



City of Westminster

Council Agenda

Title: **Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 18th September, 2019**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road,
London, NW1 5PT**

Members: **All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting
for the transaction of the business set out.**



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1. APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN

To appoint a relief Chairman.

2. MINUTES

To sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council meeting held on the 26th June 2019 as a true and correct record.

3. LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 5 June, she attended a reception for new London Borough Mayors in Pimlico.
2. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 6 June, she attended Beating the Retreat at Horse Guards Parade.
3. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 8 June, she was in attendance during Trooping the Colour at Horse Guards Parade, in the presence of HM The Queen.
4. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 8 June, she attended a graduation ceremony at the American School in London.
5. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 9 June, she attended a reception to mark 40 years of The Avenues Youth Project.
6. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 14 June, she attended the Annual Ladies Day Luncheon hosted by the Master Mariners onboard HQS Wellington.
7. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 19 June, she met with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway in the Lord Mayor's Parlour.
8. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 20 June, she attended a reception onboard HMS Enterprise in Canary Wharf.
9. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 21 June, she attended the Make Music Day Recital at Westminster Music Library.
10. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 27 June, she hosted a reception to mark Armed Forces Day in the Lord Mayor's Parlour.
11. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 28 June, she attended the annual Petertide Dinner at Westminster Abbey.

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12. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 30 June, she attended the MyWestminster Day at Paddington Recreation Ground.
13. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 6 July, she marched in the Pride March throughout Westminster.
14. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 9 July, she presented awards at the WCC Community Awards at City Hall.
15. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 13 July, she attended the 85th Annual Belgian Parade at the Cenotaph.
16. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 14 July, she supported Westminster Cadets at the London Police Cadet Parade in Gravesend.
17. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 27 July, she attended the Enthronement of Archbishop Nikitas at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral.
18. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 6 August she attended a luncheon and reception onboard HMS Westminster on her visit to London.
19. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 7 August, the Lord Mayor granted HMS Westminster the Freedom of the City and took part in the Parade, beginning at Horse Guards Parade and ending with a reception in City Hall.
20. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 13 August, she attended the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Day at Pimlico Toy Library.
21. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 23 August, she attended the Launch of the Active Streets Programme.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5. STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS

With the approval of the Chairman of the meeting, the Leader of the Council may make a statement on an urgent matter and the Leader of the Opposition will have an equivalent right of reply.

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

7. QUESTIONS

The Lord Mayor will call Members who indicate that they wish to ask a question after the Leader of the Opposition has asked his questions.

8. COUNCILLOR ISSUES

Councillor Jim Glen - Practical Steps towards a Healthier Greener Pimlico

9. FUTURE POLICY PLAN

To consider items for debate from the attached Future Policy Plan.

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10. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT: 11 SEPTEMBER 2019 (TO FOLLOW)

To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the report of the General Purposes Committee which include recommendations to Council for decision:

Appendix 1: Parental Leave Policy for Councillors and Amendment of 2019-20 Members' Allowance Scheme

[REPORT](#)

[Appendix A](#)

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Appendix 2: Change to Programme of Council Meetings 2019-20

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Appendix 3: Amendment to the Members' Code of Conduct

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[Proposed Amendment to the Code of Conduct](#)

11. GENERAL PURPOSES URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT: 28 AUGUST & 4 SEPTEMBER APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

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To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the following report which contains a recommendation to the Council for decision.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

(a) Climate Emergency

Moved by Councillor Tim Mitchell and seconded by Councillor Karen Scarborough

The Council notes:

1. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which outlined the need for immediate action if global temperatures are to be kept within 1.5°C of pre-industrial levels.
2. That tackling climate change has been a key priority for this Council and decisive action has already been taken to create a more sustainable environment through the commitment to deliver a healthier and greener city in its City for All plan and the steps to maintaining, protecting and improving the environment set out in the 10-year Greener City Action Plan. Such actions include:
 - Installing one of the most extensive Electric Vehicle infrastructure networks in the country having recently doubled our network with currently over 400 charging points installed across the city. We continue to install EV infrastructure across the city.
 - Introducing a city-wide diesel parking surcharge to reduce the numbers of older more polluting diesel vehicles using our roads.
 - Reducing the Council's own energy consumption and associated carbon emissions by more than 40% between 2014/15 and 2017/18.
 - Investing in solar improvements across its housing portfolio, as well as managing and delivering one of the UK's longest running district heat networks; the Pimlico District Heating Unit (PDHU), supplying low carbon heat to over 3,500 local households, three schools and over 50 commercial customers.
 - Running the award winning #dontbeidle campaign to raise the awareness of the need to cut idling emissions.

- Establishing a School Clean Air Fund (SCAF) to support our primary and nursery schools to deliver air quality improvements to protect the health of our children.

The Council resolves to:

1. Declare a climate emergency.
2. Become a net zero carbon emissions Council by 2030, which will include influencing and encouraging companies in the investment in and development of cleaner fuels and renewable energy and taking positive action to ensure that our suppliers make significant progress in the reduction of their carbon footprints.
3. Put in place policies which achieve net zero carbon emissions in the City of Westminster by 2040, ten years ahead of the Government target for the country.
4. Support ongoing dialogue with the community about environmental issues in the city and action the Council can take to tackle activity which is harmful to our environment.
5. Work with partners in the city to make the case to Government for the necessary legislative reforms and funding to support Westminster's ambitions for a greener city.
6. Ask the City Management and Public Protection Policy & Scrutiny Committee to receive a report from the Cabinet Member for Environment and City Management in Spring 2020 on progress made since this motion was passed.

(b) Climate Emergency

Moved by Councillor Pancho Lewis and seconded by Councillor Andrea Mann.

This Council notes that:

1. The climate crisis is an existential threat. It is arguably the single biggest challenge facing humankind today.
2. According to a recent UN report, global emissions of greenhouse gases must be halved by 2030.

3. On our current trajectory, the world will be more than 3 degrees Celsius warmer by the end of the century compared to pre-industrial levels.
4. More than a hundred UK local authorities have publicly declared a state of climate emergency since this UN report was released.

This Council believes that:

Westminster must recognise its responsibility to reduce carbon emissions and take urgent steps to tackle the climate crisis.

This Council resolves to take four steps to respond to the climate emergency:

1. First, by passing this motion it publicly declares a state of climate emergency. Alongside this declaration, it sets a goal to become carbon neutral by 2030 and zero carbon by 2050.
2. Second, it will establish a robust and accountable process to keep on track and delivers on these targets. It will establish a Climate Assembly to ensure citizens in Westminster are engaged in the conversation about how to tackle the climate crisis.
3. Third, it will work with contractors to conduct an audit of the emissions linked to food served in café's/restaurants operated on behalf of the council and its catering suppliers, and should work to reduce the food miles involved, while providing improved meat-free options.
4. Finally, it will help deliver green energy. It will sign the UK100 clean energy pledge, which commits to shifting towards 100% clean energy by 2050.

(c) “No Deal” Brexit

Moved by Councillor Adam Hug and seconded by Councillor Geoff Barraclough

This Council notes the real risks posed to the citizens of Westminster and Westminster City Council by leaving the European Union without an agreed deal as evidenced by the UK Government's YellowHammer civil contingency plans.

The Council believes that a 'No deal' Brexit could cause significant damage to Westminster City Council's finances, both directly and indirectly, and potentially further aggravate issues for the Council's contractors.

This Council believes that a 'No deal' Brexit would have a significant impact on the livelihoods of Westminster residents and on the local economy, as well as having serious consequences for vulnerable residents who depend on medication that could be in short supply, including cancer treatment.

This Council notes that the official Vote Leave Campaign, led by the now Prime Minister, promised voters in 2016 that the UK would leave the UK with a negotiated and beneficial deal.

This Council resolves to make urgent representations to the National Government and to all relevant stakeholders to avoid 'No Deal'.

This Council affirms its opposition to a 'No deal' Brexit and also resolves to further enhance the council's preparations to mitigate the damage it may cause to our city.

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10 September 2019**

Chief Executive