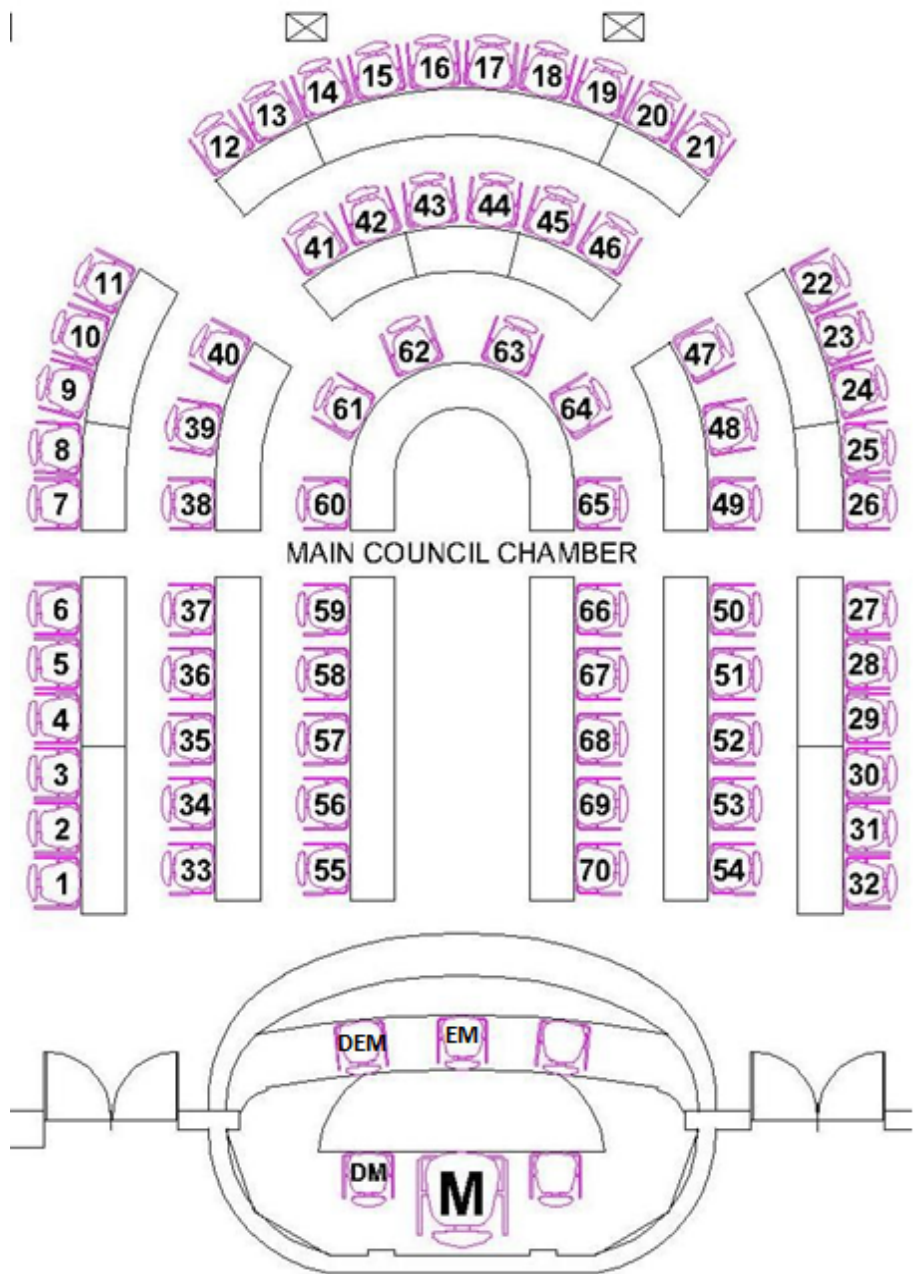




**COUNCIL
AGENDA**
for the meeting
on
9th October 2024 at
6.30 pm

1. Stuart Collins
2. Alisa Flemming
3. Clive Fraser
4. Appu Srinivasan
5. Patsy Cummings
6. Sean Fitzsimons
7. Catherine Wilson
8. Matt Griffiths
9. Elily Ponnuthurai
10. Mohammed Islam
11. Maddie Henson
12. Manju Shahul-Hameed
13. Sherwan Chowdhury
14. Humayan Kabir
15. Patricia Hay-Justice
16. Karen Jewitt
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18. Esther Sutton
19. Ria Patel
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21. Claire Bonham
22. Adele Benson
23. Sue Bennett
24. Endri Llabuti
25. Mark Johnson
26. Nikhil Sherine-Thampi
27. Helen Redfern
28. Gayle Gander
29. Simon Fox
30. Holly Ramsey
31. Samir Dwesar
32. Mario Creatura
33. Nina Degrad
34. Chris Clark



35. Enid Mollyneaux	56. Chris Herman
36. Amy Foster	57. Janet Campbell
37. Jessica Hammersley-Rich	58. Callton Young
38. Leila Ben-Hassel	59. Stuart King
39. Louis Carserides	60. Rowenna Davis
40. Bridgette Graham	61. Tony Pearson
41. Eunice O'Dame	62. Michael Neal
42. Stella Nabukeera	63. Andy Stranack
43. Tamar Barrett	64. Scott Roche
44.	65. Jeet Bains
45. Fatima Zaman	66. Yvette Hopley
46. Andrew Price	67. Ola Kolade
47. Danielle Denton	68. Maria Gatland
48. Ian Parker	69. Jason Cummings
49. Simon Brew	70. Luke Shortland
50. Margaret Bird	Notes etc.
51. Joseph Lee	M – Civic Mayor Councillor Kola Agboola
52. Lara Fish	DM – Deputy Civic Mayor – Councillor Richard Chatterjee
53. Alasdair Stewart	EM – Executive Mayor Jason Perry
54. Robert Ward	DEM – Deputy Executive Mayor – Councillor Lynne Hale
55. Chrishni Reshekaron	Please note that the numbers relate to microphone numbers.

To: To All Members of the Council

Date: 1 October 2024

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 9 October 2024** at **6.30 pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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1 October 2024

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AGENDA – PART A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any Members.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (To Follow)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th July 2024 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosure of Interests

Disclosure of Interests Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act 2011, they are required to consider in advance of each meeting whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI), some other registrable interest (ORI) or a non-registrable interest (NRI) in relation to any matter on the agenda. If advice is needed, Members should contact the Monitoring Officer in good time before the meeting. If any Member or co-opted Member of the Council identifies a DPI or ORI which they have not already registered on the Council's register of interests or which requires updating, they must urgently complete the disclosure form which can be obtained from Democratic Services at any time, copies of which will be available at the meeting for return to the Monitoring Officer.

Members and co-opted Members are required in general to disclose any relevant DPis, ORIs or NRIs at the meeting –

- Where the matter relates to a DPI they may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not stay in the room unless granted a dispensation.
- Where the matter directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of an ORI they may not vote on the matter unless granted a dispensation.
- Where a Member or co-opted Member has an NRI which directly relates to or affects their or a relevant person's financial interest or wellbeing, whether they can participate in any discussion or vote on the matter or stay in the room depends on the detailed rules in paragraphs 7 of Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct.

The Chair will invite Members to make their disclosure of interests orally at the meeting and they will also be recorded in the minutes.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Announcements

To receive Announcements, if any, from the Mayor, the Leader, Head of Paid Service and Returning Officer.

6. Croydon Question Time

a) Public Questions (30 minutes)

To receive questions from the public gallery and the following questions submitted by residents in advance of the meeting:

1. Local libraries are the lifeblood and even, for some of the most vulnerable, the lifeline of local communities. What evidence was used for the decision to close the four local libraries in Croydon?
2. Why has the council disbanded phoned lines and gone on to Wi-Fi? And when you ask for parking enforcement you get a voice asking for mailbox number because the Council Wi-Fi keeps going down.
3. How does the Council think climate change will impact Croydon and its citizens over the next 5 years? What has been/ is being put in place to minimise this impact? And specifically, what has been/ is being put in place to ensure climate change doesn't exacerbate inequality in the borough?
4. AFC Croydon Athletic have famous sponsors who are withholding donations as it appears that the Council has reduced the amount, they said they would contribute. Does the Council understand how important the football club is in keeping young people off the streets and fit and healthy, and will it contribute as per the original agreement?

5. Question received from Mr Peter.M (wording to be confirmed).
6. Has the Council heard from DCMS (Dept. for Culture, Media & Sport) regarding their response to the Library Campaign letter objecting to the Council's "Consultation" procedures?

7. The Croydon Debate

For Members to debate the following Member Petition:

“The Council has an obligation to keep its residents safe, they need to consider the safety of children and disabled people in their town planning. We are calling on Croydon Council to install a Pelican (Pedestrian light-controlled crossing) at the Lower Coombe Street and High Street Junction. Also to include the junctions on South end and Coombe Road.”

8. Reports to Council:

a) **Appointment of Independent Person - Ethics Committee**
(Pages 9 - 18)

To agree the appointment of an Independent Person

b) **Scrutiny and Overview Committee Annual Report 2023-24**
(Pages 19 - 64)

For Members to receive the Scrutiny and Overview Annual Report for 2023–2024.

c) **Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2023-24** (Pages 65 - 86)

For Members to receive the Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report for 2023-24.

9. Questions to Mayor and Executive

To receive questions from Councillors.

10. Appointments

To agree any in-year changes to appointments.

11. Council Debate Motions

To debate the following motions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:

Conservative Group Motion

This council **RESOLVES** that:

‘Council does not support the Labour Government’s cut to the Winter Fuel Payment ‘

Labour Group Motion

This council **RESOLVES** that:

‘This Council celebrates both the role libraries play in the wonder of reading and their wider role as a home to community groups, a refuge from loneliness and a safe, warm place to study - particularly for the many residents who can’t find these things in their own home.

This Council notes that 66% of residents to the Council’s own consultation oppose the planned closures and the Council itself has stated that the changes are not intended or projected to save money.

This Council understands that residents are justifiably angry at these changes being forced upon them while community groups have little faith in the Mayor’s vague ‘mitigation plans’.

This Council notes the Mayor promised in his manifesto that he would “listen to Croydon” but is now ignoring the voices of both residents and community groups.

This Council does not support the closure of four of the borough’s libraries.

Full Council resolves that the Mayor should suspend his decision to close the libraries at Broad Green, Shirley, Sanderstead and Bradmore Green in order to find a way to retain these libraries as part of a revamped library service.’