

Notice of Meeting

Council

6.30pm on 13 October 2010

The Council Chamber



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
**KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA**

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Town Clerk and Chief Executive - Derek Myers

Public Agenda

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 June 2010 are submitted for confirmation.

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

3. TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- (i) Results of by-elections since May 2010
- (ii) Ratio of committee places following the by-elections
- (iii) Apologies for absence
- (iv) Declarations of interest

Any Member of the Council having any personal or prejudicial interest in any item before the meeting is reminded to make the appropriate oral declaration when asked to do so by the Town Clerk and Chief Executive. Any Member with a prejudicial interest may also make representations, answer questions or give evidence but must then withdraw from the Council Chamber before the matter is discussed and before any vote is taken.

4. PETITIONS

Presentation of petitions (if any)

5. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

6. REPORTS FROM THE CABINET

- (i) Treasury Management Policy Statement
- (ii) Annual Treasury Report
- (iii) Urgent key decisions taken since 23 June 2010

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL-SIDE COMMITTEES

- (i) Report of the Administration Committee
- (ii) Annual Report of the Audit Committee
- (iii) Annual Report of the Investment Committee on the Pension Fund

8. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

- (i) Annual Scrutiny Report 2009-2010 - **MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR COPIES TO THE MEETING**
- (ii) Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Sub-Group on "Priorities For Health": a Review of NHS Kensington and Chelsea's Priorities in the Context of the Current Financial Climate.

9. MATTERS OF LOCAL CONCERN RAISED UNDER S.O. 19

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 member of the Minority Parties may raise issues in this way per meeting. Members wishing to raise such matters should register their intent with the Town Clerk and Chief Executive prior to the meeting.

10. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

(i) Traffic signals

"This Council objects to the proposed removal of 12 Traffic Signals in Kensington and Chelsea by the Mayor of London and Transport for London that is likely to increase the level of vehicle accidents at the road junctions in question, have a negative effect on traffic flow and bus journeys, and create a more dangerous environment for pedestrians, cyclists, children and the elderly and disabled.

The Mayor of London is proposing to remove the traffic signals in North Kensington at St Marks Road/Cambridge Gardens, Ladbroke Grove/Lancaster Road, Ladbroke Grove/Westbourne Park Road, Ladbroke Grove/Elgin Crescent, Elgin Crescent/Kensington Park Road, Westbourne Grove/Portobello Road, Kensington Park Road/Westbourne Grove, and Addison Road/Holland Park Gardens.

In the South of the Borough, the Mayor of London wants to remove the traffic signals at Pont Street/Beauchamp Place /Walton Street, Sloane

Avenue by Makins Street, Royal Hospital Road by Franklins Row, and Chelsea Embankment by Embankment Gardens.

The Council will seek an early meeting with the Mayor of London and Transport for London, setting out the reasons why the removal of these traffic signals will be unacceptable to the Council and to the residents of the Borough.

The Council will also carry out a comprehensive consultation on this proposal directly with borough residents, and with the voluntary and community sectors, residents associations, and with other representative interest groups so that their views are taken into account by the Mayor of London and TfL before any decision is taken."

Proposed by: Cllr Pat Mason

Seconded by: Cllr Robert Atkinson

(ii) **Housing benefit**

"This Council regrets the budget announcement about changes to Housing Benefit which could have a detrimental effect on some of the least well off residents in Kensington and Chelsea and further regrets Conservative suggestions to introduce fixed-term tenancies for council housing tenants.

This Council believes that unless there is protection for long-standing residents who receive Housing Benefit, many may be forced onto the streets and this could result in higher costs to the council in the longer term.

This Council believes that fixed-term tenancies would result in a lack of incentive for council tenants to work hard and earn more for their families if they feared losing their homes. This Council further believes that secure tenancies provide stability, support family networks and can improve social cohesion.

This Council recognises that the removal of security of tenure would require a change in legislation and therefore condemns the inappropriate calling of residents in the Borough, making many feel that their homes were at risk, causing terrible anxiety, especially amongst vulnerable residents. This Council fully supports the rights of secure tenants to live in their council home for as long as they wish.

This Council further condemns the Labour Government's failure to build much needed council and social housing during its thirteen years in power.

This Council calls on the Government to investigate ways to help mitigate the impact of Housing Benefit reforms in the Borough and to fund an increase in the building of affordable social housing."

Proposed by: Cllr Carol Caruana

Seconded by: Cllr Tim Jones

(iii) **Kensington Academy**

"This Council welcomes both the prospect of a new academy in North Kensington and the opportunity to re-develop Kensington Leisure Centre. It supports the conclusion of the recent feasibility study which recommends the selection of the Kensington Leisure Centre site as the only feasible location for achieving these objectives."

Proposed by: Cllr Elizabeth Campbell

Seconded by: Cllr Professor Sir Anthony Coates

11. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

To follow.

12. 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 8 December 2010 at 6.30pm.