



## COUNCIL, 19 SEPTEMBER 2012

### MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

#### A REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

##### Motion on behalf the Residents' Group

Following the reported £6.7 million under-spend in the revenue budget for 2011/12, this Council agrees to consider the following actions in order to establish a robust, transparent and accountable monitoring regime at member level:

- a) a quarterly statement is reported to Cabinet setting out progress against each saving target
- b) where there are projected variations, the items are automatically referred to the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee for further consideration
- c) that a full bi-annual budget statement is provided to each Overview and Scrutiny Committee tailored to the remit of that committee

##### A1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration

###### **Amend to read**

This Council noting that the provisional reported under-spend of £6.7 million in the revenue budget for 2011/2012 will be reduced to nil following the planned transfer to transformation/strategic reserves and that the use of such reserves has been important in achieving very difficult savings targets reaffirms its support for:

- a) the posting quarterly on the Intranet of the revenue monitoring reports
- b) the inclusion of detailed analysis in Cabinet financial reports as part of the Financial Framework
- c) the Constitutional freedom of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to set their own agendas.

**B OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY**

**Motion on behalf the Independent Residents' Group**

With reference to the Olympic Torch Relay passing through our borough, this Council supports the whole of the route, including the town centres on that route, equally

**B1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration**

**Amend** to read

With reference to the Olympic Torch Relay passing through our borough, this Council commends its officers for their efforts and the large number of local residents, estimated at 150,000, for their enthusiastic support, which ensured a magnificent outcome.

**C HOUSING POLICIES**

**Motion on behalf the Independent Residents' Group**

This Council believes the housing policies of successive governments led to the neglect of council housing and a collapse in social house building.

And welcomes the modest but encouraging new housing rules that enable Councils to once again provide accountable and value for money council housing for local people.

**C1: Amendment on behalf of the Labour Group**

**Delete** the words from "believes" in the first line to the end of the motion **and insert** the following:

"welcomes the policy change introduced by the previous Labour Government and continued by the Coalition Government enabling local councils to provided affordable Council housing and urges the current administration to bring forward plans to commence building Council houses."

**Note:** the motion would then read:

This Council welcomes the policy change introduced by the previous Labour Government and continued by the Coalition Government enabling local councils to provided affordable Council housing and urges the current administration to bring forward plans to commence building Council houses. ]

**C2: Amendment on behalf of the Administration**

**Amend** to read

This Council, acknowledging the extensive public support for Right to Buy policies maintained by successive governments, commends the Administration for its record of procuring new affordable housing and notes its intention to take up additional funds to be made available from new Right to Buy receipts.

**D POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

**Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group**

This Council:

1. Recognises the stated aim of Government is to decentralise powers and increase local democratic accountability.
2. Recognises there is an appetite for more opportunities for local decision-making and greater freedom from centralised control.
3. Welcomes:
  - a) the joint campaign between the Local Government Association (LGA) and Political and Constitutional Reform Select Committee (PCRSC) to stimulate debate about the relationship between central and local government.
  - b) the opportunity, through the Select Committee's inquiry on the Prospects for codifying the relationship between central and local government, to comment on these issues.
4. Resolves to write to local Members of Parliament supporting the joint LGA and PCRSC campaign and outlining local ambitions for the central-local government relationship.
5. Urges all political parties and central government to engage with the Select Committee and the LGA to consider whether an entrenched statutory codification of the independence of local government should be part of our constitutional settlement.

**D1: Amendment on behalf of the Labour Group**

**Delete** the following:

"1. Recognises the stated aim of Government is to decentralise powers and increase local democratic accountability"

**and insert** in its place the following:

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- "1. Is disappointed at the Government localisation initiatives including its recent planning policy proposals but notwithstanding its disappointment urges Government to decentralise powers and increase local democratic accountability"

**[Note:** the motion would then read:

This Council:

1. Is disappointed at the Government localisation initiatives including its recent planning policy proposals but notwithstanding its disappointment urges Government to decentralise powers and increase local democratic accountability
2. Recognises there is an appetite for more opportunities for local decision-making and greater freedom from centralised control.
3. Welcomes:
  - a) the joint campaign between the Local Government Association (LGA) and Political and Constitutional Reform Select Committee (PCRSC) to stimulate debate about the relationship between central and local government.
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4. Resolves to write to local Members of Parliament supporting the joint LGA and PCRSC campaign and outlining local ambitions for the central-local government relationship.
5. Urges all political parties and central government to engage with the Select Committee and the LGA to consider whether an entrenched statutory codification of the independence of local government should be part of our constitutional settlement. ]

## **E FREE CAR PARKING IN THE PRE-CHRISTMAS PERIOD**

### **Motion on behalf the Residents' Group**

Following on from the initiative to open up the Angel Way Multi-Storey Car Park on Sundays to provide free car parking prior to Christmas 2011, and in order to boost business and promote our local economies over the coming Christmas/New Year period, this Council agrees to extend free parking for the first two hours in all council managed car parks across the borough, covering the weekends of 15th/16th December, 22nd/23rd December and from 24th December through to 1st January inclusive.

**F HOSPITAL A&E SERVICES IN NORTH EAST LONDON**

**Motion on behalf the Labour Group**

This Council notes with concern the recent report of the BHRUT presented to the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and in particular:-

- 1) That the timetable for the proposed improvements to the A&E Department at Queens Hospital will not be met;
- 2) That the required developments in community health to enable improvements to be delivered has been delayed; and
- 3) The consequent adverse financial impact identified in the report and its negative affect on the local health economy.

This Council calls upon the NE London & City NHS Trust to reconsider its decision to close the A&E services at King George Hospital and develop policies to provide full A&E services at both Queens and King George Hospitals to meet the needs of residents in the outer north east London Boroughs of Havering, Redbridge and Baking & Dagenham.

**F1: Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group**

**Amend to read:**

This Council reaffirms its position that A & E Services should not be withdrawn from King Georges Hospital until Queens Hospital is able to deliver the required alternative provision