

## **COUNCIL, 17 NOVEMBER 2021**

### **MOTIONS**

#### **ROAD AND PAVEMENT RESURFACING**

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

Council calls on the Executive to hold an urgent review of the Horizon system as the formula for deciding road and pavement resurfacing appears to prioritise good roads and pavements over bad!

##### **Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group**

This Council welcomes the additional investment that the administration has brought forward for the Borough's roads and pavements, totalling over £38m in the last four years. Furthermore, Council endorses the policy of worst first for the selection of roads and pavements.

#### **FIRST DO NO HARM**

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

Council agrees all residents and employees, including our hero nurses and care workers, must retain a choice whether to refuse vaccines to avoid public health staff shortages over winter.

#### **HAVERING COUNCILLORS**

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

Council agrees it should be axiomatic for a Havering councillor to call-in any Havering application giving a reasonable explanation and then attending the planning meeting to speak on the item, or send a substitute, albeit as a curtesy ward members should be invited to call-in the item first.

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## **HAROLD WOOD PARK/PAGES WOOD BRIDGE**

### **Motion on behalf of the North Havering Residents' Association Group**

The Bridge in Harold Wood Park that provides the vital access to Pages Wood is beyond repair and the Forestry commission who are responsible for the bridge, have said that the cost to replace this is quite high and subsequently are reluctant to replace it, as an urgent project. Without this bridge Pages Wood accessibility becomes problematic and in some cases impossible for our disabled, blind, elderly, lone walkers / runners and families with young children. This green space, being accessible to all, is essential for the physical / mental wellbeing of our community.

Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to work with the Forestry commission, our local MP's and Friends of Harold Wood Parks to stress the importance of this bridge, which provides essential access to all our visitors of our green spaces and will request to the Forestry Commission for alternative and safe provisions to be made for all park users to use Pages Wood.

### **Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group**

Council calls upon the administration to effect a meeting on the bridge in Harold Wood Park with relevant stakeholders with the forest commission, including the ward councillors, to discuss possible solutions for bringing back direct access from the park into Pages Wood.

## **STRATEGIC AND PLANNING COMMITTEE SEAT ALLOCATION**

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

There are 54 Members. 2 Members are Independent and don't count towards Seat Allocation on committees, leaving 52. Political balance rules require seat allocation to be proportionate to group size. To calculate each Members value towards seat allocation you divide the size of the committees by 52.

The Strategic and Planning committees are size 8. This means to ascertain group membership on both committees you divide 8 by 52 and means each members seat allocation value is **0.154** and this results in the following table:

Con group:  $25 \times 0.154 = \mathbf{3.85}$   
RA group:  $7 \times 0.154 = \mathbf{1.09}$   
UCRA group:  $6 \times 0.154 = \mathbf{0.92}$   
IRG group:  $5 \times 0.154 = \mathbf{0.77}$   
Lab group:  $5 \times 0.154 = \mathbf{0.77}$   
NHRA group:  $4 \times 0.154 = \mathbf{0.62}$

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Due to levelling up and down rules it means all groups are now entitled to at least one place each on both planning committees. The Con groups **3.85** would normally level up to **4**, but there aren't the positions available to do so.

These are very important quasi-judicial committees and all groups should have membership on them, if they qualify, AND ALL DO and so Council agrees the committee seat allocations should be changed accordingly.

## **Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group**

Council notes the decision it made at Annual Council in April 2021 in respect of the allocation of seats on all committees which was done so in accordance with political balance rules

## **FLOOD MITIGATION FOR THE TAUNTON ROAD AREA OF HAROLD HILL**

### **Motion on behalf of the Labour Group**

The Council being a Lead Local Flood Authority calls on the Executive to prepare as a matter of urgency a flood mitigation plan in respect of the area in Harold Hill known as Taunton Road and the roadways adjoining and to provide the necessary resources to ensure prompt implementation of such a plan.

### **Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group**

The Council, being a Lead Local Flood Authority, has flood risk management responsibilities in respect of flood risk from surface water, ground water and ordinary watercourses. The Council calls on the Executive to revisit earlier work completed to assess the flood risk, review the complex mechanisms that lead to the flood risk, and to report options to mitigate, reduce or remove the risk in the area of Harold Hill known as Taunton Road and adjoining roads. This would include the investigation of any external funding that may be available to enable agreed works to proceed.