



Council

Meeting Location:

The Atrium - Perceval House

Date and Time:

Tuesday, 19 December 2023 at 7.00 pm

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Committee Membership: Councillors

M Ahmed, S Ahmed, J Anand, P Anand, J Ball, J Blacker, G Busuttil, J Gallant, K Sahota, K Bains, C Anderson, T Sidhu, B Rai, R Dheer, B Mahfouz, C Summers, L Brett, D Crawford, A Young, P Driscoll, V Alexander, Y Gordon, H Haili, M Hamidi, B Hashani, C Hersch, M Iqbal, A Jammu, S Jassal, Y Johnson, H Kaur Dheer, A Kelly, S Khan, I Kingston, P Knewstub, S Kohli, S Kumar, K Dhindsa, T Mahmood, G Malcolm, S Manro, D Martin, J Martin, P Mason, M Midha (Mayor), F Mohamed, K Mohan, G Murtaza, K K Nagpal, K Nagpal, I Nijhar, S Padda, G Quansah, F Conti, A Raza, M Rice, R Baaklini, C Sharma, G Shaw, D Costigan, G Stafford, A Steed, K Crawford, H Taylor (Deputy Mayor), C Tighe, L Wall, R Wall, B Wesson, S Donnelly and A Zissimos

BRIEFING NOTE AND AMENDMENTS

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Agenda Item 1

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ITEM NO	AGENDA ITEM	PAGE NUMBER	TIME	TIME END
1.	Apologies for Absence and Attendance		7.03PM	
	Apologies for absence have been received from Cllrs D Crawford and Alexander.			
2.	Declarations of Interest		7.04pm	
	Members are to make any declarations of pecuniary interest, should they have any.			
3.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 September 2023		7.06pm	
	Minutes of the previous meeting are to be agreed. Comments can only be made on the accuracy of the minutes.			
4.	Mayor's Announcements	7-14	7.08pm	
	The Mayor will update Council on the activities of the Mayoralty since the last meeting.			
5.	Petitions from Members of the Public		7.10pm	
	There are no petitions from Members of the Public.			
6.	Petitions from members of the Council		7.11pm	
	There are no petitions from Members of the Council			
7.	Questions from members of the public	11-12	7.12pm	
	Mr Devine and Mr Dalton will be asking questions of Cllr Shital Manro (see agenda papers for text of the questions)			
8.	Questions from members of the Council	13-14	7.22pm	
	Order of questions:			

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Mohamed to Councillor Kamaljit Kaur Nagpal 2. Councillor Malcolm to Councillor Jasbir Anand 3. Councillor Conti to Councillor Mahfouz 4. Councillor Raza to Councillor Blacker 5. Councillor Young to Councillor Knewstub 6. Councillor Nijhar to Councillor Anand 7. Councillor Hamidi to Councillor Knewstub 			
9.	Opposition Group Motion for Debate	15-16	7.52pm	
	<p>Order of debate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Hersch – move motion (4 minutes) 2. Cllr Steed – second motion (3 minutes) 3. Cllr Blacker – move amendment (3 minutes) 4. Cllr Costigan – second amendment (3 minutes) 5. Cllr Driscoll – respond to motion (3 minutes) 6. Cllr Conti – respond to motion (3 minutes) 7. Cllr Mahfouz– respond to motion (3 minutes) 8. Cllr Knewstub – respond to motion (3 minutes) 9. Cllr Johnson – respond to motion (3 minutes) 10. Cllr Shaw – respond to motion (3 minutes) 11. Cllr Mason – respond to motion (3 minutes) 12. Cllr Donnelly – respond to motion (3 minutes) 13. Cllr Blacker – sum up amendment (3 minutes) 14. Cllr Hersch – sum up motion (3 minutes) <p>Total – 43 minutes</p>			
10.	Majority Group Motion for Debate	17-18	8.35pm	
	<p>Order of debate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Donnelly – move motion (4 minutes) 2. Cllr Mason – second motion (3 minutes) 3. Cllr Malcolm – move amendment (3 minutes) 4. Cllr Ball – second amendment (3 minutes) 5. Cllr Brett - respond to motion (3 minutes) 6. Cllr Haili- respond to motion (3 minutes) 7. Cllr Wesson - respond to motion (3 minutes) 8. Cllr Young - respond to motion (3 minutes) 9. Cllr Baaklini - respond to motion (3 minutes) 10. Cllr Rice - respond to motion (3 minutes) 11. Cllr J Anand - respond to motion (3 minutes) 12. Cllr Blacker - respond to motion (3 minutes) 13. Cllr Ball – Sum up amendment (3 minutes) 14. Cllr Donnelly – Sum up motion (3 minutes) <p>Total – 43 minutes</p>			

11.	Motions not for debate	19-20		
	Councillor Knewstub to move and Cllr Hersch to second the motion not for debate.			
12.	Annual Scrutiny Report 2022-23	21-38		
	Councillor Gordon will introduce this report if not past the guillotine.			
13.	Treasury Management Report Q2 2023-24	39-56		
	Councillor Donnelly will introduce this report if not past the guillotine.			
14.	Urgent Key Decisions Exempted from Call-in			
	There were no urgent key decisions exempted from call-in since the last Council meeting.			

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Opposition Group Motion for Debate

Action on Disposable Vapes

~~Council notes that m~~Millions of disposable vapes are thrown away each month. ~~they:~~
Council thanks officers for the work they are doing to tackle vaping from both a public health and environmental perspective and notes that:

- Disposable vapes constitute a fire risk to households, bin lorries and recycling centres due to their lithium batteries.
- Disposable vapes cause significant litter.
- Local Government Association has called for a ban on disposable vapes on environmental and health grounds.
- Vapes are a public health risk to adults and children.
- ~~the~~Disposable vapes are often in brightly coloured packaging, brand names which imitate sweets and attractive flavourings, are attracting under-age teenagers.
- NHS data ~~shows~~showing that e-cigarette usage has grown by 50 to 100% in 4 years (2018 to 2021).
- Vaping was meant to help smokers to quit smoking. However, vapes can now be the first exposure to nicotine for young people.
- ~~Research by Action on Smoking and Health finding that 40.1% of 11–18-year-olds who had tried vaping had never smoked before.~~

~~Council further notes that:~~

There is a growing issue of vape usage in schools, with nearly 10% of under 18-year-olds having experience of vapes.

- ~~w~~While vaping is considered less harmful to health than smoking cigarettes, some vapes have levels of chemicals which are higher than in cigarettes and may contain heavy metals such as lead, chrome, nickel (neurotoxins, allergens which impair brain development) and other compounds such as carbonyls which are mildly carcinogenic.
- Ealing's Labour Council has recently been awarded funding for a project titled 'Trading Standards initiative to tackle underage vapes use and availability of illicit tobacco products.' This will set out to reduce the prevalence of smoking and vaping and clamp down on illicit usage and is due to be launched in 2024.
- Currently untaxed, vapes are a cheap alternative to cigarettes. The UK market is growing strongly and is valued at some £250m.
- Ealing Council Trading Standards officers have seized over 40,000 illicit vapes since 2021.
- Labour's Shadow Health Secretary has committed to action against the industry in Government

The Council will build on the existing work it has already done to tackle disposable vape usage and~~Council~~ calls for a total ban on disposable vapes in 2024, and notes that with France rolling out a ban this month and an EU-wide ban proposed in 2026 there is a risk that as other markets close, disposable vapes will flood the UK.

The Council ~~resolves instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health in support of the Local Government Association's position on banning disposable vapes, calling for legislation to implement this ban.~~

~~The Council endorses resolves to continue the ongoing good work from officers and members the action of Regulatory Services in seizing vapes containing illegally large numbers of doses and resolves to use all applicable regulatory powers to prevent harm from vapes including but not limited to mandatory age-of-sale signage combined with test purchases. Further Council shall investigate what is possible within the Licensing regime to require that premises making new licensing applications and licensed premises being reviewed do not sell disposable vapes, which are counter to the licensing objectives of public safety and the protection of children from harm. The Council resolves to continue to instruct Regulatory Services and officers to clamp down on illicit tobacco products and vapes.~~

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Majority Group Motion for Debate

The Council notes that:

- Ealing Council has had its budget cut by nearly 56% in real terms since 2010 by successive Conservative Governments.
- It was a Conservative Government that crashed our economy yet Ealing's residents are paying the price.
- Local services are facing significant budgetary pressures after 13 years of Tory cuts, yet Councils like Ealing are still being forced to confront ever-rising demand for costly services with shrinking budgets.
- Tory Prime Minister Rishi Sunak boasted about taking money from urban areas to fund more prosperous rural councils, so it's no surprise that areas like Wokingham have only seen 3% reductions compared to Ealing's 56% cut.
- While Ealing Council has managed to balance the budget by making the difficult decisions necessary, local authorities up and down the country are not faring so well. An ever-growing number of councils have already been forced to issue Section 114 notices due to the sustained and systematic underfunding of local government, with many more set to follow suit.

The Council believes that:

- Ealing residents deserve a fair deal, and the Government must step up to appropriately resource the Council to deliver the services residents rely on.
- Vital provisions, including housing, children's services and adult social care require urgent fiscal preservation in order to continue protecting some of the most vulnerable in our borough.
- In order to plan for the long term, local government must have adequate, sustainable and secure funding. It simply isn't tenable to continue forcing councils to cut crucial services and increase council tax after nearly 14 years of austerity.
- Ealing residents must not be forced to pay for the crisis made in Downing Street.

The Council resolves that:

- The Chancellor should reverse the damaging Tory budget cuts to local Government and commit to sustainable and sufficient funding of local services.
- The Tory Government must deliver a fair deal for Ealing and other councils or call a General Election so the country can vote for a ~~Labour~~ Government that will.
- It will continue to press the Chancellor to appropriately resource local government finances so that quality services can be delivered for Ealing residents.
- Councils must have a three-year settlement from central government (rather than one year) aligned with the Comprehensive Spending Review of Central Government to enable longer term planning.

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