(k) To calculate and determine fees and charges (other than in year changes to Cemeteries fees and charges).

(The subsequent paragraphs will be re-numbered accordingly)



ISLINGTON

COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JUNE 2019

REPORT OF THE CHIEF WHIP

OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS

1. CAMDEN AND ISLINGTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

- a) To note that Councillor Spall has stood down from the board of Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust and that a successor will be appointed.

2. CRIPPLEGATE FOUNDATION

- a) To note that the terms of office of Councillor Gill and Councillor Kay on the board of the Cripplegate Foundation will end on 14 September 2019 and that successors will be appointed.

CLLR SATNAM GILL

Chief Whip

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COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JUNE 2019

NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 1: Tackling the environment and climate emergency by achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030

Moved by Cllr Claudia Webbe

Seconded by Cllr Tricia Clarke

Also supported by Cllr Caroline Russell and Cllr Dave Poyser

This Council notes that –

- Climate change and the effect it is having on our planet, and will have in the years to come, has been scientifically proven and this Council fully recognises the need for society and all levels of government to respond urgently to prevent and lessen the damaging effects of human activity driven climate change.
- The United Nation’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report published in October 2018 confirms that the world has until 2030 to avoid an increase in global temperatures above 1.5°C, at which point the impact of global warming would have devastating impacts on the planet and people’s lives.

This Council further notes that already –

- Islington Council has been at the forefront of efforts to reduce carbon emissions in the borough, including from its own operations, and that Islington is on target to reduce carbon emissions in the borough from 2005 levels by at least 40% by 2020.
- The existing Local Plan and the Draft Local Plan (2019-2034) seek to minimise the borough’s contribution to climate change via the built environment and future development in recognition that emissions relating to buildings or building systems/processes consistently represent over 80% of all carbon emissions in the borough; and that existing policies and new policies proposed in the Draft Local Plan have been independently assessed and are forecast to reduce carbon emissions in the borough by 66% by 2034 and by 91% by 2050 from 1990 levels, including significant reductions delivered through high energy efficiency standards from new development and through expansion of the borough’s decentralised energy network.

- The Council was one of the first to establish a Carbon Offset Fund, which uses planning agreements to require developers to make a payment to offset any carbon shortfall from developments, which is then used to fund projects that reduce carbon emissions. To date, the Carbon Offset Fund has made allocations of £4.8 million to projects across the borough that have delivered an estimated reduction in carbon emissions of 375 tonnes per year.
- The Islington Community Energy Fund has been established to commission innovative energy projects delivered by communities and local organisations which benefit local people and tackle climate change, with £786,000 from the Carbon Offset Fund being made available to support projects so far.
- The Council-supported Islington Sustainable Energy Partnership has helped 40 organisations in the borough across the private, public and third sectors to cut their carbon emissions by over 25,200 tonnes, saving an estimated £4.3 million in avoided energy costs.
- The Archway Zero Emissions Network has produced energy saving recommendations for local businesses in excess of 1.5 million kWh.
- The Council's Pension Fund is taking bold action to decarbonise its investments by 2022 by reducing the fund's exposure to carbon emissions by more than half, reducing the fund's equities' exposure to fossil fuel reserves by more than three quarters and decarbonising the fund's holdings in other asset classes.
- Angelic Energy, Islington Council's not-for-profit energy provider and London's first new municipal energy provider for over 100 years, has helped over 2,000 local people access fairer prices for their energy and provides electricity from 100% renewable sources.
- 800 homes, two leisure centres and offices have been connected to the Bunhill District Heat Network, a ground-breaking scheme that uses waste heat to deliver more efficient, cheaper and greener energy to local people, and work is ongoing to deliver a new energy centre that will extract waste heat from the London Underground to supply a further 1,000 homes.
- Work to insulate cavity walls in the Council's building stock has led to annual savings of 8,600 tonnes of CO₂ and financial savings of £1.5 million per annum, in addition to further savings in emissions and costs from boiler replacement works, loft insulation and the installation of solar panels.
- All streetlights in the borough have been converted to LED versions, reducing carbon emissions by the equivalent to removing almost 1,000 cars from the road each year and saving 28,280 tonnes of CO₂ over the 20-year lifespan of the more efficient bulbs.
- 1,000 tonnes of CO₂ savings have been found in schools, libraries and the Council's depot so far this year.
- The Council is enabling a shift towards more sustainable transport across the borough with the removal of dangerous gyratories and the introduction of safer and more accessible routes for pedestrians and cyclists, in addition to installing 400 electric vehicle charging points and 400 bike hangars across the borough to further reduce the use and impact of private vehicles.
- The Council's Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle Streets programme has banned all non-zero emission vehicles from the Old Street and City Fringe area at certain

times of the day and the Council will soon publish details of how it will seek to prevent the rat-running of lorries on residential roads in the borough, further reducing the emissions from transport travelling through the borough.

- The Council has pioneered an emissions based parking policy to reduce the environmental impact vehicles have in the borough, and has implemented a Diesel Surcharge on resident parking permits and paid for short stay parking to encourage a shift away from polluting diesel vehicles, in addition to calling for a London-wide ban on diesel engines by 2025, whilst ensuring efforts to reduce carbon emissions from vehicles does not impact air quality.
- The Council recently celebrated the launch of the tenth 'School Street' in the borough that restrict traffic outside schools at opening and closing times to improve road safety, encourage active travel and reduce pollution near schools, and will roll-out similar measures for all schools across the borough.
- The Council is committed to reducing the impact of its fleet of essential vehicles, with over 160 vehicles currently being replaced with vehicles that either significantly reduce or eliminate emissions, in addition to over 150 vehicles already being Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) compliant.
- The Council is committed to supporting people to reduce the amount of waste they produce, reuse items wherever possible and to recycle more.

This Council also notes –

- That meeting the challenge the environment and climate emergency poses and achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030 will require a comprehensive response from not just the Council, but also from regional and national government, as well as private organisations, businesses and individuals.
- That the Council has lost 70% of its core central government funding since 2010 and will have had to make savings of £275 million in total from its budgets by 2022.
- That significant elements of the action necessary to achieve a net zero carbon Islington by 2030 are out of the control of the Council, such as the decarbonisation of the national electricity grid and the absence of powers to mandate retrofitting existing buildings.
- That meeting the challenges of the environment and climate emergency must be done in such a way that does not penalise local people on low incomes and does not limit the Council's ability to address important issues, such as the housing crisis, whilst recognising that building a greener and more inclusive economy with fairness at its heart can lead to better outcomes and opportunities for local people.

This Council resolves to –

- Declare an environment and climate emergency.
- Pledge to work towards making Islington net zero carbon by 2030, ahead of the current 2050 target.
- Make representations to regional and national government to urge them to take action to support the goal of a net zero carbon Islington by 2030,

including through the provision of the necessary resources and legal powers to the Council and others to support the action needed to achieve this.

- Continue to work with partners across the borough to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans, ensuring that reducing carbon emissions is embedded in all relevant Council decision making.
- Publish on an annual basis details of carbon emissions reduction interventions the Council is delivering and commissioning, including the progress these actions are delivering in reducing the tonnage of carbon emissions in the borough.
- Ensure local people are able to contribute to the formulation and scrutiny of the strategic actions needed to address the environment and climate emergency by consulting on proposals and by organising an annual 'Tackling the Environment and Climate Emergency' meeting, hosted by the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, in addition to the wide-range of existing opportunities for local people to make representations to the Council.
- Report to Full Council on 27th February 2020 what strategic actions the Council is taking to address the environment and climate emergency, including plans and milestones to achieve emissions reductions within the Council's control, and to share details of representations being made to other institutions to achieve reductions in emissions outside of the Council's direct control.

Motion 2: Protecting Local Welfare Assistance

Moved by Cllr Andy Hull

Seconded by Cllr Angela Picknell

This Council notes that –

- Until April 2013, emergency financial assistance was principally provided by central government through the Discretionary Social Fund.
- From April 2013, the government implemented wholesale reform of the Discretionary Social Fund. Some parts were kept; however, the government abolished Crisis Loans (other than Alignment Payments) and Community Care Grants.
- Responsibility for emergency financial assistance was devolved to the local level and reduced funding transferred to local authorities in England on a non-ring-fenced basis, with the intention that they establish their own Local Welfare Assistance Schemes to support local people facing a crisis.
- The Government then decided that, for 2015/16 onwards, there would be no separate Local Welfare Assistance funding stream. Instead, it would become part of the general Revenue Support Grant that central government provides to councils to support their spending on any local services.

This Council further notes that –

- Islington Council's Resident Support Scheme provides approximately £2 million of support to around 5,000 local people in financial difficulty each year, with awards averaging £400 to help support people pay for essentials like food, gas and electricity bills, furniture, white goods and temporary help with rent payments.
- Despite central government cuts to Islington Council's core funding of 70% since 2010, Islington is one of only two local authorities in the country to have increased its budget for its Local Welfare Assistance Scheme between 2013/14 and 2018/19, and provides the highest amount of this support per person in the country.
- The Council meets The Children's Society's 'CARES' approach of being child-friendly, accessible, referral-friendly, eligibility-aware and strategic in its leadership in relation to Local Welfare Assistance.

This Council believes that –

- Many households will at some time find themselves facing a financial crisis point – a financial problem which puts the immediate health and wellbeing of family members at risk.
- Local authorities have a crucial role to play in supporting families facing financial crisis and Local Welfare Assistance Schemes (LWAS) should be central to this local support offer.
- At a time when local government is under enormous financial pressure due to central government cuts, the government should provide further funding to ensure that local welfare assistance is protected and meets the needs of families in crisis.

This Council resolves to –

- Maintain a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme (as part of its Resident Support Scheme) to support families and young people in crisis.
- Continue to work across all council departments and with voluntary and community groups through the Islington Debt Coalition to support the borough's residents to avoid and deal with financial crisis.
- Make further representations to central government for a new funding allocation for councils to provide Local Welfare Assistance Schemes (LWAS) to be made available at the next comprehensive spending review and for it to be protected in real terms over the following years.

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