



Notice of Meeting:

Council

Meeting Location:

Virtual Meeting

Date and Time:

Tuesday, 27 April 2021 at 19:00

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AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

VIRTUAL MEETING - LINK TO VIEW

This meeting will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take place in a physical location following regulations made under Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

This meeting can be viewed by following this link:

[LINK HERE](#)

1 Apologies for Absence

To note any apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest made by members.

3 Matters to be Considered in Private

To determine whether items contain information that is exempt from disclosure by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2021.

Minutes of meeting held on 2 March 2021

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5 Mayor's Announcements

6 Public Petition for Debate

A debate under Rule 9.3 for a petition with greater than 1,500 signatures.

A petition of 2,309 signatures has been submitted with the following wording:

We call on Ealing Council to keep the Acton Reuse and Recycling Centre open permanently.

7 Petitions from Members of the Public

Submitted under Council and Committee Procedure Rule 9.

8 Petitions from Members of the Council

Submitted under Council and Committee Procedure Rule 9.

9 Questions from Members of the Public

Submitted under Council and Committee Procedure Rule 9. To consider any questions from members of the public, due notice having been received.

10 Questions from Members of the Council

To deal with questions of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 10 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

Motions with Notice

To deal with motions where notice has been given in accordance with Rule 11 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

11 Opposition Motion for Debate

Labour Mayor of London has failed Ealing residents on crime and safety

This Council notes with extreme concern that in 2020 London was less safe than 2016, when the Labour Mayor Khan came to power. Figures from the Metropolitan Police Service show that:

- Homicides were the highest in 11 years
- Robbery was up 86% by March 2020 compared to Y/E March 2016.
- Knife crime was up 60% over the same period

This Council further notes that the latest MOPAC report shows that in the past year:

- Disability hate crime up 10.9%
- Racist and religious hate crime up 13.2%
- Drug offences up 9.7%

This Council believes that the current Mayor's priorities are wrong. Instead of properly funding the police he has:

- increased his office spending budget by £527 million (300%)
- increased his own staffing budget by 82%.
- increased his PR budget by 26%, and the City Hall PR budget by 35%.
- funded his own promotional company, London & Partners, with a £13.1m budget.
- spent almost £100 million on PR since 2016 and has more PR officers than the Prime Minister.

This Council notes with regret that the Mayor has received no challenge from Ealing's current Labour London Assembly member on these matters and believes that this inaction has let down the residents of Ealing, and that only by electing a Conservative Assembly member will Mayor Khan be held to account.

This council welcomes the Conservative Mayoral candidate, Shaun Bailey's comprehensive plan to make London safe including:

- Funding 8,000 extra police officers
- Reopening the 38 police stations closed by the current Mayor including Ealing Broadway and Southall
- Promoting 'scan and search' technology to get knives off the streets
- Funding 4,000 new youth workers
- Open 32 new youth centres, including one here in Ealing.

Therefore, this Council believes that Sadiq Khan has failed to back the police to keep Londoners safe, and that to truly protect the residents of Ealing, this Council resolves to support Shaun Bailey to be the next Mayor of London.

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Other Motions for Debate

This council commends the record of London Mayor Sadiq Khan

This Council notes the achievements of Sadiq Khan as our Labour Mayor of London:

- Made commuting more affordable for millions of Londoners
- Introduced the hopper bus fare and frozen TfL fares for 4 years
- Opened the night tube and overground
- Tackled polluted air through the world's first ultra low emissions zone
- Planted over 250,000 trees, more than the previous administration in 8 years
- Cleaned up our taxis and buses
- Tripled the amount of protected cycle lanes
- Started building more council homes than in any year since 1984
- Ditched the useless Tory definition of affordable homes
- Gave tenants the right to vote on estate regeneration
- Invested £70m to create more opportunities for young Londoners
- Funded the met police violent crime taskforce
- Funded 1,300 extra police officers for London in the face of Tory cuts
- Provided legal advice for our EU citizens in the face of Tory Brexit

- Stood up for London's values – against both Trump and Boris Johnson

This council believes that Sadiq Khan has been a Mayor for all Londoners and notes that the upcoming Mayoral election on 6th May will be a two-horse race between Sadiq Khan and the Tory candidate.

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Motions not for Debate

Opening up local democracy

This council notes:

- Regulations allowing virtual meetings expire on 7th May, before vaccination against Covid 19 is complete
- Virtual arrangements have opened up decision making in Ealing and other authorities to new levels of transparency
- Virtual arrangements have benefited councillors' ability to provide care for families while still fulfilling their responsibilities as elected representatives
- Until vaccination is complete, any in person meetings will pose a risk of transmission
- Government advice to reduce meetings and rely on increased use of delegated authority and individual decision making reduces accountability and scrutiny of decision making

This council believes:

- It is irresponsible of the government not to extend regulations allowing virtual meetings for local authorities while Parliament can still sit under hybrid arrangements
- Permanent virtual or hybrid arrangements for some meetings will open up opportunities for more Ealing

citizens to consider putting themselves forward to be councillors, removing barriers around caring responsibilities

- It is undemocratic to encourage authorities to bypass public, transparent decision making and rely on delegated authority and individual cabinet member decisions to avoid meetings

This council resolves:

- To respond to the MHCLG call for evidence positively regarding the ability to hold virtual and hybrid arrangements to be made permanent
- To voice its support for Lawyers in Local Government, Association of Democratic Services Officers and Hertfordshire County Council court action to declare virtual and hybrid arrangements to be legal under existing legislation
- To write to the Secretary of State demanding they reconsider extending regulations

This Council stands against male violence and harassment of women and girls

This Council notes:

- The pain and grief felt by so many after the murder of Sarah Everard last month, and the importance of remembering the many women who have lost their lives to male violence, including Wenjing Lin, Nicole Smallman and Bibaa Henry.
- More than two women are killed every week by male violence.
- Only 1.5% of reported rape cases result in charges.
- Black, Asian and other ethnic minority women, transgender women, lesbian and bisexual women, migrant women, women with disabilities and women living in poverty are all particularly vulnerable to

experiencing violence.

- Misogyny and the exploitation and violence against women are endemic in our society.
- The inclusion of misogyny as a hate crime to be recorded by police only this year, thanks to a campaign by Labour MP Stella Creasy.

This Council believes that all women have the right to feel safe and to live their lives without fear of violence or harassment. The government has not done enough to tackle male violence against women and action is long overdue.

This Council calls for:

- Long term, stable funding from government for specialist support for domestic abuse survivors including funding providers led by and for Black, Asian and other ethnic minority survivors, LGBT+ survivors and survivors who are disabled, deaf or blind – Women’s Aid estimate that “by and for” services would cost £393m per year compared to the cumulative financial impact of domestic and gender-based violence on society of £66bn annually
- Immediate action taken to bring rapists to justice with the number of people prosecuted and convicted for rape at the lowest level since records began. This must include fast-tracking rape and serious sexual assault cases through the courts and improved support for survivors
- Following the recommendations of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Domestic Violence and Abuse, ensure there is a firewall to separate immigration enforcement from services supporting survivors of gender-based violence and abuse and ensure all women including migrant women and women with no recourse to public funds can safely and confidently access domestic violence support services

- Following recommendations by Our Streets Now and Plan International UK, move forward with legal change and make public sexual harassment a crime. Relentless harassment is restricting the freedom of women and girls and making them feel unsafe. The law isn't fit for purpose and public sexual harassment is going unreported and unpunished. From parks, university campuses and bus stops to our local high streets, women and girls are harassed everyday. It is time to make it a crime
- Sufficient funding for specialist trauma-informed mental health services for survivors and victims
- Reflecting on the findings of the Victims Commissioner Dame Vera Baird in her report on Rape Survivors and the Criminal Justice System which highlighted that just 14% of survivors of rape believed they would receive justice by reporting the crime to the Police. The Government end-to-end rape review must tackle head-on the systemic issues preventing women reporting violence and abuse
- Noting that only one in five victims of domestic abuse calls the police; we support the public health approach to violence reduction as espoused by London's VRU and the World Health Organisation as well as calls for ring-fenced long-term funding for the NHS to ensure all survivors of domestic abuse have access to health-based specialist domestic abuse advocates in all health settings endorsed by domestic abuse charity SafeLives
- Ensuring that the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill does not increase the discretionary powers of the Police to prevent protest and significantly restrict civil liberties and the power of citizens and communities to have a voice in how they are governed
- The national personal, social, health and economic, and relationships and sex education curricula in schools must include actively tackling harmful gender stereotypes (for men and women) and all

young people must learn about domestic and gender-based violence, hate crime and their right to report and access justice

This Council commits to bring forward proposals to tackle misogyny and violence against women and girls in Ealing.

14 Standards Committee Annual Review 2020/21 33 - 68

15 Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies

Council is recommended to appoint Ms Jessica Mathews as an Independent Member of the Victoria Hall Trust Committee.

16 Urgent key decisions exempted from call-in

The following key decisions have been exempted from call-in since the last meeting of council:

1. [Award of Contract for Landscaping Works at Glade Lane Canalside Park](#)

Reason for urgency:

The contract needs to be entered into urgently because the fluidity of the associated market means that any delay could jeopardise the tendered sum. It was in the public interest to restore this open space to enable public access at the earliest opportunity.

2. [Community Testing Programme: Asymptomatic Testing in Ealing](#)

Reasons for urgency:

The current contract ends on 4 April 2021 The new

phase of testing was due to commence on 5 April, and the DHSC had asked the council to continue asymptomatic testing, and the council needed a contract in place in order to be able to carry out the asymptomatic testing required

The item was not included on the forward plan in the usual way, because it was not known that the testing programme would need to be extended.

The report proposal was to extend the community testing programme, in line with national policy, to ensure there was provision for asymptomatic testing of Ealing residents until the end of June 2021.

17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 18 May 2021.

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