

# COUNCIL MINUTES

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007



PRESENT:

The Mayor ( Councillor Minnie Scott Russell )  
Deputy Mayor ( Councillor Andrew Johnson)

Councillors:

Michael Adam  
Colin Aherne  
Mrs Adronie Alford  
Nicholas Botterill  
Paul Bristow  
Victoria Brocklebank-  
Fowler  
Jean Campbell  
Michael Cartwright  
Alex Chalk  
Stephen Cowan  
Gill Dickenson  
Gavin Donovan  
Caroline Ffiske

Rachel Ford  
Stephen Greenhalgh  
Lucy Gugen  
Steve Hamilton  
Wesley Harcourt  
Lisa Homan  
Robert Iggulden  
Lucy Ivimy  
Donald Johnson  
Alex Karmel  
Jane Law  
Antony Lillis  
Mark Loveday

Lisa Nandy  
Ed Owen  
Harry Phibbs  
Dame Sally Powell  
Alexandra Robson  
Greg Smith  
Frances Stainton  
Peter Tobias  
Mercy Umeh  
Rory Vaughan  
Eugenie White

## **12. MINUTES – 30 MAY 2007**

7.00pm - The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 30 May 2007 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

## **13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bentley, Bethell, Binmore, Burley, Donovan (B), Gore and McLaughlin.

## **14. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor's Announcements were circulated and tabled at the meeting. (Copy attached as **Appendix 1** to these minutes).

## **15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Noted declarations of interest in the following items of business on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting made by Councillors:-

Councillor Greg Smith – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.2 as a council representative on Fulham legal Advice Centre.

Councillor Lucy Ivimy – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.3 as a governor of John Betts School.

Councillor Peter Tobias – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion no.3 as a governor of St.Mary's primary school

Councillor Wesley Harcourt – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.2 as a council representative to H&F CAB.

Councillor Paul Bristow – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.3 as a governor of Bayonne Nursery School.

Councillor Lucy Gugen – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.3 as a governor of Normand Croft School.

Councillor Rory Vaughan– declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.9 as a resident of Larden Road.

Councillor Antony Lillis – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.2 as a Director of Lyric Theatre.

Councillor Alex Karmel – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.3 as Chairman of Governors Sir John Lillie School.

Councillor Adronie Alford – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.2 as a Trustee of Bishop Creighton House.

Councillor Steve Hamilton– declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.3 as a governor of Sullivan Primary School.

Councillor Harry Phibbs– declaration of personal interest in Special Motions No.2 & 8 as a council representative on Hammersmith Law Centre and as a member of the Council's Adoption Panel .

Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler – declaration of personal interest in Special Motions No.2 & 3 as a governor of Fulham Cross School and as a Board Member of Lyric Theatre.

Councillor Frances Stainton – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.2 as a Director of Lyric Theatre.

Councillor Eugenie White – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.3 as a governor of Bentworth School.

Councillor Lisa Nandy – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.2 as a board member of the Lyric Theatre.

Councillor Stephen Cowan – declaration of personal interest in Special Motion No.2 as a council representative of H&F Law Centre and Riverside Theatre Trust .

## **16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (20 MINUTES)**

7.10pm - The Mayor called on those members of the public who had submitted questions to the Leader or to Cabinet Members to ask their questions:

Question No.1 – Ms. Catherine Reifen to the Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Nicholas Botterill).

Question No.4 – Ms.Meher Oliaji to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh)

Public Questions Nos.2 & 3 were not asked, and a written reply will be sent to the questioners after the meeting.

[Copies of all public questions submitted and the reply given are attached at **Appendix 2** to these minutes.]

## **17. ITEMS FOR DECISION / COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.17pm – **The Council's Corporate Plan 2007/8**

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	25
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	12

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED.**

7.18pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Council's Corporate Plan 2007/8 be approved, including the following statutory requirements:

1. The BVPI outturns and targets listed in Appendix 1 to the report.
2. The Contract statement contained in Appendix 2 to the report.

7.19pm – **Council Constitution: Terms of Reference of Licensing Committee & Sub-Committee**

The report and recommendations were moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill, seconded by Councillor Alex Karmel.

A speech on the report were made by Councillor Karmel (for the Administration) before being put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED.**

7.20pm - **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council approves the revised terms of reference of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee with immediate effect, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
2. That the Council delegates authority under the gambling Act 2005 as per the revised terms of reference and as illustrated in Annex 1 attached to the report.

7.21pm – **Council Constitution: Scheme of Delegation – Residents' Services**

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, Councillor Paul Bristow, seconded by Councillor Adronie Alford.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED.**

7.22pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Director of Residents' Services detailed Scheme of Delegation be approved and incorporated into the Council's Constitution.

7.23pm – **The Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change**

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Nicholas Botterill seconded by the Chief Whip, Councillor Frances Stainton.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillor Wesley Harcourt (for the Opposition) and Councillor Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration) before being put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED.**

7.27pm - **RESOLVED:**

That Members welcome the signing of the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change and support future actions which will demonstrate the Council's commitment to mitigating for, and adaptation to, potential impacts arising from climate change.

## **18. MOTION THAT AN ITEM OF BUSINESS BE GIVEN PRECEDENCE**

7.28pm – Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e)(iii), Councillor Stainton moved, seconded by Councillor Donald Johnson, that Special Motions 7, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 be given precedence.

As there were several community and voluntary sector groups present in the public galleries awaiting the debate on Special Motion No.1 – Eviction of Community Groups, Councillor Aherne challenged the motion as procedurally incorrect.

Councillor Stainton agreed to amend the procedural motion to permit Special Motion No.1 to be heard immediately, followed by Special Motions Nos. 7, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 in that order.

The procedural motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

## 19. SPECIAL MOTIONS

### **Special Motion No. 1 – Eviction of Community Groups**

7.29pm – Councillor Colin Aherne moved, seconded by Councillor Wesley Harcourt, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes that at the Cabinet meeting held on 14 May 2007 members voted in secret to evict all the community groups based in The Hut Association, Godolphin Road, College Park Community Centre, Letchford gardens, and the former Wormholt Library, Hemlock Road. This decision was taken without any prior discussion.

These groups only found out about this decision when they were informed by their ward Councillors after the meeting. Their Councillors knew nothing about these proposals until they appeared on the agenda.

At the same meeting they decided to apply for planning permission to develop the former Wormholt Library site for housing and then to sell it on the open market.

This would necessitate the demolition of the former library building which is listed as a building of special merit and is situated in the Wormholt conservation area.

This Council roundly condemns the Cabinet for this act of environmental vandalism.

This Council also condemns the Cabinet for the decision to evict all these valued community groups from their premises and the underhand way in which this decision was taken.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Colin Aherne and Wesley Harcourt

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Antony Lillis moved, seconded by Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler, an amendment to the motion, to delete all words after “This Council” and replace with:

“...notes the Administration’s commitment to reassessing the use of Council-owned buildings housing both staff and other organisations. This Council further

notes the Administration’s commitment to work with any affected community groups to find suitable alternative accommodation. The Council welcomes the input of Ward Councillors in this process.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Lillis, Aherne, Cowan, and Umeh before being put to the vote.

FOR -	25
AGAINST	12
ABSTENTIONS	0

The amendment to the motion was declared **CARRIED**

Councillor Lillis (for the Administration) and Councillor Aherne (for the Opposition) made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion (as amended) was put to the vote:

FOR -	25
AGAINST	12
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion as amended was declared **CARRIED**

8.03pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council notes the Administration’s commitment to reassessing the use of Council-owned buildings housing both staff and other organisations. This Council further notes the Administration’s commitment to work with any affected community groups to find suitable alternative accommodation. The Council welcomes the input of Ward Councillors in this process.

[At this point, although no longer permitted under Council Procedure Rules, Councillor Aherne proceeded to present Councillor Lillis, as Cabinet Member for Community & Children’s Services, with 3 petitions from local community groups seeking to overturn the Council’s decision to sell off the premises currently occupied by their groups.]

### **Special Motion No.7 – Change of membership: CGSC & HASCSC**

8.04pm – Councillor Stainton moved, seconded by Councillor Donald Johnson, the special motion standing in their names:

“That Councillor Jane Law replace Councillor Aidan Burley on Cleaner & Greener Scrutiny Committee;

That Councillor Aidan Burley replace Councillor Jane Law on Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.”



The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

8.05 pm - **RESOLVED:**

1. That Councillor Jane Law replace Councillor Aidan Burley on Cleaner & Greener Scrutiny Committee;
2. That Councillor Aidan Burley replace Councillor Jane Law on Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

### **Special Motion No. 2 – Voluntary Sector Funding**

8.06pm - Councillor Antony Lillis moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council welcomes the commitment of the current Administration to support the voluntary sector in Hammersmith and Fulham. This commitment has led to an increase to the voluntary sector grants budget which now stands at £4,276.077 more than double the support given to the sector by some neighbouring boroughs.

This Council also welcomes the funding review which recently took place which opened up the ‘closed shop’ for the first time in 10 years and allowed the following 16 new groups to be funded:

Catholic Children’s Society  
Community Education Forum  
Community Property/VSRA  
East European Advice Centre  
Funding BAMER Futures  
H&F Black Minority Ethnic  
H&F Credit Union  
H&F Refugee Forum  
Life Education Centres (ROTALEC)  
Safety Net First  
St John Lillie Play Centre  
Somali Children’s Advocacy  
Standing Together Against Domestic Violence  
Viva Arts  
West London Action for Children  
Zimbabwe Women’s Network-UK (ZIWNUK) H&F

This Council welcomes the fact that as a result of the review many new and emerging BME and Refugee groups have been funded for the first time and also endorses the establishment of the Fast Track small grants scheme which will enable small groups to be funded with grants ranging from £100 - £5,000..”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillor Antony Lillis and Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Rory Vaughan moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, an amendment to the motion to delete all after “this Council” and to insert:

....”calls on the Administration to reverse the cuts in funding to the following voluntary sector groups who have suffered loss of all or a significant part of their grant

- Hammersmith & Fulham Law Centre
- Third Age Foundation
- H&F caring for Carers Association
- Shape London
- Horn of Africa Community Group
- Broadway project
- Community Interpreting & Translation
- Domestic Violence Intervention project
- Iraqi Association
- Kurdish Association
- Shanti
- Threshold Housing Advice
- Turning Point/ Druglink
- Vietnamese Association

The six groups who had deputation to the Cabinet meeting - held on 16 April 2007 – were clearly ignored. Not one member of the Cabinet was prepared to ask any questions of any of them which demonstrates that the Cabinet was closed minded to the views being put forward by the voluntary sector, and this is to be regretted.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Vaughan, Cowan, Lillis and Cartwright before the amendment was put to the vote:

FOR	- 12
AGAINST	- 26
ABSTENTIONS	- 0

The amendment to the motion was declared **LOST**.

Speeches on the substantive motion were then made by Councillors Phibbs, Hamilton, Bristow, Law, Nandy and Iggulden, after which Councillor Lillis made a closing speech

winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote. On a request for names to be recorded, a roll-call vote was taken:

FOR - 26

(Councillors Adam, Alford, Botterill, Bristow, Brocklebank-Fowler, Chalk, Donovan (G), Ffiske, Ford, Greenhalgh, Gugen, Hamilton, Iggulden, Ivimy, Johnson (A), Johnson (D), Karmel, Law, Lillis, Loveday, Phibbs, Robson, Smith, Stainton, Tobias, White)

AGAINST - 0

ABSTENTIONS - 13

(Councillors Aherne, Campbell, Cartwright, Cowan, Dickenson, Harcourt, Homan, Nandy, Owen, Powell, Umeh, Vaughan, The Mayor)

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED**

8.58 pm - **RESOLVED:**

This Council welcomes the commitment of the current Administration to support the voluntary sector in Hammersmith and Fulham. This commitment has led to an increase to the voluntary sector grants budget which now stands at £4,276.077 - more than double the support given to the sector by some neighbouring boroughs.

This Council also welcomes the funding review which recently took place which opened up the 'closed shop' for the first time in 10 years and allowed the following 16 new groups to be funded:

Catholic Children's Society  
Community Education Forum  
Community Property/VSRA  
East European Advice Centre  
Funding BAMER Futures  
H&F Black Minority Ethnic  
H&F Credit Union  
H&F Refugee Forum  
Life Education Centres (ROTALEC)  
Safety Net First  
St John Lillie Play Centre  
Somali Children's Advocacy  
Standing Together Against Domestic Violence  
Viva Arts  
West London Action for Children  
Zimbabwe Women's Network-UK (ZIWNUK) H&F

This Council welcomes the fact that as a result of the review many new and emerging BME and Refugee groups have been funded for the first time and also endorses the

establishment of the Fast Track small grants scheme which will enable small groups to be funded with grants ranging from £100 - £5,000.

### **Special Motion No.3 – Fulham Schools Commission**

8.59pm – Councillor Antony Lillis moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council welcomes the creation of the independent Fulham Schools Commission.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Lillis and Greenhalgh (for the Administration).

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Lisa Nandy moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, an amendment to the motion to delete all after “welcomes” in the first line and to insert:

“...the decision taken to withdraw the application to close Hurlingham & Chelsea Secondary School and it regrets that the deeply flawed process behind the Council’s plan to close the school has caused immense disruption to its students, parents and teachers.

The Council further regrets the waste of public money in pursuing the school closure,

The Council agrees to set up a Borough Commission that involves all of the LEA’s Heads, Teachers and local parents. This should be set up instead of the Commission, whose independence is highly questionable, in order that it can develop a well thought out secondary strategy for all children in the Borough.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Nandy and Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillors Lillis and Greenhalgh (for the Administration) before the motion was put to the vote:

FOR	- 12
AGAINST	- 26
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

The amendment to the motion was declared **LOST**

The substantive motion was then put to the vote:

FOR	- 26
AGAINST	- 12
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

9.26pm – **RESOLVED:**

That this Council welcomes the creation of the independent Fulham Schools Commission.

**Special Motion No. 4 – Post Office Closures**

9.27pm - Councillor Paul Bristow moved, seconded by Councillor Rachel Ford (in lieu of Councillor Aidan Burley), the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes that the Government-run Post Office has resolved to close the Fulham Post Office, located on Farm Lane, less than a year after Hammersmith Post Office was integrated into WH Smith’s on King Street. The Council also notes that this proposal comes, despite many Post Office closures in recent years in both Hammersmith and Fulham, including the North End Road Crown Post Office, the Blythe Road Post Office, Richmond Way and one on Fulham Palace Road, and calls on the Post Office to reverse the decision to move post office services into a busy and cramped WH Smith store.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Bristow and Ford (for the Administration)

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e)(vi), Councillor Wesley Harcourt moved, seconded by Councillor Colin Aherne, an amendment to the motion to :

add after the words “Farm Lane” in line 2 of the motion .....”and the Post Office in Old Oak Common Lane”; and

add after the words “reverse the decision to “ in line 7..... “close the Post Office in Old Oak Common Lane and....”

A speech on the amendment was made by Councillor Harcourt before the amendment was put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

The amendment to the motion was declared **CARRIED.**

Councillor Bristow then made a closing speech on the substantive motion as amended before it was put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED**

9.37 pm - **RESOLVED:**

This Council notes that the Government-run Post Office has resolved to close the Fulham Post Office, located on Farm Lane and the Post Office in Old Oak Common Lane, less than a year after Hammersmith Post Office was integrated into WH Smith's on King Street. The Council also notes that this proposal comes, despite many Post Office closures in recent years in both Hammersmith and Fulham, including the North End Road Crown Post Office, the Blythe Road Post Office, Richmond Way and one on Fulham Palace Road, and calls on the Post Office to reverse the decision to close the Post Office in Old Oak Common Lane and move post office services into a busy and cramped WH Smith store.

### **Special Motion No. 5 – Police Numbers in the Borough**

9.38pm – Councillor Greg Smith moved, seconded by Councillor Harry Phibbs, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council welcomes the start of the 24/7 neighbourhood beat policing pilots in Shepherds Bush and Fulham Broadway wards, marking an addition of 50 police officers and PCSO's to the Borough, on top of the Resource Allocation Formula. It further notes the increase since May 2006 of 7 officers serving on the Hammersmith Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Team, four from the Metropolitan Police and three funded by the Greater Hammersmith Bid – making the Hammersmith Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Team one of the largest in London. The Council also resolves to continue to lobby the Home Office, Metropolitan Police Authority and Scotland Yard to increase the number of Police Officers deployed in the Borough further.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Smith, Phibbs and Chalk (for the Administration).

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Lisa Homan, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after “This Council” and insert:

.....”resolves to permanently reverse the 25% cut in the Hammersmith Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and regrets that this cut was made by the Council while the ward has the highest rate of crime in the whole of the Borough, and at a time of increased anxiety about crime in the ward. It further resolves to reverse the cuts in the Safer Neighbourhood Police Teams in other wards.”

A speech on the amendment was made by Councillor Cowan (for the Opposition) .

[**Note:** 9.56pm - At this point in the proceedings, under Council Procedure Rule 24.3, Councillor Stainton moved, seconded by Councillor Donald Johnson, that the guillotine coming into effect at 10.00pm be delayed for an additional half-hour to enable the Council to complete its business. The motion was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.]

Councillor Lisa Homan (for the Opposition), and Councillors Greenhalgh and Hamilton (for the Opposition) made further speeches on the amendment before it was put to the vote:

FOR	- 11
AGAINST	- 25
ABSTENTIONS	- 0

The amendment to the motion was declared **LOST**

Councillor Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Smith (for the Administration) then made closing speeches on the substantive motion before it was put to the vote. On a request for names to be recorded, a roll-call vote was taken:

FOR	-25
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(Councillors Adam, Alford, Botterill, Bristow, Brocklebank-Fowler, Chalk, Donovan (G), Ffiske, Ford, Greenhalgh, Gugen, Hamilton, Iggulden, Ivimy, Johnson (A), Johnson (D), Karmel, Law, Lillis, Loveday, Phibbs, Smith, Stainton, Tobias, White)

AGAINST	- 0
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ABSTENTIONS	- 12
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(Councillors Aherne, Campbell, Cartwright, Cowan, Dickenson, Harcourt, Homan Nandy, Owen, Umeh, Vaughan, The Mayor)

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED**

10.17pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council welcomes the start of the 24/7 neighbourhood beat policing pilots in Shepherds Bush and Fulham Broadway wards, marking an addition of 50 police officers and PCSO's to the Borough, on top of the Resource Allocation Formula. It further notes the increase since May 2006 of 7 officers serving on the Hammersmith Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Team, four from the Metropolitan Police and three funded by the Greater Hammersmith Bid – making the Hammersmith Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Team one of the largest in London. The Council also resolves to continue to lobby the Home Office, Metropolitan Police Authority and Scotland Yard to increase the number of Police Officers deployed in the Borough further.

### **Special Motion No. 6 – CPA 4-Star Rating**

10.18pm – Councillor Mark Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Donald Johnson, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council congratulates the award of the top four-star rating to the Borough from the Audit Commission for the quality of Council services, and for delivering a 3 per cent Council tax cut in April - the biggest in Britain. This Council calls on the Administration to continue to deliver better services and lower taxes.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Loveday and Donald Johnson (maiden speech).

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Michael Cartwright moved, seconded by Councillor Rory Vaughan, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after “This Council” and insert:

.....”welcomes the decision of the Audit Commission to revise its assessment and award the Council four stars which brings credit to the previous Labour Administration as well as the current Conservative Administration.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillor Cartwright (for the Opposition).

[**Note:** 10.30pm - At this point in the debate, the provisions of the guillotine came into effect and further debate on the amendment was curtailed.]

The amendment was put to the vote:

FOR	- 11
AGAINST	- 25
ABSTENTIONS	- 0

The amendment to the motion was declared **LOST**

Councillor Mark Loveday made a closing speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

FOR	- 25
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 11

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED**

10.35pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council congratulates the award of the top four-star rating to the Borough from the Audit Commission for the quality of Council services, and for delivering a 3 per cent Council tax cut in April - the biggest in Britain. This Council calls on the Administration to continue to deliver better services and lower taxes.



**Special Motion No. 8 – Adoption & Permanent Placement Panel**

10.36pm – Councillor Lisa Nandy moved, seconded by Councillor Michael Cartwright, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council believes that one of the most important duties of councillors is their responsibility towards the vulnerable children in our care.

This Council notes that no previous Labour administration experienced problems appointing two Labour members to the Adoption & Permanent Placement Panel, all of whom served for many years. This Council is disappointed that a lack of similar commitment by Conservative councillors has led the new administration to reduce the number of appointments to this panel by 50%, to just one.

This Council notes that, despite this reduction in membership, there have been three different councillors appointed in just twelve months, and believes this does not demonstrate a commitment to the council’s duty towards vulnerable children.

This council agrees that this role should be performed out of a sense of duty, as occurred under the previous Labour administrations, and the administration should not have to resort to paying an RA of over £6,000 per year to take on this commitment.

This council therefore condemns the lack of commitment shown thus far towards all the vulnerable children in the council’s care.”

The motion was put to the vote without discussion:

FOR	- 11
AGAINST	- 25
ABSTENTIONS	- 0

The motion was declared **LOST**

**Special Motion No. 9 – 272 Bus Route**

10.37pm – Councillor Lisa Homan moved, seconded by Councillor Gill Dickenson, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council congratulates TfL for the introduction of the 272 bus route in 2002 and recognises that passenger numbers far outstrips original estimates. The bus service is very much appreciated by many local residents, particularly those living in western Askew Ward who rely on it to go about their daily business. The Council therefore resolves to resist any attempts to re-route the bus and fully supports the continuation of the present service.”

The motion was put to the vote without discussion:

FOR	- 11
AGAINST	- 25
ABSTENTIONS	- 0

The motion was declared **LOST**

## **20. INFORMATION REPORTS TO COUNCIL (IF ANY)**

There were no information reports to this meeting of the Council.

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Meeting ended: 10.39p.m. - Wednesday, 27 June 2007.

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MAYOR