

Notice of Meeting

Council

18 January 2012 at 6.30pm

The Council Chamber



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
**KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA**

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Town Clerk and Executive Director of Finance - Nicholas Holgate

Public Agenda

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 December 2011 are submitted for confirmation.

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

3. TOWN CLERK AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE'S REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- (i) Apologies for absence
- (ii) 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 Executive Director of Finance. 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.

- (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. APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORARY RECORDER, HIS HONOUR JUDGE MCGREGOR-JOHNSON

5. PRESENTATION BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

Members will have the opportunity to ask questions after the presentation.

6. 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 CABINET

- (i) Council Tax Base 2012/13
- (ii) Urgent Key Decisions

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL-SIDE COMMITTEES

None.

10. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

None.

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

12. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

- (i) 'The Council has recently received very welcome news about involvement with the prestigious Community Budget pilot with our Tri-borough partners. This will be developed over the coming year to devise an action plan, with implementation from April 2013. To give the project the best possible chance of success, this Council

therefore commits fully, in every relevant business group and with immediate effect, to work towards the targets laid out in the Community Budget pilot scheme, as described in the 'Tri-government guarantee': -

- Working together to ensure that every young person under 25 has a job or is in training or education.
- A commitment to achieve educational excellence where 80% of children across the three boroughs achieve five 'A' grade GCSEs including Maths and English;
- An assurance that people in the 'squeezed middle' (with a combined household income below £60k) have access to high-quality affordable housing'

In addition, the last guarantee should read 'An assurance that people in the 'squeezed middle' (with a combined household income below £60k) have access to high-quality affordable or social rented housing within the borough.'

Mover: Cllr Dent Coad
Seconder: Cllr Mingay

- (ii) 'This Council welcomes the consensus that has formed by Governments, professionals and other agencies around the recognition of the importance of high quality provision in the early years. It believes that such provision can play a major part in increasing the prospects for future social mobility and achieve a reduction in the inequalities of achievement at the age of 5. It applauds the following changes:

- To increase the free provision from 12.5 to 15 hours per week for 3/4 year olds and create greater flexibility in the take-up regulations;
- To expand the 15 hour free provision to 2/3 year olds of lower income households.

It now calls on the Cabinet Member for Family and Children's Services to further augment these developments by:

- Announcing a freeze on fees paid by parents to the Royal Borough's Children's Centres;
- Ensuring that there is adequate high quality provision by the Council or other providers for the 2/3 year olds coming on-stream on 2013 in affordable settings to enable parents the opportunity to buy extra hours, allowing them greater employment opportunities;
- Continuing to provide free full time provision for 3/4 year olds in the borough's Primary and Nursery Schools.'

Mover: Cllr Jones
Seconder: Cllr Caruana

13. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

To follow.

14. 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 ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on 7 March at 5.30pm.