

Notice of Meeting

Council

6 March 2019 at 6.30pm

The Council Chamber, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX

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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
**KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA**

Chief Executive – Barry Quirk

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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 23 January 2019 are submitted for confirmation.

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S 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, 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 their continued participation, in the matter relating to the interest, would be reasonable in the circumstances, particularly if the interest may give rise to a perception of a conflict of interests, or whether they should leave the Chamber while any discussion or vote on the matter takes place.

(iii) **Declarations under S.106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992**

Members who are two months or more in arrears with their Council Tax payments cannot vote on the report relating to the budget setting.

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).

6. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

7. REPORTS FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

- (i) Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax 2019-20;
- (ii) Housing Revenue Account Budget 2019/20 and HRA Business Plan;
- (iii) Annual Treasury Strategy Mid-Year Review 2018/19;
- (iv) Annual Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20.

8. REPORTS OF COUNCIL-SIDE COMMITTEES

- (i) Report of the Administration Committee.
- (ii) Report of the Audit and Transparency Committee.

9. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

(i) Royal Brompton Hospital

"This Council recognises the Royal Brompton Hospital as an invaluable part of our community and will do all it can to secure its long-term future in Kensington and Chelsea."

Proposer: Cllr. Josh Rendall

Seconder: Cllr. Laura Round

(ii) Voting rights

"This Council welcomes the reciprocal agreement between the United Kingdom and Spain to allow each others' expatriate citizens to retain voting rights for local elections in the respective countries after the UK has left the European Union; notes that citizens

of the Irish Republic will retain voting rights in the UK under legislation that pre-dates the existence of the EU; and calls on the Leader to write to the Home Secretary to request that UK-resident EU citizens of the other 25 states retain their right to vote in local elections after the UK has left the EU."

Proposer: Cllr. Gregory Hammond

Seconder: Cllr. Johnny Thalassites

(iii) Brexit

"We note that Brexit is a key issue affecting all residents of the Royal Borough. It will have far-reaching consequences for the Council, residents and businesses in the Borough.

We note that the 2016 referendum decision was not based on a plan for what leaving the EU meant. Support for an idea does not commit people to supporting whatever plan is later produced. It is democratic that the same people who approved the idea later decide whether they approve the plan.

We therefore support holding a referendum or election on whether to Leave the EU under a clearly defined plan or to Remain in the EU as a full member. Such a referendum could offer more than one Brexit plan.

In order to ensure that the referendum process is healing and leads to a high quality decision, we believe that the Government and Parliament should take steps to support an effective and positive process.

We therefore propose the setting up a national assembly in the Borough to debate the various Brexit options and disseminate their conclusions.

The Government should also ensure that exhibitions and leaflets provide factual information about the EU, how it works and what it does so that voters are well informed about it when they make their choice.

It is also important that the Government ensures that information about the options in any referendum is set out in a way that is transparent, concrete and honest.

Further, we call on all the national political parties to set out their plans for addressing the concerns that underlay the Leave vote in 2016, in particular those that that can be addressed by UK domestic policies.

We desire that this decision should be communicated to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the MPs who represent the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea."

Proposer: Cllr. Linda Wade

Seconder: Cllr. Robert Atkinson

10. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

11. 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*
- (iii) 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
24 April 2019 at 6.30pm**