

Notice of Meeting:

Council

Meeting Location:

Council Chamber, Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY

Date and Time:

Tuesday, 1 November 2022 at 7.00 pm

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Committee Membership: Councillors

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence and Attendance
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 July 2022

(Pages 7 - 18)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2022.

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 September 2022

(Pages 19 - 20)

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- 5 Mayor's Announcements
- 6 Petitions from Members of the Public
- 7 Petitions from Members of the Council
- 8 Questions from Members of the Public

Helen Chan has given notice that she wishes to ask the following question of Councillor Raza:

The latest statistics show that there have been 140,500 applications since the BN(O) visa route's introduction up to June 2022. It is estimated more than 35,000 Hongkongers have resided in London. Ealing Borough has always been Hongkongers' top choice for residing from then and now. According to the 2011 census data, Ealing was one of the top 10 boroughs with the highest numbers of residents of Hong Kong origin. Among all local councils in the UK, Ealing is one of the top 10 most preferable councils for Hong Kong new arrivals and states as the second most desirable in Greater London following Kingston upon Thames. Additionally, Ealing has been the 8th having the highest number of BN(O) children admission in London in the last school placement period.

It is known that more than £200,000 has been granted to local authorities to ensure Hongkongers have the best chance to thrive in

London through the Local Welcome Hong Kong Fund provided by the DLUCH. Eight local councils have applied for the funding, whereas Ealing is not on the recipient list. Therefore, will the Council inform the public:

Question: Whether the Council had applied for the funding, if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that.

9 Questions from Members of the Council

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10 Opposition Group Motion for Debate

Proposed by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Conti:

This Council notes that it is nearly six months since this administration was elected and that, in that time, no progress has been made in the following areas, thus rendering the Council Plan mere empty words:

- Conversion of Ealing Town Hall into an hotel
- Demolition of Perceval House and building of "Gotham Tower" in its place
- Replacement of Gurnell Swimming Pool
- Falling recycling rates

This Council calls for the Executive to abandon the first two projects, and to make progress on the second two issues.

11 Majority Group Motion for Debate

Proposed by Councillor Donnelly, Seconded by Councillor Mason:

This Council notes that:

- Households across Ealing are under massive strain and public services are seeing their budgets squeezed dramatically as mortgages rise, the pound has crashed, inflation takes hold, and a recession looms.
- Liz Truss has been one of the shortest serving Prime Ministers in history, but her time in office has been devastating for people in Ealing – the pound and gilt markets have crashed, the rent crisis in London has worsened and ordinary

- people are paying hundreds more a month for their mortgages.
- This is a Tory crisis made in Downing Street, paid for by working people.
- There is a straight blue line between Liz Truss's failed mini-budget and the multi-billion-pound blackhole in the nation's finances: The Conservatives crashed the economy and now they want someone else to pick up the tab. They must not take it out on our communities.
- None of us voted for this ridiculous failed experiment – and Ealing shouldn't be punished for the Government's mistakes. Local services were already under serious strain due to rampant inflation, soaring interest rates, and rising demand.
- Roads need to be repaired, we must bring down crime, children need after-school clubs, bins have to be emptied, and streets must be kept clean.
 We need to build affordable housing, and we need to invest in the support that business needs to thrive.
- Ealing is an open, honest and transparent council. With hope and creativity, Ealing Council is already doing everything we can to support families through the Conservatives' cost of living crisis.
- While the Conservatives have been crashing the economy, we have been fighting to provide the support and services people need. Our residents shouldn't pay the price for their failure.

This Council therefore resolves to declare a 'Cost of Living and economic emergency' and calls on the Government to:

- Provide extra support for councils struggling with the effects of inflation and the possible impact of a recession.
- Ensure that councils, public services, and ordinary people don't pay the price for the Government's incompetence.
- Call a general election so that the British public can have their say on this disastrous government.

12 Motions not for Debate

(Pages 23 - 26)

13 Treasury Management Outturn 2021-22

(Pages 27 - 44)

14 Appointments to Committees

To be tabled at the meeting

15 Urgent Key Decisions Exempted from Call-in

The following urgent key decisions were made and exempted from call-in since the Council meeting in July:

- Implementation of the Discretionary Energy Bill Rebate Schemes (DEBRS) to support for households affected by increase in energy costs
- Household Support Fund

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