

Notice of Meeting

Council

23 January 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 5 December 2018 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, 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.

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. STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND RESPONSE BY LEADER OF THE MINORITY PARTY

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 taken since October 2018.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL-SIDE COMMITTEES

None.

10. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Mid-year Scrutiny Report.

11. QUESTIONS ASKED OF LEAD MEMBERS

(i) By Cllr Wade of Cllr Addenbrooke, Lead Member for Adult Social Care

In the financial year 2019/2020, the voluntary sector will be facing significant cuts, which will affect frontline services. Can the Council confirm its intention to adhere to the following commitments in its implication of the funding cuts, and if not, provide a rationale:

1. A full Equality Impact Assessment;
2. As per the **Kensington and Chelsea Compact**, to *'give a minimum of three months' notice in writing when changing or ending a funding relationship or other support, and to provide a clear rationale for why the decision was taken.'* This will ensure that affected organisations have adequate time to implement redundancies;

3. Provide financial support for voluntary organisations who have to implement redundancies as a result of the cuts to ensure that the voluntary sector are not carrying an additional financial burden as a result of a Council decision.

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 not 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) Ethical Debt Collection

"This Council recognises that heavy handed debt collection in the public sector is counter-productive: court action, bailiffs and lawyers all cost money, and can create high levels of stress and anxiety in families that find themselves in debt.

It therefore calls on the Leadership Team to end the use of bailiffs to collect council tax arrears from April 2019 and in partnership with reputable debt advice agencies, introduce an ethical approach to debt management and collection which applies Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) standards to public debts, supports families in crisis with managing their debt repayments and avoids increased hardship for residents and greater expense for the Council."

Proposer: Cllr. Monica Press
Seconder: Cllr. Pat Mason

(ii) West London Line

"This Council recognises that the Kensal/Portobello station cannot be included on the Elizabeth Line nor a Chelsea Station on Crossrail 2. It therefore resolves to recognise in the Local Plan the vital need to construct the Westway Circus station on the West London line to connect the Borough to Old Oak Common and the Elizabeth Line. Furthermore, it will to ensure that the master plan for any development of the Kensal Gas Works site includes the requirement for either a monorail or bus link from Ladbroke Grove to Old Oak Common. These policies will help maximise the development of the Old Oak Common Transport Hub and turn the West London Line from a barrier into a gateway, linking the Borough with HS2, Heathrow and the Elizabeth Line.

It asks the Leadership Team to start this campaign by inviting representatives from the West London Line Group to address the next Council meeting on how these aims can be achieved."

Proposer: Cllr. Judith Blakeman
Seconder: Cllr. Robert Thompson

(iii) The Hackitt Review

“This Council asks the Leadership Team to accept all the recommendations in Dame Judith Hackitt’s review of Building Regulation and Fire Safety and include a responsible and transparent disposal policy for removed materials.”

Proposer: Cllr. Ian Henderson

Seconder: Cllr. Sina Lari

(iv) Standing Order 20

“This Council recognises that central to the recommendations put forward by the Centre for Public Scrutiny report on the Council last year on the administration and conduct of the Council and the need for transparency and the importance of the Council at all levels to being open to both residents and councillors.

However, the problems encountered in the introduction of an urgent SO20 Motion for the December meeting highlighted that the Council is unable to respond to urgent Motions, thereby reducing its relevance and ability to respond to real-time concerns of residents.

It asks that there is a review of this procedure to ensure that urgent matters can be discussed in the future.”

Proposer: Cllr. Linda Wade

Seconder: Cllr. Robert Atkinson

(v) Noise and Nuisance

"This Council notes that around a fifth of Noise and Nuisance complaints received by the Council are the result of noise from building sites, excluding DIY; that this type of noise can blight residents' lives for months or even years; and that mitigating the specific problem of construction site noise could have a significant positive impact on our environment.

This Council welcomes the consultation on a revised RBKC Code of Construction Practice which would build on the success of the 2016 Code, noting that this Council was the first local authority to ban Saturday working on construction sites and won an award from the Noise Abatement Society for doing so. This Council welcomes the new Code's measures to:

- Govern building site operation times within strict limits;
- Encourage use of the quietest construction machinery and power sources;
- Require dust suppression and screening to be operated on sites to protect neighbouring properties;
- Ensure that the Considerate Constructor scheme is operated on all sites;
- Create a self-funding monitoring and enforcement regime; and
- Join up working between the Council's Planning, Environmental Health and Transport & Highways departments;

And calls on the Council to extend the new Code to include streetworks.

This Council recognises the work done by RBKC to strengthen the enforcement of planning and environmental health laws to protect our densely-populated communities, thanks the Council's enforcement officers for their dedication and hard work on residents' behalf, and urges the Council Executive to continue to prioritise enforcement activities; in particular, when planning applicants and their construction workers fail to meet noise conditions, this Council prioritises effective enforcement action."

Proposer: Cllr. Gregory Hammond
Seconder: Cllr. Johnny Thalassites

(vi) 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

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*
- (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 6
March 2019 at 5.30pm**