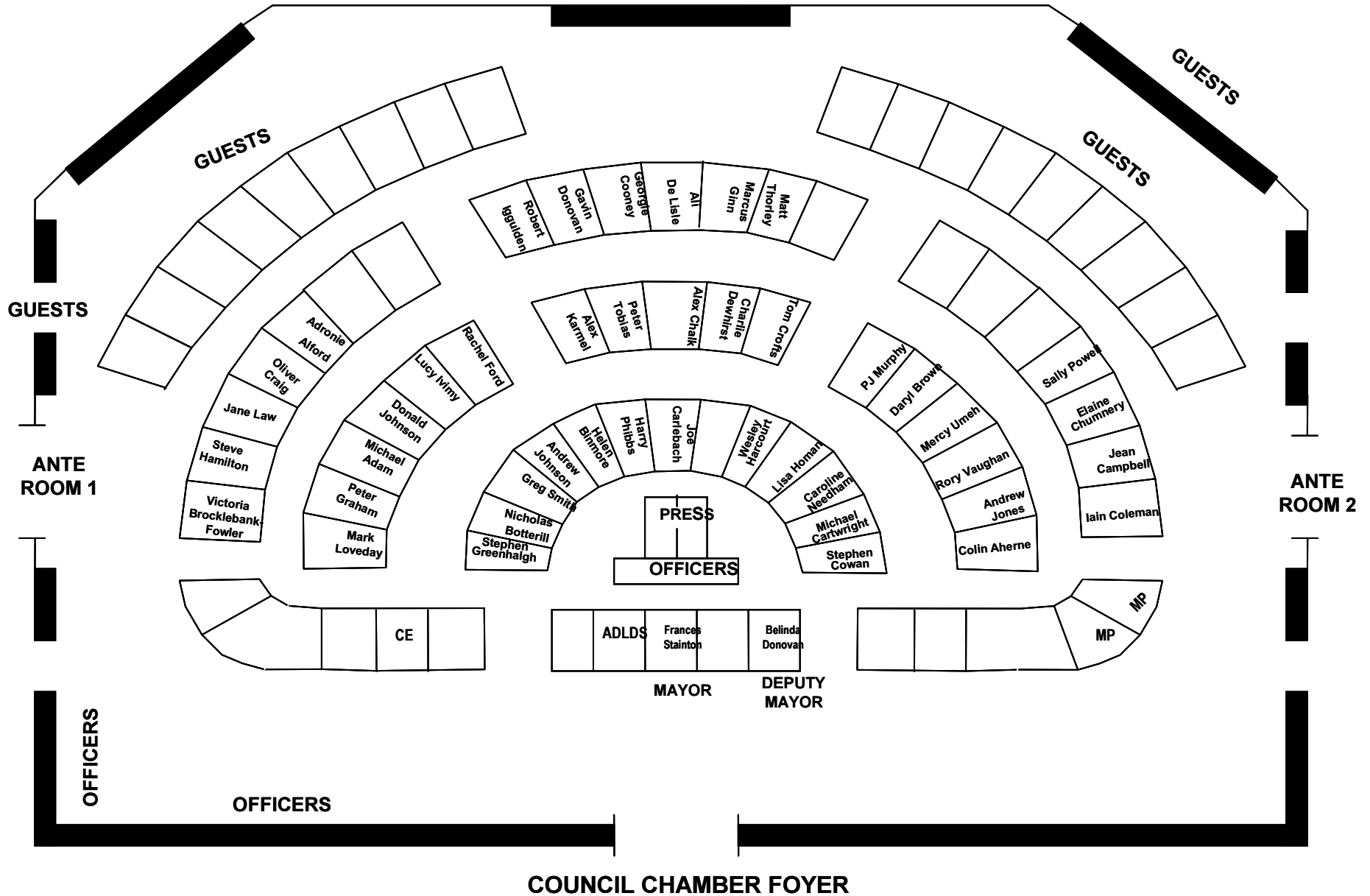


COUNCIL AGENDA

(Ordinary Council Meeting)

Wednesday 25 January 2012

COUNCIL CHAMBER SEATING 2011/12





The Mayor (Councillor Frances Stainton)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Belinda Donovan)

ADDISON

Alex Chalk (C)
Belinda Donovan (C)
Peter Tobias (C)

HAMMERSMITH
BROADWAY

Michael Cartwright (L)
Stephen Cowan (L)
PJ Murphy (L)

RAVENSCOURT PARK

Charlie Dewhirst (C)
Lucy Ivimy (C)
Harry Phibbs (C)

ASKEW

Lisa Homan (L)
Caroline Needham (L)
Rory Vaughan (L)

MUNSTER

Michael Adam (C)
Adronie Alford (C)
Alex Karmel (C)

SANDS END

Steve Hamilton (C)
Ali de Lisle (C)
Jane Law (C)

AVONMORE &
BROOK GREEN

Helen Binmore (C)
Joe Carlebach (C)
Robert Iggulden (C)

NORTH END

Daryl Brown (L)
Georgie Cooney (C)
Tom Crofts (C)

SHEPHERDS BUSH
GREEN

Iain Coleman (L)
Andrew Jones (L)
Mercy Umeh (L)

COLLEGE PARK &
OLD OAK

Elaine Chumnerly (L)
Wesley Harcourt (L)

PALACE RIVERSIDE

Marcus Ginn (C)
Donald Johnson (C)

TOWN

Oliver Craig (C)
Stephen Greenhalgh (C)
Greg Smith (C)

FULHAM BROADWAY

Victoria Brocklebank-
Fowler (C)
Rachel Ford (C)
Matt Thorley (C)

PARSONS GREEN AND
WALHAM

Nicholas Botterill (C)
Mark Loveday (C)
Frances Stainton (C)

WORMHOLT AND
WHITE CITY

Colin Aherne (L)
Jean Campbell (L)
Dame Sally Powell (L)

FULHAM REACH

Gavin Donovan (C)
Peter Graham (C)
Andrew Johnson (C)



SUMMONS

Councillors of the London Borough of
Hammersmith & Fulham
are requested to attend the
Meeting of the Council on
Wednesday 25 January 2012
at Hammersmith Town Hall, W6

The Council will meet at 7.00pm.

16 January 2012
Town Hall
Hammersmith W6

Derek Myers
Chief Executive

Full Council Agenda

25 January 2012

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1.	MINUTES	796 - 822
	To approve and sign as an accurate record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 October 2011.	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
3.	MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)	
4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS	
	If a Councillor has any prejudicial or personal interest in a particular report he/she should declare the existence and nature of the interest at the commencement of the consideration of the item or as soon as it becomes apparent.	
	At meetings where members of the public are allowed to be in attendance and speak, any Councillor with a prejudicial interest may also make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter. The Councillor must then withdraw immediately from the meeting before the matter is discussed and any vote taken, unless a dispensation has been obtained from the Standards Committee.	
	Where members of the public are not allowed to be in attendance, then the Councillor with a prejudicial interest should withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is under consideration, unless the disability has been removed by the Standards Committee.	
5.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS	
	There are no public questions to consider.	
6.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS	
6.1	COUNCIL TAX BASE AND COLLECTION RATE 2012/2013	823 - 830
	This report contains an estimate of the Council Tax collection rate and calculates the Council Tax base for 2012/13.	
	The Council Tax base will be used in the calculation of the Band D Council Tax undertaken in the Revenue Budget Report for 2012/13.	

6.2	TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2011-12	831 - 840
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This report provides information on the Council's debt, borrowing and investment activity up to 30 September 2011.

7. SPECIAL MOTIONS

To consider and determine any Special Motions:

7.1	SPECIAL MOTION 1 - MAYOR FOR LONDON	841
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8. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE

There are no information reports to consider.

COUNCIL MINUTES

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2011

PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Frances Stainton
Deputy Mayor Councillor Belinda Donovan

Councillors:

Colin Aherne	Stephen Cowan	Donald Johnson
Adronie Alford	Oliver Craig	Andrew Jones
Helen Binmore	Tom Crofts	Alex Karmel
Nicholas Botterill	Ali De-Lisle	Jane Law
Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler	Charlie Dewhirst	Mark Loveday
Daryl Brown	Gavin Donovan	PJ Murphy
Jean Campbell	Rachel Ford	Caroline Needham
Joe Carlebach	Marcus Ginn	Harry Phibbs
Michael Cartwright	Peter Graham	Greg Smith
Alex Chalk	Steve Hamilton	Matt Thorley
Elaine Chumnerly	Wesley Harcourt	Peter Tobias
Iain Coleman	Lisa Homan	Rory Vaughan
Georgie Cooney	Andrew Johnson	

17. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 June 2011 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Adam, Stephen Greenhalgh, Robert Iggulden, Lucy Ivimy, Sally Powell and Mercy Umeh.

19. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

7.03pm - Councillor Nicholas Botterill thanked Mr Geoff Alltimes, the outgoing Chief Executive, as this was his last Council meeting, noting that he was a stalwart officer who had worked for the Council for over 30 years. Mr Alltimes had been Chief Executive of the Council since 2002 and before that was Director of Social

Services. Councillor Botterill praised Mr Alltimes' sound judgement and ability to get on with everyone. He would be sorely missed.

The Mayor echoed Councillor Botterill's comments expressing her fulsome appreciation. The Mayor referred to when she was a new Councillor and had found Mr Alltimes extremely helpful and had always been there for her and everyone else. The Council showed their appreciation and wished Mr Alltimes all the best in his retirement.

The Council congratulated Councillor Alex Chalk who got married on Saturday 15 October 2011.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Charlie Dewhirst declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7.3 Special Motion 3 - Olympic Borough as he was employed by UK Sport.

Councillor Oliver Craig declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7.3 Special Motion 3 - Olympic Borough as an employee of LOCOG (London 2012 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games).

21. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (20 MINUTES)

21.1 Question 1 - Francis Hoar

7.07 pm - The Mayor called on Mr Francis Hoar who had submitted a question to the Leader (Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh) to ask his question. In his absence, the Deputy Leader responded. Mr Hoar asked a supplementary question.

21.2 Question 2 - Nicholas Waldemar Brown

7.14 pm - The Mayor called on Mr Nicholas Waldemar Brown who had submitted a question to the Leader (Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh) to ask his question. The Deputy Leader responded on behalf his behalf. Mr Waldemar Brown asked a supplementary question.

21.3 Question 3 - Ann Rosenberg

7.17 pm - The Mayor called on Ms Ann Rosenberg who had submitted a question to the Leader (Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh) to ask her question. The Deputy Leader responded. Ms Rosenberg asked a supplementary question.

21.4 Question 4 - Jon Rowleron

In the absence of Mr Jon Rowleron, a written response would be sent to him.

(A copy of the public questions submitted and the replies given are attached at **Appendix 2** to these minutes).

22. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

22.1 Appointment of Bi Borough Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

7.21 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	12
NON VOTING	0

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

7.26 pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Mr Derek Myers be appointed as Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service pursuant to section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, through an agreement pursuant to section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- (2) That the Authority enter into an agreement under section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 on such terms as the Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services) considers appropriate for the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea to place Mr Derek Myers at the disposal of the authority to discharge the role of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.
- (3) That all the functions relating to elections including those of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer, currently vested in the Chief Executive be vested in the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Governance, or in his/her absence, the Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services) and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.
- (4) That the above changes will be effective from the 20 October 2011.

22.2 Review of the Council's Constitution - Appointment of Chief Officers with Responsibility for Shared Services; Changes to the Job Titles and Roles of Chief Officer Posts; Changes to Schemes of Delegation

7.27 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Strategy, Councillor Mark Loveday.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillor Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Administration), before being put to the vote:

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	26
AGAINST	12
NON VOTING	0

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

7.33 pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Constitution be amended so that the Member Panels for all tri- or bi-borough chief officer appointments be based on an Appointments Panel comprising four Councillors, including the relevant Cabinet Member, with the membership of the Panel reflecting the ratio of seats on full Council.
- (2) That the Constitution be amended to reflect the changes to Chief Officers' job titles and roles in section 3 of the report.
- (3) That the changes which the Leader has made to Cabinet member portfolios and delegation to officers as set out in section 4 of the report be noted.

22.3 Local Development Framework: Adoption of Core Strategy

7.33 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Nicholas Botterill, Tom Crofts, Andrew Johnson, Harry Phibbs and Alex Karmel (for the Administration) and Councillors Michael Cartwright, Wesley Harcourt, Colin Aherne, Daryl Brown, PJ Murphy and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition).

Councillor Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration) made a speech winding up the debate before being put the vote:

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	11
NON VOTING	0

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

8.26 pm **RESOLVED:**

That Council resolves to adopt the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Development Plan Document as modified in accordance with the independent inspector's binding recommendations (Appendix 1) and the Proposals Map (Appendix 2).

22.4 Managing Change of Use in Local Shopping Centres Supplementary Planning Document

8.27 pm - The report and recommendation was formally moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

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

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

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

8.35 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Managing Change of Use in Local Shopping Centres Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 1) be adopted.

22.5 Local Development Framework: Proposed Submission Development Management Development Plan Document

8.35 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Andrew Jones, Michael Cartwright, PJ Murphy and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Administration), before being put to the vote:

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	26
AGAINST	12
NON VOTING	0

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

8.51 pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That approval is given to the proposed submission Local Development Framework Development Management Development Plan Document (Appendix 1 of the report), with a view that the document and other associated submission documents required by the Town and Country Planning Regulations are made available for 6 weeks for public consultation commencing on 4 November 2011 or as soon thereafter.

(2) That the Executive Director of Transportation and Technical Services in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Environment, is authorised to approve any technical and other minor amendments to the proposed submission documents:

- a) before public consultation; and
- b) after, or in response to, public consultation, and before submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

22.6 Treasury Management Outturn Report 2010-11

8.51 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

A speech on the report was made by Councillor Andrew Jones (for the Opposition), before being put to the vote:

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	26
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	12

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

8.55 pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) To note that the Council has not undertaken any borrowing for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.
- (2) To note the investment activity for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.

22.7 Acceptance of Delegation of Planning Functions by The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in Relation to the Earls Court Application 2

8.55 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	26
AGAINST	12
NON VOTING	0

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

8.56 pm **RESOLVED:**

That Council accepts the delegation by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) to this Council to determine that part of an outline planning application (known as Application 2) where the site falls on RBKC land.

22.8 Second Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2011

8.56 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Strategy, Councillor Mark Loveday.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

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

8.56 pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) To confirm the existing polling district boundaries with no changes.
- (2) To confirm the polling places as used at the 2011 Referendum with no changes with the exception of the following three new polling places:-
 - a. Fulham Broadway Methodist Church for PGC polling district
 - b. Shepherds Bush Library for SBC polling district
 - c. Langford School for SEC polling district.

22.9 The Children's Oral Health Task Group Report

8.56 pm - The report and recommendation was formally moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Marcus Ginn, Peter Tobias, Alex Karmel and Joe Carlebach (for the Administration) and Councillor Caroline Needham (for the Opposition), before being put to the vote:

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

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

9.10 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Children's Oral Health Scrutiny Task Group report be agreed.

22.10 Annual Report of the Audit and Pensions Committee 2010/2011

9.10 pm - The report and recommendation was formally moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Strategy, Councillor Mark Loveday.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

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

9.10 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the annual report be approved.

23. **SPECIAL MOTIONS**

23.1 Special Motion 5 - Hammersmith and Fulham Police and Police Sergeants

Under Council Procedure Rule 19 (d) iii, the Mayor allowed special motion 7.5 Special Motion 5 - Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Police and Police Sergeants to have precedence and be debated as the next item.

9.12 pm – Councillor Lisa Homan moved, seconded by Councillor PJ Murphy, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council recognises the fantastic contribution Hammersmith and Fulham’s Borough police make to maintaining law and order in the Borough and gives a vote of thanks for their bravery and commitment to re-establishing order during the summer riots.

We are also thankful for the contribution of police officers drafted in from as far afield of Wales and Hampshire to protect the Borough’s citizens, businesses and property during the riots.

This Council appreciates the work of all police officers and in particular notes the critical front line strategic role played by the Borough’s Inspectors, Sergeants, PCs and PCSOs. It therefore regrets the cuts to the Borough’s sergeants’ positions and pledges to consider means of restoring those vital positions.”

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Lisa Homan and PJ Murphy (for the Opposition).

Under Standing Order 15(e) (vi), Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Rory Vaughan, an amendment to the motion as follows:

Add the following words after “positions” in the final paragraph:

“ We call on this Council to lobby government and Mayor Boris Johnson to reverse local police cuts. Failing any result from that the Council resolves to reinstate the four sergeants’ positions recently cut from this Borough and to pay for that by savings from its senior management team, its press and publicity budget, its vast consultancy and agency worker budget and other areas of Town Hall waste.”

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

Under Council Procedure Rule 19 (d) (vii), the Councillor Mark Loveday moved the motion “May the question be put”. The motion was voted on:

FOR	12
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	24

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

Speeches on the amended motion were then made by Councillors Stephen Cowan, (for the Opposition) and Councillors Greg Smith and Peter Graham (for the Administration).

Councillor Lisa Homan (for the Opposition) made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

FOR	12
AGAINST	24
NON VOTING	0

9.46 pm – The motion was declared **LOST**.

23.2 Special Motion 1 - "Boris Bikes" in Hammersmith and Fulham

9.47 pm – Councillor Harry Phibbs moved, seconded by Councillor Mark Loveday, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council:

1. Welcomes the plans by the Mayor of London to extend the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme to Hammersmith and Fulham by the summer of 2013 with locations for up to 60 local docking stations and capacity for at least 1,440 'Boris bikes'.
2. Thanks Westfield PLC for funding an early extension by spring next year with around 18 docking stations in Shepherds Bush.
3. Welcomes the benefits this will bring in relieving pressure on congested roads and tube trains, reducing pollution and improving the health of all out residents.”

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Harry Phibbs, Belinda Donovan and Donald Johnson (for the Administration) and Councillor Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition).

Councillor Harry Phibbs (for the Administration) made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

10.00 pm – **RESOLVED**:

“This Council

1. Welcomes the plans by the Mayor of London to extend the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme to Hammersmith and Fulham by the summer of 2013 with locations for up to 60 local docking stations and capacity for at least 1,440 'Boris bikes'.
2. Thanks Westfield PLC for funding an early extension by spring next year with around 18 docking stations in Shepherds Bush.
3. Welcomes the benefits this will bring in relieving pressure on congested roads and tube trains, reducing pollution and improving the health of all out residents.”

23.3 Special Motion 2 - London Riots

10.00 pm – Councillor Greg Smith moved, seconded by Councillor Peter Graham the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council:

1. Congratulates and thanks all Metropolitan Police officers in Hammersmith & Fulham (led by Chief Superintendent Lucy d'Orsi) for preventing the widespread rioting and criminality between 6-11 August 2011 from affecting the borough.
2. Expresses its thanks to Council officers and the staff of Council contractors (notably Serco) who rose to the challenge of securing the borough and minimising the environment for rioting to occur.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

10.00 pm – **RESOLVED**:

“This Council:

1. Congratulates and thanks all Metropolitan Police officers in Hammersmith & Fulham (led by Chief Superintendent Lucy d'Orsi) for preventing the

widespread rioting and criminality between 6-11 August 2011 from affecting the borough.

2. Expresses its thanks to Council officers and the staff of Council contractors (notably Serco) who rose to the challenge of securing the borough and minimising the environment for rioting to occur.”

23.4 Special Motion 3 - Olympic Borough

10.01 pm – Councillor Matt Thorley moved, seconded by Councillor Thomas Crofts the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council:

1. Notes the historical position of Hammersmith as hosts for the 1908 Olympic Games and the 1934 British Empire Games;
2. Notes the return of the Olympic events to the area in 2012, with the cycling road race at Fulham and volleyball at Earls Court, and;
3. Welcomes the Olympic family to Hammersmith and Fulham in 2012.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

10.01 pm – **RESOLVED**:

“This Council

1. Notes the historical position of Hammersmith as hosts for the 1908 Olympic Games and the 1934 British Empire Games;
2. Notes the return of the Olympic events to the area in 2012, with the cycling road race at Fulham and volleyball at Earls Court, and;
3. Welcomes the Olympic family to Hammersmith and Fulham in 2012.”

23.5 Special Motion 4 - Big Society Community Groups

10.01 pm – Councillor Andrew Jones moved, seconded by Councillor Michael Cartwright, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council recognises the contribution that volunteer community groups and community centres have in building our Borough’s local “Big Society.”

This Council therefore appreciates the value that well run community facilities have in giving young people positive new opportunities; giving elderly people chances to

live fuller lives and adding to the physical and mental well-being of all who use them.

The Council confirms that it will audit each bid for each of the community centres it proposes to sell off so that it is able to place independently verified figures on the enhanced value of maintaining each community centre via a “Big Society” community social enterprise. The Council therefore agrees to assess that value using the following criteria:

- i) the promotion or improvement of economic wellbeing;
- ii) the promotion or improvement of social well-being;
- iii) the promotion or improvement of environmental well-being

The Council confirms that it appreciates the work being done by the residents of Sands End and Shepherds Bush to find new ways to maintain their community centres and the services within them. It resolves to support their bids and work with residents to improve and enhance the quality and quantity of their “Big Society” style volunteer and social enterprise services available in Sands End and Shepherds Bush.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
ABSTENTIONS	0

10.01pm The motion was declared **LOST**.

23.6 Special Motion 6 - Local Parks

10.02 pm – Councillor Wesley Harcourt moved, seconded by Councillor PJ Murphy, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council confirms its commitment to local parks and recognises the debt it owes to those previous generations of people who ensured that these protected areas were set aside for the recreation and enjoyment of all.

The Council recognises its duty as a custodian of LB Hammersmith and Fulham’s parks and confirms that it will not build on them; it will not reduce their size; it will not sell them off in whole or in part; and it will not close them to public access during established opening hours.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
ABSTENTIONS	0

10.02pm The motion was declared **LOST**.

23.7 Special Motion 7 - Protecting the Borough's Small Shops

10.02 pm – Councillor Lisa Homan moved, seconded by Councillor Caroline Needham, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes the progress of the Localism Bill through parliament and expresses its disappointment that New Clause 29 relating to Retail Diversity Schemes was rejected by the Government. The Council notes that local people have lost out because of this as it had the potential of benefiting local shopping streets, such as Askew Road, and many others across Hammersmith and Fulham.

We call on the Council to inform residents of their rights under the National Planning framework to establish Neighbourhood Planning Forums and to support them in attempts to protect local retail diversity.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
NON VOTING	0

10.02pm The motion was declared **LOST**.

23.8 Special Motion 8 - Transparency in Government

10.02pm – Councillor Wesley Harcourt moved, seconded by Councillor Colin Aherne, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes the significant levels of public concern about the Council’s private dealings with property developers. It determines to address those concerns by making publicly available all agenda and minutes of the meetings administration councillors and senior officers have had with developers about specific local sites detailing what was discussed and what was agreed.

The Council appreciates that some issues will be commercially confidential. It therefore agrees to appoint a genuinely independent person to assess this aspect and advise the Council which in turn agrees to consider that advice while reaching its decisions about commercial confidentiality issues.

The council asserts that transparency is an important aspect of maintaining public trust with the public who fund the vast majority of salaries of all whom it employs and fund almost all it does through their taxes. It agrees to formulate new protocols that allow the public to have a greater knowledge of its dealings with property developers.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
NON VOTING	0

10.03pm The motion was declared **LOST**.

23.9 Special Motion 9 - London Transport Fare Increases

10.04 pm – Councillor Michael Cartwright moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes with concern that Mayor Boris Johnson intends to increase London Transport fares by a further 7% next year. It notes that this is the fourth above inflation rise he has instigated since becoming London’s Mayor in 2008.

Last year the Mayor put some bus fares up by 20% and bus fares overall went up by 12.7%. Tube fares have had similar above inflation rises.

This Council recognises that stealth taxes such as these have a dampening effect on the London economy and hits people hard during this particularly difficult economic situation.

The Council therefore resolves to formally object to these fare increases and to lobby the Mayor to halt these obvious stealth taxes.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
NON VOTING	0

10.04 pm The motion was declared **LOST**.

24. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE

24.1 Special Urgency Decisions - Monitoring Report

The report was noted.

* * * * * CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS * * * * *

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 10.05 pm

Mayor

Minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting as a correct record of the proceedings and any amendments arising will be recorded in the minutes of that subsequent meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

1. On 30th June 2011, accompanied by the Deputy Mayor, I attended Belarus Republic Day Celebrations, The Langham Hotel, W1
2. On 1st July, I attended the Hammersmith Diabetes UK, Healthy Lifestyle Roadshow, Shepherds Bush Green, W12
3. On 1st July, I cut the ribbon and spoke at the re-launched of Busy Bees Nursery, Bute Gardens, W6
4. On 1st July, I attended the London Mayor's Association, Open Air Opera, Regents Park, NW1
5. On 2nd July, I was delighted to open and attend 'Fair on The Green', Parsons Green, SW6
6. On 2nd July, I attended Phoenix School Summer Fair, The Curve, W12
7. On 3rd July, I was delighted to attend the London Youth Games Finals, Crystal Palace
8. On 4th July, I attended the H&F and neighbouring Borough Schools' compete in the Science and Technology Challenge event, EH&WLC, W14
9. On 4th July, I attended Latymer Upper School Prize Giving Awards Evening, King Street, W6
10. On 5th July, accompanied by my Consort, I attended the Street Elite event, House of Commons, SW1
11. On 5th July, I attended the Townmead Youth Centre retirement reception for Mr John Gross, IL Paggiaccio Restaurant, Wandsworth Bridge Road, SW6
12. On 7th July, I spoke at and presented the H&F Community Sports Awards, in the Harris Suite, Chelsea FC, Stamford Bridge, SW6
13. On 7th July, I attended the Olivieri Exhibition, Italian Cultural Institution, Belgrave Square, SW1
14. On 8th July, I attended Holy Innocents Church Concert, Paddenswick Road, W6

15. On 9th July, I attended Avonmore School Summer Fair, Earsby Street, W14
16. On 9th July, I attended the Boys Brigade, 'Beating Retreat Service' Wesley's Chapel, City Road, EC1Y
17. On 10th July, I attended the Metropolitan Police Service, '8th Annual Volunteer Cadet' Competition, Simpson Hall, Hendon
18. On 12th July, I attended the Fulham Society 'Summer Party', Lady Margaret School, SW6
19. On 13th July, I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH
20. On 13th July, I attended Henry Compton School, Art Exhibition, Kingwood CLC, Kingwood Road SW6
21. On 14th July, I attended the official Opening & Blessing of the New Early Years Foundation Stage and Dining Services, St Pauls CE Primary School, W6
22. On 14th July, I was delighted to attend the Bastille Day Ball in Kensington Palace Gardens, W8
23. On 15th July, I attended the Du Cane Road Housing Association celebration, Du Cane House, Du Cane Road, W12,
24. On 15th July, I attended the Japanese Ambassador, Benefit Recital and reception, Kensington Palace Gardens, W8
25. On 16th July, I attended All Saints Church Summer reception, Fulham High Street, SW6
26. On 17th July, I attended the Mayhew Animal Home Open Day, Trenmar Gardens, NW10
27. On 19th July, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the LMA AGM, Westminster City Hall, SW1
28. On 21st July, I attended the LMA Annual Church Service for LB Mayors', St Pauls Cathedral, EC4
29. On 21st July, I attended the opening of the sculpture gallery at V&A Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7
30. On 22nd July, I attended the Mayor of Ealing Charity 'Strawberries & Cream' event, Ealing Town Hall, W5

31. On 23rd July, I attended Charing Cross Hospital Day Nursery 'Summer Fair', Fulham Palace Road, W6
32. On 23rd July, I was honoured to attend a reception and home coming Dinner for 4th Battalion Parachute Regiment (4 Para), The Hon. Society of the Middle Temple, Middle Temple Hall, Middle Temple Lane, EC4Y
33. On 27th July, I attended the Mayor of Ealing charity Jazz Festival, Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, W13
34. On 30th July, I cut the ribbon to celebrate Elizabeth Barnes Court's, 100th year celebration in presence of Elizabeth Barnes granddaughter, Marinfeld Road, Sands End, SW6
35. On 1st August, I was delighted to attend and present with Cllr Greg Smith the 'Sports Achievement Award' to H&F coaching staff, Mayors Parlour, W6
36. On 2nd August, I spoke and cut the ribbon to launch the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, W6
37. On 3rd August, I attended H&F Playday event, Ravenscourt Park, W6
38. On 5th August, I attended India's Independence Day Celebrations, The Bhavan Centre, Castletown Road, W14 speaking for H&F
39. On 9th August, accompanied by Sandy Cahill, H&F Deputy Lieutenant, I attended the TA's 'Annual Visitors Day' Camp competition,
40. On 10th August, I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH
41. On 16th August, I attended and toured The Haven Centre, Effie Road SW6
42. On 17th August, I attended the Al-Muntada, Ramadan Dinner evening, Bridge Place, SW6
43. On 4th September, I attended the Maggies Centre 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' charity event, Fulham Palace, SW6
44. On 8th September, I attended and officially opened BOX ETC, Jerdan Place, SW6
45. On 8th September, I attended and officially opened Vizability the new printing firm, Fulham Road, SW6
46. On 9th September, I attended together with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children's Services the opening of the Free School, which was officially opened by Boris Johnson, Mayor of London,

Cambridge Grove, W6

47. On 9th September, I attended the 100th Birthday celebration of Wormholt Park Children's day, W12
48. On 10th September, I attended the 2nd day of Wormholt Park cutting the 100th Birthday cake at their celebrations, Sawley Road, W12
49. On 10th September, I attended the Thames Festival event, OXO Tower Wharf, Bargehouse Street, SE1
50. On 12th September, I attended the GLA Community Reception, London's Living Room, City Hall, SE1
51. On 13th September, I attended the Union Catalogue Launch, The Royal Institution, Albermarle Street, W1
52. On 14th September, accompanied by the Deputy Mayor, I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH
53. On 15th September, I attended the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital Annual Review, Lower Ground Floor, Fulham Road SW10
54. On 16th September, I was delighted to attend the London In Bloom Awards. H&F, parks, open spaces, businesses and organisations receiving more awards than any other Borough, City Hall, SE1
55. On 17th September, I attended and boarded a Cutter rowing boat in the Great River Race, Millwall Slip, Westferry Road, E14 down to Ham in Richmond, TW1, which we achieved in under 4 hours, despite a hail storm.
56. On 19th September, I attended the Farwell Dinner Reception for Scott Cooper, Fulham Palace, SW6
57. On 20th September, I attended the London Youth Games and Hall of Fame Awards, Lords Cricket Ground, NW8
58. On 21st September, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended a viewing and talk by Alfred Daniels, HTH. Murals painted by Alfred Daniels are on the walls of the Marble Gallery, HTH
59. On 23rd September, I descended with Cllr Nicholas Botterill and others the Thames Water Underground Sewage System, Hammersmith Pumping Station, Chancellors Road, W6
60. On 23rd September, I presented prizes to the winning students at the H&F Urban Studies Centre AGM, Lilla Huset, W6

61. On 23rd September, I attended the Emery Walker House charity Concert, Latymer Upper School, W6
62. On 24th September, I attended the London Irish Rifles Loos Dinner evening, Flodden Road, SE5
63. On 25th September, I attended the Costermongers Harvest Festival and Service, Guildhall & St Mary Le Bow Church, EC4
64. On 26th September, I attended and opened 'The Daisy Trust Fair', Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gardens, SW6
65. On 27th September, I attended the Mayor of Barnet's charity tour of the London Guildhall, Guildhall Yard, EC4
66. On 29th September, I attended the Daisy Trust Supper Reception, Felden Street, SW6
67. On 29th September, I attended the Re-Opening of Best Mangal Restaurant, North End Road, W14
68. On 30th September, I was delighted to attend the Sustrans 'Bike It' event. Larmenier & Sacred Heart School to present the Silver Award, together with the runners up awards, Brook Green, W6
69. On 30th September, I attended the official launch of Learn Direct, Shepherds Bush Library, Wood Lane, W12
70. On 30th September, I attended Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Charing Cross Hospital, W6
71. On 30th September, I attended the H&F and Hestia Housing Time Of Your Life event, HTH
72. On 30th September, I attended the Mayor of Brent charity EID celebrations and dinner evening, Brent Town Hall, Wembley
73. On 1st October, I attended and launched Art NW10 Open Studios, Harrow Road, NW10
74. On 3rd October, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of RBKC charity lunch, Kensington Town Hall, W8
75. On 4th October, I was delighted to attend H&F Junior Citizen event, Linford Christie Stadium, W12
76. On 6th October, I visited Phoenix School Harvest Vegetable Garden, The Curve, W12

77. On 6th October, I attended the Mayor of Barnet charity celebrity dinner High Road, Whetstone N20
78. On 8th October, I was honoured to attend with Sandy Cahill, Deputy Lieutenant, and to present the 1st H&F Mayor's YOU Cup, together with the cadet certificates, Burlington Danes Academy, Wood Lane W12
79. On 9th October, I attended a Star in community football event, Henry Compton School Kingwood Road, SW6
80. On 9th October, I attended the opening and service of St Paul's Centre, St Paul's Church, Hammersmith, W6
81. On 11th October, I attended the opening of the new Ark Conway Academy School, Hemlock Road, W12
82. On 11th October, I was delighted to meet and greet His Excellency Volodymyr Khandogiy, (Ambassador of Ukraine) Mayor's Parlour, HTH
83. On 12th October, accompanied by Mike Dudgeon, Vice Lord Lieutenant for Greater London, I attended the Mayor of Hillingdon charity tour and lunch of RAF Northolt,
84. On 13th October, I attended the First Start Construction event, BBC White City, W12
85. On 14th October, I took part in the selection of the torchbearers for the London 2012 Olympics, Guildhall
86. On 16th October, accompanied by my Mayoress and both Consorts, I attended the LMA Annual Civic Service, Westminster Abbey, SW1
87. On 18th October, I attended the Mayor of Greenwich charity tour of the Old Royal Naval College and Painted Halls, SE10
88. On 18th October, I attended the Ealing Hammersmith & West London College, Celebration of Achievement Awards evening, Assembly Hall, HTH
89. On 19th October, I attended the BID 'Olympic 2012 Workshop event, Brook Green, W6

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2011

Question by: Francis Hoar

To the: The Leader

QUESTION

"At least one of the bids received for the Sands End Community Centre proposed a mix of residential units and community facilities. Regardless of whether or not this is the highest bid in purely financial terms, it will undoubtedly add enhanced value to the local area. Has the Council quantified whether any bid enhances: i) the promotion or improvement of economic wellbeing; ii) the promotion or improvement of social well-being; or iii) the promotion or improvement of environmental well-being?"

ANSWER

From the Deputy Leader on behalf of the Leader

"The Council approved the disposal of the Sands End Centre at Cabinet on 7 February 2011 and had already considered the impact of closure of the centre in that decision which led to arranging the relocation of the services provided at the Centre in the Sands End Ward.

The provision of the children's centre activities is being delivered at two venues: the newly established third sector provider, Ray's Playhouse Limited is delivering a range of exciting provision based in the recently refurbished under fives building on Stephendale Road. The recently built Tudor Rose building located on the Fulham Court Estate will house a children's centre hub which will bring an increased offer to residents. It is important to note that the children's centre activities which had been delivered at the community centre was part of a two area model supporting parents both in the Sands End area and the Fulham Broadway area. Parents and children alike will now benefit from not only new or newly refurbished buildings but also outside play space vital for the physical development of young children. The children's centres continue to deliver provision which is based upon three principles; school readiness for children, adult readiness for employment and parenting skills all of which contribute to the early intervention agenda and to economic well being.

The facilities at the Sands End Centre have, as described in the 7 February 2011 Cabinet paper, been under utilised with a low take up from local residents. The library facility at Hurlingham and Chelsea School will be light and airy and offer a larger facility than the current offer at the centre. The facility will provide greater access to students and their families thus attracting a wider age range of local residents.

Energise Gym is modern and offers times that are more accessible for the range of local residents. In addition, the proposed refurbishment of the Hurlingham and Chelsea School sports facilities will offer additional availability for local sport activities. Its proximity to the Parsons Green Club will also benefit local residents who are users of that soon to be improved facility and there is potential therefore for joining these two popular facilities.

The pottery classes based at the Sands End Centre will benefit from a newly created pottery room which is awash with natural daylight and will benefit from new kilns. The school and the Adult Learning and Skills Services already work closely in partnership presenting a wider offer of adult learning activities.

Sands End Ward is primarily a residential ward which now benefits from an increasing number of shops and restaurants. An increase in housing stock in a ward popular with families would be an asset to the local community and would compliment the increased developments of Imperial Wharf and the proposed Sainsbury's development.

The Council's general statutory duty is to obtain best consideration from the sale of its property. The joint bid received from London Property Lettings and Sands End Community Centre was assessed on the financial offer received and the provision of services to be provided. All the services currently located in the Sands End Centre are due to be relocated within the Sands End Ward.

The overall impact therefore on the economic, social and environmental well being of the area is therefore considered to be neutral to positive."

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2011

Question by: Nicholas Waldemar Brown

To the: The Leader

QUESTION

“How did the council assess the value of the London Property Lettings Ltd bid in partnership with the Sands End Community Association? In particular, was the assessment purely financial or were other criteria considered, and if so what were they?”

ANSWER

From the Deputy Leader on behalf of the Leader

“Since the property was placed on the open market the assessment of the bid was considered, as with all other bids, on price and likelihood of the scheme obtaining planning consent.

There were nearly 20 bids received and the price that London Property Lettings Ltd offered was the lowest bid subject to planning consent. The difference between the unrestricted value of the land (or highest bid received) and the consideration offered by LPL was well in excess of £2,000,000 (two million pounds).

The Council also considered the contribution of the community aspect of the bid and found that a majority of the services would be a duplication of the services already being provided by the Council which are being moved from the Sands End Centre to other areas in the Sands End Ward.”

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2011

Question by: Ann Rosenberg

To the: The Leader

QUESTION

“The council has undertaken to re-provide the services of the Sands End Community Centre so the people of Sands End would not lose out. What methodologies has the council used to track the success of this assurance for previous users and could you provide the specific numbers of those who used the gym prior to its closure and their satisfaction at the reprovision, plus is there a process to similarly track the reaction of the library and craft studio users when the Community Centre finally closes at the end of this year.?”

ANSWER

From the Deputy Leader on behalf of the Leader

“In terms of the children’s centre provision, the reach area remains the same and it is already known that families are making good use of the provision at Ray’s Playhouse and have expressed their delight in the opening of the new centre based in the Tutor Rose building. Families are registered on a data base which will continue to provide evidence of use by registered families from the former Fulham South Centre. All new birth data will continue to be provided to the centres so that new families can be added to the existing and growing number of users.

Adult learning students following a course in the craft studio have and will continue to have regular opportunity to feedback on their specific courses by way of a rigorous evaluation process, and more broadly via regular adult learning service wide learner forums.

The number of gym users prior to closure was 79 male members, 44 female members, 24 Agewell members and 68 Lifestyle members.

The Head of Service has received one complaint in terms of the reprovision.

Both Club Energie and Lillie Road Fitness Centre have seen members transfer from Sands End with the greater number transferring to Lillie Road to take advantage of the £19.95 per month GymLondon membership.

Lillie Road has seen an 18% (2,200 visits per month) increase in usage since the closure of the Sands End Gym.

Customer satisfaction at Lillie Road Fitness Centre has consistently exceeded 80%.

With regard to the library reprovision, officers would need to liaise with the school to determine satisfaction with the new facility.”

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2011

Question by: Jon Rowleron

To the: The Leader

QUESTION

“The Sands End Community Centre Association submitted its bid on the understanding of the council’s willingness to match its rhetoric around valuing local residents, and promoting social entrepreneurship within the wider context as set out in the “General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 act

How is the council trying to encourage the Prime Minister’s ‘Big Society’ in Sands End”?

ANSWER

From the Deputy Leader on behalf of the Leader

“By disposing the Sands End Centre, the Council is able to release Capital to reduce its debt commitments thus assisting the Council to use those savings to continue with the provision of essential services for local residents.

A strong example of the Big Society in action is the development of Ray’s Playhouse Ltd by local families and the support offered by the Council in funding for their children’s centre activities and provision of a range of high quality play equipment. Council officers will continue to provide support and guidance to the centre enabling it to develop a full offer of activities for local children and their families.”



Report to Council

25 JANUARY 2012

LEADER
*Councillor Stephen
Greenhalgh*

**COUNCIL TAX BASE AND COLLECTION RATE
2012/2013**

**Wards:
All**

This report contains an estimate of the Council Tax collection rate and calculates the Council Tax base for 2012/13.

The Council Tax base will be used in the calculation of the Band D Council Tax undertaken in the Revenue Budget Report for 2012/13.

CONTRIBUTORS

EDFCG
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Recommendations:

That Council approve the following recommendations for the 2012-2013 financial year:

- (1) That the estimated numbers of properties for each Valuation Band as set out in this report, be approved.**
- (2) That an estimated Collection rate of 97.5% be approved.**
- (3) That the Council Tax Base of 80,087 Band "D" equivalent properties be approved.**

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 81,845 Band D equivalent dwellings, and an estimated Collection Rate of 97.5%, which resulted in a tax base of 79,799.
- 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 has reduced discounts for Second Homes and Long Term Empty properties.
- 1.4 For 2005/06 and subsequent years until revoked, the Council approved discount reductions on Second Homes from 50% to 10% and on Long Term Empty properties from 50% to 0%.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is for Council to approve the recommendations on the estimated Collection Rate and Council Tax Base for 2012/13.

3. DISCOUNTS

3.1 Second Homes

- 3.1.1 There are some 1,951 second homes in the borough. The reduction in discount from 50% to 10%, will add an additional 924 Band "D" equivalents to the taxbase for 2012/13.
- 3.1.2 Based upon 2011/12 Council Tax levels this reduction in the discount will generate income to the Council of £0.75m. Such additional income will directly benefit the Council and is allowed for within our Medium Term Financial Strategy. Our preceptor, the GLA, will also benefit from the reduction in the discount.

3.2 Long Term Empty Properties

- 3.2.1 There are some 757 long-term empty properties and these have been reflected in the CTB1 return, which the Council provided to the DCLG on 14 October 2011. The net impact of the reduction in the discount on long term empty properties from 50% to nil, is to add an additional 434

Band D equivalents to the taxbase.

3.2.2 Based upon 2011/12 Council Tax levels this will generate additional income of £0.35m. Unlike the income generated from the reduction in the second homes discount the Government consider that such additional council tax income should not directly benefit the Council. Accordingly it is taken account of within the Formula (RSG) Grant process. The Government suggest that any decision regarding the long term empty property discount rate should be made for housing, rather than financial, reasons.

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 provided to the DCLG on 14 October 2011.
- 4.2 This return reflected the actual number of properties shown in the Valuation List as at 12 September 2011 and the Council's records as at 3 October 2011.
- 4.3 A detailed analysis of the properties in each valuation band can be summarised as follows. There are a total of 82,330 dwellings on the list with some 31,806 properties estimated to receive a sole occupier discount. The total Band "D" equivalent is approximately 81,814 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	3,259	2,631.75	6/9	1,754.5
B	Values exceeding £40,000 but not exceeding £52,000	5,553	4,481.25	7/9	3,485.4
C	Values exceeding £52,000 but not exceeding £68,000	13,980	11,253.50	8/9	10,003.1
D	Values exceeding £68,000 but not exceeding £88,000	23,613	20,030.50	9/9	20,030.5

Band	Band Size	Total Dwellings	Total after Discounts, Exemptions and Disabled Relief	Ratio	Band "D" Equivalents
E	Values exceeding £88,000 but not exceeding £120,000	14,566	12,739.75	11/9	15,570.8
F	Values exceeding £120,000 but not exceeding £160,000	8,835	7,850.50	13/9	11,339.6
G	Values exceeding £160,000 but not exceeding £320,000	10,509	9,546.00	15/9	15,910.0
H	Values exceeding £320,000	2,015	1,860.00	18/9	3,720.0
		82,330	70,393		81,813.9

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE VALUATION LIST

5.1 The above table shows the valuation band position at 12 September 2011 but the Council is also required to take into account likely changes during the financial year 2012-2013. 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 189 units currently under construction on various sites in the Borough that will be added to the tax base sometime during 2012/13. It is estimated after allowing for different completion dates that this will equate to an additional 160 Band 'D' equivalents.
- (ii) Banding Appeals
There have been over 10,000 appeals lodged with the valuation office in respect of initial Council Tax bandings. There are now only a small number unsettled so it is not proposed to make any adjustments for these.
- (iii) Second Homes
The effect of reducing the discount for second homes from 50% to 10% from 1 April 2012, would add a further 924 Band "D" equivalents as outlined in section 3.1.
- (iv) Student Exemptions
Dwellings wholly occupied by students are exempt from Council Tax. The projected Council Tax base needs to be adjusted to allow for

students that have yet to prove their exemption for the new academic year. It is estimated that an adjustment of 758 Band “D” equivalents is required.

- 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 DCLG and the proposed adjustments, Council is requested to approve the estimated numbers of properties for each valuation band as set out in the following table:

Band	Band “D” Equivalent Actual September 2011	Adjustments for New Properties	Adjustments for second homes discount	Adjustments for student exemptions	Revised Band “D” Equivalents 2012/13 Forecast
A	1,754.5	0	24	-8	1,771
B	3,485.4	0	34	-22	3,497
C	10,003.1	72	89	-128	10,036
D	20,030.5	22	220	-214	20,059
E	15,570.8	7	185	-166	15,597
F	11,339.6	26	128	-143	11,351
G	15,910.0	30	181	-67	16,054
H	3,720.0	3	62	-10	3,775
	81,813.9	160	924	-758	82,140

6. COLLECTION RATE

- 6.1 The Council is also required to estimate its Collection Rate for 2012/13 at the same time as arriving at the estimated number of properties within the Tax Base. In arriving at a percentage Collection Rate for 2012/13, 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 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 2011/12 achieved to mid November 2011 is 68.9% comprising cash collection of £51.9m and Council Tax benefit of £16.5m. It is estimated that a further £20.1m (26.6%) will need to be collected by 31 March 2012 and £1.5m (2.0%) thereafter.
- 6.4 Collection performance has been calculated in order to comply with DCLG performance indicator calculations. Latest calculations for 2010/11 and 2011/12 show that the current collection rate can be continued for 2012/13. It is therefore suggested that the collection rate for 2012/13 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 5.4 above and the estimated collection rate in paragraph 6.4 above, the calculation is as follows:-

(Band D equivalents) x (Collection Rate) = (Tax Base)			
82,140	x	97.5%	= 80,087

8. FUTURE REFORM

- 8.1 The Government have issued a consultation paper on potential technical adjustments regarding the Council Tax Base. The possible changes, which would apply from 2013/14 onwards, include:
- Reducing, should authorities so decide, the discount on second homes (currently 10% for LBHF) to nil.
 - Removing the exemption should authorities so decide, of certain categories of property from Council Tax. The largest such group (around 700 for LBHF) is properties that are vacant and unfurnished for up to 6 months.
 - Allowing authorities to charge a premium for properties that are vacant for more than two years.
- 8.2 This authority welcomes these reforms as it increases local choice and flexibility. It could also increase local income. An initial estimate suggests the changes regarding second homes and removing exemptions could increase income by £0.75m.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 This is a statutory process and any risks are monitored through the Council's MTFs process.

10. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no equality implications in this report.

11. COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- 11.1 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 29 February 2012.
- 11.2 The proposed Council Taxbase for 2012/13 of 80,087 is 288 band D equivalents higher than the 79,799 agreed for 2011/12. This will result in a net increase in forecast 2012/13 Council Tax income, for the Council, of £0.23m.
- 11.3 The Local Government and Finance Act requires that all council tax and non-domestic rates income is paid into a Collection Fund along with payments out regarding the Greater London Authority precept, the national pool for non-domestic rates and the contribution towards the Council's own General Fund. As at the close of 2010/11 the Fund had an underlying deficit of £0.28m. The uplift now reported in the 2011/12 Council Tax Base should address this deficit as the amount now forecast to be collected is more than that assumed within the 2011/12 Revenue Budget. Accordingly there are no plans to recover the Collection Fund deficit as part of the 2012/13 Revenue Budget process.
- 11.4 The current Local Government Finance system incorporates two unringfenced revenue grants which relate to Council Tax Base data. They are:
- A Council Tax Freeze Grant. This will provide a grant equivalent to a 2.5% increase in the 2011/12 Council Tax charge. Based on these Taxbase figures this would deliver a 2012/13 grant of £1.62m.
 - A New Homes Bonus Grant. This is intended to match fund the additional council tax for each new home and property brought back into use, for each of the six years after that home is built. It is not yet clear how this will operate in practice. Based on the increase in the Council Tax Base data the potential extra 2012/13 grant could be in the region of £0.9m.

These grant awards will be taken account of within the MTFs process.

12. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 The Council Tax base has been calculated in accordance with the Act and the Regulations. The estimated collection rate to 97.5% is a reasonable and realistic estimate.
- 12.4 Regulations under the Local Government Act 2003 allow the Council to reduce Council Tax discount for dwellings that are not the sole or main residence of an individual and which are furnished (second homes) to a minimum of 10%. The regulations also allow the Council to reduce Council Tax discount for dwellings that are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than six months (long term empty properties) to zero.

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	Ground Floor Room 5 Town Hall
2.	DCLG Return CTB1 (October 2011)	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

25 JANUARY 2012

LEADER
*Councillor Stephen
Greenhalgh*

**TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE FOR
THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2011-12**

Wards:
All

This report provides information on the Council's debt, borrowing and investment activity up to 30 September 2011.

CONTRIBUTORS

Recommendations:

EDFCG

That the Council's debt, borrowing and investment activity up to the 30 September 2011 be noted.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Treasury management is defined by the CIPFA Code of Practice as 'The management of the local authority's investments and cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks.'

1.2 The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (revised November 2009) has been adopted by the Council.

The primary requirements of the Code are as follows:

- 1 Creation and maintenance of a Treasury Management Policy Statement which sets out the policies and objectives of the Council's treasury management activities.
 - 2 Creation and maintenance of Treasury Management Practices which set out the manner in which the Council will seek to achieve those policies and objectives.
 - 3 Receipt by the full council of an annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement, including the Annual Investment Strategy, for the year ahead, a Mid-year Review Report (this report) and an Annual Report covering activities during the previous year.
 - 4 Delegation by the Council of responsibilities for implementing and monitoring treasury management policies and practices and for the execution and administration of treasury management decisions.
 - 5 Delegation by the Council of the role of scrutiny of treasury management strategy and policies to a specific named body. For this Council the delegated body is the Audit and Pensions Committee.
- 1.3 This mid-year review has been prepared in compliance with the Code of Practice, and covers the following
- An economic update for the first six months of 2011/12
 - A review of the Annual Treasury Strategy
 - A review of the Council's investment portfolio for 2011/12
 - A review of the Council's borrowing strategy for 2011/12
 - A review of compliance with Prudential Code indicators for 2011/12

2. ECONOMIC UPDATE

- 2.1 The Euro zone sovereign debt crisis continued: Spain and Italy became the focus of renewed market concerns that they may soon join with Greece, Ireland and Portugal in needing assistance. This uncertainty and the lack of a co-ordinated or credible Euro zone response caused anxiety over the potential impact of sovereign default and resulting effect on the Euro zone banking sector. The approval by various countries of the 440 billion euro bail out fund in September has brought temporary relief to financial markets but does not provide a remedy to the scale of the Greek debt problem or the sheer magnitude of the potential needs of other countries for support.
- 2.2 Political difficulties in the US over their plans to address the budget deficit, the size and control over the US sovereign debt, and the subsequent loss of the AAA credit rating from Standard and Poor's, has led to a much more difficult and uncertain outlook for the world economy. Growth prospects in the US, UK and the euro zone have receded. World stock markets fell in the second quarter of 2011/12 as a consequence.
- 2.3 Following zero growth in the final half of 2010/11 the UK economy grew by a weaker than expected 0.1% in the first quarter of 2011/12. Overhanging debt, high inflation and concerns over employment are likely to impede growth in the short term.
- 2.4 The announcement by the MPC on 6 October of a second round of quantitative easing of £75bn reflected the threat of recession. Although inflation remains stubbornly high, the MPC's expectation of future falls will result in a reduction below 2%. The longer term trend for PWLB borrowing rates is for them to rise, primarily due to the need for a high volume of gilt issuance in the UK, and the high volume of debt issuance in other major western countries. However the current safe haven status of the UK may continue for some time, postponing any increases until 2012
- 2.5 International investors continue to view UK government gilts as being a safe haven from the EU sovereign debt crisis. The increase in demand for gilts has helped to lower yields and reduce PWLB rates to low levels.

2.6 The Council's Treasury Adviser, Sector, has provided the following interest rate forecast:

Table 1 – Interest Rate Forecast

	Oct 11 %	Dec- 11 %	Mar- 12 %	Jun- 12 %	Sept- 12 %	Dec- 12 %	Mar- 13 %	Jun- 13 %	Sept- 13 %	Dec- 13 %	Mar- 14 %	Jun- 14 %	Sep- 14 %
Sector's Bank Rate	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00
5 yr PWLB Rate	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.40	2.50	2.60	2.70	2.80	2.90	3.10	3.30
10 yr PWLB	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.40	3.40	3.50	3.60	3.70	3.80	4.00	4.20	4.40
25 yr PWLB	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.30	4.30	4.40	4.50	4.60	4.70	4.80	4.90	5.00
50 yr PWLB	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.40	4.40	4.50	4.60	4.70	4.80	4.90	5.00	5.10
3mth LIBID	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.80	0.90	1.20	1.40	1.60	2.10
6 mth LIBID	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.40	1.60	1.80	2.00	2.50
12 mth LIBID	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.60	1.70	1.80	1.90	2.20	2.40	2.60	3.10

3. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

3.1 The Treasury Management Strategy for 2011/12 was approved by Council on 23 February 2011. The Council's Annual Investment Strategy, which is incorporated in the overall strategy, outlines the Council's investment priorities as follows:

- Achieve optimum returns on investment subject to;
- Security of Capital
- And a level of Liquidity in its investments appropriate to the Council's need of funds over time.

3.2 In the current economic climate it is considered appropriate to keep all new investments short term, and only invest with highly credit rated financial institutions using the Sector suggested creditworthiness matrices.

3.3 It should be noted that the reason we have Lloyds and RBS on the Council's lending list and with limits of £35 million is not because of their credit ratings but because of the fact that they are part nationalised.

- 3.4 Investments within the first 6 months of the year have been in line with strategy. A full list of investments held as at 30 September 2011 are as follows:

Table 2 – Investments at 31 October 2011

Money Market Fund	Principal £'m	Interest Rate	Start Date	Maturity Date
Primerate Capital	10	0.88%		Call
Insight Investments	6.0	0.70%		Call
Blackrock	0.6	0.70%		Call
Bank				
National Westminster Bank	20	0.87%		Call
Lloyds Bank	5	1.90%	19/11/10	18/11/11
Lloyds Bank	5	1.45%	20/07/11	20/01/12
Lloyds Bank	5	1.25%	21/10/11	23/01/12
NatWest Bank	5	1.28%	19/05/11	20/02/12
NatWest Bank	5	1.21%	01/08/11	01/05/12
Lloyds Bank	5	2.65%	02/06/11	27/07/12
Lloyds Bank	5	2.65%	19/05/11	27/07/12
NatWest Bank	5	1.42%	01/08/11	30/07/12
Lloyds Bank	5	2.10%	03/08/11	01/08/12
Total Investments	81.6			

- 3.5 Officers can confirm that the approved limits within the Annual Investment Strategy were not breached during the first half of 2011/12.
- 3.6 Investment rates available in the market are at an historical low point. The table below shows that the authority outperformed the benchmark by 0.74%.

Table 3 – Investment Performance against benchmark

Benchmark	Benchmark Return Average Rate as at 30/09/11	Council Performance as at 30/09/11
7 days LIBID	0.46%	1.20%

4. OUTSTANDING DEBT AND INVESTMENTS

- 4.1 This table below shows the Council's outstanding debt and investments at 30 September 2011 compared to 31 March 2011

Table 4 – Debt and Investments at 31 March & 30 September 2011

	31 March 2011		30 September 2011	
	£000's		£000's	
	Principal	Ave. Rate		Ave. Rate
Fixed Rate PWLB	475,520	5.75%	468,520	5.70%
Variable Rate PWLB	Nil		Nil	
Market & Temporary Loan	Nil		Nil	
Total Loans	475,520		468,520	
Total Investments	100,300	0.96%	86,600	1.20%
Net Borrowing	375,220		381,920	

It is quite usual for cash balances to fluctuate daily but at the end of September a PWLB loan of £7 million matured and was repaid which has resulted in a reduction in overall cash balances.

- 4.2 This table below shows the split of the Council's debt between the HRA and General fund.

Table 5 – HRA & GF debt

	31 March 2011		30 September 2011 (Estimate)
	£'000		£'000
HRA	414,527		414,678
GF	60,993		53,842
Total Debt	475,520		468,520

- 4.3 The General Fund Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) was £122 million as at 31 March 2011 compared to £132 million as at 31/03/10 million a

reduction of £10 million. The HRA CFR was £416 million as at 31 March 2011 compared to £406 million as at 31 March 2010 an increase of £10 million. The increase in HRA CFR is due to the delivery of the decent homes programme. The total CFR is £538 million as at the 31 March 2011. The CFR represents the underlying need to borrow and is higher than the actual level of debt due to the temporary borrowing of internal resources.

- 4.4 The proposed reform of the HRA subsidy arrangements is expected to take place on 28 March 2012. This will involve the Council debt being reduced by an estimated £210.3 million which will remove the Council from the HRA subsidy system. Although this figure may change once national figures are recalculated, this will impact on the capital structure of the Council as the HRA capital financing requirement will reduce by the size of the CLG payment. The treasury management service will need to consider the treasury implications of the debt reduction.

5. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

- 5.1 As part of the Strategy the Council sets a number of prudential limits for borrowing. This section shows the Council's position against the prudential indicators for 2011/12 agreed by Council in February 2011. These are outlined below.

5.2 Limits to Borrowing Activity.

The Authorised Limit – This represents the expected maximum borrowing need with some headroom for any unexpected movements.

The Operational Boundary – This indicator is the focus of day to day treasury management activity within the authority. It is a means by which the authority manages its external debt to ensure that it remains within the self imposed Authorised Limit. Sustained breaches of the Operational Boundary would give an indication that the authority may be in danger of stepping beyond the Prudential boundaries it has set itself.

5.3 Interest Rate Exposures

Interest rate risk management is a top priority for local authority management. While fixed rate borrowing and investment can contribute significantly to reducing the uncertainty surrounding future interest rate scenarios, the pursuit of optimum performance may justify, or even demand, retaining a degree of flexibility through the use of variable interest rates on at least part of a treasury management portfolio. This is a best practice approach to treasury management and is to be encouraged to the extent

that it is compatible with the effective management and control of risk. The key indicators are :

- a) Upper Limit on fixed rate exposure – This indicator identifies a maximum limit for fixed interest rates based upon the debt position net of investments.
- b) Upper Limit on variable rate exposure – This indicator identifies a maximum limit for variable interest rates based upon the debt position net of investments.
- c) Total principal funds invested for periods longer then 364 days – These limits are set to reduce the need for early sale of an investment, and are based on the availability of investments after each year-end.

5.4 The above key indicators are summarised in the table below.

Table 6 – Key Prudential Indicators

	2011/12 Limit	30 September 2011 Actual
	£000's	£000's
Authorised Limit for external debt	569,523	381,920
Operational Limit for external debt	495,520	381,920
Limit of fixed interest rate exposure based on net debt	544,000	381,920
Limit of variable interest rate exposure based on net debt	108,800	Nil
Principal sum invested >364 days	20,000	Nil

5.5 Maturity structure of borrowing – This indicator is designed to be a control over an authority having large concentrations of fixed rate debt needing to be replaced at times of uncertainty over interest rates. It is not necessary to

include variable rate debt because local authorities do not face substantial refinancing risks.

Table 7 - Maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing during 2011/12

	Upper Limit	Lower Limit	Actual
Under 12 months	15%	0%	0.00%
12 months and within 24 months	15%	0%	0.00%
24 months and within 5 years	60%	0%	9.14%
5 years and within 10 years	75%	0%	16.57%
10 years and above	100%	0%	74.29%

6. COMPLIANCE WITH TREASURY LIMITS AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

- 6.1 During the first six months of the financial year the Council operated within its treasury limits and Prudential Indicators as set out in the Council's Treasury Strategy Report.

7. COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- 7.1 The comments of the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Governance are contained within this report.

8. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

- 8.1 There are no direct legal implications for the purpose of this report.

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 To note the Council's debt, borrowing and investment activity up to 30 September 2011.

Local Government Act 2000
List Of Background Papers

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext. of Holder of File/Copy	Department/ Location
1	Borrowings and Investments Ledger	Rosie Watson Ext. 2563	Room 4 Hammersmith Town Hall
2	CIPFA-Prudential Code -Accounting for Capital Finance	Rosie Watson Ext. 2563	Room 4 Hammersmith Town Hall
3	Various Economic commentaries	Rosie Watson Ext. 2563	Room 4 Hammersmith Town Hall

SPECIAL MOTION NO. 1 – MAYOR FOR LONDON

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh
- (ii) Councillor Mark Loveday

“This Council notes the inappropriate and rambling personal attacks by Ken Livingstone on members of this Council at a public meeting at St Augustine’s Church on 2 November 2011 that clearly demonstrate his unfitness to be the next Mayor for London or to represent the people of Hammersmith and Fulham.

This Council notes since 1 May 2008 Boris Johnson has delivered on his promises to:

- Beef up the police presence in the borough by increasing police numbers and cutting red tape at the Metropolitan Police Service
- Implement serious strategies on knife and gun crime and arm the police with handheld weapon scanners
- Crack down on the culture of casual disorder that leads to more serious crime, with live CCTV on buses and a community service scheme for young people who abuse free travel
- Make transport safer in Hammersmith and Fulham by putting more uniformed officers on buses and station platforms
- Protect our green, open spaces and encourage more recycling across the borough
- Scrap the Western Congestion Charge zone and make the existing system fairer and more flexible for residents in Hammersmith & Fulham
- Work in partnership with the borough Council to build the homes that people in the borough want and can afford
- Stretch the taxpayer pound to give Hammersmith & Fulham Council Tax payers more bang for their buck and axe the waste and overspending at City Hall.
- Freeze the Mayoral Council Tax precept in each year to reduce the burden on taxpayers in the borough.

This Council looks forward to the re-election of Boris Johnson as Mayor for London in May 2012.”

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 2 – SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Georgie Cooney
- (ii) Councillor Helen Binmore

“This Council notes:

- 1) That 100% of the special schools in H&F; as well as the specialist provision at the Bridge Academy, are rated as Outstanding by Ofsted: Queensmill, Cambridge, Woodlane, The Bridge and Jack Tizard - this is an historical achievement.

This Council welcomes:

- 1) The new autism unit attached to Fulham Primary
- 2) The increased number of schools which have at least BB93 acoustics for children with hearing impairments
- 3) The new SEN website which is to try and improve communication between all parties involved with SEN children
- 4) The exciting new site committed to the development and co-location of Queensmill primary and secondary schools
- 5) The improved provision of Cambridge school due to the cost effective move to the Bryony Centre, next to the Phoenix. Pupils from each school can now attend lessons on either site, according to their needs
- 6) The new hydrotherapy pool at Jack Tizard school which is being used by children from all over the borough. There is even a bus available to pick the children up from different sites.
- 7) The commitment of the 5 newly qualified teachers of OCR Level 5 - 'teaching and understanding learners with specific learning difficulties' and the 7 who are currently undergoing the training.
- 8) The excellent work of the staff at the Medical Needs Unit, Woodlane school, managed by the headteacher, Peter Harwood. In addition, the success of the independent travel training, also managed by Peter Harwood.

- 9) The 3 students at Fulham Cross and William Morris who are visually impaired and are now accessing the entire curriculum through braille. A great achievement.
- 10) Queensmill school for autism, once again, has been accredited by the National Autism Society whilst also managing a new, bigger and stronger team of Occupational Therapists.

This Council resolves to continue to strive to improve the provision and opportunities for all children with SEN in Hammersmith and Fulham.”

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 3 – HAMMERSMITH FLYOVER

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Nicholas Botterill
- (ii) Councillor Rachel Ford

“This Council notes that:

1. Transport for London (TfL) commenced works on the Hammersmith Flyover several weeks ago.
2. On Friday 23 December 2011, a decision was made following an overnight inspection by TfL engineers to close the flyover to traffic pending full scale structural assessments.
3. Although this route and the structure of the Hammersmith Flyover form a strategic London route and that they are therefore under the full control of TfL, the resulting adverse impacts of closure to the residents of Hammersmith & Fulham (in economic and social terms) are severe.

This Council calls on TfL to:

- Seek to reopen the flyover at the earliest opportunity when it is safe to do so,
- Carry out all remedial works to the structure of the Hammersmith Flyover sufficient to extend the life span and allow unrestricted operation in as timely a manner as possible,
- Continue to share all information and engineering assessments on the flyover with officers of this Council as soon as they are available, and
- Continue to liaise with the affected boroughs on the traffic management implications of closure.”

SPECIAL MOTION NO. 4 – HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Andrew Johnson
- (ii) Councillor Harry Phibbs

“This Council notes and endorses the recent comments made by Leader of the Opposition, The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP, that:

1. *“Those on the waiting list for council accommodation should move up that list if they are contributing to their communities, being good neighbours, and seeking work”*
2. *“Need matters, but actually you should be rewarded with extra points, and councils around the country are starting to do this, and I want more of them to do it, if you for example work or contribute to your community.”*

This Council resolves:

1. To continue to meet its statutory obligations in respect of urgent housing need, and;
2. To enable social housing in Hammersmith & Fulham to be accessed by residents who work or make a contribution to the local community, and;
3. To ensure that the future scheme of allocation for social housing will seek to give greater priority for those applicants who can demonstrate a positive community contribution. These will include:
 - Those in employment
 - Those looking to start their own business
 - Those undertaking certain training
 - Transfer applicants with a positive tenancy history with no previous rent arrears
 - Those who can demonstrate a contribution to the local community through certain types of voluntary work
 - Current and former members of the armed forces, including the Territorial Army.”