

COUNCIL AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 19 October 2022



The Mayor – Councillor Emma Apthorp
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Daryl Brown

ADDISON

Jacolyn Daly (L)
Ross Melton (L)

AVONMORE

Laura Janes (L)
David Morton (L)

BROOK GREEN

Stala Antoniadis (L)
Adam Peter Lang (L)

COLLEGE PARK & OLD
OAK

Wesley Harcourt (L)
Bora Kwon (L)
Alexandra Sanderson (L)

CONINGHAM

Lisa Homan (L)
Rowan Ree (L)
Rory Vaughan (L)

FULHAM REACH

Lucy Richardson (L)
Omid Miri (L)
Nikos Souslous (L)

FULHAM TOWN

Victoria Brocklebank-
Fowler (C)
Andrew Dinsmore (C)

GROVE

Stephen Cowan (L)
Helen Rowbottom (L)

HAMMERSMITH
BROADWAY

Emma Apthorp (L)
Patricia Quigley (L)

LILLIE

Ben Coleman (L)
Sharon Holder (L)

MUNSTER

Adronie Alford (C)
Alex Karmel (C)
Dominic Stanton (C)

PALACE & HURLINGHAM

Aliya Afzal-Khan (C)
Jackie Borland (C)
Amanda Lloyd-Harris (C)

PARSONS GREEN &
SANDFORD

Jose Afonso (C)
Adrian Pascu-Tulbure (C)

RAVENSCOURT

Liz Collins (L)
Patrick Walsh (L)

SANDS END

Paul Alexander (L)
Ashok Patel (L)
Ann Rosenberg (L)

SHEPHERDS BUSH
GREEN

Zarar Qayyum (L)
Mercy Umeh (L)

WALHAM GREEN

Trey Campbell-Simon (L)
Genevieve Nwaogbe (L)

WENDELL PARK

Rebecca Harvey (L)
Asif Siddique (L)

WEST KENSINGTON

Daryl Brown (L)
Florian Chevoppe-Verdier
(L)
Sally Taylor (L)

WHITE CITY

Andrew Jones (L)
Natalia Perez (L)
Frances Umeh (L)

WORMHOLT

Max Schmid (L)
Nicole Trehy (L)

SUMMONS

Councillors of the London Borough of
Hammersmith & Fulham
are requested to attend the
Meeting of the Council on
Wednesday 19 October 2022
at 3 Shortlands, W6 8DA

The Council will meet at 7.00pm

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11 October 2022
3 Shortlands
Hammersmith, W6 8DA

Sharon Lea
Interim Chief Executive

Full Council Agenda

19 October 2022

Item

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

If a Councillor has a disclosable pecuniary interest in a particular item, whether or not it is entered in the Authority's register of interests, or any other significant interest which they consider should be declared in the public interest, they should declare the existence and, unless it is a sensitive interest as defined in the Member Code of Conduct, the nature of the interest at the commencement of the consideration of that 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 disclosable pecuniary interest or other significant 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.

Where Members of the public are not allowed to be in attendance and speak, then the Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest should withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is under consideration. Councillors who have declared other significant interests should also withdraw from the meeting if they consider their continued participation in the matter would not be reasonable in the circumstances and may give rise to a perception of a conflict of interest.

Councillors are not obliged to withdraw from the meeting where a dispensation to that effect has been obtained from the Standards Committee.

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COUNCIL MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2022



PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Emma Apthorp
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Daryl Brown

Councillors:

Jose Afonso	Rebecca Harvey	Rowan Ree
Aliya Afzal-Khan	Lisa Homan	Lucy Richardson
Paul Alexander	Laura Janes	Helen Rowbottom
Adronie Alford	Alex Karmel	Alexandra Sanderson
Stala Antoniadis	Bora Kwon	Max Schmid
Emma Apthorp	Adam Peter Lang	Asif Siddique
Jackie Borland	Amanda Lloyd-Harris	Nikos Souslous
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Liz Collins	Adrian Pascu-Tulbure	Mercy Umeh
Stephen Cowan	Ashok Patel	Rory Vaughan
Jacolyn Daly	Natalia Perez	Patrick Walsh
Andrew Dinsmore	Zarar Qayyum	
Wesley Harcourt	Patricia Quigley	

NOTE: Councillors Rebecca Harvey, Laura Janes, Adam Peter Lang, Patricia Quigley, and Rory Vaughan attended the meeting remotely and did not participate in the discussion or vote on decision items.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sharon Holder, Andrew Jones, and Ann Rosenberg.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Rory Vaughan declared a pecuniary interest in items 8.3 and 8.4 as an employee of the Bank of England. He recused himself from the meeting for the duration of the items.

Councillor Paul Alexander declared a pecuniary interest in item 8.5 as an employee of Transport for London. He recused himself from the meeting for the duration of the item.

3. MINUTES

7.12pm – The minutes of the Annual and Special Full Council meetings held on 25 May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

4. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours List 2022

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, noted her congratulations to the following people who were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours for their outstanding achievements:

- Professor James Robert Durrant, Professor of Photochemistry at Imperial College London, who was awarded a CBE for services to Photochemistry and Solar Energy Research.
- Professor Mary Patricia Ryan, Armourers and Brasiers' Chair in Materials Science at Imperial College London, who was awarded a CBE for services to Education and to Materials Science and Engineering.
- Professor Kathryn Maitland, Professor of Tropical Paediatric Infectious Disease at Imperial College London, who was awarded an OBE for services to Medical Science.

The Mayor thanked them for contributions to science and engineering.

5. PRESENTATION BY THE YOUTH MAYOR AND YOUTH COUNCIL

Ben Ruzbehan (Youth Mayor), Niamh Faleye (Deputy Youth Mayor), Anastasia Odusanwo (H&F's Member of Youth Parliament) and Vince Bigas (H&F's Deputy Member of Youth Parliament) addressed the Council and discussed their manifesto goals for 2022/23.

Councillor Trey Campbell-Simon made his maiden speech (for the Administration), and Councillor Aliya Afzal-Khan made her maiden speech (for the Opposition). The Leader of the Council also made a speech.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (20 MINUTES)

The Mayor thanked all of the residents who submitted questions. She noted that public question time was limited to 20 minutes and it would not be extended as there were 9 public questions and a full agenda.

Questions 1, 5, 6, and 7 were addressed in the meeting. The Mayor noted that any questions not addressed in the meeting would receive written responses which would also be published in the minutes. All the questions and responses can be found in Appendix 1.

Under Standing Order 15(e)12, Councillor Alex Karmel moved to suspend Council Rules to allow an extension to public question time:

FOR	10
AGAINST	32
NOT VOTING	1

The motion to suspend was declared **LOST**.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Council Appointments to Outside Bodies

8.06pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

8.06pm – RESOLVED

1. That Councillor Bora Kwon replaces Councillor Omid Miri as a substitute member of the OPDC Planning Committee.
2. That Councillor Liz Collins, Councillor David Morton and Mr David Morris be appointed as trustees of Lygon Almshouses.

7.2 Review of the Constitution

8.06pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

8.06pm – RESOLVED

1. That Full Council notes that David Tatlow, Director of Corporate Resources, is the Council's Proper Officer for Registration and approves updates to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers detailed in paragraph 5 of the report.

2. That Full Council approves the revisions to the Cabinet portfolios and Lead Member responsibilities detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
3. That Full Council appoint Councillor David Morton as Borough Representative for the Armed Forces Community.
4. That Full Council agree to change the name of the 'Policy Unit and Oversight Board' to the 'Policy and Oversight Board'.

7.3 Revisions to the Members' Allowances Scheme 2022-23

8.06pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

Councillor Alex Karmel made a speech (for the Opposition) and Councillor Max Schmid made a speech (for the Administration).

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR	32
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	11

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

8.08pm – RESOLVED

1. That the revised Members' Allowances Scheme 2022/23 as set out in the report and attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

7.4 Statement of Licensing Policy Renewal

8.08pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by Councillor Zarar Qayyum.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

8.09pm – RESOLVED

1. That Full Council adopt the Statement of Licensing Policy 2022 - 2027 at Appendix 2.

7.5 Hartopp & Lannoy Development – Building New Affordable Homes in Fulham

The Mayor noted that the report had an exempt appendix and any discussion of the contents of the exempt appendix would require passing a resolution to exclude the public and press from the meeting.

8.09pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

Councillor Adronie Alford made a speech (for the Opposition) and Councillor Frances Umeh made a speech (for the Administration).

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

8.15pm – RESOLVED

1. That Full Council agrees that Appendix 1 is not for publication on the basis that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
2. That Full Council approve a further capital budget of £57,304,856 to deliver the new homes which will result in an overall Development budget, including contingencies, of £61,020,118 funded through a combination of HRA borrowing, GLA grant, Right to Buy receipts and capital receipts from private sales as set out in exempt Appendix 1.

8. SPECIAL MOTIONS

8.16pm – Councillor Max Schmid moved a motion under Standing Order 15(e)3 to reorder special motions in the following order: 4, 5, 1, 2, 3 and 6. Councillor Genevieve Nwaogbe seconded the motion, and it was agreed.

8.4 Special Motion 4 - Supporting Residents in the Cost-of-Living Crisis

NOTE: Councillor Rory Vaughan left the virtual meeting room for this item.

8.16pm – Councillor Rowan Ree moved, seconded by Councillor Rebecca Harvey, the special motion in their names:

“This Council recognises that Britain is in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis.

- *Inflation is currently above 9%, its highest level since 1982.*
- *Household bills are rising, with energy bills likely to rise significantly higher in October when the energy price cap is increased.*

- *Interest rates have increased from 0.1% to 1.25% since December, with further increases likely, putting pressure on borrowers, including mortgage payers.*

The Council recognises that people across our borough are struggling to make ends meet and are in need of support.

- *One in five adults in the UK has less than £100 in savings.*
- *Nearly four million children in Britain live in poverty.*
- *Areas of Hammersmith & Fulham are among the most deprived in the country.*
- *Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank is distributing record numbers of meals to residents who cannot afford to feed themselves and their families.*

The Council thanks the many organisations across our borough who are providing much-needed financial support or advice to those who need it. We are blessed to have such caring, compassionate and dedicated residents who are prepared to go out of their way to help their neighbours and communities, and we praise this vital work.

This Council also recognises the need for government at all levels to step in and provide support for those who cannot bear the increasing costs that rising bills and prices bring.

H&F Council is playing its part by taking action to support residents through the cost-of-living-crisis. Although the Conservative government has cut 54% of the Council's general grant funding in real terms since 2010, action by the Labour administration since 2014 has so far included:

- *A real terms council tax cut of 9%;*
- *A generous and comprehensive council tax support scheme;*
- *Free breakfasts for primary school children, and free food for children who need it through school holidays;*
- *Abolition of home care charges for elderly and disabled residents;*
- *A freeze in other charges in children's and adults' services;*
- *Significant funding for local charities and the Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank; and*
- *Expanded advice services for residents in need of support.*

The Council is now working with its partners to develop a wide range of further support, including an extensive Financial Inclusion Strategy to improve access to financial information, advice and services for residents.

By contrast, we regret that where Boris Johnson's government has acted, support has been poorly targeted and insufficient for those struggling the most.

- *Measures such as the regressive increase in National Insurance will push local residents deeper into financial difficulty.*
- *The £20 per week cut to Universal Credit was a disastrous step just as the country became gripped by the-cost-of-living crisis.*

This Council urges central government to take as proactive an approach to the cost-of-living crisis as Hammersmith & Fulham Council has done.

This Council calls on the government to reverse the £20 a week cut to Universal credit.

It also calls on the government to fund local authorities adequately as these are often best placed to understand the direct needs of their residents through their work in the community. As a first step, this should mean increasing the general grant to councils and funding for payments such as Discretionary Housing Payments that allow councils to support those in the greatest need.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Ree, Harvey, and Janes (who made her maiden speech) (for the Administration) and Councillors Karmel, Pascu-Tulbure (who made his maiden speech), and Afzal-Khan (for the Opposition).

Councillor Ree then made a speech winding up the debate before the motion was put to the vote.

FOR	32
AGAINST	10
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8.46pm – RESOLVED

This Council recognises that Britain is in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis.

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- Interest rates have increased from 0.1% to 1.25% since December, with further increases likely, putting pressure on borrowers, including mortgage payers.

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8.5 **Special Motion 5 - Government-Forced Cuts to London's Buses**

NOTE: Councillor Paul Alexander left the room for this item.

8.47pm – Councillor Ben Coleman moved, seconded by Councillor Lisa Homan, the special motion in their names:

“This Council deeply regrets that Conservative ministers have told Transport for London to cut services after it lost money during Covid. Essential bus routes across Hammersmith & Fulham are now threatened with closure or severe reductions in service.

- The C3, 11, 14, 72 and 74 will be scrapped.*
- Night buses N27 and N74 will be scrapped, and the N72 will no longer serve Hammersmith.*
- The 23, 27, 211, 272, 283, 328 and 430 will operate a reduced timetable or be rerouted.*

Other governments from New York to Paris are funding public transport after the pandemic to maintain services and keep fares low. This is even more important in the cost-of-living crisis. Boris Johnson’s Conservatives, however, are requiring TfL to reduce services in return for a partial bailout.

This Council urges TfL to maintain the essential routes on which Hammersmith and Fulham residents depend.

This Council regrets that Fulham’s Greg Hands, a Conservative minister, is seeking to divert people’s attention from the real reason for the proposed bus cuts by attacking Transport for London. It calls on Mr Hands not to let his constituents pay for the pandemic but instead to campaign for his government to provide the investment that London’s transport needs.”

A speech on the motion was made by Councillor Coleman (for the Administration).

Under Standing Order 15(e)(6), Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Andrew Dinsmore, an amendment in their names:

“Delete all after ‘This council’ and replace with:

The opposition is deeply shocked by the bus service cuts proposed by Sadiq Khan and TfL. These would affect the residents in our borough to an unacceptable degree.

The C3, 11, 14, 72 and 74 would be cancelled.

The 23, 27, 211, 272, 283, 328, 414 and 430 would have a less regular or altered service.

The N27, N11 and N74 would be cancelled and the N72 diverted from Hammersmith.

This council calls for TFL to stop these proposed changes and stop the strikes on the London Underground and for the mayor to run the transport system efficiently, especially given the vast financial support coming from the government.

Londoners deserve a better service on public transport.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Brocklebank-Fowler, Dinsmore (who made his maiden speech) and Afzal-Khan (for the Opposition) – and Councillor Homan (for the Administration).

The amendment was then put to the vote.

FOR	10
AGAINST	31
NOT VOTING	1

The amendment was declared **LOST**.

Speeches on the substantive motion were made by Councillors Homan, Souslous (who made his maiden speech), and Antoniadès (for the Administration).

Councillor Coleman then made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote.

FOR	31
AGAINST	10
NOT VOTING	1

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

9.26pm – RESOLVED

This Council deeply regrets that Conservative ministers have told Transport for London to cut services after it lost money during Covid. Essential bus routes across Hammersmith & Fulham are now threatened with closure or severe reductions in service.

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8.1 Special Motion 1 - Reverse Parking Charges

9.26pm – Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Andrew Dinsmore, the special motion in their names:

“This Council welcomes the announcement made by the leader of the Administration, ahead of the May 2022 local government elections, that a Labour administration would reverse parking charges.

This Council endorses comments made by the Leader on 14 April that “the parking charge increases were a mistake at the time and they are even more of a mistake now that the pandemic has eased. I want to apologise for getting this wrong and promise that we will get it right if residents hire us again to run the Borough.” This Council notes that this U-turn took place several months after the Conservative Opposition had themselves pledged to reverse increases to parking charges if elected.

This Council welcomes the bipartisan agreement that a reversal of the parking charges increase is the right thing to do. However, this Council notes with concern that, over two months since the elections, this has not yet happened. This Council therefore calls upon the Administration to provide a clear and detailed plan of how and when these charges will be reversed.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Brocklebank-Fowler and Dinsmore (for the Opposition).

Under Standing Order 15(e)(6), Councillor Wesley Harcourt moved, seconded by Councillor Omid Miri, an amendment in their names:

“Delete all after “This Council...” in line 1 and add:

Reaffirms the commitment in the Labour Party 2022 Manifesto ‘Rising to the challenges of our times, together’ to “...introduce emissions-based residents’ parking, which will reduce parking fees for many residents and include free parking for clean vehicles outside of high-volume neighbourhoods and rush hour and school-run traffic.” The Council notes that the cut in parking charges will be introduced after the summer and is a part of the Administration’s measures to help residents deal with the cost-of-living crisis.

This Council also notes that when in office, the previous Conservative Administration (which many current opposition councillors belonged to) raised record amounts from local and visiting motorists by:

- *Increasing parking fine limits by 50% in 2007*
- *Ending free visitor parking on bank holidays over the Christmas period in 2009*
- *Increasing visitors’ parking charges by 55% in 2010*
- *Increasing residents parking permit charges by 20% in 2010*
- *Budgeted to introduce a 14.7% increase in parking charges in 2014”*

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Harcourt, Miri, Schmid, Coleman, Homan, Cowan, and Ree (for the Administration) – and Councillors Lloyd-Harris, and Karmel (for the Opposition).

The amendment was then put to the vote.

FOR	32
AGAINST	10
NOT VOTING	1

The amendment was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor Brocklebank-Fowler then made a speech winding up the debate before the amended motion was put to the vote.

FOR	32
AGAINST	10
NOT VOTING	1

The amended motion was declared **CARRIED**.

10.07pm – RESOLVED

This Council reaffirms the commitment in the Labour Party 2022 Manifesto ‘Rising to the challenges of our times, together’ to “...introduce emissions-based residents’ parking, which will reduce parking fees for many residents and include free parking for clean vehicles outside of high-volume neighbourhoods and rush hour and school-run traffic.” The Council notes that the cut in parking charges will be introduced after the summer and is a part of the Administration’s measures to help residents deal with the cost-of-living crisis.

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- Budgeted to introduce a 14.7% increase in parking charges in 2014

8.2 Special Motion 2 - Traffic Congestion and Pollution Reduction (TCPR) Extension

The special motion was withdrawn.

8.3 Special Motion 3 - Protecting the UK's Parliamentary Democracy

The special motion was withdrawn.

8.6 **Special Motion 6 - The Conservative Government's Failing Justice System**

The special motion was withdrawn.

9. **INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE**

9.1 **Special Urgency Decisions - Monitoring Report 2021/22**

10.08pm - The report was noted.

Meeting started: 7.07 pm
Meeting ended: 10.08 pm

Mayor

Public Questions and Responses – 13 July 2022

Question 1

From: Caroline Shuffrey, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Question:

“On December 6th 2021, Cabinet decided to make an experimental traffic order for the South Fulham TCPR West Scheme based on further engagement with a small group of residents standing to benefit from the scheme. This would operate needlessly 24/7, and would mean that there will be no right turn on to Wandsworth Bridge Road for non-local Eastbound vehicles who do not have a visitors permit, causing havoc on other Fulham roads outside the scheme.

Following two fairly acrimonious online meetings earlier this year, set up by a small group of largely anonymous residents, around 4000 people of predominantly borough residents have signed a petition to stop the traffic camera exclusion zone spreading across Fulham without consultation first.

Will the Leader describe what comprehensive consultation with residents and businesses he will direct our Council to carry out across Fulham, to assess their views on the impact of the proposed camera scheme before introducing it?”

Response (from the Deputy Leader):

Thank you for your question, Ms Shuffrey. I know how passionately you feel about this subject and I know the strength of your opposition to the measures we have introduced to clean the air in South Fulham streets by reducing the number of out-of- borough motorists using residential streets as rat runs.

The scheme has reduced traffic by 75% in the streets to the east of Wandsworth Bridge Road and by 12% on Wandsworth Bridge Road itself.

Across the area, traffic is down by 23%, with 8,000 fewer cars in the area per day. CO2 pollution is down by 60%.

As regards the petition, at face value, I can see why 4,000 people might think they needed to sign it. The trouble is that – to quote a local Conservative Party officer – it is “based on limited information, false facts and unfounded speculation”. What the petition is protesting about is not what the council is doing or planning.

I appreciate you say it has been signed “predominantly” by residents, which I take to mean more than half the signatures are from residents. This doesn’t tally with my understanding that the petition has been shared far and wide beyond the borough, including by a national climate-change-denying lobby group.

As regards consultation, the original scheme to the east of WBR and the proposed extension to the west have already been subject to the largest resident consultation and

engagement programme in this borough's history, far beyond the guidelines laid down by the Secretary of State for Transport. It was a pleasure to see you at some of the meetings.

I can assure you that if the trial clean air neighbourhood scheme to the west of WBR is to go ahead, there will need to be a consultation that again follows and indeed goes beyond government guidelines.

Question 2

From: Bill Tomlin, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question:

"Many/all of the borough's public parks are included in the dog walker scheme. Hurlingham, Eel Brook Common, South Park and Bishops Park, all situated close to and within walking distance of Parsons Green are included.

Parsons Green appears to have been omitted. There is already an issue with dog fouling on the Green, it's an ongoing issue. Omission suggests we'll see the volume of unlicensed dog walkers flocking to Parsons Green to walk the dogs in their care making an existing problem worse.

We have a church, a health centre, a hotel, two pubs and a school standing directly on the Green; this means we have a high volume of school kids, visitors, health centre patients and people out socialising using the Green all day every day - it's very busy.

What can we do to include Parsons Green in the scheme to avoid the inevitable consequences of omission?"

Response:

The Council is about to consult on introducing new powers Public Space Protection Orders, (PSPO's) to control the behaviour of dogs within the borough and this will include a review of the professional dog walking license restrictions. The consultation will be available on the council's "Have your say" webpage. Generally, the larger parks and green spaces have been included such as Parsons Green as areas where it is appropriate for professional dog walkers to walk up to four dogs while other smaller parks and green spaces have been omitted as they are not suitable for such activities.

The introduction of PSPOs will give the Law Enforcement Team, and any other delegated officer, the ability to ensure license holders follow the restrictions accordingly. The PSPO's will also cover issues such as dog fouling and where dogs are not allowed or are required to be on a lead.

Question 3

From: John Davis, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Question:

“The traffic abs pollution on WBR is horrific. Why do you still report that this show the LTN in Sands End is working?”

Response (from the Deputy Leader):

The South Fulham scheme is not a low traffic neighbourhood (LTN). LTNs block streets and stop all drivers, whether residents or from outside the borough. Our pioneering clean air neighbourhood uses smart tech cameras to allow H&F residents free access everywhere. Visitors can enter the area at eight points without going through a camera and residents can give them free access through the cameras (up to midnight on the day of the visit even after they have left). The scheme stops out-of-borough traffic from using our residential streets as rat runs and cut-throughs rather than visiting someone in the area.

Since the scheme began in July 202, traffic has reduced by 75% in the streets to the east of Wandsworth Bridge Road and by 12% on Wandsworth Bridge Road itself. Across South Fulham, traffic is down by 23% with 8,000 fewer cars in the area per day.

Traffic and pollution volumes are being constantly monitored on Wandsworth Bridge Road and surrounding streets. The data are showing lower numbers than for before the scheme came in. CO2 levels are down by 60%. This fall is against a national rise in traffic after the Covid lockdowns.

Question 4

From: Nick Walker, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

Question:

“As a long-term resident of the borough, it is clear that traffic has got much worse in recent years and I want to ask how the council plans to actively reduce traffic to make the borough healthier & safer?”

Response (from the Deputy Leader):

We share the ambition to reduce traffic and pollution and deliver a healthier and safer environment for residents across the borough. That is precisely why we have introduced the clean air neighbourhood scheme in South Fulham which has resulted in 8,000 fewer cars a day using the area.

Question 5

From: Brian Mooney, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

Question:

“Dear Councillor Cowan, thank you for your reply to my previous question on 16 Oct 2019, in which you provided assurance that, with the possible exception of Hammersmith Bridge tolls, the Council was against residents being charged to use the roads.

The Mayor of London is running an under-publicised consultation on introducing London-wide road pricing.

Will you publicise this consultation and your opposition to LBH&F residents and make it straightforward for us to submit our objections to this proposal?"

Link to consultation: <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/cleanair>

Response (from the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Ecology):

We're really happy to confirm that we've got absolutely no plans to charge Hammersmith and Fulham residents to drive on the borough's roads. We've also made it clear that if there is a toll or a user charge is implemented on Hammersmith Bridge, Hammersmith and Fulham residents would be exempt.

I'm grateful for you highlighting the issue of the ULEZ consultation that TfL is undertaking but it's their job to publicise the consultation, but having said that we would support any proposals that reduce the number of high polluting out-of-borough motorists using our streets – and the things such as those that impact on our ambition for clean air neighbourhoods.

Question 6

From: Kate Jakobsson, Resident

To: The Deputy Leader

Question:

"After an expansion of mobile phone masts, Hammersmith and Fulham residents are experiencing symptoms such as palpitations, headaches and sleep disruption.

Michael Mansfield QC's Action Against 5G has made the case that the government has failed to properly investigate the health effects from 5G technology or inform the public on the risks. The courts have accepted the evidence and there will be a full hearing.

As exposure effects are cumulative and the population of transmitting devices in our streets is increasing, will Hammersmith and Fulham Council engage with residents to establish the scale of the problem and identify remedial measures?"

Response:

As I said in my response to a similar question at the Full Council meeting in January 2020, the Council continues to ensure that the current best available science is used to inform any decision it makes on 5G.

The Council does not have control over every 5G installation in the borough but where it does have control it considers expert advice from Public Health England (now called the UK Health Security Agency - UKHSA).

This in turn draws on expertise from the Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards (CRCE) and guidelines from the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (IC-NIRP), with which UK network operators must comply.

There are extremely strong arguments for 5G to improve digital connectivity for residents and businesses in the borough, supporting economic recovery and reducing digital exclusion for those with poor connection speeds.

However, there are also arguments against it and the Council will seriously consider the outcome of the Court of Appeal's recent decision to grant permission for a judicial review, brought by Michael Mansfield QC, once this is concluded.

Question 7

From: Donald Grant, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question:

"The Leader gallantly admitted during the election campaign that the Council got the parking charge changes wrong and promised to reverse them. Will the Member for Public Realm now admit that the previous Council got the traffic camera scheme to the East of WBRd wrong for the majority of Fulham residents, especially those living and working on Wandsworth Bridge Road, and reverse that too?"

Response (from the Deputy Leader):

I think we are going to have to agree to differ here. The evidence is that the clean air neighbourhood is working. It also supported by local groups, including the Wandsworth Bridge Road Association. It has reduced traffic by 75% in the streets to the east of Wandsworth Bridge Road and by 12% on Wandsworth Bridge Road itself. Across South Fulham, traffic is down by 23%, with 8,000 fewer cars in the area per day. CO2 pollution is down by 60%.

Question 8

From: Caroline Brooman-White, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Question:

"All the public roads within Fulham have been built and paid for from general taxation. Through traffic is now being sent to the Wandsworth Bridge Road, increasing traffic, noise, pollution, congestion and journey time for residents on the road. What reasons do the Council have to prioritise the health and enjoyment of some residents on some taxpayer funded roads, over the residents and businesses on the Wandsworth Bridge Road?"

Response (from the Deputy Leader):

Traffic has reduced by 75% in the streets to the east of Wandsworth Bridge Road and by 12% on Wandsworth Bridge Road. This is good for residents and businesses alike.

Public roads in Hammersmith and Fulham are paid for from the contributions of council tax revenue and the parking account surplus, not general taxation.

Through-traffic that was present in local streets was due to drivers trying to avoid delays on the main road, Wandsworth Bridge Road, which was at capacity. The traffic we have removed from the residential streets has not gone on to Wandsworth Bridge Road, where traffic has fallen by between 5% and 12% depending on the time of day.

We think that residents expect the council to put the health of its residents above the convenience to out-of-borough motorists of using residential streets as rat runs to reduce their journey times into London and the wider region.

Question 9

From: Victoria Angell, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety

Question:

"I note that H&F Council aims to be the greenest council. It is seeing rising numbers of mobile phone masts, small cells and devices for the internet of things. What steps is it taking to quantify and address the impact of electromagnetic radiation on people in council buildings, and on species such as pollinators and trees so vital to our environment".

Response (from the Deputy Leader):

As outlined in response to the earlier question (6), the Council draws on the current best available science to inform any decision it makes on telecommunications, such as phone masts and small cell devices.

In doing so it considers expert advice from Public Health England (now called the UK Health Security Agency - UKHSA), the Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards (CRCE) and guidelines from the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), with which UK network operators must comply.

The UKSHA continues to monitor the health-related evidence and is committed to updating its advice as required.

To date, scientific evidence and UKSHA advice do not support a link between health symptoms and exposure to electromagnetic fields for people or biodiversity.

However, the Council will continue to monitor national advice and will respond accordingly.

The Council carries out regular inspections of all Council buildings to ensure employees and members of the public are free from any harm or risk and that all buildings are accessible to the public as part of its obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act etc 1974.

At present, in light of the current scientific evidence, this doesn't include specific monitoring of exposure to mobile phone masts.

As mentioned, the Council will seriously consider the outcome of the Court of Appeal's recent decision to grant permission for a judicial review of whether the government has properly investigated the health impacts of 5G.

COUNCIL MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2022



PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Emma Apthorp
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Daryl Brown

Councillors:

Jose Afonso	Wesley Harcourt	Patricia Quigley
Aliya Afzal-Khan	Rebecca Harvey	Rowan Ree
Paul Alexander	Lisa Homan	Lucy Richardson
Adronie Alford	Laura Janes	Ann Rosenberg
Emma Apthorp	Alex Karmel	Alex Sanderson
Jackie Borland	Bora Kwon	Max Schmid
Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler	Adam Peter Lang	Asif Siddique
Trey Campbell-Simon	Amanda Lloyd-Harris	Nikos Souslous
Florian Chevoppe-Verdier	Omid Miri	Dominic Stanton
Ben Coleman	Genevieve Nwaogbe	Sally Taylor
Liz Collins	Adrian Pascu-Tulbure	Nicole Trehy
Stephen Cowan	Ashok Patel	Frances Umeh
Jacolyn Daly	Natalia Perez	Patrick Walsh
Andrew Dinsmore	Zarar Qayyum	

Guests:

Kevin McGrath, Deputy Lieutenant for Hammersmith and Fulham

NOTE: Councillors Patricia Quigley and Rebecca Harvey attended remotely.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrew Jones, Stala Antonaides, Sharon Holder, Helen Rowbottom, David Morton, Rory Vaughan, Ross Melton, and Mercy Umeh.

2. TRIBUTES TO HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II - 21 APRIL 1926 TO 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Mayor expressed the Council's profound sadness at the death of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 96 on the 8th of September 2022. The Mayor then led the Council in a minute of silence in her memory.

Speeches of remembrance were made by: -

Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Council
Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler, Leader of the Opposition
Councillor Omid Miri
Councillor Nikos Souslous
Councillor Andrew Dinsmore
Councillor Lisa Homan
Councillor Jose Afonso (who made his maiden speech)
Councillor Jacolyn Daly
Councillor Jackie Borland
Councillor Florian Chevoppe-Verdier (who made his maiden speech)
Councillor Adrian Pascu-Tulbure
Councillor Ashok Patel (who made his maiden speech)
Councillor Alex Karmel
Councillor Zarar Qayyum
Councillor Aliya Afzal-Khan
Councillor Bora Kwon
Councillor Dominic Stanton
Councillor Daryl Brown, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Amanda Lloyd-Harris
Councillor Asif Siddique
Councillor Adronie Alford
Councillor Patrick Walsh (who made his maiden speech)
Councillor Frances Umeh
Councillor Patricia Quigley
Councillor Ben Coleman

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 8.50 pm

Mayor

Agenda Item 5

Public Questions – 19 October 2022

Question 1

From: Andy Knowles, Resident
To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question: “Could the Council please capitalise on the success of the East TCPR¹ by using the now superfluous filter phase of the traffic lights on the junction at the northern end of Wandsworth Bridge for a pedestrian Puffin crossing across all lanes.”

Question 2

From: David Morris, Resident
To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question: “The Department of Transport’s recent report (Gear Change: One Year On 2021) reveals that data from both longer established and recent Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes show that the common claim that LTNs simply displace traffic to other roads is in most cases not happening and that most schemes report reductions in traffic on the roads around the LTNs. Does the Council agree that this data fully justifies testing the *experimental* TCPR / Clean Air Neighbourhood scheme west of Wandsworth Bridge Road?”

Question 3

From: James Burgoyne, Resident
To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question (edited): “Maxwell Road has a garbage problem. I have made many complaints on the subject, but the problem seems to me structural. Granville Place rubbish is left in bin bags in front of the houses all week, where the fox gets at the bags. The bins provided are 1) too small 2) in hard to access bin housing. It would be a very easy fix to remove the wooden slate above the bins and provide large wheelie bins in their place. A) they would have capacity B) they would be accessible.

What is the Council doing to solve the Maxwell Road rubbish problem?”

¹ Traffic, Congestion and Pollution Reduction scheme

Question 4

From: Asli Eler, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

Question (edited): “Why is the implementation of the TCPR West scheme delayed even though the cameras are in place for some time now and we have all seen how successful the TCPR East scheme was in reducing pollution for our residents? Our children should have the same chance to live in a cleaner environment on the west side too.”

Question 5

From: Ian Sellars, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

Question: “Can you tell me what the current status of the TCPR West scheme is, what decisions remain to be taken with regard to the scheme (and when will they be taken) and what further consultations and discussions are required before a definitive decision can be made?”

Question 6

From: Kristian Jenner, Resident
To: The Deputy Leader

Question: “Given the Council's commitment to net-zero, following the success of the current TCPR scheme against its stated aims, can the Council commit to extending the scheme to the rest of South Fulham and please outline a timetable for doing so?”

Question 7

From: David Tarsh, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

Question: “Official data shows that C9 is a failure on all important metrics:

- The route is NOT “safer” as TfL claims; it is more dangerous
- It is deeply unpopular with residents along the route
- Congestion is much worse
- The number of new cyclists attracted had fallen
- The costs are exorbitant

Will you now acknowledge that C9 has caused massive inconvenience to the vast majority of residents impacted by it; that it has delivered no safety benefits to the tiny proportion of road-users that use it; and therefore, that it must be removed at the earliest opportunity?”

Question 8

From: Nick Walker, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

Question: “I would like to have reassurance that the roll out of the TCPR will not be delayed or watered down with the change in Government.”

Question 9

From: Jeffrey Chandler, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

Question: “As a resident of Clancarty Road, I would like to know when the trial for the TCPR West extension is going to commence?”

Question 10

From: Kay Boycott, Resident
To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question: “If the existing TCPR scheme is not extended to the west of Wandsworth Bridge Road what mitigation will be put in place to reduce the impact on residents of the current increased air pollution, sounding of horns and verbal abuse (including profanity) from gridlocked drivers, and restrictions in essential journeys at peak times?”

Question 11

From: Caroline Brooman-White, Resident
To: The Leader of the Council

Question: “I am very concerned for the local businesses in South Fulham. Would it be possible to allow residents in the neighbouring boroughs of Wandsworth and Kensington and Chelsea to travel freely on our roads in Hammersmith and Fulham without paying fines for going through the traffic cameras.”

Question 12

From: Antonia Muir, Resident

To: The Leader of the Council

Question: “Ever since the introduction of the TCPR in Sands End, horrendous rush hour traffic occurs daily on New Kings Road, Fulham Palace and Fulham Road as drivers divert to Putney Bridge. This causes misery for residents living nearby in terms of pollution, rat running and very slow public transport. What does the Council intend to do to resolve this issue?”

Question 13

From: Elizabeth Hopkirk, Resident

To: The Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Question: “I’m writing to say thank you for the measures you’ve already introduced to make cycling and walking more attractive options, especially around Hammersmith Broadway. I wholeheartedly support measures like these that should have the effect of reducing dependence on motor vehicles and thus improve air quality. My question is when do you think you might be able to make Fulham Road (esp through Fulham Broadway) and New King’s Road safer for cycling? I can see it’s a tricky one, but the ‘cycle lane’ on New King’s Rd is currently dangerously narrow and not fit-for-purpose.”

Agenda Item 6.1

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Full Council

Date: 19/10/2022

Subject: Review of the Constitution

Report of: The Leader of the Council

Report author: David Abbott, Head of Governance

Responsible Director: David Tatlow, Director of Corporate Resources and Monitoring Officer

SUMMARY

This report asks Council to note and approve a number of updates to the Council's constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Full Council approves the revision to the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety's portfolio and new Lead Member responsibilities detailed in the report.
2. That Full Council appoints Councillor Helen Rowbottom as Lead Member for Flood Mitigation and Councillor Liz Collins as Lead Member for Energy Crisis Support.
3. That Full Council approves that the Members Code of Code be updated to include the requirement for Members to inform the Monitoring Officer if they commit any offence leading to disqualification as outlined in the Local Government (Disqualification) Act 2022.
4. That Full Council approves the revisions to the Constitution listed in the report.

Wards Affected: None

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Taking pride in H&F	Ensuring a high standard of governance across the Council.

Financial Impact

The number of Cabinet Members, Cabinet Member Assistants and Committee Chairs will have an impact on the cost of special responsibilities allowances. A separate report on Members Allowances is included in the agenda and includes the full financial implications.

Alex Pygram, Head of Finance - signed on 6 October 2022

Legal Implications

The Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to have and maintain a constitution. The Monitoring Officer must be satisfied that the Council's Constitution continues to fulfil its stated purposes, as set out in Article 1 of the Constitution.

The legal considerations related to the Local Government (Disqualification) Act 2022 are incorporated within the body of the report

Grant Deg, Assistant Director – Legal Services - signed on 9 October 2022

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

The Council's Constitution: www.lbhf.gov.uk/constitution

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Proposals and Analysis of Options

1. The Constitution sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures that are followed to ensure business is conducted in an efficient, transparent, and accountable manner.
2. In-year amendments were approved by Council to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers to reflect recent changes in organisational structure, legislation updates and changes to the responsibilities of Chief Officers.
3. The Monitoring Officer has a duty to keep the Constitution under review and has delegated authority to amend the Constitution where there has been a change in law, job title, structure, rearrangement of job responsibilities or for general administrative convenience. All extensive changes to the Constitution, however, must be approved by Full Council.

Reasons for Decision

4. The Council's Monitoring Officer is required to review the Council's Constitution each year to ensure that its aims and principles are given full effect in accordance with Article 15 of the Constitution.

General Updates and Review

5. The Monitoring Officer has updated the constitution to remove some duplicate information, rearranged job responsibilities and tweaked the document for general administrative convenience.

Cabinet Portfolio Revisions

6. The report recommends a revision to the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety's portfolio by inserting 'licensing' into paragraph 4.1 of the portfolio under Street Scene Functions, so that it reads:

Street Scene functions

4.1 Enforcement in respect of licensing, consumer protection, trading standards, street trading, environmental health and public safety, corporate health and safety, pest control, food safety and contaminated land.

Creation of Two Lead Members

7. This report recommends the creation of two new Lead Member posts. The positions will be assigned to support the Cabinet in fulfilling its priorities. The report seeks the appointment of Councillor Helen Rowbottom as Lead Member for Flood Mitigation and Councillor Liz Collins as Lead Member for Energy Crisis Support. The roles' responsibilities are listed below.

- **Lead Member for Flood Mitigation**

Reporting to the Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Climate Change, this post holder will input on policies and plans in the council to ensure that the Council maximises its response to flood mitigation in the borough and promote sustainable drainage across the Council's assets owners and decision makers.

- **Lead Member for Energy Crisis Support**

The postholder will be working with the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety:

- Overseeing the provision of warm hubs to residents
- Reviewing residents access to energy
- Partnership working with organisations supporting vulnerable residents suffering from significant cost of living pressures.

Statutory and Non-Statutory Chief Officers Employment Panel.

8. This report recommends changing the name of the 'Chief Officer Employment Panel' to the 'Statutory and Non-Statutory Chief Officers Employment Panel'. This is to clarify the remit of the Panel.

Prompt Decision Making

9. To ensure prompt approval of decisions, the Cabinet Member for Economy is granted powers to take urgent decisions in the absence of the Leader and Deputy Leader.

Register of Authorities Update for s116 Highways Act

10. Highways require the authority to make an application for a stopping up order under s116 Highways Act 1980.

Legislation	Function	Proper Officers
Highways Act 1980	S116 Highways Act 1980 – Application to the Magistrates’ Court to authorise Stopping up order or diversion of highway	Chief Officer for Public Realm, Assistant Director - Environment, Special Projects and Highways

The Monitoring Officer approved this update to the constitution on 19 July 2022. This is being reported for information.

The Local Government (Disqualification) Act 2022

11. Prior to June 2022, certain sexual offences did not result in a custodial sentence therefore Members were able to retain their role if elected or run for election even if recently convicted.
12. Under the new legislation which came into force on 28 June 2022, individuals that are made subject to the notification requirements set out in the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (commonly known as being put on the sex offenders register), or to Sexual Risk Orders, are disqualified from holding elected office or standing for election as councillors. These measures are not retrospective.
13. It is to be noted that an individual can become subject to notification requirements by committing certain criminal acts or being issued with certain types of civil orders:
- Being subject to sex offender notification requirements is an automatic consequence of being cautioned or convicted of sexual offences listed in Schedule 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.
 - Sexual Harm Prevention Orders are civil orders intended to protect the public from offenders convicted of sexual or violent offences and result in notification requirements.
 - Notification Orders are civil orders intended to protect the public in the UK from the risks posed by sex offenders who have been convicted, cautioned, warned or reprimanded for sexual offences committed overseas. Notification Orders result in notification requirements.
14. The Council will add a duty under the Members’ Code of Conduct for Members to inform the Monitoring Officer if they are made subject to the notification requirements set out in the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (commonly known as being put on the sex offenders register), or subject to Sexual Risk Orders.

Agenda Item 6.2

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Report to: Full Council

Date: 19 October 2022

Subject: Dispensation of Absence

Report of: Councillor Stephen Cowan - The Leader of the Council

Report Author: - Kayode Adewumi – Assistant Director, Democratic, Registration and Coroner’s Services

Responsible Director: David Tatlow – Director of Corporate Resources

Summary

This report seeks approval of a special dispensation to be granted to Councillor Patricia Quigley for non-attendance at meetings of the authority until she is able to do so.

Recommendation

1. To approve that a special dispensation be granted to Councillor Patricia Quigley for non-attendance in person at meetings of the authority due to shielding until further notice pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To note that Councillor Patricia Quigley will continue to attend meetings remotely.

Wards Affected: All

H&F Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Priorities
Doing things with residents and not to them	Councillors have a key community leadership role to represent all constituents within their wards.
Building shared prosperity	The participation of all Councillor members in decision making and community engagement activities is in line with the Council’s policies and priorities.

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial implications because of this report.

Alex Pygram, Head of Finance - signed on 6 October 2022

Legal Implications

Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 makes provision in relation to member attendance at meetings. It provides that if a member fails to attend qualifying meetings for a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last

attendance, they shall cease to be a member of the authority unless, before the expiry of that period the authority has approved such non-attendance.

Grant Deg, Assistant Director – Legal Services - signed on 6 October 2022

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Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

Detailed Analysis

1. Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 makes provision in relation to member attendance at meetings. It provides that if a member fails to attend qualifying meetings for a period of 6 consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, they shall cease to be a member of the authority unless, before the expiry of that period the authority has approved such non-attendance.
2. Councillor Quigley is required to shelter while the Covid pandemic continues. She has not been able to attend council meetings in person since the Annual Council meeting held on 25th May 2022. However, she has attended remotely and contributed to all Full Council, PAC and Political Cabinet meetings in her role as an assistant to the Cabinet.
3. The use of digital technologies is an important medium to consult and engage with communities. It can bring decision making and local policy making closer to the residents and strengthen local democracy. The council supports remote participation of residents and councillors in meetings. Councillors unable to attend meetings in person for health and other accessibility reasons should be able to participate in discussions, contribute to local policy making and vote remotely. Remote attendance should be counted toward the 6 months rule, and the legal restrictions that do not allow this should be urgently removed by the government in order to ensure that the role of councillor is fully accessible.
4. The council firmly opposes the government's outdated requirement that councillors who are shielding or otherwise have health reasons preventing them from attending meetings in person cannot to vote remotely. This requirement could put at risk the wellbeing of councillors and force them to attend meetings just to avoid disqualification, or we could lose highly effective local community leaders because of the disqualification. Making the position of councillor

inaccessible in this way is not only unfair to them, it also reduces the voice of disabled persons in council decision making.

5. To avoid disqualification, it would be reasonable to grant Councillor Patricia Quigley dispensation from non-attendance at meetings of the authority until she is able to attend meetings safely in person. She will continue to attend meetings remotely.

Consultation and engagement

6. Both Groups support this proposal.

Reasons for Decision

7. Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 makes provision in relation to member attendance at meetings. If a member fails to attend qualifying meetings for a period of 6 consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, they shall cease to be a member of the authority unless, before the expiry of that period the authority has approved such non-attendance.

Equality Implications

8. There are no anticipated negative implications for groups with protected characteristics, under the Equality Act 2010, by these proposals.

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Report to: Full Council

Date: 19/10/2022

Subject: Council Appointments to Outside Bodies

Report of: The Leader of the Council

Report author: Kayode Adewumi – Assistant Director, Democratic, Registration and Coroner’s Services

Responsible Director: David Tatlow – Director of Corporate Resources

SUMMARY

This report seeks the appointment of Councillors Ben Coleman and Ann Rosenberg as the Council’s representatives to the Sands End Arts and Community Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Councillor Ben Coleman be appointed as the Council’s representative to Sands End Arts and Community Centre to 31 October 2025.
2. To confirm the appointment of Councillor Ann Rosenberg as the Council’s representative to Sands End Arts and Community Centre to 31 October 2023.

Wards Affected: None

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Doing things with residents and not to them	The nomination of Councillors and community representative to outside bodies will ensure a better outcome for our residents.

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial implications because of this report.

Alex Pygram, Head of Finance - signed on 6 October 2022

Legal Implications

Full Council has the authority to appoint representatives to Outside Bodies (Article 4.4 (f)). The statutory Code of Conduct and the Council's local protocols contain detailed guidance for all Councillors on their role on outside organisations

Grant Deg, Assistant Director – Legal Services - signed on 11 October 2022

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. The Council is approached by local community organisations and charities to nominate people to their management boards or as trustees or directors. The Council acknowledges the significant contribution that these organisations make to the social fabric of our borough. Therefore, Councillors and residents who are actively involved in the local community and are willing to bring their wealth of experience to these organisations are appointed.
2. The Council is requested to make two appointments to the Sands End Arts and Community Centre which is run for the benefit of the local community and to promote social cohesion. The centre is run by The SEACC Trust, a registered charity (charity no: 1191900).
3. Any midyear appointments to or removal from appropriate outside bodies, charitable organisations and Council-owned companies and subsidiaries can be undertaken by the Leader and ratified at the next council meeting.

REASONS FOR DECISION

4. The Council is asked annually to nominate Members to various organisations in order to participate in discussions and contribute to policy development on issues affecting local government in general and Hammersmith and Fulham residents in particular. The appointments to the various outside bodies by the Council are in fulfilment of its commitment to support the third sector in Hammersmith & Fulham.

CONSULTATION

5. Local representatives have been consulted on their nominations.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no direct equality implications for groups with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. However, the Council's nominations to third sector and other users' groups will aim to ensure that the Council improves all aspects of how it works to tackle social exclusion.

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Report to: Full Council

Date: 19 October 2022

Subject: Revisions to the Members' Allowances Scheme 2022-23

Report of: The Leader of the Council - Councillor Stephen Cowan

Report Author: Kayode Adewumi – Assistant Director, Democratic, Registration and Coroner's Services

Responsible Director: David Tatlow – Director of Corporate Resources

Summary

This report requests approval to update the Members' Allowances Scheme approved by Council at its meeting in May 2022 and revised in July 2022.

Recommendation

1. That the revised Members' Allowances Scheme 2022/23 as set out in the report and attached as Appendix 1, be approved.
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Wards Affected: All

H&F Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Creating a compassionate council	The revisions recommended in this report will make the role of Mayor more inclusive and accessible to a wider range of councillors.

Financial Impact

Every councillor is entitled to a basic allowance. Due to the responsibilities undertaken by some Councillors, they are also entitled to a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA). The changes proposed in this report will result in additional annual cost of £2,943.00. It is proposed that this is funded in 2022/23 from corporate contingency budgets and included as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and budget setting process for 2023/24.

Alex Pygram, Head of Finance - signed on 6 October 2022

Legal Implications

Under Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (the Regulations), the Council has the powers to make a scheme to provide for the payment of a basic allowance and any other allowance permitted by the Regulations. This report is seeking approval to amend the scheme approved by Full Council in May 2022 and revised in July. The proposals contained within the report are in line with the Regulations, Local Government Act 2000 and appropriate regulations.

Grant Deg, Assistant Director – Legal Services - signed on 6 October 2022

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Proposals

1. Council approved the 2022/23 Members' Allowances scheme at its meeting in May 2022 and further revised it in July. This paper is seeking to pay a special responsibility allowance of £2,943.00 for the newly created Lead Member for Energy Crisis Support post.
2. The postholder will be working with the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety:
 - Overseeing the provision of warm hubs to residents
 - Reviewing residents access to energy
 - Partnership working with organisations supporting vulnerable residents suffering from significant cost of living pressures

Reasons for Decision

3. The Council is required under the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 to approve any amendments to the approved scheme.

List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Revised Members' Allowances Scheme 2022/23

Members' Allowances Scheme 2022-23 (Revised) Effective from 20 October 2022

This scheme is made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 ("the Regulations") for 2022/2023 and subsequent years. The allowances scheme has been prepared having regard to the report of the Independent Panel on the Remuneration of Councillors in London established by London Councils on behalf of all London Councils, co-authored by Mike Cooke (Chair), Sir Rodney Brooke CBE DL and Anne Watts CBE and published in January 2022.

1. Basic Allowance

- 1.1 The Independent Remunerator's report suggests a flat-rate basic allowance be paid to each member of the authority of £12,014 per annum to be paid in 12 monthly instalments on the 15th of each month.
- 1.2 The Council has considered the independent remunerator's recommendation but has decided to set lower levels of allowances than those recommended. It proposes to increase basic and special responsibility allowances by inflation (RPI as at March 2022).

The basic rate allowance for all Hammersmith & Fulham Councillors will therefore be £9,744.60 - to be paid in 12 monthly instalments on the 15th of each month.

Councillors only receive an allowance for the period of their term of office in cases where it is less than the whole financial year.

These are 9% lower in real terms than allowances paid in 2013.

	No.	Basic Allowance	Total
All Councillors	50	£9,744.60	£487,230

2. Special Responsibility Allowances

- 2.1 Regard has been had to the recommendations in the independent remunerator's report for differential banding in relation to the payment of special responsibility allowances (SRAs), but in line with the Administration's priorities, it has been decided to not to follow the independent remunerator's recommendations which would have proved considerably more costly to local council taxpayers.
- 2.2 The following Special Responsibility Allowances shall therefore be paid to Councillors holding the specified offices indicated:

Position	No	SRA Entitlement	Total SRA
The Leader	1	£35,083.50	£35,083.50
Deputy Leader	1	£29,229.88	£29,229.88
Other Cabinet members	8	£23,385.08	£187,080.62
Chief Whip (where not a member of Cabinet)	1	£23,385.08	£23,385.08
Chair, Overview and Policy Board	1	£23,385.08	£23,385.08
Deputy Chief Whip (2)	2	£6,065.52	£12,131.05
Chair of Policy & Accountability Committees	6	£6,065.52	£36,393.14
Leader of the Opposition	1	£17,534.39	£17,534.39
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	1	£6,065.52	£6,065.52
Opposition Whip	1	£6,065.52	£6,065.52
Chair of Planning and Development Control Committees, Audit Committee*, Pensions Fund Committee, Licensing Committee (4)	3*	£6,065.52	£18,196.57
The Mayor	1	£15,200.00	£15,200.00
Deputy Mayor	1	£6,065.52	£6,065.52
Lead Members **	7	£2,943.00	£20601.00
Total	34		£436,416.87

*This portfolio holder receives only one SRA in respect of duties undertaken.

**There are ten positions. However, three portfolio holders will receive only one SRA in respect of duties undertaken.

Councillors only receive an allowance for the period of their term of office in cases where it is less than the whole financial year. A Special Responsibility Allowance would cease where the SRA entitled post ceases to exist during year.

3. Other Allowances

Dependent Carer Allowance

3.1 Dependant carer allowance is payable in respect of expenses incurred for the care of a Councillor's children or dependants in attending meetings of the authority, its Executive, Committees and Sub-Committees and in discharging the duties set out in paragraph 7 of the Regulations.

- a) £5.53 per half hour before 10 pm; £5.85 per half hour after 10 pm (not payable in respect of a member of the Councillor's household).

Travel and Subsistence

3.2 Travel allowances are payable (at the same rates as employees) for duties undertaken away from the Town Halls when discharging duties under paragraph 8 of the Regulations. There will be no payment for intra-borough travel under this scheme unless where a member requires assistance to discharge his or her duties due to ill health, disability or other circumstances approved by the Monitoring Officer. Taxis can be taken by Members who attend approved outside bodies and committee meetings out of the borough.

Public Transport

- a) Actual travel costs (second class only) will be reimbursed.

Car mileage

- b) 45 pence per mile.

Subsistence

- c) Allowance payable at same rates and conditions as employees. Payment is only made for expenses incurred outside the Borough and is subject to a maximum of £5.00 per claim.

Sickness, maternity and paternity allowance

- d) Where a Member is entitled to a Special Responsibility Allowance, it will continue to be paid in the case of sickness, maternity and paternity leave on the same terms as employees.

4. Annual increase

- 4.1 The updated allowances in this scheme apply from 20 October 2022. All allowances have been uplifted by inflation based on RPI as at March 2022.

5. Election to forego allowances

- 5.1 In accordance with the provisions of regulation 13, a Councillor may, by notice in writing to the Chief Executive, elect to forego any part, or all, of his or her entitlement to an allowance under this scheme.

6. Time limit for claims

- 6.1 The majority of allowances are payable monthly, but where allowances are the subject of claims, these claims should be made in the agreed form with the appropriate declaration within six months of the duty to which they relate.

7. Membership of more than one authority

- 7.1 A member may not receive allowances from more than one authority (within the meaning of the regulations) in respect of the same duties.

8. Non-entitlement to more than one SRA

- 8.1 A member shall not receive more than one SRA in respect of duties undertaken with the authority. Where a Councillor is entitled to two SRAs, he or she will be paid the highest allowance.

9. Pensions

9.1 No members of the Council shall be entitled to membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme in accordance with Section 7 of the Superannuation Act 1972.

10. Allowances for co-opted members and independent members of The Pensions Sub Committee

Co-optees

10.1 Co-opted members shall be paid £549.36 per annum by equal monthly instalments of £45.78 on the 15th of each month.

10.2 Co-opted members shall be entitled to the same travel and dependent carer allowances as Councillors but shall not be entitled to subsistence payments.

Independent Members

10.3 The London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham shall pay an allowance to the appointed Independent Members at a flat rate allowance of £549.36 per annum payable by equal monthly instalments of £45.78 on the 15th of each month.

SPECIAL MOTION NO. 1 – THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT’S FAILING JUSTICE SYSTEM

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Rebecca Harvey
- (ii) Councillor Max Schmid

The council is deeply concerned that crime is rising nationally.

- Police-recorded violence is up 13% from nearly 1.8 million cases to more than 2 million in 2021.
- The number of police-recorded sexual offences has increased to its highest level at 183,587 cases, a 22% increase on 2020.
- 37% of sexual offences recorded are rape and more rape is being reported, yet according to the Victims Commissioner for England and Wales the number of prosecutions has fallen nearly 60%.

The council is concerned that there are insufficient police due to the government’s ideological programme of austerity. The council notes that there is a disastrous court backlog of cases waiting to be heard, with closures of courts and underfunding of the criminal justice system, court buildings in disrepair and court estates being sold off when there is clearly a need for them. Last year, 567 criminal trials could not go ahead as there were no barristers to prosecute and defend the cases.

The council supports the proactive measures that Hammersmith & Fulham’s Labour administration has taken to mitigate the damaging performance of the Conservative government on crime and make our streets safer.

These include:

- Investing £5.5 million on CCTV to improve and grow the borough’s 24/7 network of CCTV cameras over the next five years;
- Creating the country’s largest council Law Enforcement Team, with 72 LET officers who are working to make our streets safer and have responded to more than 4,000 calls from residents and businesses;
- Investing in a specialised Gangs Unit dedicated to safeguarding children and young people; and
- Engaging dedicated officers to support women and girls. The council recognises the dedication and the effectiveness of its Community Safety and Law Enforcement Teams in working to make residents safer.

The council calls on the government to fund the police and criminal justice system so that residents and those that come to work in and visit Hammersmith and Fulham feel safe and protected.

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 2 – CLEAN AIR NEIGHBOURHOODS

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Ben Coleman
- (ii) Councillor Patrick Walsh

This Council:

- Notes the high level of air pollution in our borough and the need for action to address this to protect residents, particularly children;
- Welcomes the success of the project to reduce pollution and congestion in residential streets to the east of Wandsworth Bridge Road;
- Notes that this has improved air quality in those streets as a result of removing 8,000 cars and a tonne of carbon dioxide a day from them by preventing out-of-borough drivers from using the area as a cut-through;
- Notes that the scheme came in after extensive consultation with residents and that all borough residents with a car permit continue to enjoy unrestricted access to the area;
- Notes that residents to the west of Wandsworth Bridge Road have requested the scheme be extended to them and that the Council has committed to doing so on a trial basis with further consultation;
- Welcomes the Council's commitment to make the whole of South Fulham a Clean Air Neighbourhood where the air is cleaner for families and children and the roads are quieter and safer for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Welcomes that this will include new environmental, traffic calming and safety improvements on Wandsworth Bridge Road to make it a better place to live, work and shop;
- Welcomes the 20mph speed limit recently introduced in Wandsworth Bridge Road at the request of residents;
- Welcomes the pre-engagement on the trial extension to the west of Wandsworth Bridge Road that has already taken place with resident groups and hundreds of residents, chaired in a bi-partisan way by Labour and (now ex-) Conservative Councillors;
- Notes that the consultation and engagement that has taken in South Fulham is the biggest in the borough's history and has far exceeded what is required by the government; and
- Commits to consulting extensively further during the trial in line with government guidance.

This Council also:

- Confirms its ambitious target of protecting residents' health by reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2030 for our borough;
- Notes that the government's own Net Zero Strategy contains a "key commitment" of delivering more so-called low traffic neighbourhoods "with the aim that half of all journeys in towns and cities will be cycled or walked by 2030";
- Notes that this Net Zero Strategy was introduced in the House of Commons on 19 October 2021 by Greg Hands, MP for Chelsea and Fulham, the then Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, who said, "We must continue to take decisive action if we are to meet our net zero goal";
- Regrets Mr Hands's hypocrisy in running a petition calling for the South Fulham scheme to be abolished despite its obvious clean air benefits, which sits at odds with the ministerial office he once held;
- Is disappointed that Mr Hands has consistently refused a briefing by council traffic engineers on the scheme, and believes this is so that he can claim not to know the facts and campaign disingenuously against it;
- Regrets that the Conservative opposition chose to put a misleading and untruthful attack on the scheme at the centre of their council election campaign in the Sands End ward and notes that they decisively lost the campaign; and
- Encourages the newly-elected opposition councillors for the streets to the west of Wandsworth Bridge Road to learn from the approach taken by their Conservative predecessor Matt Thorley, who refused to be misled by Greg Hands and supported his constituents' desire to improve the air across South Fulham.

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 3 – VIOLENT CRIME

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Andrew Dinsmore
- (ii) Councillor Adronie Alford

This Council notes with grave concern the recent increase of violent crime across the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, expresses its heartfelt sympathy with the victims of crime across LBHF, and commits to take a zero-tolerance approach to criminal activity.

This Council calls upon the Administration to declare a Crime Emergency, to set out a clear and detailed plan to tackle crime across Hammersmith and Fulham, and to fully empower and equip Law Enforcement Officers to tackle crime.

SPECIAL MOTION NO. 4 – TRAFFIC, CONGESTION AND POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME EXTENSION

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Adrian Pascu-Tulbure
- (ii) Councillor Amanda Lloyd-Harris

This Council regrets that proposals to extend the existing Traffic, Congestion and Pollution Reduction (TCPR) scheme to the west of Wandsworth Bridge Road have become a source of considerable local contention, and calls upon the Administration to grasp the issue, bring together residents and businesses, consult fully, and work constructively towards a solution.

Agenda Item 7.5

SPECIAL MOTION NO. 5 – FISCAL STATEMENT

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Rowan Ree
- (ii) Councillor Ben Coleman

The Council notes the government's "mini-budget" on 23 September, in which the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the government would borrow billions of pounds to abolish the additional rate of income tax levied on those earning £150,000 a year.

This Council notes the reaction to the Chancellor's statement, which saw:

- The pound fall to \$1.0327, an all-time low, increasing the cost of imported goods and services;
- The largest two-day sell-off of UK government debt on record, requiring the Bank of England to spend billions of pounds to protect the country's pensions;
- 40% of available mortgages withdrawn from the market, notably those aimed at people on lower incomes or with fewer savings, thus increasing the cost of housing for this group; and
- A prediction by financial markets of an increase in interest rates to 6%, which would increase borrowing cost for households, businesses and the Council.

The Council welcomes the government's U-turn on abolishing the top rate of income tax under pressure from groups as diverse as the Labour Party, people earning over £150,000 a year and some senior Conservative MPs, including Michael Gove and Grant Shapps, the latter describing it as "wrong on every level.

The Council regrets local MP Greg Hands' support, prior to the government's U-turn, for abolishing the top rate of tax, tweeting "There is nothing inherently revolutionary or wrong with what the Government is proposing on tax... All of the measures have strong merits."

The Council fears that the Chancellor plans to usher in a new era of austerity, following his refusal to reconsider departmental budgets in light of higher inflation, and notes that the Institute for Fiscal Studies has calculated this will result in a real terms cut of £18bn a year in government spending.

The Council notes that under the previous Conservative austerity policies:

- The Council's funding was cut by 55% in real terms;
- Public services across the country were starved of the funding they needed;
- and

- Those most reliant on government support suffered the most from spending cuts.

The Council calls on the government to:

- Avoid further damaging austerity policies;
- Protect the public services that residents rely on; and
- Ensure that our poorest and most vulnerable fellow citizens do not pay the price for the government's ideologically-driven economic mismanagement.

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 6 – 12 YEARS OF CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Bora Kwon
- (ii) Councillor Nikos Souslous

The Council notes that over the last 12 year the Conservative government has caused immeasurable damage to the residents of Hammersmith and Fulham and the entire United Kingdom. This includes:

- The damaging programme of austerity that has left public services on their knees
- A catastrophic Brexit that has undermined trade, soured relations with our closest neighbours and reduced British influence globally
- A decline in support for the Union
- The muddled, mishandled response to the Covid pandemic, including placing covid-positive residents into care homes
- Degrading the office of Prime Minister through a series of scandals, including holding a flurry of parties at 10 Downing Street during Covid lockdowns and the failure to deal with improper conduct by senior Conservative MPs
- An acute housing crisis leaving millions in overcrowded conditions and younger generations unable to enter the housing market
- Surges in hospital, GP and ambulance waiting times alongside an increase in health inequality
- Record levels of sewage flowing into our oceans and rivers and suffocating restraints on the expansion of onshore wind power
- A justice system in crisis, with rising crime and fewer police, prosecutions and convictions
- Mismanagement of the economy, which has seen anaemic growth, real terms reductions in salaries, the devaluation of sterling, a cost-of-living crisis and spiralling mortgage and rental payments

The Conservative Party has seen four Prime Ministers since 2016, each presenting a different flavour of the same failed approaches.

The Council therefore calls on Councillors and MPs of all parties to put our country and our community first and demand a general election so this dying government can be retired before it does any more damage.

SPECIAL MOTION NO. 7 – CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF THE IRANIAN REGIME AND REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS AROUND THE WORLD

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Omid Miri
- (ii) Councillor Laura Janes

This Council unequivocally condemns the brutal actions of the regime in Iran against its own citizens following the murder of an innocent young woman, Mahsa Amini, for non-compliance with the compulsory hijab rule.

Since her murder, widespread protests have erupted across Iran calling for freedom of choice with regards to the hijab and the liberalisation of the political system - these protests have resulted in the deaths of many more Iranians of all ages at the hands of security forces.

On behalf of the large Iranian diaspora community in Hammersmith and Fulham, this Council stands with the Iranian people in their fight for freedom and calls on the UK Government to escalate its condemnation of the regime by summoning the Iranian ambassador immediately.

Furthermore, the Council condemns the ongoing persecution of women and girls in Afghanistan at the hands of the Taliban, and reaffirms its commitment to women's rights across the world.

The Council also calls on the UK Government to do more to provide safe haven and support to Afghans and Iranians, and all refugees, fleeing oppression and conflict - many of them settled in and supported by Hammersmith and Fulham.

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 8 – TAKING ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Rebecca Harvey
- (ii) Councillor Lisa Homan

The Council notes that 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that commences on 25 November 2022, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December 2022, Human Rights Day. First created and launched in 1961 it calls on the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls which this Council fully endorses.

The Council is deeply concerned that VAWG is rampant across the country. It notes that under the current Government, sex-based offences such as rape and sexual assault have seen unprecedented rises and low prosecution rates and even lower conviction rates.

Hammersmith and Fulham Council has over many years consistently worked towards:

- the goal of eliminating violence against women and girls
- devised our strategy of ending Violence Against Women and Girls through prevention and education and support
- working with partners including the Angelou Project, Standing Together, Refuge
- and encouraging businesses to support projects such as Ask Angela.

The Council notes that in 2022, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence coincides with the World Cup in Qatar. Violence against women and girls increases from between 26 – 38% during international football competitions and that during Euro 2020 there was a spike in reported domestic abuse.

Considering the disastrous state of the underfunded criminal justice system in this country, there is a serious risk of an escalation in domestic violence cases in the coming months. This Council pledges to redouble its efforts to work with our partners including those in the Angelou Partnership, our residents and wider community to try and keep everyone safe and prevent VAWG.

The Council calls on the Government to properly fund the criminal justice system so that perpetrators can be held to account.

The Council calls on organisations in the borough working in all sectors to raise awareness of domestic violence and misogyny, making it clear that it is unacceptable at any time.

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SPECIAL MOTION NO. 9 – STANDING UP FOR RESPONSIBLE TAX CONDUCT

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Rowan Ree
- (ii) Councillor Zarar Qayyum

The Council notes that:

1. The pressure on organisations to pay their fair share of tax has never been stronger.
2. Polling from the Institute for Business Ethics finds that “corporate tax avoidance” has, since 2013, been the clear number one concern of the British public when it comes to business conduct.
3. Two thirds of people (66%) believe the Government and local councils should at least consider a company’s ethics and how they pay their tax, as well as value for money and quality of service provided, when awarding contracts to companies.
4. Around 17.5% of public contracts in the UK have been won by companies with links to tax havens.
5. It has been conservatively estimated that losses from multinational profit-shifting (just one form of tax avoidance) could be costing the UK some £17bn per annum in lost corporation tax revenues.
6. The Fair Tax Mark offers a means for business to demonstrate good tax conduct, and has been secured by a wide range of businesses across the UK, including FTSE-listed PLCs, co-operatives, social enterprises and large private businesses.

The Council believes that:

1. Paying tax is often presented as a burden, but it shouldn’t be.
2. Tax enables us to provide services from education, health and social care, to flood defence, roads, policing and defence. It also helps to counter financial inequalities and rebalance distorted economies.
3. As recipients of significant public funding, local authorities should take the lead in the promotion of exemplary tax conduct; be that by ensuring contractors are paying their proper share of tax, or by refusing to go along with offshore tax dodging when buying land and property.
4. Where councils hold substantive stakes in private enterprises, influence should be wielded to ensure that such businesses are exemplars of tax transparency and tax avoidance is shunned.

5. More action is needed, however, as current and proposed new UK procurement law significantly restricts councils' ability to either penalise poor tax conduct (as exclusion grounds are rarely triggered) or reward good tax conduct, when buying goods or services.
6. UK cities, counties and towns can and should stand up for responsible tax conduct - doing what they can within existing frameworks and pledging to do more given the opportunity, as active supporters of international tax justice.

The Council resolves to:

1. Approve the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration.
2. Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities.
3. Ensure IR35 is implemented robustly and contract workers pay a fair share of employment taxes.
4. Not use offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.
5. Undertake due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately by suppliers as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.
6. Demand clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers UK and overseas and their consolidated profit & loss position, given lack of clarity could be strong indicators of poor financial probity and weak financial standing.
7. Promote Fair Tax Mark certification especially for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due.
8. Support Fair Tax Week events in the area, and celebrate the tax contribution made by responsible businesses are proud to promote responsible tax conduct and pay their fair share of corporation tax.
9. Support calls for urgent reform of UK procurement law to enable local authorities to better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct through their procurement policies.