Council Agenda for Meeting to be held on

Thursday, 20 June 2019

Andy Donald, Chief Executive

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The meeting is audio recorded and the recording will be available to download on the Council’s website.
Dear Sir or Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Redbridge to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at the Town Hall on Thursday, 20 June 2019 at 7.15 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

   All Members and officers in attendance are reminded of the requirement to consider whether they have an interest in any matter on the agenda that needs to be disclosed and, if so, to declare the interest when Council reaches that item on the agenda.

3. Correspondence (if any)

4. To receive the Mayor’s announcements

5. To hear questions from members of the public and replies thereto, in accordance with Standing Order 17

   - list of questions to be tabled at Council meeting.
6. To receive any petitions, which will stand referred to the appropriate Chief Officer in accordance with Standing Order 19

6a. Petition for Debate – No Built Development on Redbridge Green Belt (Pages 1 - 4)

6b. Petition for Debate – Stop New Plan for King George Hospital A&E Closure (Pages 5 - 8)

7. To receive any deputations in accordance with Standing Order 20

7a. Lack of School Places to Meet Demand in the West of the Borough

7b. Making Redbridge Enjoyable and Safe to Walk and Cycle

8. To consider appointments of Members / Terms of Reference of Committees or other bodies

8a. Changes to Committee Memberships (Pages 9 - 11)

9. To receive and consider the following reports from Officers:

9a. Scrutiny Annual Report (Pages 12 - 23)

10. To hear statements, if any, by the Leader of the Council, members of the Cabinet or Chairs of Committees in accordance with Standing Order 18

11. To hear questions from Members and replies thereto, in accordance with Standing Order 17

- list of questions to be tabled at Council meeting.

12. To consider any matter that has been called in by Members under Standing Order 54

13. To consider the following Business Motions:

   I. Motion to be moved by Councillor Gomez and seconded by Councillor Rai

   Domestic abuse is a growing issue within Redbridge and 2 million adults aged 16 to 59 years are estimated to have experienced domestic abuse in the year ending March 2018. In particular, women, 1.3 million female victims are twice as likely to have experienced domestic abuse than men who still form over 600,000 victims. At least 80% of children in domestic abuse households are known to at least one public agency. Every day almost 30 women attempt suicide as a result of experiencing domestic abuse and every week three women take their own lives. People are thought to suffer through domestic abuse for 2-3 years before seeking help and 130,000 children live in homes where there is a high risk of domestic abuse. Redbridge had the 10th highest number of child protection assessments in London during 2018 in households where domestic violence was a factor.

   Domestic abuse not only leaves physical and emotional scars on those who experience it directly but also adversely impacts on
families and in particular, children. It is estimated that the costs associated with domestic abuse in the UK amount to £66bn a year, including the impact and funding to healthcare and support agencies. The effects of domestic abuse are far reaching, and unchallenged have the power to become almost acceptable, repetitive and hidden, and therefore it is incumbent on us to take a zero tolerance approach and challenge domestic abuse in all its forms and wherever it is found.

While the Council welcomes the draft Domestic Abuse Bill 2019 by the Government, we:

- Ask that the Chief Executive write to Government asking that it ensures that statutory and voluntary sector services are properly funded to both intervene early to reduce domestic violence, provide effective support to victims of domestic violence, and work towards a domestic abusers register.

In addition, we agree that Redbridge Council:

- Review its domestic abuse strategy in line with the Government’s draft Domestic Abuse Bill 2019 and ensure the support is joined up and accessible to all, specifically hard to reach groups.
- Ensure that Council policies challenge cultural behaviours where domestic abuse may be considered ‘normalised’.
- Highlight through its policies and communications facilities that domestic abuse is not limited to physical violence but can manifest itself through mental abuse and other controlling and coercive behaviours.
- Demonstrate leadership by offering all staff up to 10 days paid leave who as a result of domestic violence may be required to organise new housing to escape abusive relationships.
- Takes a zero tolerance approach to all forms of domestic abuse against all members of society, regardless of age, sex or gender.
- Recognises and takes into consideration the additional barriers and challenges in seeking support from people who may be disabled, older, LGBTQ+, and have different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

II. Motion to be moved by Councillor Adams and Seconded by Councillor Mrs Nolan

This Council notes that:

We are fortunate to have many outstanding schools within the Borough of Redbridge, and recognises the hard work and commitment of teachers, and other staff, in maintaining such high standards. The Council recognises the dedication of the admissions team in their efforts to provide school places to every young person in Redbridge.

Whilst there is a surplus of primary school places across the borough, inadequate planning has led to a surplus of some 200 places in the Ilford region of the Borough, whilst other regions are left with chronic shortages. In 2019 dozens of children in the Woodford/Wanstead area were not offered any of their six preferences; including those that selected their six closest schools. These families were offered a school further than the two-mile statutory walking distance.

This Council moves that:
I. Offering pupils a primary school place within the statutory walking distance should be an explicit, measured, and publicly published target of the Admissions Department

II. An investigation should be carried out by the Admissions Department into:

- Why primary school places were expanded in areas where we now have excess capacity;
- Why primary school places were not expanded in areas that are now oversubscribed

This should be provided in a report to the Education Scrutiny Committee in due course. This report should also include, but not be limited to:

- Current forward projections for primary school place demand across the Borough, and how these have altered from previous projections;
- How the aforementioned projections were derived;
- How the demand projections compare to current primary school expansion plans;
- A plan of action to meet the demand of primary school places, with the aim of offering every child a school within the statutory walking distance in every part of the borough;
- Whether an increased demand for primary school places will translate into higher secondary school place demand in coming years, and how this secondary school place demand may be met

III. Where, if at all, the report highlights areas of the Borough with significant, and persistent primary school place deficiency, the plan should aim to increase the number of school places to alleviate the issue within a reasonable timeline.

III. Motion to be moved by Councillor Blackman and Seconded by Councillor Howard

This council resolves to declare a climate emergency.

This council notes that:

- According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) urgent and unprecedented changes are needed to keep global warming to a maximum of 1.5C.
- There has been dramatic changes in the climate as a result of carbon emissions generated by human activity are already resulting in drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty, with hundreds of millions of people due to be affected if global warming exceeds 1.5C.
- Pollution levels have reached epidemic proportions, with 9,500 Londoners (50,000 people countrywide) a year dying due to pollution. A loss of biodiversity has seen 25% of mammals, 41% of amphibians and 13% of birds under threat.

This council further notes that:

- the growing public concern about climate change and
support for radical measures to address it, as manifested by Extinction Rebellion and schoolchildren’s climate demonstrations.

- councils can play a key role by changing their own behaviour and services to reduce emissions and to show leadership and encourage others to take similar action. It is important also for councils to work together, locally, nationally and internationally.

This council resolves to:

- Produce a report on Redbridge’s impact on Climate with an appropriate action list to stop climate change that will go to cabinet for approval within 3 months, including measures to:

  1. Make the council Carbon neutral by 2030 and being carbon free by 2050, in line with commitments already made by over 40 others other councils, from Newham and Waltham Forest, to Somerset and Scarborough.
  2. Undertake a green audit of council services.
  3. Prioritise action to tackle air pollution caused by car emissions, in particular, around schools.
  4. Reduce the emissions associated with waste collection and disposal by encouraging more reuse, minimising waste and increasing opportunities for recycling.
  5. Eradicate single plastic use from Council premises and promote the eradication of single plastic use in Redbridge.
  6. Look to make new and existing council owned property as energy efficient as possible.
  7. Encourage renewable and sustainable energy in Redbridge, through the council’s planning, estate management, investment and procurement policies.
  8. Explore municipal renewable energy companies alongside other London Boroughs.
  9. Improve biodiversity and carbon storage (e.g. tree planting)
  10. Provide advice on how residents and businesses can operate in a more environmentally friendly way.

- Establish a corporate panel that will track the council’s progress on tackling climate change and make additional recommendations to cabinet.

14. Any Urgent Business

15. Motion to Exclude the Public

The following motion will be moved where it is desired to discuss business containing exempt information in private:-

“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in the paragraphs indicated of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.”

Category of Exemption by
Virtue of Schedule 12A to
The Local Government Act
1972