

COUNCIL MINUTES

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2011



PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Frances Stainton
Deputy Mayor Councillor Belinda Donovan

Councillors:

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

17. MINUTES

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

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

19. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

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

21. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (20 MINUTES)

21.1 Question 1 - Francis Hoar

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

21.2 Question 2 - Nicholas Waldemar Brown

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

21.3 Question 3 - Ann Rosenberg

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

21.4 Question 4 - Jon Rowlerson

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

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

22. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	12
NON VOTING	0

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

7.26 pm **RESOLVED:**

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

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

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

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	26
AGAINST	12
NON VOTING	0

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

7.33 pm **RESOLVED:**

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

22.3 Local Development Framework: Adoption of Core Strategy

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

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

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	11
NON VOTING	0

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

8.26 pm **RESOLVED:**

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

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

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

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

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

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

8.35 pm **RESOLVED:**

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

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

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

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	26
AGAINST	12
NON VOTING	0

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

8.51 pm **RESOLVED:**

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

- (2) That the Executive Director of Transportation and Technical Services in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Environment, is authorised to approve any technical and other minor amendments to the proposed submission documents:
- a) before public consultation; and
 - b) after, or in response to, public consultation, and before submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

22.6 Treasury Management Outturn Report 2010-11

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

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	26
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	12

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

8.55 pm **RESOLVED:**

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

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

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	26
AGAINST	12
NON VOTING	0

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

8.56 pm **RESOLVED:**

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

22.8 Second Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2011

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

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

8.56 pm **RESOLVED:**

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

22.9 The Children's Oral Health Task Group Report

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

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

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

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

9.10 pm **RESOLVED:**

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

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

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

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

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

9.10 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the annual report be approved.

23. **SPECIAL MOTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR	12
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	24

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

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

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

FOR	12
AGAINST	24
NON VOTING	0

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

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

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

“This Council:

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

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

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

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

10.00 pm – **RESOLVED**:

“This Council

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

23.3 Special Motion 2 - London Riots

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

“This Council:

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

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

10.00 pm – **RESOLVED**:

“This Council:

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

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

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

23.4 Special Motion 3 - Olympic Borough

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

“This Council:

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

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NON VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

10.01 pm – **RESOLVED**:

“This Council

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

23.5 Special Motion 4 - Big Society Community Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
ABSTENTIONS	0

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

23.6 Special Motion 6 - Local Parks

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

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

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

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
ABSTENTIONS	0

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

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

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

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

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

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
NON VOTING	0

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

23.8 Special Motion 8 - Transparency in Government

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

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

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

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

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
NON VOTING	0

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

23.9 Special Motion 9 - London Transport Fare Increases

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

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

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

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

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

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
NON VOTING	0

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

24. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE

24.1 Special Urgency Decisions - Monitoring Report

The report was noted.

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

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 10.05 pm

Mayor

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY
THE MAYOR

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

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

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

Cambridge Grove, W6

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

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

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2011

Question by: Francis Hoar

To the: The Leader

QUESTION

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

ANSWER

From the Deputy Leader on behalf of the Leader

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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COUNCIL MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2011

Question by: Nicholas Waldemar Brown

To the: The Leader

QUESTION

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

ANSWER

From the Deputy Leader on behalf of the Leader

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

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

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

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Question by: Ann Rosenberg

To the: The Leader

QUESTION

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

ANSWER

From the Deputy Leader on behalf of the Leader

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Question by: Jon Rowleron

To the: The Leader

QUESTION

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

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

ANSWER

From the Deputy Leader on behalf of the Leader

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

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