

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 December 2018

**Time:** 19:00

**Venue:** Council Chambers, Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing, London, W5 2BY

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor Kate Crawford, Councillor Aysha Raza, Councillor Mik Sabiers, Councillor Andrew Steed, Councillor Nigel Sumner, Councillor Lauren Wall

### **2 Matters to be Considered in Private**

It was noted that appendix 3 of item 12D was an exempt item.

### **3 Urgent Matters**

There were none.

### **4 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 9th October were agreed.

### **5 Mayor's Announcements**

The mayor announced, with sadness, the passing of Peter Coomber, the longest serving Chief Executive of Ealing Council. In 1965 he became Borough Treasure when Ealing merged with Southall and Acton and in 1969 he was appointed Town Clerk and additionally Chief Executive Officer until he retired in 1981. He died peacefully at home 18th October aged 99 years, 10 months and 12 days. The funeral took place in Falmouth on 20th November. He was also sad to announce the tragic death of Amey staff member, Mr Paul Abbott who died whilst undertaking his duties on Tuesday 4th December. The mayor stated that his thoughts and deepest sympathies were with his family, friends and colleagues affected. On a more cheerful note, he congratulated Councillor Mik Sabiers on the birth of his twin boys; Issac Harrison Hyde-Sabiers and Inigo Hendricks Hyde-Sabiers, born on 5th December 2018. He welcomed back Councillor Mohinder Kaur Midha after the by-election in Dormers Wells Ward and wished Councillor Amarjit Jammu a happy birthday.

Finally, he asked all members to please join him for a sumptuous 3 course dinner at the Royal Nawaab on 25th January to raise funds for his chosen charities; Age-Link and Heartlink-Ealing Support Group.

## **6 Petitions from Members of the Public**

a) Mr Kulwant Dhaliwal of Cranleigh Court presented a petition asking for the installation of CCTV cameras, gates, designated dispersal zones and increased patrols by the relevant authorities near Cranleigh Court Southall

Councillor Camadoo replied

The Council were sorry to learn about anti-social behaviour affecting residents this locality, which is in an area of the borough with generally low rates of crime and anti-social behaviour. Cranleigh Court is private land managed by Inquilab Housing Association. The council and local police colleagues are supporting Inquilab as appropriate and have recently undertaken site visits with Inquilab to provide advice on design improvements.

A number of commitments have been made by Inquilab, including removal and rebuilding of a number of structures and the introduction of spikey plants in key areas to prevent people from accessing some of the areas where congregating, drinking and general anti-social behaviour have been taking place. These works are due to be completed by January 2019.

Inquilab have additionally advised they are currently waiting for quotes on the cost of installing gates to better control access and will provide an update to us by January 2019.

In the meantime, the local police team have stepped up patrols of the area and the council have provided additional targeted proactive patrols of the locality via its patrol service, Parkguard.

The Council is committed to tackling anti-social and criminal behaviour with our partners and, even when that activity is taking place on private land, officers will ensure the responsible persons are taking appropriate steps to protect their tenants and home owners.

Mr Dhaliwal made a short comment

b) Mr Oliver Simonsen of W5 presented a petition asking for the installation of a permanent 9 or 18-hole disc golf course with TeePads, TeeSigns, Permanent Baskets and an Information Board into one of Ealing's public parks

Councillor Mahfouz replied

Thank you for taking the time to put together this petition, for what is an exciting sport. Whilst there is no funding for any such facility at the moment, and we have seen our budgets cut by 64% by government, I am happy to meet with petitioners and council officers to look at what options are possible to have a disc golf course in the borough, perhaps linked with one of our current golf course sites.

Mr Simonsen made a short comment

c) Miss Jaswindwer Rehsi of Beechmount Avenue W7 presented a petition asking to gate the alley behind shops on Greenford Avenue W7, linking Beechmount Ave and Beresford Ave; in response to rising levels of antisocial behaviour and loitering, crime, fly-tipping and litter, that promotes pests and other health hazards.

Councillor Camadoo replied

The Council's Alley Gating scheme allows residents to apply to have secure steel gates installed in private alleyways. Lockable gates provide a robust way of preventing issues like fly-tipping, burglary and anti-social behaviour. The schemes also bring neighbours together and many have led to the establishment of resident associations and neighbourhood watch schemes.

Alleyways in areas affected by crimes such as graffiti, burglary, drug offences and fly-tipping are given priority. The Council's Gating team (based with Safer Communities) have reviewed the details of this site and agree that it is an area that would benefit from a gating scheme.

However, the Council are aware of some specific complexities of this site in relation to the mixed ownership of the land (including the presence of an electricity substation) and complications in relation to the collection of private and commercial waste, which may be present. However, the team have offered to provide some enhanced support to residents and businesses in applying for the scheme.

Given the nature of the proposal, it is suggested that a lead resident and a lead business owner are identified and that the Council's Gating Team work with them to consult and obtain the consents of other affected freeholders.

A possible solution in relation to access by essential services, for example, may be a contractor's key box. I am happy to acknowledge the request in this petition and ask for the

Council's Gating Team to engage with the most appropriate lead resident and business owner to progress this to the best resolution we can.  
Miss Rehsi made a short comment.

**7 Petitions from Members of the Council**

There were none.

## 8 Questions from Members of the Public

a) Mr Dawson of W5 asked the portfolio holder for Health and Adult Services Having read the Proposal to take £1,500 pa from claimants' higher-rate disability allowance (circulated to you on 21/10/2018) – agreed with the Dept for Pensions - through a Children's & Adults' Service's "financial assessment" adjustment, does the Council consider it to be fair? Councillor Rai replied

Thank you for sharing your perspective on this issue with us tonight.

You will be aware of the challenges faced by Adult Social Service departments, not just in Ealing but across the country. All of them face an increasing demand for support, whilst the money available to fund support to vulnerable adults continues to decrease as a result of cuts to from central government to local government grants.

Ealing has seen a 30% increase in demand during 2016/17 and that demand continues to grow year on year .... You may be aware that 40% of those in adult social care, have a disability and the number of young adults with special educational needs has also increased with the council's responsibility from 0-18 being increased by a further 6 years of social care to the age of 24.

And so, Ealing, alongside every council in this country, has to make difficult decisions about how to spend its money whilst protecting those most in need. This is not an easy task for anyone, here at the council. We have to make decisions we would prefer not to have to make. The consultation carried out on the charging policy, sought to understand the implications of extending the policy to those recipients currently exempt from it, whilst also bringing our current policy in line with a number of other authorities.

We are looking at the data and have not yet made a decision. A report will go to cabinet in the new year when a decision is likely to be taken.

Let me assure you that if cabinet agrees to an updated charging policy, following consideration of the implications raised, each individual person affected will be assessed against the updated policy to ensure they have the ability to pay. So, Mr Dawson, if we find that you cannot afford to pay, according to our financial assessment, then you won't pay, but as I said earlier we have yet to make a final decision.

I am pleased to say that in recognising the increase in demand and the pressure this was placing on the Adult Social Care Budget, this Labour Council invested an additional £19.5m this financial year, which partially offset the growth that has been seen in the last few years. However, there is still a shortage of funding and the department still needs to find ways to balance the budget.

Mr Dawson I am sure you will agree with me that when the council has only 36 pence left for every pound it once received, we have no choice but to look at every area of expenditure to see how we could help plug the funding gap and support people who need support across the board. I am sure that like myself and my colleagues on the Labour benches, you will want the Tory government to stop living in a world where social care is not given the importance it deserves, not just for the people of Ealing but for this country.

We have no choice but to review all our policies to make sure we are working as efficiently as possible and using all our resources effectively for the people of Ealing.

Mr Dawson asked a supplementary question.

b). Maire Lowe of W3 asked the Leader of the Council

"The intention to dispose of the Old Library on Acton High St. Was agreed by Cabinet in December 2017. Following enquiries from Acton Members, an extended deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 for submission of bids was verbally disclosed by the Leader's office in November 2018.

What criteria and ranking are being used by Officers to evaluate community and commercial bids for the building?

What encouragement and support is being given to community bids?"

Councillor Bell replied

The Council made the decision to dispose of the former Library as part of the creation of the Everyone Active Acton Centre project. The library has been relocated to the centre to co-locate with the leisure centre and council offices for Adults and Children's services.

The former Acton Library Building is an important historic building in Acton and the Council sees its future use as an important driver in regenerating Acton and the High Street in particular.

The building is designated as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Under provisions contained in the Localism Act 2011, local voluntary and community groups may apply to nominate assets as assets of community value where the land or building furthers the social well-being or social interests of the local community i.e. is of 'community value'. The listing provides protection for 5 years after which a further application to extend may be made. The owner of an ACV must inform the local authority if it wishes to dispose of it. If a Group wishes to buy the asset, this triggers a Moratorium Period of 6 months, allowing the group time to prepare a bid.

The ACV process enables community groups and other bidders to come forward with proposals. The opportunity to bid in this way has been advertised in the former Acton Library. The Council has had contact from some interested community groups and has provided further information on the opportunity to them and had meetings with groups where this has been helpful to them.

Where community groups have expressed an interest in visiting the site, the Council has provided this, accompanying the interested party and answering any questions they may have.

The current ACV designation expired on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, however it is proposed to extend this with confirmation due by 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for a further 5 years.

The Council has been progressing the Asset of Community Value process in advance of the marketing. A number of community groups have been in contact with the council regarding the ACV process:

- Acton Arts Project
- Our Island Ltd
- Theatre Studio West (TSW)

The Council is planning to start a marketing process in the New Year and the bids that community groups have started to prepare can be progressed as part of this marketing process. The proposed timetable is:

- Moratorium ends for bids under the ACV process - 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018
- ACV Extension confirmation – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- Marketing (inc. Estates Gazette) - Late January 2019
- Deadline for submissions (inc those from community groups) - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Assessment and Decision – March/April 2019
- Cabinet Approval of preferred bidder – May 2019

In selecting a suitable partner, the Council will look for bids which meet the Council's disposal requirements. These are in the process of being finalised, but it is envisaged that they will include:

**Price** – based upon a 250-year disposal

**Deliverability** – viability of proposal, track record of bidder

**Proposed use** – safeguarding of a listed building, planning compliant scheme which brings uses that help activate the High street and could include leisure, employment, retail and community use. Some enabling development from other uses is permissible – such as a small amount of residential.

The current planning designation is non-residential institutional use in the D1 use class order. Uses which provide an 'active frontage' and add to the vitality and aesthetics of the High Street are sought.

Maire Lowe asked a supplementary question.

c). David Thaddeus of W3 asked the portfolio holder for Housing, Planning and Transformation

The Acton community protest at the mass and scale of the Oaks development were informed by Ward Members that the money was needed for the Regeneration of Acton. Leaving aside grants from the GLA, how much section 106 funding from the Oaks has been spent or is scheduled to be spent in Acton? Please include the receipt from the sale of the car park in Churchfield Road?

Councillor Mason replied

The regeneration of the Oaks Shopping Centre and Churchfield Road Car Park will bring significant regeneration benefits to the centre of Acton. These benefits will be realised in part through the developer Section 106 contributions and the capital receipt generated through the sale of the Churchfield Road Car Park, but also long-term wider benefits realised through the social and economic impact of the development.

The site was identified as a strategic development site with significant development potential in the Council's Local Plan (2011-2026). Policies within the plan seek to revitalise Acton Town Centre making Acton the centre of choice for local residents including improving the diverse and mixed retail offer. The planning application submitted by the Acton Regeneration Company, considered by planning officers and the planning committee, was deemed to positively meet the criteria of these policies and achieve significant regeneration benefits for the area.

In order to facilitate the development, the Council made an in-principle Cabinet decision in 2011 to dispose of the Council's car park to facilitate a comprehensive regeneration scheme. Combining these sites has enabled the most effective use of space to meet modern day retail and parking standards required by high street retailers.

The new development will be bringing 7,474 sqm of new retail space along with 142 new residential units, amenity and play space, 227 car parking spaces and parking facilities for 284 bikes. The additional retail and residential space will bring significant economic regeneration benefits to the area including local employment opportunities and residential expenditure. The development will improve links between Churchfield Road and the High Street and introduce three new major retailers into the town centre. M&S Simply Food, Lidl and Wilko, have signed leases to be located in the new shopping centre which is due for completion in Summer 2019. The new stores will attract more shoppers to the town centre and the additional footfall will benefit existing businesses in the town centre.

The Churchfield Road Car Park sale price was £3m with some additional council costs payable. The capital receipt funds have been added to the Council's Capital Programme 2018/19-2022/23. It is not possible to show pound for pound where this funding will be spent geographically however this strategic approach enables the Council to reduce capital borrowing costs and enables the delivery of strategic capital projects across the borough, for example new infrastructure provision. This approach to capital investment is in line with Ealing Council's Budget Strategy and is good practice to ensure investment is in line with the Council's corporate priorities

The Section 106 agreement for the Oaks Shopping Centre development makes provision for the following:

- payments for education, health, employment and training, open spaces, tree replacement and transport mitigating contributions (see detailed schedule below for more detail)
- affordable housing
- apprentice and placement scheme
- car club and travel plan

The table below details the original Section 106 allocation along with the actual amount paid in line with indexation. The sub total sum of £482,363, highlights the investment specific to Acton which does not include the 'boroughwide' elements for Healthcare and Education. None of the S106 funding has been spent to date

Use	Phase	Original allocation	Revised sum with indexation
Employment and Training	Phase 1	£40,000	£43,036
	Phase 2	£9,863	£10,553.41
Energy Monitoring	Phase 1	£4,840	£5,207.36
	Phase 2	£3,174	£3,396.18
Open Space	Phase 1	£78,000	£83,920.20

	Phase 2	£19,774	£21,158.18
Tree Replacement	Phase 1	£15,939	£17,148.77
	Phase 2	£4,400	£4,708
Transport Mitigation	Phase 1	£217,850	£234,384.82
	Phase 2	£50,000	£53,500
Travel Plan monitoring	Phase 1	£5,000	£5,350 (sub total £482.363)
Healthcare (boroughwide)	Phase 1	£161,000	£173,219.90
	Phase 2	£40,816	£43,673.12
Education (boroughwide)	Phase 1	£323,464	£348,014.92
	Phase 2	£37,999	£40,658.93
		£1,012,119	£1,087,930

Mr Thaddeus asked a supplementary question.

d). Geoff Warren of W7 asked the Leader of the Council

Has the Council made an assessment of the Brexit Deal or a No-Deal and considered how their adverse effects on people in Ealing can be prevented or mitigated?

Councillor Bell replied

We have an internal assessment of Brexit which focuses on the catastrophe of a 'No Deal' Brexit and lays out a number of the issues nationally as well as locally. We know there are hard, no deal, Brexiteers in the opposition but we do need to be prepared for the chaos that will ensue if they get their way.

Some examples of the impacts of a no deal Brexit can be seen most starkly in the NHS and care services in Ealing and highlight the seriousness of the problem. London's health service is twice as reliant on EU staff as the rest of the UK. 1 in 8 social care staff are from the EU. An estimated 15% of the social care workforce in Ealing have EU nationality. There has been a 90% in EU nurses since the referendum. There are also issues about staff and medicine shortages which could increase costs to the health service and endanger the health of a residents at risk.

Equally, EU citizens living in Ealing in the event of a No Deal Brexit could lose access to reciprocal arrangements for Health and this would apply to any UK citizens abroad.

We are as a council trying to prepare as best we can and we as a Council are one of the first to say that parliament and the people should have the final say. We are now at that decision crunch point and there is no much road left to kick the can down.

Mr Warren asked a supplementary question.

Councillors J. Anand, Cox, Mason and Sahota left the chamber at this Point

e). Mr Nic Ferriday of W7 asked the Leader of the Council

Noting that a third runway at Heathrow would increase the UK's carbon dioxide emissions by 2.9 million tonnes pa (Department for Transport estimate), does the council consider that a new runway would be consistent with our legal and moral obligations on climate change?

Councillor Bell replied

The decision to progress with the Heathrow expansion proposal was taken at a National Level, despite opposition from the Council. Heathrow is within the London Borough of Hillingdon. The Council does not have control over the decision on the 3<sup>rd</sup> runway and Heathrow Expansion.

The Council is working to obtain the best possible mitigation measures for the local environment and residents, should the expansion continue towards implementation.

Mr Ferriday asked a supplementary question.

Councillors J. Anand, Cox, Mason and Sahota returned to the Chamber.



## **9 Public Petition for Debate**

Councillor Dabrowska presented her petition signed by over 1,500 residents requesting the implementation of a borough wide injunction on all public open spaces and other council owned land to prevent unauthorised encampments occurring.

Councillor P. Anand responded

Councillor Ball responded

Councillor Johnson responded

Councillor Millican responded

Councillor Camadoo replied to the petition

The solution proposed in this petition to concerns by Ealing residents about the damage and cost created by unauthorised encampments is not a new one and is not appropriate or feasible for the borough at present.

Ealing has a robust and effective partnership process for dealing with unauthorised encampments on public land, one that recognises and respects the travelling community's traditions and balances their rights with those of our residents to enjoy our public open spaces free from obstruction or fear of anti-social behaviour.

Like other local authorities, Ealing has experienced problematic encampments. These were mostly in 2016-2017, in which criminal and anti-social behaviour were reported. This included very large amounts of commercial fly-tipping, which were not part of the encampments themselves but were, in fact, illegal businesses connected with organised crime. The traveller community are a protected minority group and it is important to note that most travellers are peaceful and not engaged in criminal behaviour. However, the council works closely with the police, using all appropriate tools open to us to deal with the minority that do engage in criminal activity.

An injunction as outlined in the petition does not provide an appropriate solution at this stage for two reasons: Firstly, a borough wide injunction will not necessarily reduce the cost of dealing with problematic encampments. The 'contempt procedure' referred to in the petition would still need to be enforced and is actually very similar in terms of time and expense to the existing powers officers currently use.

Working with the police, Ealing officers have developed and introduced a strong working protocol with police for responding to encampments. This has been effective in reducing the number of encampments, the length of encampments and the cost and impact on the borough. Officers undertake immediate checks within the first hours of any encampment being reported and the time taken to move on unauthorised encampments has reduced significantly. The police have also responded swiftly and used their Section 61 powers to address and evict encampments where there is evidence of serious anti-social behaviour or criminal behaviour. It is therefore unlikely to be the case that using the contempt procedure, as proposed, would be significantly more cost effective for the borough than the council's current approach. Furthermore, private land is not covered by a borough wide injunction and so some of the worst instances of incursions and fly-tips experienced in the borough would not be prevented by introducing this measure.

Secondly, there is not the pressing need that would justify the introduction of a borough wide injunction in Ealing at present. The number of unauthorised encampments in Ealing in 2018 has been lower than in 2016 and 2017. Additionally, encampments have generally been smaller in size. This is unlike the experience of the local authorities named in the petition. The nature and extent of the problems they experienced were different to Ealing as they had a higher number of large scale illegal encampments and found the police unwilling to use their powers, justifying their recourse to injunctive relief.

In applying prohibitive measures, such as a blanket injunction on travellers, we must be guided by the facts, not negative stereotypes. Applying for a borough wide injunction against persons unnamed could well see the council legally challenged and incur further costs, as the declining numbers of unauthorised encampments in Ealing doesn't justify introducing this measure at this time. This is currently the case in Bromley, where the local authority has had a legal challenge mounted to the lawfulness and proportionality of its injunction. If that succeeded, then it could render all other injunctions unlawful and would not be wise for Ealing to pursue introducing this at this stage.

It is not possible to take a broad-brush approach such as implementing a borough wide injunction when the case for it doesn't currently exist. Instead, all of the options available to us to secure sites assessed as vulnerable to damage and unfit for unauthorised encampments

must be explored. I commend the constructive suggestion from Councillor Praveen Anand who represents Ealing Common ward. The Common had several unauthorised encampments over the past year and nearly half of those were problematic.

To help prevent this, I am happy to agree with his suggestion and instruct officers to investigate the feasibility of a programme to place railings and ditches around Ealing Common. This one-off capital investment could save us time and considerable money in future and, as he says, provides a genuinely permanent resolution to this issue on Ealing Common. I welcome his offer of a contribution to the costs of this scheme by his ward forum, and hope that his ward colleagues will support him in his suggestion. The rest of the cost of this development could be met by the Civic Improvement Fund.

## **1** Questions from Members of the Council

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1. Councillor Dabrowska asked the Leader of the Council

“Has the Mayor of London assured London Councils that there will be no more overspend or delay for Crossrail?”

Councillor Bell replied

This is a matter for serious concern for all of us and not one to be used as a political football. We all know the regenerative effects of Crossrail on our Borough, through for example five new stations. We also know we have had frustrating delays on delivery of those five stations. Those local problems have been the result of Network rail not getting their act together and providing those stations as they promised to us. We still await confirmation of the contractor to build those stations and the schedule for construction.

I spoke to the Mayor on yesterday about a number of issues and we touched on Crossrail. We discussed his efforts from City Hall to press network rail to get us our stations and he was encouraged by his discussions with the new Chief Executive of Network Rail.

Councillors Dabrowska and Rice asked supplementary questions

At this point the Mayor reminded Council that it was 20.30 and that the Shadow Cabinet motion should be discussed. He assured Council that the other questions would be responded to in writing.

## **1 Shadow Cabinet Motion**

**1**

Councillors J. Anand, Cox, Mason and Sahota left the chamber at this point.  
Councillor G. Stafford moved the motion

Councillor Morrissey seconded the motion

Councillor Malcolm moved an amendment to the motion

Councillor Ball seconded the amendment

Councillor Bell Responded

Councillor Manro responded

Councillor Morrissey responded

Councillor Ball responded

Councillor R. Mann responded

Councillor Millican, under rule 14.8 proposed amending the motion

Councillor Malcolm summed up and withdrew his amendment under rule 14.9

Councillor G, Stafford accepted the amendment

Members called for a recorded vote

After a vote the motion, as amended, was **agreed**.

### **For**

Councillors M. Ahmed, S. Ahmed, M. Anand, Aslam, Anjum, Ball, Bell, Blacker, Block, Burke, Busuttil, Byrne, Camadoo, Chohan, Conlan, Costigan, D. Crawford, Dabrowska, Dhadwal, Dheer, Dhindsa, Donnelly, Gordon, Gulaid, Jammu, Johnson, Kaur – Dheer, Kelly, Seema Kumar, Lusuardi, Mahfouz, Mahmoud, Malcolm, G. Mann, R. Mann, Manro, Martin, Midha, Millican, Mohan, Joy Morrissey, Murtagh, Nagpal, Padda, Rai, Raza, Rice, Rooney, Sharma, Shaw, A. Stafford, G. Stafford, Summers, Taylor, Tomlinson, R. Wall, Woodroofe and Young.

### **Against**

None

### **Absent**

Councillors J. Anand, Cox, Mason, Sahota,

### **No Vote**

The Mayor Councillor Dhami.

The motion read

“This Council states that it is opposed to a third runway at Heathrow Airport.”

Councillors J. Anand, Cox, Mason and Sahota returned to the Chamber

## 1 **Other Motions for Debate**

2

Councillor Mason moved the motion and accepted the amendment

Councillor Chohan seconded the motion

Councillor Morrissey responded

Councillor Chohan responded

Councillor Dhadwal responded

Members rose to lift the guillotine

Councillor G. Stafford responded

Councillor Sahota responded

After a vote the motion was agreed **unanimously**

The motion read

The Council notes Ealing Labour's 2018 manifesto pledges to:

Deliver at least 2,500 genuinely affordable homes by 2022.

Invest £250 million in our current council housing stock.

Reduce homelessness and invest to prevent families having to enter temporary accommodation.

Renew our Local Plan to better guide private development in the borough.

Drive up standards in the Private Rented Sector.

The Council Further notes:

Ealing Labour's plan to deliver 2,500 genuinely affordable homes by 2022 is the biggest in London.

Our plans have won the support of the Mayor of London, who has contributed £99 million in new subsidy for our next generation of council homes.

Nearly 8,000 households are on Ealing's waiting list for social housing.

Around 1,500 homelessness applications are made to Ealing Council each year, of which half are accepted. Half of those accepted (roughly 325 per year are female single parents).

London's housing crisis has pushed around 2,300 households into temporary accommodation, with most homelessness applications caused by people being evicted from unsecure tenancies in the private sector.

Ealing's award-winning estate regeneration programme has delivered a net increase of over 600 new social rent homes since 2001.

Under Labour's proposals the Council will:

Use the council's own land to deliver much needed new housing, increasing our direct delivery pipeline of new homes of all types and tenures to 3,100.

Use our own borrowing capacity, including the HRA to self-finance as much of our developments as possible.

Expand our wholly owned council company Broadway Living into being a direct builder, returning us to the principles of the time when Councils were Britain's biggest house builders.

Embrace council estate ballots, which will sit at the heart of our plans for regeneration, ensuring residents continue to be integral to our plans to deliver more, better quality homes.

Give clearer guidance to private developers, setting out clearly our expectations for genuinely affordable homes as a starting point in their schemes, with a preference for 60% social and London affordable rents, 30% London Living Rent and 10% discount market rent and shared ownership.

Undertake a Borough wide land audit to identify where we can sustainably build new homes, as well as catch land bankers sitting on properties that should be being used for housing.

Give clearer guidance to how we can grow our seven towns and their neighbourhoods, protecting their heritage and enhancing their character.

Secure greater transparency to the development process through publishing viability assessments that don't meet the target of delivering 50% affordable homes overall.

Give the public confidence in our negotiations with private developers by improving transparency in the planning process and publishing a register of meetings between developers and Councillors

Help key public-sector workers stay in the borough, by giving first ~~choice~~ **choice** on discount marketed rent and shared ownership properties to Ealing residents and key workers.

Increase the supply of temporary accommodation by increasing the number of modular homes in the Borough, reducing the need for bed and breakfast accommodation.

Lobby government to extend the Council's landlord licensing powers, tackling rogue landlords and dodgy letting agencies in order to drive up standards for renters

## **1 Motions not for Debate**

**3**

Councillor Cox moved the motion

Councillor Mahfouz seconded the motion.

After a vote it was **agreed**

Cuts imposed by the Tory Government since 2010 have meant that -

- London councils have lost 60p out of every £1 of core funding that the last Labour Government was spending on local government in 2010.
- By 2020, funding to councils in London will have been cut by over £4 billion (63%).
- London councils face further cuts next year (2019/20) of over £235 million.

The Government's cuts come despite rising demand for vital council services, such as emergency support and protection for children. Councils across London recognise the importance of these crucial services, and collectively spent £100 million more than budgeted for last year due to rising demand.

Despite facing similar gaps in funding for other vital frontline services, like care for older people and tackling homelessness, London councils are being forced to make further savings of at least £2.1 billion to balance their budgets over the next four years.

London councils are also worse-off due to the Government's cuts than other parts of the country, with 'spending power' per capita having been cut by 37% in real terms in London, compared to 29% for the rest of England. London's population is also growing at twice the rate of the rest of England, and a failure of Government funding to keep up with this growth has worsened the financial pressures on councils in the capital.

The cuts to boroughs in London are also deeply unfair, as councils in London serve some of the most deprived communities in the country. The Trust for London has found that 27% of Londoners are living in poverty (after housing costs), compared to 21% in the rest of England.

The Tory Government is also clearly imposing cuts to councils in a politically motivated way. Next year's further cuts of £1.3 billion to councils across the country will see Labour-run councils lose on average over £60 per household, with Tory-run councils losing less than half of that. In London, councils will lose, on average, over £65 per household, as a further £235 million is removed from councils' core funding in 2019/20.

This Council will support for the Local Government Association Labour Group's '[Breaking Point](#)' campaign. The campaign calls for the Government to -

- Reverse next year's planned £1.3 billion cut to council budgets across the country;
- Immediately invest £2 billion in children's services and £2 billion in adult social care to stop these vital emergency services from collapsing;
- Pledge to use the upcoming Spending Review to restore council funding to 2010 levels over the next four years.

## **1 Changes to the Constitution December 18**

**4**

Councillor Bell moved the report

Councillor Gordon seconded the report

After a vote, Council considered the contents of the report, and **approved** the changes to the constitution set out in the appendices.

**1 Flexible Capital Receipts**

**5** Councillor Mahfouz moved the report  
Councillor Young seconded the report.

After a vote Council **agreed unanimously** to

Approve the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy for 2018/19 as set out in the report (section 3).

**1 Local Government Ombudsman annual report Dec 2018**

**6** Councillor J. Anand moved the report  
Councillor Millican seconded the report.

Council **noted** the information contained in the report regarding the council's performance.

**1 Treasury Management Mid-Year Update 2018-19**

**7** Councillor Mahfouz moved the report  
Councillor Young seconded the report.

Council **unanimously:**

1.1 Noted the Treasury Management activities and performance against targets for the period to 30 September 2018.

1.2 Noted the Council's investment balance of £131.410m as at 30 September 2018 of which £81.000m was invested in other Local Authorities (*Appendix 1*).

1.3 Noted the Council's counterparty investment list (*Appendix 3 - Confidential*).

# 1 **Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies**

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Council **agreed** the following appointments

- a) Councillor Midha – Corporate Parent
- b) Councillor Midha – SACRE
- c) Lynne Duval Head of Housing (Prevention) to full Council as representative to the board of PLACE Ltd.

<b>Governor Name</b>	<b>Governing Body</b>	<b>Governor Type</b>	<b>Date Term Start</b>	<b>Date Term End</b>	<b>Political Affiliation</b>	<b>Appointment Type</b>
Mrs Rahma Elmi	North Primary School	Local Authority (Citizen)	06-Sep-18	05-Sep-22	<unknown>	New Governor
Mrs Faiza Subhani	Wolf Fields Primary School	Local Authority (Citizen)	12-Sep-18	11-Sep-22	<unknown>	New Governor
Cllr Paul Driscoll	Khalsa VA Primary School	Local Authority	21-Sep-18	20-Sep-22	Labour	New Governor
Mrs Anne White	Hobbayne Primary School	Local Authority (Citizen)	24-Sep-18	23-Sep-22	<unknown>	New Governor
Mrs Beant Sachar	Clifton Primary School	Local Authority (Citizen)	24-Sep-18	23-Sep-22	Conservative	Re-appointment
Mrs Wendy Smith	Three Bridges Primary School	Local Authority	16-Oct-18	15-Oct-22	<unknown>	New Governor
Cllr Amarjit Jammu	Greenwood Primary School	Local Authority	25-Oct-18	24-Oct-22	Labour	New Governor
Cllr Amarjit Jammu	Wood End Infant School	Local Authority	25-Oct-18	24-Oct-22	Labour	New Governor
Cllr Tariq Mahmood	St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	Local Authority	05-Nov-18	04-Nov-22	Labour	Re-appointment
Cllr Carlo Lusuardi	Castlebar School	Local Authority	05-Nov-18	04-Nov-22	Labour	New Governor
Mr Michael Elliott	Greenford High School	Local Authority	05-Nov-18	04-Nov-22	Labour	Re-appointment
Prof Catherine Wallace	Gifford Primary School	Local Authority	29-Nov-18	28-Nov-22	Labour	New Governor

Cllr Michael Sabiers	Berrymede Junior School	Local Authority	05- Dec- 18	03- Dec- 22		
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The meeting finished at 21.38.

The Meeting ended at: 22:00