

CROYDON COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015 at 6.30pm.

THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR PATRICIA HAY-JUSTICE PRESIDING

Councillors Ali, Audsley, Avis, Bains, Bashford, Bee, Bennett, Bird, Bonner, Brew, Butler, Buttinger, Canning, Chatterjee, Chowdhury, Collins, Creatura, Cummings, Fisher, Fitzsimons, Flemming, Gatland, Godfrey, Hale, Hall, Henson, Hollands, Hopley, Jewitt, Kabir, Khan B, Khan S, King, Kyeremeh, Letts, Lewis, Mansell, Mead D, Mead M, Neal, Newman, O'Connell, Pelling, Perry, Pollard H, Pollard T, Prince, Quadir, Rendle, Ryan, Scott, Selva, Shahul-Hameed, Speakman, Stranack, Thomas, Thompson, Trakas-Lawlor, Wentworth, Winborn, Wood, Woodley, Wright.

Absent: Councillors Benn, Clancy, Clouder, Mann, Mohan and Watson.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Benn, Clancy, Clouder, Mann, Mohan and Watson.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2015 be signed as a correct record.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

All Members of the Council confirmed that their interests as listed in their Declaration of Interests Forms were accurate and up-to-date.

4. URGENT BUSINESS (If Any)

None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked all those that attended the recent charity events, Murder Mystery and Christmas Dinner. She also extended thanks to Crystal Palace Football Club, Interserve, Tesco and Co-op for their support. She advised Members that there were two raffles being held after the meeting in aid of her charities.

The Mayor advised Members that earlier in the year the Chairs of Scrutiny decided to give young people the opportunity to take the lead at a scrutiny meeting and scrutinise issues of importance to them. A group of interested students studying at Croydon College took up this opportunity and decided to investigate housing issues facing young people.

The Mayor invited Councillor Bashford, Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub Committee, to speak. Cllr Bashford added that Councillors and officers present at the meeting had been very impressed with the performance of the young people and praised the quality of chairing and questioning.

She also thanked Di Layzelle, Croydon College's Head of Student Life and Community Engagement for engaging with the Council and providing support to this project throughout. She also thanked Scrutiny officers Ilona Kytomaa and James Haywood in Democratic Services for their assistance with this innovative work.

The Mayor presented certificates to the following young people

- Khadija Francis
- Francis Owagboe
- Imranoor Rahman
- Mohamed Al-Kaisi
- Kristoff Kerr
- Gloria Nsiah
- Vikky Branch
- Mahdi Choudhury

Councillor Tony Newman, Leader of the Council advised Council that he was waiting for a letter regarding the refunds associated with Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers and would further update once this had been received.

Cllr Newman also advised Members that the Council had been accepted as part of the Council and Ward Boundary review, update due after Christmas.

Cllr Newman also announced that he and Cllr Godfrey had recently welcomed the CEO of the Arts Council and had undertaken a tour of the Clocktower as part of the Council reengaging with the Arts Council.

Cllr Newman also thanked all staff that had been involved in various campaigns over the year, included 'Don't Mess with Croydon' and Digital enabling. He went on to say that the Council had been shortlisted for four awards by the Local Government Chronicle.

6. PUBLIC PETITION DEBATE

A petition with in excess of 10,000 signatures had been presented to Council regarding the proposed introduction of fee for collection of green waste. The petition was worded as follows:

'We, the undersigned, call upon Croydon's Labour Council to keep our Green Garden Waste service free to all residents'

The Chief Executive explained the process for the debate and that there would be no vote taken at the end of the debate.

The Lead Petitioner, Mrs Diane Hearne presented the petition and spoke for three minutes.

Councillor Butler opened the debate saying that many people like to have their own green space to enjoy, be it a garden, pot-plants on a balcony or allotments and many would do their own composting. Central government want us to change the way we live and move away from public funded services. Over the last 5 years Governments cuts to Croydon have been 56% and there are no easy choices when looking at Council services. She asked what do families do to get by when their income is cut? They make hard choices about what to do without, what is essential and do what is fair. The Council has looked at the green waste service and what is offered and how much is charged by neighbouring boroughs and at the alternatives that are available, composting and the boroughs recycling centre and decided to introduce a charge for a service we can no longer run this service for free. In summing up Cllr Butler said that the Council must do the best for the whole borough, on half its grant income, funds must be used on services for older people, help young people to get the opportunities they desire and the housing needs of the borough and for those reason could not support the petition.

Councillor Thomas speaking in favour of the petition said that over 11,000 signatures showed that the green waste service was appreciated across the borough and that residents did not want the service cut. He went on to say that fly tipping of green waste would increase, there would be bonfires and bags left in the streets waiting to be collected. Cllr Thomas went on to list a number of events that the Labour administration had spent public money on in the last 18 months and the proposals to fund Box Parks. In summing up he said that the green waste service was valued across the borough and that it was not too late to save the service.

Councillor King said that no one wanted to end the service but that it had been forced on the council by cuts to local government funding. We are not the only Borough proposing a charge for green waste, Sutton introduced a charge earlier in the year and Bexley are introducing a charge for the same reasons we are. He went on to say that many other London borough already change among them Bromley and Richmond. This was a London wide response to government cuts. Those that use the service should be prepared to pay the fee, and the proposed fee compares favourably with that proposed or already charged by our neighbours. He went on to say that assisted collection will continue and that the Council recognise that recycling one size fits all doesn't work. The administration are looking at alternatives for those with smaller gardens by offering a one off collection of 10 sacks for a small charge, use of any of the Council's 3 recycling centres and the Council will give advice on home composting. In summing up Cllr King urged residents to sign up for the new service as the Council could not run a service that did not pay for itself.

Councillor O'Connell said that just because other boroughs are charging doesn't mean to say that Croydon have to introduce a charge. The duties of local government are to deliver services and support residents in a way that they can't support themselves. Street cleaning, road maintenance, collection of waste are core

principles of Local Government as residents cannot do this themselves. Residents across the borough will be affected by this charge and affect the most vulnerable. He went on to speak about the Council finances and the choices that had to be made to be made and some of the things Labour have spent money on. In summing up he spoke about the possibility of green waste fly tipping, that the policy would decimate against older people who may not be in a position to pay and ask the administration to reconsider the proposal.

Councillor T Pollard thanked the residents who had signed the petition the resident association for disseminating the information to get the number of signatures seen on the petition. He also thanked the Mayor, Chief Executive and Leader for enabling the debate to take place at this meeting. He went on to say that he had heard a lot from the party opposite that it's not their fault, that it's central government cuts that have caused the problem. He went on to say that local government funding cuts would have happened whichever party had been in power in government. He said the party opposite has made choices; it choose to spend money on certain things and made a choice not to put up council tax this year, these choices affect the Councils financial position and therefore its ability to spend money on this service In summing up he expressed his disappointment that there would be no vote at the end of the debate and hoped that this would be embedded in the Constitution for future debates.

Councillor Collins said that the debate was about doing right thing in a tough times. it is about protecting life changing services. Cuts to local government funding continue and leave councils with little choice but to charge for this type of service. He went on to say that many London borough either already charge or are about to introduce a charge for green waste collection and this includes many Tory boroughs. He went on to say that those opposite who had promoted the petition had not given residents the full facts, that there were alternatives being sought and that most importantly that if there was not sufficient take up of the chargeable service the Council may have to stop it altogether. In summing up he said he would continue to fight government cuts and to campaign for the best deal for Croydon residents.

At the conclusion of the debate the Mayor thanked Mrs Hearn for bringing to petition to Council.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – QUESTIONS FROM THE PEOPLE OF CROYDON.

Under the provisions of the Council Procedure Rules (Croydon Constitution, Part 4A), written questions had been submitted and written replies were given by the relevant Cabinet Member. These were placed in the Chamber and Public Gallery and online. Oral supplementary questions were asked by members of the public.

Oral replies were provided by the relevant Cabinet Members.

[The meeting was webcast, please see link at the end of these minutes]

PQ54-15	Mrs T Hague
PQ57-15	Mrs S Santosh-Expedit
PQ59-15	Mr P Collier
PQ62-15	Dr J Ginn

PQ63-15	Ms G Bush
PQ64-15	Mr J Rogers
PQ65-15	Mr S Samuel
PQ67-15	Mr A Kennedy
PQ69-15	Mr A Stewart
PQ70-15	Mr R Skelly
PQ72-15	Mr S Roche
PQ73-15	Mr S Creighton

[Note the written Public Questions and written replies can be found at www.croydon.gov.uk/democracy/dande/council-questions]

8. PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS TO COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF CROYDON

Petitions were presented formally by Councillors as follows in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:

- a) Councillor Andrew Rendle on behalf of residents living near Ashburton Park regarding the entry gate to Ashburton Park
- b) Councillor Paul Scott on behalf of residents of South Norwood regarding Thameslink.
- c) Councillor Steve O'Connell on behalf of residents of Coulsdon regarding regeneration and school building projects in the area.
- d) Councillor Maddie Henson on behalf of residents regarding improvements to the appearance of untidy land of buildings.
- e) Councillor Mike Selva on behalf of residents of Nova Road regarding the introduction of a one-way system.

In accordance with procedure these petitions stand referred to the relevant Cabinet Member.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution the reply to these petitions will be included in the agenda for the next Council meeting.

9. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF CROYDON

In accordance with the Council procedure rules, the printed responses were open to questions from Councillors. There were no questions.

10. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

Two motions were submitted for debate in accordance with Council Procedure Rules as follows:

1. Proposed by Councillor Tony Newman
Seconded by Councillor Sean Fitzsimons

“This Council condemns the current Conservative Government's latest draconian cuts and attack on local public services that will affect every household in Croydon”.

Councillor Newman in proposing the motion said that this Labour Administration had a clear plan to fight for fair funding for the Town and that they would not allow Croydon to become a victim of Tory austerity. He went on to say that growth zones, 9000 new homes, London living wage, white ribbon DV campaign, partnership with the NHS, a new Fairfield Halls, cleaner streets, district centre renewal were all vital as the Council works with and empower local communities to work with the Council to ensure Croydon both grows and thrives despite the financial attack the Council were under from the Chancellor. He went on to say that government grants were vital in some areas, Council services such as safeguarding children, supporting people with physical and learning difficulties to achieve their full potential, helping older people to live healthily and independently and providing SEN transport. In summing up Cllr Newman said that this Council should send a message to government that enough is enough and to end the austerity cuts.

Councillor Fitzsimons seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak.

Councillor Bashford, opposing the motion said that she was ‘fed up’ hearing Labour blame the government for the ‘unexpected’ cuts. She went on to say that she couldn’t understand why the Labour party were surprised by these cuts, they would have happened whoever was in power in Government. The Labour Council have to make choices what to do with their budgets, just like our residents have to make choices, to decide what to cut to live within their budgets. Cllr Bashford then spoke about Labours choices and promises since coming to power, not to close libraries, now they are going to; stop the incinerator that didn’t happen, street cleaning cuts in the south and resources moved to the north, no council houses built and the possibility of building on greenbelt. Cllr Bashford then went on to list the choices made by Labour, spending £200k on Fairness Commission, £1½mil on 20 mph zones, £100K on a bike race and on the ambition festival, Westfield development has been delayed, Fairfield Halls to close. In summing up Cllr Bashford said that the budget was always going to be difficult and Labour should take responsibility for their actions.

Councillor Bernadette Khan in supporting the motion said that since 2010 there had been a £20b cut to local government funding. Croydon’s funding had been cut by 40%. This added to changes in government policies re social care for the elderly has added significant pressures on the Councils budgets. Cllr Khan went on to say that Croydon has the largest population in London, and the highest population of 0-16years in London. Social deprivation in the borough requires greater funding from government not less.

Councillor Helen Pollard, speaking against the motion opened by saying that every second the national debt increases £5170, for every person in the country there is £23,000 debt and that is why this government is having to take these measures. Cllr Pollard went on to say it was not new debt but that left from an irresponsible Labour government over many years. Cllr Pollard repeated that everyone knew what the amounts of reductions in government grants would be and listed the promises and expenditures made by Labour since they came to power. She went on to say that the

Westfield/Hammerson development come to a halt due to Labour's insistence on levels of affordable housing levels that were uneconomic. In summing up Cllr Pollard said that residents can't trust Labour as they spend on pet projects the cuts essential services.

Councillor Cummings speaking against the motion, asked what was the motion about? It was aimed at local residents and the local press and was 'it's not our fault, blame the government' statement. He went on to say that Labour making the decisions but still blaming the Tories. Cllr Cummings said it was all about choices, where to spend the budget, Labour choose to put £2.7m in a 'slush fund' for their priorities, green waste and libraries were not on their list of priorities, there is still money in the pot and they are choosing to keep it for their pet projects. He went on to speak about the £12.8m overspend in one department against the budget set by Labour and said the residents of Croydon will pay the price.

Councillor Fitzsimons in seconding the motion spoke of government targets for a 36% GDP and despite comments from the opposition he was sure that previous Labour Chancellors had not signed up for that. He went on to say that to achieve the reduction in expenditure 83% of the changes will come from government spending and only 17% from tax rise, this, he said, was an attack on lower paid people and not those people that could afford it. Cllr Fitzsimons went on to speak about the cuts to the Council funding and the difficult choices that will have to be made over the next 5 years to achieve the government targets. In summing up he said that this administration would continue to protect the older and vulnerable people of this borough and urged Members to support the motion.

The motion was **put** to the vote and **carried**.

The second Motion

2. Proposed by Councillor Dudley Mead.
Seconded by Councillor Lynne Hale.

"This council fully supports the plan to refurbish the Fairfield Halls to the tune of £30 million, but cannot support the proposal to close it from mid-2016 for two years (or more) whilst it does so. Council resolves that, in line with many other arts venue refurbishments, Fairfield Halls must be permitted to remain substantively open throughout the refurbishment and that it should be clear who will manage the refurbished Fairfield Halls and exactly what the arts offer will be within the building before the design work is finalised or any works commenced."

Councillor Dudley Mead in moving the motion said that both parties agree that Fairfield Halls need refurbishment but his concern was the methodology. He said that the Labour group supported a full closure whilst the Conservatives supported a phased closure. He went on to speak about the report from consultants Mott McDonald and asked again why the opposition had not seen the full report. He was aware that one of the recommendations put forward was for full closure of the Halls to allow refurbishment but that there were other options. Cllr Mead continued by saying that the Fairfield Halls greatest asset was the staff and that 70 full time and 70 part time jobs would be lost if full closure was taken forward and the borough would lose that skill base. He went on to say that if there was a phased refurbishment

the venue would still be available for hire; if it were closed it may be difficult to get that business back. He expressed his concern that some people thought the Halls may not open after the refurbishment, a view he didn't agree with, but expressed concern that there was no indication of where the budget was to reopen and re-advertise the venue.

Councillor Hale seconded the motion and reserved her right to speak.

Councillor Butler, opposing the motion, said that the Council faced many challenges since 2014, the continuing loss of government funding, the growing need for social care for young and old and the housing crisis. On the other hand it has been pleasing to meet so many people that can see the potential for our borough and are determined to make things happen and have a vision to carry it out. The team involved in the College Green scheme are such a team and they share a vision that this is a great opportunity for the borough. Cllr Butler spoke about the additional cost of £5m for a phased closure or the numerous difficulties that are involved, and she assured Members' they did not take lightly the possibility of redundancies that would occur with a full closure but sometimes decision have to be taken that for the best of the whole borough. In summing up Cllr Butler said that the administration wanted a future with culture, song and dance and a newly refurbished Fairfield Hall.

Councillor Bains, speaking for the motion opened by listing some of the big names that had appeared at the Fairfield Halls over the years. He went on to say that the Fairfield Halls are crucial to local people, local schools perform in the Concert Hall which is considered one of the best in the country. The BBC uses it for orchestral recordings and it is used for filming. Cllr Bains went on to say that the Fairfield Halls needs reliable investment for its future and for the future of the town. In summing up Cllr Bains said that the people of Croydon were not interested in a Fairness Commission or boulders but were interested in the Fairfield Halls and he urged the administration to reconsider their decision.

Councillor Shahul-Hameed speaking against the motion said that the Fairfield Halls had been used for many of her Mayoral events and where she attended many varied events. She went on to say that she was excited by the plans to create a cultural and educational quarter which would be a tangible realisation of the administrations one town, one people ethos. Cllr Shahul-Hameed went on to say that whilst in power the Conservatives had done little for Fairfield Halls, but that the Labour administration were ambitious for Croydon and would provide a good culture offer, a good college, regeneration of the area would provide affordable homes, new shops, restaurants and open spaces for the public to enjoy. In summing up Cllr Shahul-Hameed said the additional cost of a phased closure were not sustainable in the current financial climate and she called on opposition members to help create a sense of community and to see the opportunities for the young people who would attend the college and be able to showcase their outstanding skills and talents, she said that the future was bright for Fairfield Halls.

Councillor Godfrey speaking against the motion said that the previous administration had promised lots but delivered little regarding the Fairfield Halls. He went on to say that the opposition were the same people that attacked the town's cultural offer, they withdrew the grant to the Warehouse Theatre, they spent time and money dismantling the clock tower facilities, and they stained the Boroughs reputation by selling part of the Riesco collection. Cllr Godfrey went on to say that the cost of a phased project would be £4.8m, plus day to day running cost would add an

additional £4.8m over the course of 5 years in addition to the £30m refurbishment costs. He went on to say that Fairfield would be part of the boroughs long term cultural offer and that the council would work with them to develop a reach and range that would attract world class performers and contemporary music and would keep it going for a further 50 years.

Councillor Hale in seconding the motion said that like everyone else she supported the need for refurbishment of the Fairfield Halls, but was concerned about the proposal to close the Halls for two years. She went on to say that the administration plans were unclear, financially risky and raised many questions. Cllr Hale went on to say that the budget was unclear and as they had not seen the full Mott McDonald report only had scraps of information that seemed to indicate the total cost of refurbishment was much higher than the £30m mentioned by the administration. She went on to question that there appeared to be no design proposal, the budget was reliant of selling properties within the College Green/Fairfield site and that even the two year closure timetable was uncertain. Cllr Hale went on to say that building projects are known to overrun and the housing market is uncertain which is why the Conservatives were supporting a phased refurbishment. This approach would keep funds coming in, save the jobs of the staff and retain the professional expertise required to run the site and negated re-opening costs.

The motion was **put and lost**.

11. BUSINESS REPORT OF THE LEADER INCORPORATING COUNCILLORS' WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS

The Leader presented the Business Report summarising the proceedings of the Cabinet since the last meeting of the Council.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules, written questions had been submitted in advance by Council Members and written replies had been given by the relevant Cabinet Members. The questions and answers had been placed in the Chamber and posted on the Council website. Supplementary questions were asked by Members of the Council and replies were given by the relevant Cabinet Members.

Each Cabinet Member was asked in turn if they had anything to add to their report. Questions were then invited from the Chamber for each Cabinet Member who replied orally to the questions on specific paragraphs or submitted questions.

The following Members asked questions on the Business Report:

Cabinet Member

The Leader: Councillors T Pollard, Pelling, Creatura and S Khan.

Councillor Woodley: Councillors M Mead, Audsley, D Mead, Canning and Hopley.

Councillor Bee: Councillors Thomas, Brew, Thompson and King.

At 21.10, Councillor Newman moved a procedure motion 1.11.9 to move to the next item of business. This was seconded by Councillor Butler and agreed by Council.

The following Cabinet Members made announcements:

Councillor Woodley advised Members that Croydon were receiving an award from London Food Link for the work done as a Food Flagship Borough. Councillor Margaret Mead added her congratulations.

Councillor Godfrey spoke about the visit by the CEO of the Arts Council regeneration and culture at the heart of Croydon.

Councillor Butler advised Members that the outstanding legal challenge against the Landlords Licensing Scheme had been thrown out by the Courts.

Councillor Collins advised Members that the street cleaning frequencies were now online. www.croydon.gov.uk/transportandstreets/streets/cleansing

Councillor Hall spoke about the autumn statement saying that more strain would be placed on Local Government finances,

12. COUNCILLORS' OPEN SESSION ON WARD MATTERS ON BEHALF OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Councillor Bonner spoke about Fieldway Ward saying she was pleased and privileged to represent the Ward. She went on to speak about the various activities in the ward in the lead up to the Christmas period and the organisations that help the community. The Salvation Army, who work all year round for the community including setting and running the food bank, the carol service and pantomime. The Community Centre help raise money for the Christmas lights in central parade, Christmas dines for the elderly. These were examples of how the community comes together to help everyone at times of tragedy.

Councillor Neal speaking about Croham Ward spoke of the green waste and residents being unhappy with the proposals. He questioned why the letter from the Council was signed by officers and not the Cabinet Member as this was a political decision. He went on to speak about the Local Plan and residents' opposition to the planned locations of travellers sites. Cllr Neal also spoke about proposals for building a new school and back garden developments in the area. In summing up he spoke about the proposed closure of Fairfield Halls and asked where families would go for pantomime and schools not being able to use the Halls for events.

Councillor Wood speaking about Selhurst Ward said it was a privilege to be asked to address the Council and speak about his ward. He went on to speak about the decisions that the Council have made that affected his residents. These included the Landlords Licensing Scheme as 1 in 3 of the residents live in rented accommodation and the Scheme offered protection against unscrupulous landlord, setting up a Fairness Commission to help those that feel marginalised in the borough not just the ward. He went on to speak about the needs in the ward including a new secondary school and local job opportunities. In summing up he spoke about the friendly community in Selhurst and it being the place to visit.

Councillor Fisher spoke about Shirley Ward, where he represented the ward for 12 years. Cllr Fisher went on to say that the ward was a quiet, green and peaceful part of the borough and that many people had moved to the Ward to enjoy that atmosphere. He went on to say that recent many residents had contacted him and he asked "what do you think my residents contact me about"? Fairfield Halls

redevelopment? - No; green waste charging? No; street cleaning being reduced? No; Shirley library under threat of closure? No. although he does receive letters on all of these. He said their main concern was why Shirley Oaks Village Metropolitan Open Land was being de-designated and being hidden in the local plan and plans to build 626 homes on that de-designated land. In summing up Cllr Fisher also spoke about proposals on the Shrublands Estate to take green spaces away which would change the whole character of the area with overdevelopment in whole ward. He asked the Cabinet Member to give an assurance to residents to drop the proposals.

13. BUSINESS REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Chair of Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee, presented a written report to Council summarising the proceedings of that Committee since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, including matters considered by the Scrutiny Sub-Committees.

Councillor Fitzsimons added his congratulations to the young people who had received certificates earlier in the meeting. He also spoke about a Scrutiny call-in on Fairfield Hall, adding that further details would be available on the Council website.

There being no questions on the report Council **RESOLVED**

- 1.1 To note the Scrutiny work programme for 2015-16 and scrutiny activity since the 10 October 2015.
- 1.2 That all Members are asked to consider the opportunities offered by Local Action Mini Reviews and what contribution they or their constituents can make to these or to the topics selected for Scrutiny as part of the 2015-16 scrutiny work programme.
- 1.3 To note the Lines of Enquiry for each review and consider whether they or their constituents may be able to contribute comments or questions for consideration and to tweet/facebook the topics to their followers.

14. THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATUTORY REVIEW OF LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Councillor Avis, Chair of the licensing Committee presented a written report outlining the revised Statement of Principles went before the Council's substantive Licensing Committee at their meeting on 18 November 2015. The Committee endorsed the Statement and recommended it for adoption by the full Council at its meeting on 7 December 2015. Councillor Avis moved the recommendations contained in the report and Councillor Jewitt seconded.

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Statement of Principles at Appendix 4 of the report.

15. RESOLUTION REGARDING APPOINTED DAY FOR SECTION 75 OF THE LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT 2007 - REGISTRATION OF MAIL FORWARDING BUSINESSES

Councillor Alison Butler, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration and Planning moved the recommendations contained in the report of the Executive Director – Place, Councillor Kyeremeh seconded.

Council **RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 To adopt the provisions of section 75 of the London Local Authorities Act 2007 to require mail forwarding businesses in the Borough to register with the Council from the appointed day;
- 1.2 That the appointed day from which the measures will take effect be 12 January 2016; and
- 1.3 That the fee for the registration of mail forwarding businesses be set at £99 for the time being
- 1.4 That the forms of identification approved for these purposes by the Council are as set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report.

16. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES DEFERRED FOR DEBATE

There was no business under this item.

The meeting ended at 21:45

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