

COUNCIL MINUTES

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY 2012



PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Belinda Donovan
Deputy Mayor Councillor Frances Stainton

Councillors:

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

11. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 30 May 2012 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jean Campbell, Iain Coleman and Andrew Jones.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Tom Crofts, Ali de Lisle and Gavin Donovan.

13. 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).

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The following Councillors declared prejudicial interests in Special Motion 2 (Accident and Emergency Services) and Special Motion 6 (Objection to the Conservative-Led Government's Local Hospital Closures) in relation to their membership of the North West London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee: -

- Councillor Stephen Cowan as a substitute Member.
- Councillor Lucy Ivimy as a Member.
- Councillor Peter Tobias as a substitute Member.
- Councillor Rory Vaughan as a Member.

Councillor Dame Sally Powell declared a personal interest in Special Motion 2 (Accident and Emergency Services) and Special Motion 6 (Objection to the Conservative-Led Government's Local Hospital Closures) in relation to her membership of the Board of the West London Mental Health Trust.

Councillor Caroline Needham declared a personal Interest in Item 6.2 (Localism Act 2011 - Members' Complaint Procedures, Appointment of Independent Persons and Changes to the Constitution) as a former neighbour and friend of one of the appointed Independent Members.

15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (20 MINUTES)

15.1 Question 1 - Mr Jed Keenan

7.04 pm - The Mayor called on Mr Jed Keenan who had submitted a question to the Leader (Councillor Nicholas Botterill) to ask his question. The Leader responded. Mr Keenan asked a supplementary question which was also answered.

(A copy of the public question submitted and the reply given is attached at **Appendix 2** to these minutes).

16. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1 Localism Act 2011 - Members' Complaint Procedures, Appointment of Independent Persons and Changes to the Constitution

7.09 pm - Under Standing Order 15(e) (vi), the Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill, formally moved the report with the following amendment to recommendation 4:

“That Ms Sophia Lambert CBE and Ms Janis Cammel OBE be appointed for a year, in conjunction with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, as Independent Persons to consider complaints against Members and to offer their impartial views on each case, including any investigations undertaken.”

The amendment was unanimously agreed.

A speech on the report was made by Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Administration), before being put to the vote:

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.16 pm **RESOLVED:**

1. That the revision to the advice in the Council's 'Guidance for Councillors and Officers dealing with Planning and Licensing' as outlined in the report, be adopted.
2. That the specific responsibility of maintaining high standards of conduct for Members be delegated to the Audit, Pensions and Standards Committee.
3. That the Members' Code of Conduct, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted, and that the rules requiring Members to register and disclose pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests be noted.
4. That two Independent Members, Ms Sophia Lambert CBE and Ms Janis Cammel OBE) be appointed, in conjunction with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, as Independent Persons to consider complaints against Members and to offer their impartial views on each case, including any investigations undertaken.
5. That a flat rate allowance of £500 per annum be paid to the Independent Person appointed by LBHF in 12 monthly instalments on the 15th of each month.
6. That the arrangements for dealing with complaints alleging a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
7. That the terms of reference of the Audit, Pensions and Standards Committee and the Audit, Pensions and Standards Sub Committees, as outlined in Appendix 3, be approved.
8. That Standing Order rule 20 be amended as set out in Appendix 4 of the report.

(Councillor Caroline Needham declared a personal Interest as a former neighbour and friend of one of the appointed Independent Members).

16.2 Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2012

7.18 pm - The report and recommendations were moved for adoption by the Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

RESOLVED:

That the Council's Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2012 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

16.3 Appointment of Monitoring Officer

7.19 pm - The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

RESOLVED:

That Ms Tasnim Shawkat be appointed Monitoring Officer from 1 October 2012.

17. **SPECIAL MOTIONS**

17.1 Special Motion No. 3 - Children In Care

7.20pm Under Standing Order 15(e) (iii), Councillor Mark Loveday moved, and seconded by Councillor Donald Johnson, that Special Motion 7.3 - Children in Care take precedence on the agenda and be considered. The motion was unanimously agreed.

7.21pm – Councillor Helen Binmore moved, seconded by Councillor Donald Johnson, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council:

1. Notes that:

- The number of looked after children in the borough has fallen in every year since 2006 and that by the end of 2011 there were only 233 children in care at the end of Year 2011/12;
- Hammersmith & Fulham Council has outperformed the national average by 40% every year for the last 5 years for children leaving care on permanency orders;
- The Council is ranked first in the country for Special Guardianship Orders, and;
- The Council has met both thresholds for the new Adoption Scorecard this year.

2. Welcomes:

- the work of the recently formed Children in Care Council;
- the official launch of the Council's ‘Pledge to all Children in Care’ in September, and;
- the establishment of the Hammersmith & Fulham Opportunity Trust.

3. Resolves to:

- Review the ‘Pledge to all Children in Care’ every year;
- Work closely and collaboratively with the Children in Care Council;
- Drive to secure stable attachments through permanency orders;
- Actively manage adoption cases and continue to tackle delays, and;
- Further support our children in care and care leavers by promoting the Hammersmith & Fulham Opportunity Trust.”

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Helen Binmore and Donald Johnson (for the Administration).

Under Standing Order 15(e) (vi), Councillor Elaine Chumnerly moved, seconded by Councillor Caroline Needham, an amendment to the motion as follows:

“Delete “2006” in the second line of the first bullet point, and insert “2004”. “

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Elaine Chumnerly and Caroline Needham (for the Opposition) and Councillor Georgie Cooney (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The amended motion was declared **Carried.**

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion as amended was declared **CARRIED.**

7.41 pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council:

1. Notes that:

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17.2 Special Motion 1 - Right to Buy

7.42pm – Councillor Andrew Johnson moved, seconded by Councillor Harry Phibbs, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council welcomes the decision by the Government to raise the cap on the Right to Buy discount from £16,000 to £75,000 with effect from 2nd April this year.

That this Council notes that:

- The Right to Buy has helped thousands of council tenants in H&F to buy their own home since it launched over 30 years ago.
- Completions under the scheme all but collapsed when the maximum discount in the capital was reduced in 2004 from £38,000 to £16,000, leading to a slump from 245 Right to Buy sales in 2003/04 to 7 in H&F last year.
- Since the revised discount came into force on 2nd April, a total of 119 new applications have been received by the Council’s HomeBuy unit, with a total of 134 applications currently being processed.
- That the first launch event of the Right to Buy road show at 145 King Street attracted over 384 residents.

That this Council resolves to:

- Continue to promote the Right to Buy to all eligible tenants within Hammersmith and Fulham
- Continue to promote other forms of low-cost home ownership to council tenants and provide them with help in getting onto the property ladder.
- Continue to lobby the Government to increase the discount in high value residential areas such as Hammersmith & Fulham, to make the discount more meaningful for our tenants.
- Re-invest a proportion of the receipts received from each sale into the provision of new affordable housing in line with current Government guidance on the use of receipts.”

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Andrew Johnson and Adronie Alford (for the Administration).

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

“Delete the final bullet point and replace with:

“The Council recognises that London is suffering the consequences of a housing crisis. That means current statistics demonstrate that the average twenty-something will be in their fifties before they get a foot on the property ladder; it means that there are tens of thousands of hard working families struggling with overcrowding and unsuitable housing conditions and it means that homeless levels

are increasing. Fixing the supply of genuinely affordable homes to buy and rent is critical.

The Council therefore resolves to:

- Lobby the government to be able to keep and use 100% of the receipts from council home sales for re-investment in building new homes.
- To provide a like-for-like replacement home for each council home sold.
- Guarantees to use its discretion and ensure that rents on replacement homes are set in line with other social rents in the borough - not at 80% of market rate.
- Stop its policy of selling off council homes to property speculators (as featured in the BBC's Homes Under The Hammer) and in the process banning local residents from renting or even buying those homes to live in.
- Stop its policy of offering property speculators the opportunity to demolish up to a third of the Borough's current council housing stock
- Recognises its failure to build a single affordable home to rent on recent major property schemes and its failure to build any genuinely affordable homes to buy. The Council therefore resolves to follow the Borough and GLA's planning guidelines to help increase the supply of genuinely affordable housing to rent or buy."

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Lisa Homan, Stephen Cowan and PJ Murphy (for the Opposition) and Councillors Harry Phibbs and Andrew Johnson (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR	12
AGAINST	25
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **Lost**.

Speeches on the substantive motion were then made by Councillors Lisa Homan and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration).

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

FOR	27
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	12

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8.25 pm – **RESOLVED**:

This Council welcomes the decision by the Government to raise the cap on the Right to Buy discount from £16,000 to £75,000 with effect from 2nd April this year.

That this Council notes that:

- The Right to Buy has helped thousands of council tenants in H&F to buy their own home since it launched over 30 years ago.
- Completions under the scheme all but collapsed when the maximum discount in the capital was reduced in 2004 from £38,000 to £16,000, leading to a slump from 245 Right to Buy sales in 2003/04 to 7 in H&F last year.
- Since the revised discount came into force on 2nd April, a total of 119 new applications have been received by the Council's HomeBuy unit, with a total of 134 applications currently being processed.
- That the first launch event of the Right to Buy road show at 145 King Street attracted over 384 residents.

That this Council resolves to:

- Continue to promote the Right to Buy to all eligible tenants within Hammersmith and Fulham
- Continue to promote other forms of low-cost home ownership to council tenants and provide them with help in getting onto the property ladder.
- Continue to lobby the Government to increase the discount in high value residential areas such as Hammersmith & Fulham, to make the discount more meaningful for our tenants.
- Re-invest a proportion of the receipts received from each sale into the provision of new affordable housing in line with current Government guidance on the use of receipts.

17.3 Special Motion No. 2 - Accident And Emergency Services

8.26pm – Councillor Marcus Ginn moved, seconded by Councillor Andrew Johnson, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes that:

1. NHS North West London is proposing as options the closure of Charing Cross, Hammersmith or Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Accident & Emergency departments.
2. Residents in Hammersmith and Fulham value these hospitals and would not support any proposal that downgrades their status from that of major hospitals.
3. Hammersmith and Fulham is a high density inner-London borough in need of quick access to high quality accident and emergency services. The option of closing Charing Cross, Hammersmith or Chelsea and Westminster Hospital A&E departments will result in H&F residents having to travel further to obtain this critical service.

This Council resolves to oppose the closure or downgrading of Charing Cross, Hammersmith or Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Accident & Emergency departments”.

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Marcus Ginn and Andrew Johnson (for the Administration).

Under Standing Order 15(e) (vi), Councillor Lisa Homan moved, seconded by Councillor PJ Murphy, an amendment to the motion as follows:

“Delete all after “This Council” in the first line and insert the following:

“is deeply concerned that the Conservative-led government is looking to cut A&E and other essential services from Charing Cross, Chelsea and Westminster and Hammersmith hospitals. NHS managers have now confirmed that local NHS services will definitely be cut – it is just in the process of deciding exactly where the axe will fall.

The Council notes the Government’s shambolic leadership on NHS reform and resolves to campaign against these potentially disastrous cuts to local NHS services.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Lisa Homan, PJ Murphy and Dame Sally Powell (for the Opposition) and Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR	10
AGAINST	25
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

9.05pm – **RESOLVED**:

“This Council notes that:

1. NHS North West London is proposing as options the closure of Charing Cross, Hammersmith or Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Accident & Emergency departments.
2. Residents in Hammersmith and Fulham value these hospitals and would not support any proposal that downgrades their status from that of major hospitals.

3. Hammersmith and Fulham is a high density inner-London borough in need of quick access to high quality accident and emergency services. The option of closing Charing Cross, Hammersmith or Chelsea and Westminster Hospital A&E departments will result in H&F residents having to travel further to obtain this critical service.

This Council resolves to oppose the closure or downgrading of Charing Cross, Hammersmith or Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Accident & Emergency departments”.

(Councillors Cowan, Ivimy, Vaughan and Tobias declared prejudicial interests in this item. They left the room during the debate and did not vote on the item. Councillor Dame Sally Powell declared a personal interest in the item and participated in the debate accordingly).

17.4 Special Motion No. 4 - Legal Challenges

9.06pm – Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor PJ Murphy, the special motion standing in their names:

““This council undertakes to carry out an independent value-for-money review to consider the hundreds of thousands of pounds of tax payers’ money it is spending on legal fees, officers’ time and other council resources fighting local residents and local businesses on its high profile, large developments across the Borough.

The Council recognises that these are difficult times economically and that public money should be prioritised for front line services and tax cuts”.

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Stephen Cowan and PJ Murphy (for the Opposition) and by Councillor Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration).

Councillor Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) made a speech winding up the debate before the motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	27
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

17.5 Special Motion No. 5 - Child Poverty

9.26pm – Councillor Caroline Needham moved, seconded by Councillor Mercy Umeh, the special motion standing in their names:

“Hammersmith and Fulham have one of the highest rates of child poverty in the country with 33% of children in our area growing up without adequate resources. This council resolves to compile a comprehensive child poverty strategy and to submit that for consideration by the select committees no later than 31st December 2012. The strategy will define a series of measures the council commits to

undertake to locally which will alleviate family poverty and meet our legal obligations, as set out in the Child Poverty Act 2010”.

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Caroline Needham Mercy Umeh, Dame Sally Powell and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and by Councillors Peter Graham and Helen Binmore (for the Administration).

Councillor Caroline Needham (for the Opposition) made a speech winding up the debate before the motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	27
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

17.6 Special Motion No. 6 - Objection to the Conservative-Led Government's Local Hospital Closures

9.59pm – Councillor Colin Aherne moved, seconded by Councillor Lisa Homan, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council is deeply concerned that the Conservative-led government is looking at cut A&E and other essential services from Charing Cross, Chelsea and Westminster and Hammersmith hospitals. NHS managers have now confirmed that local NHS services will definitely be cut – it is just in the process of deciding exactly where the axe will fall.

The Council notes the Government’s shambolic leadership on NHS reform and resolves to campaign against these potentially disastrous cuts to local NHS services”.

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	9
AGAINST	25
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

(Councillors Cowan, Ivimy, Vaughan and Tobias declared prejudicial Interests in this item. They left the room during the debate and did not vote on the item. Councillor Dame Sally Powell declared a personal interest in the item and participated in the debate accordingly).

18. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE

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

19. APPROVAL OF A PERIOD OF ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS BY A COUNCILLOR

10pm The Mayor moved under Standing 2.1 (f) urgent matters in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4 (5) of Part I of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by LGA 2000) that the circulated report requesting the approval of Councillor Iain Coleman's non attendance at meetings of the authority due to ill health pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 be considered as a matter of urgency.

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

RESOLVED:

1. The Council notes that Councillor Iain Coleman has not been able to attend meetings of the Council due to ill-health since 19 March 2012.
2. That Council extends its sympathy to Councillor Coleman and wishes him a speedy recovery.
3. That Council approves Councillor Iain Coleman's non attendance at meetings of the authority due to ill health up to 3 February 2013 pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 10.05 pm

Mayor

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY
THE MAYOR**

1. On 31st May 2012, accompanied by Andrew MacDonald, my Consort, I was delighted to attend and present the winners certificate of 'Bike It In Bloom' to Miles Coverdale Primary School, Coverdale Road, W12
2. On 1st June, I attended and launched the Volunteers Week event, Lyric Square, W6
3. On 1st June, I attended the CVSA 'Funders Fair' event at Lyric Theatre, Lyric Square, W6
4. On 1st June, accompanied by my Consort, I attended the Wimbledon Light Opera Society performance of 'Curtains', John McIntosh Arts Centre, London Oratory School, SW6
5. On 3rd June, accompanied by my consort, I was honoured to attend Her Majesty The Queen's 'Diamond Jubilee Royal Flotilla celebrations'. I boarded the Sapele at Imperial Wharf, forming part of Her Majesty The Queen's Flotilla to Tower of London
6. On 3rd June, accompanied by my consort, I attended Ellerby Street, Diamond Jubilee street party, SW6
7. On 4th June, I attended Perrers Road, Diamond Jubilee street party, W6 and judged the best decorated house competition.
8. On 4th June, I attended Scotts Road, Diamond Jubilee street party, W12
9. On 4th June, I attended Fielding Road, Diamond Jubilee street party, W14 and judged the Best Garden Party Hat, Best Corgi in Show and Best Tiara in Town.
10. On 4th June, I attended Bute Gardens, Diamond Jubilee street party, W6
11. On 5th June, I attended Nazareth House, Diamond Jubilee party, W6
12. On 5th June, I attended Melrose Street, Diamond Jubilee street party, W6
13. On 5th June, I attended Rylett Road, Diamond Jubilee street party, W6
14. On 5th June, I attended Friends of Margravine Diamond Jubilee party, Margravine Cemetery, W14
15. On 6th June, I attended George Irvin's Queens Jubilee Fun Fair, event, Bishops Park, SW6
16. On 6th June, I was delighted to attend and officially open the newly renovated Children's Play Area, Vine Square, Maystar Estate, W14

17. On 8th June, accompanied by my consort, I attended and presented certificates at the Volunteers' Awards Ceremony, HTH
18. On 10th June, I was delighted to attend the Mint Polo in the Park event, Hurlingham Park, SW6
19. On 12th June, accompanied by my consort, I attended the Fine Arts Fair, Olympia, W14
20. On 13th June, I was delighted to attend the AEGON Tennis Championships, Queens Club Palliser Rd, W14
21. On 15th June, I attended the 95th 'London Road Safety Campaign' AGM, City Hall, SE1
22. On 15th June, accompanied by my consort, I attended the HFVC Charity Ball, Stamford Bridge, SW6
23. On 16th June, I attended the Jamaican Diaspora UK Conference, Novotel Hotel Hammersmith, W6
24. On 16th June, I attended the Groundwork Family Fun Day, Wormwood Scrubs, Braybrook Street, W12
25. On 16th June, accompanied by my consort, Mr Charles Forsyth, I attended a charity tour of Capel Manor College and grounds, Enfield
26. On 16th June, I was delighted to attend and speak at the 100th Anniversary of the Independence of Albania, Hammersmith Town Hall, W6
27. On 16th June, accompanied by my consort, I attended the Egyptian Gala Dinner, The Copthorne Tara Hotel, W8
28. On 18th June, I was delighted to welcome representatives from the Mayhew Animal home to the Mayor's Parlour W6. I have nominated the Mayhew as one of my chosen charities for the mayoral year.
29. On 18th June, I was delighted to welcome representatives from West London Action for Children to the Mayor's Parlour W6 (one of my chosen charities for the mayoral year).
30. On 19th June, I attend the FEM 21 Working Lunch event, 1-3 Elgin Close W12
31. On 19th June, I attended and hosted the Pubwatch meeting, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
32. On 19th June, accompanied by my consort, Mr Andrew MacDonald, I attended the Lord Mayor of Westminster's reception, Westminster City Hall, SW1
33. On 20th June, accompanied by my consort, I attended Kensington Prep School 'Summer Concert', Cadogan Hall, SW1

34. On 21st June, I attended a Press Meeting photo call and interview for the Chronicle, Mayor's Office, HTH
35. On 23rd June, I was delighted to attend the Borough Walk 'Be a Super Hero' from South Park to Ravenscourt Park, which raised awareness "say no to Hate Crime" Ravenscourt Park, W6
36. On 23rd June, I attended and spoke at St Peter's School Fair, St Peter's Square Green, W6
37. On 23rd June, accompanied by my consort, I attended the Festival of Architecture, Lyric Square, W6
38. On 23rd June, accompanied by my consort, I attended Hounslow Mayor Making Celebratory Dinner, The Lampton Conference Centre, Civic Centre TW3
39. On 24th June, accompanied by my consort, I attended Hurlingham Club Chairman's 'Lunch and Tea' reception, The Hurlingham Club, SW6
40. On 25th June, I attended and laid a wreath on behalf of Hammersmith and Fulham at the 75th Anniversary Memorial Service for Miss Marta Cunningham CBE, founder of the Not Forgotten Association, Hanwell Cemetery
41. On 25th June, I was delighted to host a reception and raise the Armed Forces Day Flag, Hammersmith Town Hall roof. Rev Joe Hawes officiated, attended by Mrs Sandy Cahill, H&F Deputy Lieutenant, Lt Col John Boyd, Commanding Officer 4 Para and representatives from the regiment, representatives from HQ Squadron Royal Yeomanry and Cadets from 344 Fulham Squadron.
42. On 27th June, I welcomed representatives of the Shepherds Bush Neighbourhood Watch Ward Panel meeting to the Mayor's Parlour HTH.
43. On 28th June, accompanied by my consort, Mr Charles Forsyth, I attended and presented the award at the 'I love lunch' event, hosted by HammersmithLondon (BID), Hammersmith Ram PH, King Street, W6
44. On 29th June, I attended and presented the 'Barclays Let's Do It Community Awards', Barclays Bank, King Street, W6
45. On 29th June, I attended and presented a cup to 'LALA Restaurant' the winner of the 'I Love Lunch Best Restaurant competition', hosted by HammersmithLondon (BID), Queen Caroline Street, W6
46. On 29th June, accompanied by my consort, I presented certificates of achievement and spoke at the H&F Refugee Forum celebration evening, Polish Centre, King Street, W6
47. On 30th June, I was delighted to attend 'Celebrating Fulham', St John's Church Yard, Jerdan Place, SW6

48. On 30th June, accompanied by my consort, I attended The 4th Battalion Parachute Regiment Dinner Reception, Sandhurst
49. On 1st July, I was delighted to attend the 'London Youth Games', Sports competition. Pupils from Hammersmith and Fulham schools' represented the Borough, Crystal Palace Stadium
50. On 1st July, I attended the London Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival 2012, Albert Docks
51. On 2nd July, accompanied by my consort, I attended Laytmer School 'Prize Giving' evening, King Street, W6
52. On 3rd July, as a keen cyclist, I was very pleased to attend and support the H&F 'Changing Places – Never Cycle On The Inside Of A Lorry', safe cycling event. I was able to see first hand from the drivers seat of the H&F HGV lorry, the dangers for cyclists, Beadon Road, W6
53. On 3rd July, accompanied by my consort, I attended the Ealing Hammersmith & West London College 'Celebration of Achievement evening, Colet Gardens, W6

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 4 JULY 2012

Question by: Mr Jed Keenan

To: The Leader

QUESTION

“With regard to the timeframe for responding to enquiries submitted to the Council through normal channels, why are members of the public not provided with a standard of service that is equal to or better than Members of the Council?”

ANSWER

Under the Council's Constitution, there are established timescales for a response to be issued to an enquiry from a Councillor, Cabinet Member or Member of Parliament. It is important to note that such enquiries are the primary way for Councillors, Cabinet Members and Members of Parliament to interact with the Council's many services. Our residents and customers, have many different ways of interacting with the Council and the majority of these have timescales that are either statutory (e.g. Freedom of Information Requests or Planning Applications) or are policy-based (e.g. Corporate Complaints or Repairs ordering).

The standards (which have a tighter timescale for answering questions from Members and MPs) have existed for very many years under Administrations of both persuasions.