



## COUNCIL, 28 NOVEMBER 2012

### MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

#### A 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

##### **A1: 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.

#### B 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.

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

**Amend to read**

This Council recognises that despite the policies of the last Labour government the Council has made good progress in improving its housing stock and procuring the provision of new social housing in the Borough and welcomes the new housing rules introduced by the Coalition which will give greater flexibility in addressing local housing needs.

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

**Motion on behalf the Labour Group**

This Council notes with concern the recent report of 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 NHS North East London and the City 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.

**C1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration**

**Amend to read**

This Council notes with concern the recent report of BHRUT presented to the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and agrees with the Secretary of State's decision that the mergers of A&E on the Queen's Hospital site should only be done when it is clinically safe to do so.

**D NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS**

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

That this Council explore the possibilities of reducing the number of Elected Councillors to 2 per ward throughout the borough which would make a total of 36 in the borough.

**D1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration**

**Amend to read**

This Council will give consideration to the appropriate number of councillors for each ward following full consultation of councillors and the public upon the next review of the composition of London Boroughs.

**E PROPOSED RELAXATION OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RULES**

**Motion on behalf the Residents' Group**

Further to the government's proposals to relax planning rules thus allowing house extensions of up to eight metres (26ft) to be built without planning permission or consideration for neighbouring properties, this council agrees to explore the following options and implement the action that will bring about the most significant impact:

- a) To write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government conveying our serious reservations
- b) To join together with other councils expressing similar concerns (e.g. LB Richmond-upon-Thames and LB Sutton) to express our joint concerns
- c) To call upon the Local Government Association to express a collective concern to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

**E1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration**

**Amend to read**

This Council notes that its Leader has written to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government conveying our serious reservations with regards to the Government's proposals to relax planning rules thus allowing house extensions of up to eight metres (26ft) to be built without planning permission or consideration for neighbouring properties and recommend the following action;-

- 1) To join together with other councils expressing similar concerns (e.g. LB Richmond-upon-Thames and LB Sutton) to express our joint concerns
- 2) To call upon the Local Government Association to express a collective concern to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.