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Agenda

72 SECONDS SILENCE

At the start of the meeting there will be 72 seconds silence to remember those who lost their lives in the Grenfell tragedy.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 October 2019 are submitted for confirmation.

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Apologies for absence

(ii) Declarations of interest

Any Member of the Council who has a disclosable pecuniary interest, in a matter to be considered at the meeting is reminded to disclose the interest to the meeting and to leave the Chamber while any discussion or vote on the matter takes place.

Members are also reminded that if they have any other significant interest in a matter to be considered at the meeting, whether registered or not, which they feel should be declared in
the public interest, such interests should be declared to the meeting. In such circumstances Members should consider whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it is likely to prejudice their consideration or decision making. If the Member considers that to be the case, they should leave the Chamber while any discussion or vote on the matter takes place.

4. **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

An opportunity for members of the public to speak to the meeting on any matter of local interest or concern.

5. **PETITIONS**

Presentation of petitions (if any).


7. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Mayor to announce the order of business for the remainder of the meeting.

8. **REPORT FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Urgent Key Decisions

9. **REPORT FROM COUNCIL-SIDE COMMITTEES**

(i) Report No.1 of the Administration Committee
(ii) Report No. 2 of the Administration Committee
(iii) Pension Fund Annual Report

10. ** MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

11. **QUESTIONS ASKED OF LEAD MEMBERS**

(i) By Cllr. Hammond of Cllr. Kemahli

‘To ask the Lead Member for the Environment to update the Council on the timeline for implementing changes to parking restrictions in the Onslow area of Courtfield Ward resulting from the consultation with residents completed by the Council in December 2018.’

12. ** MATTERS OF LOCAL CONCERN RAISED UNDER S.O. 11**

*Members may draw to the Council’s attention Ward or other ‘live’ issues of general / broad principle. Each member raising such an issue under this Standing Order should speak for no more than two minutes in addressing the Council. No more than three Majority Group members and one Minority Party member may raise issues in this way per meeting. Members wishing to raise such matters should register their intent with the Chief Executive prior to the meeting.*
13. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

(i) Declaring a climate and environment emergency

“This Council notes:

1. Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1°C from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2 levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity;

2. In order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that we reduce our CO2eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from our current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible;

3. The IPCC’s ‘Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C’, published in October 2018, describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is very likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, however limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and local authorities, including civil society, the private sector and local communities;

4. Many RBKC residents are demanding deeper and faster action on climate change as demonstrated through actions such as the ongoing Youth Strikes and by Extinction Rebellion last month;

5. Individuals cannot be expected to make these reduction on their own. Society needs to change and adapt its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc…. to make low carbon living both easier and the new norm, and for local authorities this is in areas where they have significant responsibility, such as waste, public realm infrastructure, local transport and building standards enforcement;

6. RBKC has implemented an Air Quality and Climate Change Action Plan 2016-2021 but this does not explicitly address the scale of the climate emergency nor does it include plan for a zero-carbon Borough by 2025. The risks to the Borough of inaction will include:
   a. Increased risk of flooding, subsidence, and damage to buildings and infrastructure;
   b. Health problems, particularly for children, the disabled and older people;
   c. Higher energy and food costs;
   d. Increases in social injustice and inequality;
   e. Increased costs of inaction, affecting the poorest in the borough
   f. Loss of economic opportunities which could be realised through the transition to carbon neutrality across the borough;

7. Over 100 council and parishes across the UK have responded to the situation by declaring a ‘Climate Emergency’ and have committed resources to address this emergency. We want RBKC to join this community;

8. The UK Parliament unanimously passed a motion declaring climate emergency on the 1st May 2019 and therefore it is time for all local authorities to follow this, taking control of what they can at a local level to tackle the emergency.

This Council therefore believes that:

1. RBKC should sign up to a science-based carbon reduction target that is consistent with achieving the Paris Agreement of no more than 1.5°C global temperature increase;
2. A specific climate emergency plan should be developed for the borough with the actions needed to reach the target of zero carbon by 2025;

3. The Council should work with other organisations and local governments within London, the UK and internationally to determine and implement best practice methods of local decarbonisation and of governance to oversee this plan.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Declare a 'Climate and Environment Emergency';

2. Inform residents and business about how they are affected by climate change and should draw up policies to:
   a. move RBKC administration and organisation to zero carbon by 2025, identifying the actions and resources necessary to do this;
   b. support and promote the transition of all residents’ and business activities located in RBKC to zero carbon by 2025, identifying the financial, legal and other changes necessary to do this;
   c. identify the networks (including community organisations, local business alliances, including business improvement districts, and other local organisations) that can support this transition;

3. Set interim targets and work towards a final plan by October 2020 for how RBKC will reach carbon neutrality by 2025;

4. Include in all Council Meetings - as a standard item of business - a brief report outlining progress towards addressing the Action Plan;

5. Call on central government and GLA to provide the necessary funding, support for resource mobilisation and powers to make this plan possible;

6. Continue working with partners including other local authorities, universities, community groups and business groups across the Borough, London and nationally to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans, and draw on best practices at national and international levels.”

Proposed by: Cllr. Pat Mason
Seconded by: Cllr. Mo Bakhtiar

Amendment to Motion – Declaring a Climate and Environment Emergency

To amend the Motion as follows:

“This Council notes:

1. Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 °C from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2 levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity;

2. In order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that we reduce our CO2eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from our current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible;
3. The IPCC’s ‘Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C’, published in October 2018, describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is very likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, however limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and local authorities, including civil society, the private sector and local communities;

4. Many RBKC residents are demanding deeper and faster action on climate change as demonstrated through actions such as the ongoing Youth Strikes and by Extinction Rebellion last month;

5. Individuals cannot be expected to make these reduction on their own. Society needs to change and adapt its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc.... to make low carbon living both easier and the new norm, and for local authorities this is in areas where they have significant responsibility, such as waste, public realm infrastructure, local transport and building standards enforcement; The Conservative National Government committing the UK to Net Zero by 2050 and welcome the legal powers which can be brought to bear to tackle the Climate Emergency.

6. RBKC has implemented an Air Quality and Climate Change Action Plan 2016-2021 but this does not explicitly address the scale of the climate emergency nor does it include plan for a zero-carbon Borough by 2025. Following the implementation of the Air Quality and Climate Change Action Plan 2016-2021 which was produced in 2016, we welcome the announcement of Vision Carbon Zero which will include steps needed for RBKC operations to be zero carbon by 2030 and the whole Borough by 2040.

The risks to the Borough of inaction will include:

a. Increased risk of flooding, subsidence, and damage to buildings and infrastructure;

b. Health problems, particularly for children, the disabled and older people;

c. Higher energy and food costs;

d. Increases in social injustice and inequality;

e. Increased costs of inaction, affecting the poorest in the borough

f. Loss of economic opportunities which could be realised through the transition to carbon neutrality across the borough;

7. Over 100 council and parishes across the UK have responded to the situation by declaring a ‘Climate Emergency’ and have committed resources to address this emergency. We want RBKC to join this community;

8. The UK Parliament unanimously passed a motion declaring climate emergency on the 1st May 2019 and therefore it is time for all local authorities to follow this, taking control of what they can at a local level to tackle the emergency.

This Council therefore believes that:

1. RBKC should sign up to a science-based carbon reduction target that is consistent with achieving the Paris Agreement of no more than 1.5°C global temperature increase;

2. A specific climate emergency plan should be developed for the borough with the actions needed to reach the target of zero carbon by 2025; Vision Carbon Zero should be developed for the Borough with the actions needed to reach the target of zero carbon by 2030 for the Council and 2040 for the Borough;
3. The Council should work with other organisations and local governments within London, the UK and internationally to determine and implement best practice methods of local decarbonisation and of governance to oversee this plan.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. To declare a ‘Climate and Environment Emergency’;

2. To inform residents and business about how they are affected by climate change and should draw up policies to:
   a. move RBKC administration operations and organisation to zero carbon by 2025 2030, identifying the actions and resources necessary to do this;
   b. support and promote the transition of all residents’ and business activities located in RBKC to zero carbon by 2025 2040, identifying the financial, legal and other changes necessary to do this;
   c. identify the networks (including community organisations, local business alliances, including business improvement districts, and other local organisations) that can support this transition;

3. To set interim targets and work towards a final plan by October in 2020, Vision Carbon Zero, for how RBKC will reach carbon neutrality by 2025 by 2030 and the wider Borough by 2040;

4. Include in all Council Meetings - as a standard item of business - a brief report outlining progress towards addressing the Action Plan; That RBKC integrates the ‘Vision Carbon Zero’ plan through all its work and that the plan is part of any decision made.

5. Call on central government and GLA to provide the necessary funding, support for resource mobilisation and powers to make this plan possible; To call on the Mayor of London to make all buses electric in RBKC.

6. To continue working with partners including other local authorities, universities, community groups and business groups across the Borough, London and nationally to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans, and draw on best practices at national and international levels.”

Moved by: Cllr. Sof McVeigh
Seconded by: Cllr. Max Chauhan

(ii) Noisy vehicles

“This Council notes the loss of amenity brought about by noisy vehicles across RBKC, particularly in Knightsbridge and parts of Holland Park. We welcome the government’s commitment to pilot acoustic cameras over the coming months. To that end, we call on the Lead Members for Planning and Transport and the Environment to write to the government, urging the incoming Secretary of State for Transport to make RBKC a pilot area for such technology, which may mitigate this very serious issue for our residents.”

Proposed by: Cllr. Josh Rendall
Seconded by: Cllr. Aarien Areti
(iii) Schools

“This Council pledges its support for all the fantastic schools in this borough, including our state schools, our academies, and our independent schools. We know our parents value choice and diversity when looking to make decisions about their children's education. All our schools and their staff are vital to the success and happiness of the children and young people of this borough, and while they continue to provide them with an exceptional education this Council will oppose any future attempts to abolish them, or strip them of their property.”

Proposed by: Cllr. Tom Bennett
Seconded by: Cllr. Maxwell Woodger

(iv) Modern Slavery

“Modern slavery is an insidious crime which devastates lives and tears families apart. The Global Slavery Index estimates there are 136,000 victims in the UK. Right here, in our borough, women are being treated as commodities for sexual exploitation and domestic servitude, men are trapped in debt bondage, working for no pay in forced labour, and children are trafficked up and down the country to carry drugs. Modern Slavery is a human rights abuse and every one of us comes into contact with it on a daily basis, often without even realising it.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea recognises the need to ensure our communities are resilient to modern slavery and our supply chains free from exploitation. This is why we will publish a Modern Slavery Statement outlining our approach.

Large private sector organisations are required to publish a Modern Slavery Statement detailing what actions they are taking to tackle slavery in their supply chains. Although as a Council we are not required to do this by law, we feel strongly that these issues should be brought to the fore and outline the actions we are taking to challenge them.”

Proposed by: Cllr. Janet Evans
Seconded by: Cllr. Gerard Hargreaves

14. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

15. ANY OTHER ORAL OR WRITTEN ITEMS WHICH THE MAYOR CONSIDERS URGENT

Standing Order 8 requires every Councillor attending a Council meeting to sign the attendance book.

[Each written report on the public part of the Agenda as detailed above:

(i) was made available for public inspection from the date of the Agenda;
(ii) incorporates a list of the background papers which (i) disclose any facts or matters on which that report, or any important part of it, is based; and (ii) have been relied upon to a material extent in preparing it. (Relevant documents which contain confidential or exempt information are not listed.); and]
may, with the consent of the Mayor and subject to specified reasons, be supported at the meeting by way of oral statement or further written report in the event of special circumstances arising after the despatch of the Agenda.)

Exclusion of the Press and Public

There are no matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

Should any such matters arise during the course of discussion of the above items or should the Mayor agree to discuss any other such matters on the grounds of urgency, the Council will wish to resolve to exclude the press and public by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on 4 March 2020