



SUMMONS

Councillors of the London Borough of
Hammersmith & Fulham
are requested to attend the
Ordinary Meeting of the Council on
Wednesday, 25 January 2006
at Hammersmith Town Hall, W6

The Council will meet at 7.00pm.

17 January 2006
Town Hall
Hammersmith W6

Geoff Alltimes
Chief Executive

COUNCIL

—Agenda—

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COUNCIL

— MINUTES —

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2005



PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Charlie Treloggan)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mercy Umeh)

Councillors:

Colin Aherne
Adronie Alford
Emile Al-Uzaizi
Will Bethell
Brendan Bird
Nick Botterill
Stephen Burke
Charles Boyle
Michael Cartwright
Siobhan Coughlan
Steve Cowan

Huw Davies
Sian Dawson
Gavin Donovan
Fiona Evans
Chris Graham
Stephen Greenhalgh
Greg Hands
Wesley Harcourt
Lucy Ivimy
Andrew Jones
Alex Karmel
Jafar Khaled
Antony Lillis
Amanda Lloyd-Harris
Mark Loveday

Reg McLaughlin
Charlie Napier
Jolyon Neubert
Colin Pavelin
Dame Sally Powell
Andrew Slaughter
Melanie Smallman
Frances Stainton
Jenny Vaughan
Josie Wicks
David Williams

23. MINUTES – 29 JUNE 2005

7.01pm - The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 June 2005 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam, Allen, Birdsey, Church, Gibbons, Karian and Stanley.

25. MAYOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

The Mayor's Announcements were circulated to all Councillors and in the Chamber. (Copy attached as **APPENDIX 1** to these Minutes).

26. RAVENSCOURT PARK WARD BYE-ELECTION

Noted the Returning Officer's report that Lucy Ivimy , the Conservative Party candidate, had been elected as Ward Councillor in the Ravenscourt Park Ward Bye-Election, held on 28 July 2005.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting of the Council.

28. MOTION TO SUSPEND COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

7.05 pm – Councillor Stainton moved, seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh, a motion under Rule 15 (e) (xii) to suspend Council Procedure Rules in order to allow petitioners to present two petitions to the Council concerning the Western Extension of the Congestion Charge Zone and a request for CCTV coverage in Shepherds Bush Road.

The Mayor ruled that he would allow one speaker from either side to debate the motion before moving to a vote.

Speeches were made on the motion by Councillor Greenhalgh (for the Opposition) and by Councillor Burke (for the Administration) before the motion was put to the vote:

FOR - 15
AGAINST – 22
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

[Note: The petitions were subsequently handed to the Cabinet Members for Environment & Contract Services and Social Inclusion respectively for action.]

29. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (20 MINUTES)

7.10pm - The Mayor called on those members of the public who had submitted questions for this meeting of the Council (as published in the Council Agenda) to ask their questions:

Public Questioners

1. Question to the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion (Cllr.Reg McLaughlin) from Mr.Giuseppe Carella, 73 Filmer Road SW6.

(The text of all questions submitted and the reply given is attached at **APPENDIX 2** to these minutes).

30. ITEMS FOR DECISION / COMMITTEE REPORTS (IF ANY)

7.15pm - **Pensions Fund Investment Panel – Amendment of the Terms of Reference**

The report and recommendations were moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Burke, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, Deputy Leader.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR - Unanimous
AGAINST - 0
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.16pm – **RESOLVED:**

1. That HFHMS be offered a place on the Pensions Fund Investment Panel with the ability to participate, but without a formal vote.
2. That the PFIP terms of reference be amended accordingly.

7.17pm – **Establishment of an Audit Committee**

The report and recommendation, including a further addendum tabled at the meeting, was moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Burke, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, Deputy Leader.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote :

FOR - Unanimous
AGAINST - 0
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.18pm – **RESOLVED –**

1. That the establishment of an Audit Committee, with the terms of reference and membership as set out in the report, and which incorporates the role of the existing Approval of Accounts Committee, be approved.
2. That the following be appointed as members of the Audit Committee:

Councillor Chris Allen	(Administration member)
Councillor Wesley Harcourt	(Administration member)
Councillor Will Bethell	(Opposition member)
3. That the Chair of the Audit Committee be one of the Administration members.
4. That the Vice-Chair be the Opposition member.
5. That the Chair be Councillor Chris Allen
6. That the Vice-Chair be Councillor Will Bethell
7. That the Approval of Accounts Committee and its current membership remain in existence until such time as the newly appointed Audit Committee members have been trained up in their duties (January 2006).

7.19pm – **Treasury Management Outturn Report**

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Burke, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, Deputy Leader.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote.

FOR - 21
AGAINST - 15
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.20pm – **RESOLVED:**

That the borrowing and investment activity for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 be noted.

7.21.p.m. – **Local Development Framework : Statement of Community Involvement**

The report and recommendations were moved for adoption by Councillor Dame Sally Powell, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, seconded by Councillor Michael Cartwright, Cabinet Member for Environment & Contract Services.

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

FOR - 21
AGAINST - 16
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.22p.m. – **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Hammersmith and Fulham Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) be approved;
2. That the SCI be submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration at an examination in public;
3. That the Council publishes the SCI for formal representations in accordance with the statutory requirements
4. That the Director of the Environment Department be authorised to make any minor amendments or technical clarifications to the SCI that may be necessary before it is submitted to the Secretary of State or published for further public consultation.

31. SPECIAL MOTIONS

7.23pm – **Special Motion No.1 – London Bomb Attacks**

Councillor McLaughlin moved, seconded by Councillor Burke, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council condemns those who planned and participated in the bomb attacks in London on July 7th and 21st.

This Council would like to record their thanks to those officers from the Council, the Police, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, PCT, St. John Ambulance, WRVS and others who helped the over 500 people evacuated from their homes in Shepherds Bush on July 21st and were accommodated in the Town Hall and the Novotel.

Council officers and partners continually work to keep up to date our emergency procedures hoping that they will not be needed, but when required, the plans were put into action and worked.”

Councillors McLaughlin and Burke made speeches on the motion before it was put to the vote:

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS - 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

7.35pm – **RESOLVED**

This Council condemns those who planned and participated in the bomb attacks in London on July 7th and 21st.

This Council would like to record their thanks to those officers from the Council, the Police, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, PCT, St. John Ambulance, WRVS and others who helped the over 500 people evacuated from their homes in Shepherds Bush on July 21st , and were accommodated in the Town Hall and the Novotel.

Council officers and partners continually work to keep up to date emergency procedures hoping that they will not be needed, but when required, the plans were put into action and worked.

7.36pm – **Special Motion No.2 – School Exam Results**

Councillor Smallman moved, seconded by Councillor Williams (in lieu of Councillor Allen), the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council congratulates the students, Governors, Schools and LEA staff of Hammersmith & Fulham for achieving the Borough’s best ever GCSE results, a 97.5% A level pass rate and Key Stage 2 results that are some of the most improved in the country, and put Hammersmith & Fulham in the top three London authorities.”

A speech in support of the motion was made by Councillor Smallman.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Lillis, an amendment to the motion to add after "...three London authorities" the words:

"...However, we note that in three schools fewer than one in three children achieved five or more GCSE grades at A* to C, and call on the Council to focus on measures that will close the gap between these three schools and the rest."

Speeches on the amendment to the motion were made by Councillors Loveday, Lillis, Williams, Lloyd-Harris and Smallman

The amendment to the motion was put to the vote:

FOR – 16
AGAINST – 22
ABSTENTIONS – 0

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

The substantive motion was then put to the vote:

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS - 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8.08pm – **RESOLVED**

This Council congratulates the students, Governors, Schools and LEA staff of Hammersmith & Fulham for achieving the Borough's best ever GCSE results, a 97.5% A level pass rate and Key Stage 2 results that are some of the most improved in the country, and put Hammersmith & Fulham in the top three London authorities.

8.09pm – **Special Motion No.3 – Night Flight Restrictions at Heathrow Airport**

Councillor Cartwright moved, seconded by Councillor Jones, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Government's consultation on night flying restrictions at Heathrow Airport. This Council does not consider that night flights have any justification at Heathrow, and calls on the Government to ban both take-off and landings between 11.30pm and 6.00am."

Councillor Cartwright (for the Administration) made a speech on the motion.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Al-Uzaizi, an amendment to the motion to add after the words "...between 11.30pm and 6.00am" the following :

"...Therefore this Council resolves

- (i) to join three other local authorities (Wandsworth, Richmond and Windsor & Maidenhead) in signing up to the application for a judicial review of the Stage 2 Consultation on night flight restrictions; and
- (ii) to lobby our two local MP's to amend their Civil Aviation Bill so that the protection that residents currently have which limits the numbers of night flights is not removed."

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Greenhalgh, Al-Uzaizi, Khaled, Bird, Jones and Cartwright before the amendment was put to the vote:

FOR – 16
AGAINST – 21
ABSTENTIONS – 0

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

Councillor Cartwright moved, seconded by Councillor Jones, a further amendment to add the wording set out in point (ii) of the Opposition amendment above to the original motion.

The ruling of the Mayor, on legal advice, was that under Council Procedure Rule 14 (d), the amendment was invalid and therefore automatically lost.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote:

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

8.38pm – **RESOLVED**

This Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Government's consultation on night flying restrictions at Heathrow Airport. This Council does not consider that night flights have any justification at Heathrow, and calls on the Government to ban both take-off and landings between 11.30pm and 6.00am

8.39pm – **Special Motion No.4 – Change of Membership of Licensing Committee**

Councillor Aherne moved, seconded by Councillor Evans, the special motion standing in their names:

“Delete Councillor David Williams. Replace with Councillor Andrew Jones.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS - 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

8.40pm – **RESOLVED** Accordingly.

8.41pm – **Special Motion No.5 – Change of Membership of the Planning Applications Committee**

Councillor Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Stainton, the special motion standing in their names:

“That Councillor Lucy Ivimy replace Councillor Antony Lillis on the Planning Applications Committee.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

8.42pm – **RESOLVED** Accordingly.

8.43pm – **Special Motion No.6 – 2012 London Olympics**

Councillor Burke moved, seconded by Councillor Smallman, the special motion standing in their names:

“The Council welcomes the news of the success of the 2012 Olympic bid, and congratulates the 2012 team. The London Olympics is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to generate further interest in and excitement about sport in the Borough, as well as generating new work and cultural opportunities for local people. We will continue to back the bid and ensure that it brings real benefits for the residents of Hammersmith & Fulham.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

8.44pm – **RESOLVED**

The Council welcomes the news of the success of the 2012 Olympic bid, and congratulates the 2012 team. The London Olympics is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to generate further interest in and excitement about sport in the Borough, as well as generating new work and cultural opportunities for local people. We will continue to back the bid and ensure that it brings real benefits for the residents of Hammersmith & Fulham.

8.45pm – **Special Motion No.7 – Council Licensing Policy**

Councillor Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Karmel (in lieu of Councillor Stainton), the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes that as a result of the Labour Government's Licensing Act and the Council's own Licensing policy, a number of pubs and bars (some located in residential areas) have applied for extended hours during which they will be able to purvey alcohol into the early hours of the morning. This will inevitably lead to residents suffering additional noise, disturbance and public disorder, and we therefore call upon this Council to follow Wandsworth Borough Council in introducing a Borough-wide terminal hour of midnight with immediate effect.”

Speeches in favour of the motion were made by Councillors Botterill and Stainton.

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

“...and the Tory-run Local Government Association have welcomed the Licensing Act 2003 that gives local councils new powers to make licensing decisions and control licensed premises. This Council records its thanks to the Licensing Committee and officers who serve it for their hard work in licensing all premises in the Borough under the new Act. This Council notes with regret the Tory Opposition's continued refusal to serve on this Committee, which is a dereliction of their duty as Hammersmith & Fulham Councillors.”

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

FOR – 21
AGAINST – 16
ABSTENTIONS – 0

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

Councillor Botterill made a closing speech winding up the debate before the motion (as amended) was put to the vote:

FOR – 21
AGAINST – 16
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The motion (as amended) was declared **CARRIED**

9.22pm – **RESOLVED**

This Council and the Tory-run Local Government Association have welcomed the Licensing Act 2003 that gives local councils new powers to make licensing decisions and control licensed premises. This Council records its thanks to the Licensing Committee and officers who serve it for their hard work in licensing all premises in the Borough under the new Act. This Council notes with regret the Tory Opposition's continued refusal to serve on this Committee, which is a dereliction of their duty as Hammersmith & Fulham Councillors.

9.23pm – **Special Motion No.8 – Borough Secondary School Exam Results**

The motion was withdrawn from debate by the Opposition.

32. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

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Meeting ended: 9.24p.m. - Wednesday, 21 September 2005

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MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

1. On 30th June, 2005, I attended the H&F schools' Panda Competition organised by the Metropolitan Police based upon the Junior Citizen Project, which encourages children to "be a safer citizen," Lyric Theatre
2. On 30th June, I attended the H&F Big Recycle roadshow at West12 Shopping Centre, Shepherds Bush Green, W12
3. On 1st July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the London Labour Mayor's Association AGM, Camden Town Hall
4. On 2nd July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I was delighted to attend a Concert by the Fulham Symphony Orchestra, Fulham Town Hall
5. On 3rd July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I was delighted to attend the London Youth Games, Crystal Palace National Sports Centre
6. On 5th July, I attended the Funeral of Ms Evelin Rueb, who worked in Regeneration , Mortlake Crematorium
7. On 5th July, I attended the Fulham Society Summer Party, Garden of Lady Margaret school, SW6
8. On 8th July, I was delighted to visit Wentworth Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Bayonne Road, W12
9. On 9th July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I was delighted to attend Little Wormwood Scrubs Open Day, W12
10. On 9th July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I was delighted to attend Barons Court Library's 40th Anniversary celebration, North End Road, W14
11. On 12th July, I attended the Urban Studies Centre AGM, Lilla Huset , W6
12. On 14th July, I attended a reception with the Irish Ambassador and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Irish Embassy, SW1
13. On 14th July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the London Mayor's Association service for Borough Mayors', St Paul's Cathedral
14. On 15th July, I was delighted to attend the school sports presentation day, John Betts School, W6
15. On 15th July, I was honoured to attend the Art Lab certification presentation event, Kingwood City Learning Centre, SW6
16. On 15th July, I attended Henry Peterson and Carole Hughes joint early retirement party, London Corinthian Sailing Club

17. On 16th July, I attended the Home Front Recall conference, Polish Centre, King Street, W6
18. On 16th July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended Clem Attlee Residents Association Fun Day, Clem Attlee Court, SW6
19. On 16th July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended Safe Start annual Gala Ball, Copethorne Tara Hotel, W8
20. On 18th July, I was delighted to visit Riverside Gardens Sheltered Housing Scheme, W6
21. On 18th July, I was delighted to attend and launch the School Travel Plan event, which I travelled as a passenger on a Rickshaw, St Augustine's school, SW6
22. On 18th July, I attended a photocall for the new Key Worker Housing scheme, lime grove, W12
23. On 19th July, I attended and officially opened Queen's Manor Primary School Vegetable Garden, SW6
24. On 19th July, I was delighted to attend Stanford Court Sheltered Housing Scheme 20th Anniversary celebrations, Bagleys Lane
25. On 19th July, I was honoured to host and present awards to H&F participants in the London Youth Games, Mayor's Parlour & Foyer, HTH
26. On 20th July, I was delighted to visit Planetree Court Sheltered Housing Scheme W6
27. On 22nd July, I attend the Bridge House Trust Report launch, The Great Hall, Guildhall
28. On 22nd July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I was delighted to attend the Induction and collation of Rev Wheeler, St. Saviour Church, W12
29. On 26th July, I was delighted to visit Michael Stewart House Sheltered Housing scheme, Clem Attlee Estate SW6
30. On 26th July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the official opening of Gloucester House extension, by HRH Duchess of Gloucester, W6
31. On 30th July, I attended the Kurdistan National 5th General Congress-KNC Polish Centre, King Street, W6
32. On 31st July, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Greenwich Charity visit to Charlton House SE7
33. On 3rd August, I was delighted to attend Chelsea Football Club Centenary celebration, Stamford Bridge

34. On 5th August, I attended the India Independence Day event held at the Bhavan Centre, W14
35. On 20th August, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the Olympia Summer Fete, Olympia
36. On 25th August, I was delighted to attend HAFAD opening of the Aeji Memorial Garden and 1st Chance Open day, SW6
37. On 3rd September, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the annual Polish Airforce wreath laying memorial service, Northolt
38. On 4th September, I was delighted to attend the official reopening of Linford Christie Athletics Track, Linford Christie Stadium, W12
39. On 7th September, accompanied by the Mayoress, I was delighted to attend and officially greet the New Trafalgar Dispatch courier outside HTH
40. On 9th September, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the New Trafalgar Dispatch reception at Admiralty House, Horseguards Parade, SW1
41. On 9th September, I attended the H&F VC AGM, Assembly Hall, HTH
42. On 13th September, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the London Labour Mayor's Association coffee morning held at Camden Town Hall
43. On 14th September, I attended the Financial Literacy Project Launch, West Kensington Tenants Hall, W14
44. On 14th September, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended Rampage Holiday Project's Tea Dance event, Hammersmith Town Hall
45. On 16th September, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the Reserve Forces & Cadets Assoc. reception, Chelsea Barracks, SW3
46. On 16th September, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the Launch of the New Lift at Bryony Centre
47. On 16th September, accompanied by the Mayoress, I attended the reordering Service of St Paul's Church Building, W6
48. On 17th September, I attended the Sands End Playhouse Fete, SW6 17/9
49. On 18th September, accompanied by the Mayoress, , I was delighted to attend the Annual Church Service for the Blind, St George's Cathedral, SE1
50. Since July 6th to date, accompanied by the Mayoress, I have attended 13 Citizenship Ceremonies held at Fulham Town Hall, SW6

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 21 SEPTEMBER 2005

question by: Mr. Giuseppe Carella, 73 Filmer Road, SW6 7JF

to the: Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion

QUESTION

In the light of the recent London Bombings, what are the steps that the Council is taking to foster greater integration in its diverse community?

REPLY

Thank you for your question.

I would respond by saying that the Council has for a number of years worked in partnership with the local community to celebrate the borough's diversity. In a recent study carried out by the West London Alliance Hammersmith and Fulham were shown to have a mature diverse community where people have for many years generally lived peacefully side by side.

After the events of 7th July the police initiated a "Gold Group" with the local authority to get together a representative group of local people to work on this very issue of addressing community concern - initially about the terrorist attacks, but in the longer term on practical initiatives to harness community cohesion. Representatives of the "Gold Group" attended the MPS hosted event – 'Communities Together' after the first bombings in July 2005. The LBHF representatives included senior council officers, the Leader of the Council and MPs. A number of community groups are represented in Gold Group including the following - the Muslim community, the Christian community, young people, refugees and asylum seekers, the Somali community. The Council and Police also had separate meeting with Hammersmith and Fulham Refugee Forum.

The "Gold Group" took a lead and produced a leaflet that was delivered Borough wide and also published a half page article promoting community cohesion/emergency planning in the free magazine – HFM.

The Council in partnership with the community and the police are taking a number of steps to build on the commitment of this group to do something practical and positive to foster greater integration in the community. You may be aware of the Peace Week event

that took place on Wednesday 14th September which was attended by a cross section of the community not just in terms of race but, also in terms of age. There have been school assemblies to raise awareness and build a greater understanding of the different cultures in the borough. A number of public meetings have been held; the Police's Safer Neighbourhood Teams and the council's Community Safety Unit have led the way in some instances for example setting up meetings specifically for Muslim Women, a Q&A session at the al-Muntada al-Islami Centre and the Shepherds Bush mosque with Moslem community members and the Black Minority Ethnic Network.

This is just the start of some of the practical and positive ideas have come from the "Gold Group" - all of which will be progressed in partnership with the Police, community and the council. We believe that this will continue to develop the strong, mature relationships within this Borough.

The police have made it clear that race/hate crimes will not be tolerated and arrests have been made. Information and intelligence on this subject was shared with lead community members.

I would point out that the number of race/hate crimes in this borough was amongst the lowest in London despite the fact that over 140 languages are spoken in the borough. Having said that we are not complacent about race/hate crimes and the Council will not condone such behaviour. There remains a collaborative approach between the police and the local authority to deal with offenders and other issues arising out of hate crimes - for example housing issues.

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 25 JANUARY 2006

Question by: Mr Jon Burden, 82a Minford Gardens, London W14 OAP

to the: Cabinet Member for Environment and Contract Services

QUESTION

What are the Council's policies regarding use and purchase of items made from recycled materials, in particular use of recycled paper but also other items.

REPLY

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to answer a question on a subject that, as a Director of London Waste Action, I am particularly interested in.

Firstly the Council's Environmental Policy, after prioritising waste minimisation, has the objective of promoting reuse of materials and also use of recycled materials.

Our procurement rules and our Contract Code now emphasise the integration of green procurement into all aspects of the purchasing process, following our decision in 2003 to sign up to the Mayor of London's Green Procurement Code.

You raise the issue of printing and I confirm that nearly all our printing is done in house and they use about 99% recycled paper, and our photocopiers all use recycled paper. However, much work is being done to remind staff to avoid printing and photocopying if at all possible.

We encourage the use of recycled materials in our construction works, for example crushed glass instead of sand in some paving schemes and we redress granite kerbs for reuse. I understand a number of recycled materials such as floor and roof tiles are to be used in our major £192 m 'Decent Standard' homes project. Another example is that at our new Janet Adegoke pool, the demolished building was crushed on site and used in the foundations of the pool, and all the benches in the changing rooms are made from recycled plastic cups.

We provide financial support to charities that recycle old furniture for reuse. It is our policy to purchase green electricity for our buildings and we encourage our schools to do the same.

We will shortly be setting ourselves measurable targets to further minimise waste and increase use of reused and recycled materials.

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 25 JANUARY 2006

Question by: Mr Andrew Ellard, Flat 2, 66 Sterndale Road, W14 OHU

to the: Cabinet Member for Environment and Contract Services

QUESTION

TFL PROPOSED CHANGES TO ROUTE OF C1 BUS

I thank the council for successfully lobbying Transport for London for funding to establish the Home and Clear Zones in Addison Ward. The effect is a significant reduction in accidents and pollution in our residential streets improving the quality of all our lives which is key in an area which has 3 primary schools and a number of pre-school nurseries and playgroups.

Recently we have been made aware that Transport for London are proposing to extend the route of the C1 Bus from Kings Road through to Wormwood Scrubs via Blythe and Dewhurst Roads. These streets are residential and narrow and this proposal will significantly increase noise, traffic and pollution. This clearly goes against the objectives of the Home and Clear Zones initiative and therefore residents and the local councillors are right to express their concerns.

Addison ward is well serviced by dramatically improved public transport thanks to the good work done by TfL, particularly making buses more reliable, cleaner and safer. However, this proposal will undo the good work done to reduce traffic and pollution in our residential streets.

Will the council join with residents in lobbying TfL to change the proposal to a more suitable route?

REPLY

Thank you for your question.

I agree with the points you make.

The Bythe Road area is well served by public transport and the whole area meets both the national and Transport for London's planning criteria of being no more than 400m from a bus route. I have not received any requests from residents to extend this bus route into the area.

Of greater concern is that we have successfully introduced a Home Zone to the area. Initial studies have already indicated an improvement in air quality which I very much believe would decline if a bus now ran through this traffic calmed area.

Transport for London's consultation ends on 23 January and, subject to Council agreeing to Special Motion 5 later this evening, I intend telling Transport for London that if they want to extend route C1 then it should follow route 49 along Holland Road.

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LEADER'S COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL

6.1

25 JANUARY 2006

LEADER
*Councillor Stephen
Burke*

DEPUTY LEADER
*Councillor Stephen
Cowan*

COUNCIL TAX BASE AND COLLECTION RATE 2006/2007

**Wards
All**

This report contains an estimate of the Council Tax collection rate and calculates the Council Tax base for 2006/07.

The Council Tax base will be used in the calculation of the Band D Council Tax undertaken in the Revenue Budget Report for 2006/07.

CONTRIBUTORS

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Recommendations:

That for 2006-2007 financial year, the Council approve:

- 1. The estimated numbers of properties for each Valuation Band as set out in this report.**
- 2. The estimated Collection rate of 97.5%.**
- 3. The Council Tax Base of 75,709 Band "D" equivalent properties.**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under Section 33(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculations of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the Council (as billing authority) is required to calculate its Council Tax Base. This comprises both the estimated numbers of properties within each Valuation band plus the Council's estimate of its collection rate for the coming financial year.
- 1.2 For the current financial year the Council approved a Council tax base of 76,887 Band D equivalent dwellings, and an estimated Collection Rate of 97.5%, which resulted in a tax base of 74,965.
- 1.3 Under Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 the Council reduced discounts for Second Homes and Long Term Empty properties.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is for the Committee to make recommendations to Council on the estimated Collection Rate and Council Tax Base for 2006/07.

3. DISCOUNTS

3.1 Second Homes

There are some 1,933 second homes in the borough which receive a 10% discount.

3.2 Long Term Empty Properties

Long term empty properties do not receive a discount.

4. VALUATION BAND PROPERTIES

- 4.1 The latest information on the number of properties within each valuation band is contained within a return (CTB1), which the Council was required to provide to the ODPM in early-November 2005.
- 4.2 This return reflected the actual number of properties shown in the Valuation List as at 19 September 2005 and the Council's records as at 10 October 2005. The return will be utilised by the ODPM in calculating the Council's Tax Base for the final Revenue Support Grant settlement for 2006/07.
- 4.3 A detailed analysis of the properties in each valuation band can be summarised as follows. There are a total of 78,345 dwellings on the list with some 32,106 properties estimated to receive a single person discount. The total Band "D" equivalent is approximately 76,502 properties.

Band	Band Size	Total Dwellings	Total after Discounts, Exemptions and Disabled Relief	Ratio	Band "D" Equivalents
	Band A disabled relief	0	0.00	5/9	0.0
A	Values not exceeding £40,000	2,729	2,119.75	6/9	1,413.2
B	Values exceeding £40,000 but not exceeding £52,000	5,311	4,148.25	7/9	3226.4
C	Values exceeding £52,000 but not exceeding £68,000	13,199	10,350.75	8/9	9,200.7
D	Values exceeding £68,000 but not exceeding £88,000	22,036	18,151.25	9/9	18,151.3
E	Values exceeding £88,000 but not exceeding £120,000	14,048	11,967.00	11/9	14,626.3
F	Values exceeding £120,000 but not exceeding £160,000	8,831	7,630.00	13/9	11,021.1
G	Values exceeding £160,000 but not exceeding £320,000	10,340	9,304.25	15/9	15,507.1
H	Values exceeding £320,000	1,851	1,678.00	18/9	3,356.0
		78,345	65,349.25		76,502.1

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL TAX BASE

5.1 The above table shows the valuation band position at 19 September 2005 but the Council is also required to take into account likely changes during the financial year 2006-2007. The following potential adjustments need to be considered:

(i) New Properties

There are likely to be a number of new properties, conversions etc. added to the valuation list at some point during the year. There are approximately 158 units currently under construction on various sites in the Borough that will be added to the tax base sometime during 2006/07. It is estimated after allowing for different completion dates that this will equate to an additional 216 Band 'D' equivalents.

(ii) Banding Appeals

There have been over 7,500 appeals lodged with the valuation office in respect of initial Council Tax bandings. There are now, however, only 57 appeals unsettled. In view of this small number, it is not proposed to make any further adjustments for these.

(iii) Second Homes

40% of the Council Tax on second homes is retained by the council.

5.2 The Council is required to set its Tax Base on the total of the relevant amounts for the year for each of the valuation bands shown or is likely to be shown for any day in the year in the authority's valuation list.

5.3 Taking into account the latest information from the CTB1 return to the ODPM and the proposed adjustments, the Committee is requested to approve the estimated numbers of properties for each valuation band as set out in the following table:

Band	Band "D" Equivalent	Adjustments for New Properties	40% Adjustments for Second Homes	Revised Band "D" Equivalents
A	1,413.2	0	+10	1,423.2
B	3,226.4	0	+22	3,248.4
C	9,200.7	0	+91	9,291.7
D	18,151.3	+23	+231	18,405.3
E	14,626.3	+53	+195	14,874.3
F	11,021.1	+38	+132	11,191.1
G	15,507.1	+103	+199	15,809.1
H	3,356.0	0	+51	3,407.0
	76,502.1	+216	+932	77,650.1

6. COLLECTION RATE

6.1 The Council is also required to estimate its Collection Rate for 2006/07 the same time-scale as arriving at the estimated number of properties within the Tax Base. In arriving at a percentage Collection Rate for 2006/07, the Council should take into account the likely sum to be collected, previous collection experience and any other relevant factors.

6.2 The actual sum to be collected from local Council tax payers cannot be finally determined until the final RSG Announcement has taken place, the preceptors requirements are known and the Council has approved its budget. The Council therefore has to make an estimate of the sums to be collected locally making estimated allowance for sums from Council Tax Benefits and write-offs/non-collection.

- 6.3 The actual collection rate for 2005/06 achieved to mid November 2005 is 68.8% comprising cash collection of £51.1m and Council Tax benefit of £16.4m. It is estimated that a further £19.7m (26.5%) will be collected by 31 March 2006 and £1.6m (2.2%) thereafter.
- 6.4 Collection performance has been calculated in order to comply with Audit Commission performance indicator calculations. Latest calculations for 2004/05 and 2005/06 show that the current collection rate can be continued for 2006/07. It is therefore suggested that the collection rate for 2006/07 is maintained at 97.5%

7. THE TAX BASE

- 7.1 Under Section 33(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Regulations, the Council's tax base is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of Band "D" equivalents by the estimated collection rate.
- 7.2 Based on the number of Band "D" equivalents in the table in paragraph 5.3 above and the estimated collection rate in paragraph 6.4 above, the calculation is as follows:-

(Band D equivalents) x (Collection Rate) = (Tax Base)			
77,650	x	97.5%	= 75,709

8. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

- 8.1 The tax base is set by 31 January each year, as outlined in the Local Government Finance Act 1992. It is used within the overall Council Tax and budget setting process, due to be reported to Budget Council on 22 February 2006.

9. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 9.1 The Council is under a statutory duty to set the Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year and to make a budget. This report forms part of that process. The Council is obliged, when making its budget, to act reasonably and in accordance with its statutory duties, the rules of public law and its general duty to Council Tax payers.
- 9.2 The basic amount of Council Tax must be calculated in accordance with Section 31(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992.
- 9.3 The Council Tax base has been calculated in accordance with the Act and the Regulations. Maintaining the estimated collection rate at 97.5% is a reasonable and realistic estimate.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext. of Holder of File/Copy	Department/ Location
1.	Local Government Finance Act 1992	A. Lord Ext. 2531	2 nd Floor Town Hall Extension
2.	ODPM Return CTB1 (November 2005)	S. Barrett Ext. 1053	2 nd Floor Town Hall Extension
3.	Taxbase Adjustment Calculations	S. Barrett Ext. 1053	2 nd Floor Town Hall Extension
4.	Collection Rate Statistics	S. Barrett Ext. 1053	2 nd Floor Town Hall Extension

REPORT TO COUNCIL

6.2



25 JANUARY 2006

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TOWN TWINNING PROPOSAL - MONTEFIORE CONCA, NEAR RIMINI, ITALY

WARDS

ALL

The Council has been approached by the Italian Embassy with a proposal to town-twin with a municipality in Italy called Montefiore Conca.

Montefiore Conca is an historic medieval village near Rimini, situated in the Romagna on the border with the Duchy of Urbino. It is dominated by the magnificent Malatesta Fortress, built in 1340, and once home to Popes, Princes and Emperors.

The town-twinning proposal has been made at the request of the Mayor of Montefiore Conca, Filippo Berselli, who is also an Italian MP and Minister of State for Defence (Procurement) in the Italian Government.

The historic links between Montefiore and London stem from medieval times, when Montefiore was the home of a wealthy Jewish community, who became merchant bankers rich and influential enough to lend money to the City of London. In 1615, a branch of the Montefiore family moved to London, and subsequently merged their banking business with that of the Rothschilds. In the 18th century, Moses Haim Montefiore was made a Sheriff of London and a Baronet, while other members of the Montefiore family subsequently become famous in the liberal arts, theatre and religion.

Mayor Berselli is a great admirer of London, and in particular, of Hammersmith & Fulham, which is where he spent his honeymoon. The twinning proposal sought would be an *in principle* agreement at this stage, which would need to be formally ratified subsequently through a jointly signed Charter between the two local Communities.

Legal considerations

The Preamble to the Treaty of Rome states that the member states of the European Community are determined to lay the foundations for an even closer union among the peoples of Europe. In order to achieve this objective, the European Commission introduced a programme to encourage and support town-twinning schemes by local communities as a way of involving local people and their elected representatives in closer European integration. The primary objective of such twinning schemes has been the promotion of tourism, and artistic, cultural, educational, economic and social ties between the two communities.

S.2 of the Local Government Act 2000 permits the Council to do anything likely to promote the economic, environmental or social well-being of the local area, while S. 176 of the Local Government Act 1972 permits the authority to defray reasonable expenses of members making official or courtesy visits inside or outside the U.K. and to incur expenditure in receiving and entertaining distinguished persons and/or those connected with local government, including those from overseas.

It should be noted by members that the purpose of any twinning arrangement is to provide opportunities for the furtherance of social, educational, sporting and cultural links between schools and institutions (including virtual links) within the two communities. The provisions of the members' Code of Conduct must be observed, in particular the requirements for the declaration and registration of any gifts and hospitality received over the value of £25.

CONTRIBUTORS

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the Council agree in principle to the proposal to town-twin with Montefiore Conca, Italy.**

SPECIAL MOTION NO. 1 – NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES (NDCs) WASTE IN FULHAM NORTH

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Frances Stainton
- (ii) Councillor Nick Botterill

The Council notes that many millions spent so far by the NDC in North Fulham have been shockingly wasted. This Council calls on the NDC to change its emphasis to ensure that it delivers value for money for the remainder of the £44 million being spent in North Fulham by (i) encouraging the NDC to use the Council to supply services only if the Council provides the best value for money, (ii) ensuring that the majority of the money is spent on services, facilities and structures, (iii) getting the Council to stop using the NDC to fund projects that it itself should be funding. Finally, this Council calls on the Labour administration to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the NDC.

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 2 – ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA) RESULTS

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Nick Botterill
- (ii) Councillor Will Bethell

This Council notes that Labour-run Hammersmith & Fulham has been downgraded and is no longer rated in the top category of excellent Councils whereas neighbouring Conservative-run Wandsworth Council was identified as the best Council in Britain by the Audit Commission and is one of only five councils awarded a maximum four stars. This Council also notes that Wandsworth was the only one of this premier league to achieve top performance for the way that it used its resources – an area where Labour-run Hammersmith & Fulham achieved only a disappointing two stars. This Council calls on the Labour administration to learn from its Conservative neighbour in order to improve its use of resources.

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**SPECIAL MOTION NO. 3 – OPENING OF JANET ADEGOKE
SWIMMING POOL**

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Melanie Smallman
- (ii) Councillor Colin Aherne

This Council celebrates the opening of the £4 million Janet Adegoke Swimming Pool. This Council promised to replace the old pool with a state of the art facility and that promise has been fulfilled, on schedule.

This council also welcomes the opportunity to work closely with Greenwich Leisure, Fulham Pools, local schools and local swimming clubs to ensure that all residents in Hammersmith & Fulham can use our pools for fun, fitness and training for the Olympics in 2012.

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 4 – SMARTER BOROUGH CAMPAIGN

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Michael Cartwright
- (ii) Councillor Wesley Harcourt

'This Council notes the success of the Smarter Borough Campaign that has led to cleaner streets as recorded in the surveys carried out by Tidy Britain Group, and the doubling of our rate of recycling in just two years. It recognises that this has been due to the Council working with council employees, residents and businesses. This Council looks forward to further achievements with the launch of our next phase of Smarter Borough 'Spring Clean' which seeks to further improve the way we communicate, educate and involve residents and businesses in creating smarter neighbourhoods that we can all be proud of.'

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 5 – C1 BUS ROUTE

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Melanie Smallman
- (ii) Councillor Michael Cartwright

This council is committed to reducing traffic and improving air quality in the Brook Green Home Zone and Clear Way and supports the residents and councillors of Addison Ward in their campaign to stop the C1 bus running through residential streets in the ward.

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