

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2012

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

[Please note: The order of business was altered during the meeting by agreement of the Council but for ease of reference this decision sheet is listed in the same order as the agenda.]

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Shelina Aktar, Mohammed Abdul Mukit, MBE and Anna Lynch.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Please see minutes.

3. MINUTES

Councillor Joshua Peck referred to agenda item 5.2, Page 10 of the minutes and stated that it was necessary to delete the sentence: "The decision to sell the site was taken by the previous administration" as in his view this comment had not been made at the meeting.

Councillor Peter Golds referred to item 5.1 on Page 9 of the minutes and stated that the petitioners did not receive a written reply within 28 days as indicated.

DECISION

That subject to the amendment of item 5.2 as above, the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council meeting held on 29th November 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and the Speaker be authorised to sign them accordingly.

(Action by: John S. Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services)
(Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities & Culture)

4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF COUNCIL OR THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

No announcements were made at the meeting.

5. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

5.1 Petition from Wapping Allotments Association:

Ms Amanda Day and a colleague addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners and responded to questions from Members.

Councillor Alibor Choudhury, Cabinet Member for Resources, then responded to the issues raised. Legal restrictions and controls had been put in place when the land had been given to the Council. Nevertheless, Councillor Choudhury was keen to assist the Association and would be happy to meet to discuss the matter further.

DECISION

That the petition be referred to the Interim Corporate Director, Development and Renewal for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Jackie Odunoye, Interim Corporate Director, Development and Renewal)

5.2 Petition regarding environmental proposals for the canal side, Ocean Estate:

Ms Brenda Daley and Mr Derek England addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners and responded to questions from Members.

Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing, then responded to the issues raised. She indicated that she had spoken to Officers and all flats that had a shed would be allocated a replacement. She undertook to work with the petitioners and stated that full consultation would take place with residents on the matter of proposals for garages and sheds for the affected blocks.

DECISION

That the petition be referred to the Interim Corporate Director, Development and Renewal, for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Jackie Odunoye, Interim Corporate Director, Development and Renewal)

5.3 Petition regarding antisocial behaviour in the area of Vallance Road:

Mr Donald Martin and Ms Hannah McHalick addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners and responded to questions from Members.

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Deputy Mayor, then responded to the issues raised. He stated that he was fully aware of problems in the area and had been

working with the Police and other agencies to effect a solution. The Police had already taken action and the Weavers Fields gates were being locked at night and patrols increased by the Police and THEOs. He indicated that he would be seeking further meetings between Officers and residents to determine further action.

DECISION

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)

6. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

6.1 Question from Miss Sultana Begum re: the Conservative Mayor Boris Johnson's recent rises in London Transport Fares

6.2 Question from Mr Len Aldis re: the sponsorship of the Olympic Games by Dow Chemical

6.3 Question from Ms Catherine Tuitt re: the Stephen Lawrence case convictions and monitoring and eradicating racial and hate crime

6.4 Question from Ms Syeda Nasima re: meeting demand for Bengali language teaching in Borough mainstream primary schools (no supplementary question was asked)

The above questions and except where indicated, oral supplementary questions, were put and were responded to by the Mayor or relevant Cabinet Member.

(Action by: John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services)

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor made his report to the Council meeting. The Leader of the Majority Group and Leaders of the Minority Groups each responded briefly to the Mayor's report.

8. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

8.1 Question from Councillor Judith Gardiner re: measures against unauthorised subletting and other abuses of the allocation process.

8.2 Question from Councillor Peter Golds re: the Government's announcement that it will criminalise subletting of socially rented property.

- 8.3 Question from Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman re: any meetings held with the Minister responsible for benefit changes to highlight the impact of these on Tower Hamlets residents.
- 8.4 Question from Councillor Fozol Miah re: representations to be made to the new Metropolitan Police Commissioner and Borough Commander concerning the concept of total policing in the light of the Stephen Lawrence murder and subsequent developments.
- 8.5 Question from Councillor Lesley Pavitt re: complaints about One Stop Shops in the first half of 2011/12.
- 8.6 Question from Councillor Zara Davis re: the motion previously agreed by the Council concerning the use of Sir John McDougal Gardens, Millwall Park and Island Gardens.
- 8.7 Question from Councillor Shiria Khatun re: measures to increase recycling in the Borough.
- 8.8 Question from Councillor Maium Miah re: the repayment of a short term loan to the Rich Mix Centre.
- 8.9 Question from Councillor Helal Uddin re: increases in rents and other charges.
- 8.10 Question from Councillor David Snowdon re: measures to promote the teaching of history in Tower Hamlets schools.
- 8.11 Question from Councillor Kosru Uddin re: a revised strategy for THEOs in the event of any future public disturbances.
- 8.12 Question from Councillor Stephanie Eaton to the Deputy Mayor re: a review of crime prevention measures in view of increase in burglary in Bethnal Green North ward.
- 8.13 Question from Councillor Carlo Gibbs re: the number of residents' visits to Rushmead One Stop Shop last year concerning Housing Benefit.
- 8.14 Question from Councillor Gloria Thienel re: measures to protect war memorials in the Borough from metal theft.
- 8.15 Question from Councillor Khaled Uddin Ahmed re: how many jobs have been taken up by Tower Hamlets residents as a result of the deal with LOCOG.
- 8.16 Question from Councillor Harun Miah re: any financial implications for Tower Hamlets schools resulting from PFI schemes and measures to address this (no supplementary question was asked).
- 8.17 Question from Councillor Anna Lynch re: how many meetings the Mayor has had with ministers of the Department of Health in the last six months

and the issues discussed (Councillor Lynch was not present to put her question).

- 8.18 Question from Councillor Craig Aston re: an update on energy efficiency in the Town Hall building.
- 8.19 Question from Councillor Zenith Rahman re: street cleaning and the possible impact of filthy streets on the bid for City Status (This question was not put at the meeting).
- 8.20 Question from Councillor Lutfa Begum re: help for overcrowded families who are reluctant to move to Car Free Properties.
- 8.21 Question from Councillor Tim Archer requesting an update on progress in bringing back the Henry Moore statue to the Borough (no oral supplementary question was asked).
- 8.22 Question from Councillor Kabir Ahmed re: the impact of his significant investment in tackling drugs and anti-social behaviour.
- 8.23 Question from Councillor Dr Emma Jones re: how many people sacked from Tower Hamlets employment had accidentally continued to be paid in the last year.
- 8.24 Question from Councillor Aminur Khan re: progress on the Mayor's pledge regarding the delivery of service agreements by Registered Social Landlords.
- 8.25 Question from Councillor Shafiqul Haque to the Cabinet Member for Housing re: fair charges to leaseholders for major works.

Questions 8.1 to 8.21 above and except where indicated, supplementary questions, were put. Questions 8.22 to 8.25 were not put as the time allowed for this agenda item had expired. The Mayor indicated that he would provide written answers to all questions after the meeting.

(Action by: John S. Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services)

Procedural Motion

After Question 8.1 above, Councillor Alibor Choudhury moved, and Councillor Ohid Ahmed seconded, a procedural motion - "That under Procedure Rule 14.1.14, Rule 13.1 be suspended to allow the following urgent motion to be debated:-

'We condemn both the Tory and Labour groups for their time wasting tactics and blatant disregard for the public who have come to listen to Council affairs that affect their lives.'

More than 10 Members rose from their seats to request a recorded vote on the procedural motion in accordance with Procedure Rule 17.4. The

procedural motion was therefore put to a recorded vote and was defeated with 15 votes for, 33 votes against and nil abstentions.

9. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

9.1 Substance Misuse Strategy

Councillor Ohid Ahmed moved, and Councillor Kabir Ahmed seconded, the recommendations as printed in the report of the Cabinet meeting of 7th December 2011.

Following debate the motion was put to the vote and was agreed.

DECISION

That the Substance Misuse Strategy be adopted as set out at Appendix 1 to the report of the Cabinet (CAB 054/112) and included at pages 71 to 156 of the Council agenda.

(Action by: Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Leisure and Culture and Rachael Sadbergh, Interim DAAT Co-ordinator)

9.2 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003 (Section 16)

Councillor Shahed Ali moved, and Councillor Shafiqul Haque seconded, the recommendations as printed in the report of the Cabinet meeting of 11th January 2012.

Following debate the motion was put to the vote and was agreed.

DECISION

That it be determined that Section 16 of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003 will come into operation in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 1st May 2012.

(Action by: Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Leisure and Culture and Azizul Goni, Special Projects Officer)

9.3 Proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution - report of the General Purposes Committee, 17th January 2012

Councillor Shiria Khatun moved, and Councillor Joshua Peck seconded, the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee as set out in the report of the committee circulated to Councillors in the supplementary agenda pack.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Joshua Peck moved a tabled amendment as follows:-

“Delete points 11.5 and 11.6 and insert:-

'This Council instructs the Interim Chief Executive to make arrangements for a working group comprising a representative of the Executive, the majority and the other political groupings, senior officers and an independent adviser to consider the budget making and virement arrangements of the Council and make recommendations to a meeting of the next non-budget Full Council through the appropriate channel'."

Councillor David Edgar seconded the amendment moved by Councillor Peck.

Following debate the amendment moved by Councillor Peck was put to the vote and was agreed.

Councillor Craig Aston moved, and Councillor David Snowdon seconded, a further tabled amendment as follows:-

"1. That the proposed amendment to Council Procedure Rule 17.4 at part 4.1 of the Constitution be deleted.

2. To delete the word 'ten' in Council Procedure Rule 17.4 at part 4.1 of the Constitution and substitute the word 'six'.

3. To amend Council Procedure Rule 17.4 at part 4.1 of the Constitution to add at the end:

'No recorded vote may be called on motions under Council Procedure Rules 14.1.10, 15.11.4 and 15.12.1 (that is, motions that the question be now put)'."

Following debate the amendment moved by Councillor Aston was put to the vote and was defeated.

The substantive motion as amended was then put to the vote and was agreed.

DECISION

1. That the deadline for amendments for the Budget Council meeting be brought forward to 9.15 a.m. on the working day before the budget meeting and the amendments be circulated to the Mayor and all Councillors, with any officer comments that are available, at least 24 hours before the meeting.

2. That the Budget Council Procedure Rules at paragraph 4.2 of Part 4.1 of the Constitution be amended as follows in relation to the first Budget Council meeting:

(a) Other than amendments notified in advance as above, no further substantial amendment may normally be moved at the budget meeting but the Council may, subject to the advice of the Monitoring Officer, Section 151 Officer and Head of Paid Service, agree that an amendment without notice can be debated.

(b) The Speaker will remind the Council at the start of the meeting of the importance where possible of all amendments being moved at the beginning of the debate or as soon as the need for the amendment is identified; and before moving to the 'right of reply' and voting stage of the meeting will give a final invitation for any further amendments. No new amendment may be proposed once the call for the vote has commenced.

(c) At the first Budget Council meeting, if a new amendment is moved during the final 30 minutes of the time allocated for the meeting, the meeting will automatically be extended by up to 30 minutes to enable that amendment to be debated before the guillotine procedure comes into operation. This will apply even if a previous extension has already been agreed.

(d) At the end of the 30 minutes if the debate is not complete, the guillotine process will come into operation in the normal way and the vote will proceed on the amendments and substantive motion the meeting will conclude, unless the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 officer advise the Speaker that the matter has not been sufficiently discussed – in this case the meeting will continue to consider any outstanding amendment(s) and any further amendments that may arise directly as a consequence of those amendments only.

(e) Nothing in the above provisions should extend the meeting beyond a total duration of five hours, at which point the guillotine process shall come into operation.

3. That the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules at Part 4.3 of the Constitution be amended as follows:-

(a) The adoption or approval of the plan or strategy is the responsibility of the full Council;

(b) The Mayor as the Executive has responsibility for preparing the draft plan or strategy for submission to the full Council; and

(c) If the Council wishes to amend the Mayor's proposals in relation to the items included in the Budget and Policy Framework only, the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 set out the dispute resolution procedure to be followed. The Council must inform the Mayor of any objections which it has to his proposals (i.e. the amendments it wishes to agree) and must give the Mayor at least five working days to reconsider his proposals and re-submit them (amended or not, with reasons) to a further Council meeting. If at this further meeting the Council still wishes to amend the Mayor's revised proposals, such a decision requires a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting. If no valid amendment at the further meeting receives two-thirds support, the Mayor's proposals are deemed adopted in accordance with the regulations.

4. That the position of Deputy Chair of Council be re-designated as 'Deputy Speaker'.
5. That Council Procedure Rule 27.1 be amended to state:-

'No photography or video or audio recording of any kind by Members, guests or members of the public may take place at any Council meeting without the express permission of the Speaker. The Council may determine that the proceedings of the Council Meeting shall be audio recorded by the officers and those recordings stored in accordance with a policy agreed by the Council and accessed by any member on request, for their own use, including publication. Such requests to be made in writing to the Monitoring Officer.'
6. That Council Procedure Council Procedure Rule 17.4 at part 4.1 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

'**Recorded vote.** If twenty Members present at the meeting request it by rising from their seats, the names for and against the motion or amendment or abstaining from voting will be taken down in writing and entered into the minutes.'
7. That the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in relation to the Financial Procedure Rules as set out in Paragraphs 11.5 and 11.6 of the report be deleted; and
8. That this Council instructs the Interim Chief Executive to make arrangements for a working group comprising a representative of the Executive, the majority and the other political groupings, senior officers and an independent adviser to consider the budget making and virement arrangements of the Council and make recommendations to a meeting of the next non-budget Full Council through the appropriate channel.
9. That the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) be authorised to amend the text of the Constitution as necessary to give effect to the changes agreed at 1-8 above.

(Action by: Aman Dalvi, Interim Chief Executive; Isabella Freeman, Assistant Chief Executive [Legal Services]; and John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services)

9.4 Recruitment of Chief Executive - update

The Council received the report of the Human Resources Committee of 18th January 2012 as circulated to Councillors in the supplementary agenda pack.

The Council voted on this matter under the guillotine procedure as set out at Council Procedure Rule 9.2, the time limit for the meeting having been reached.

DECISION

1. That the update on progress and the revised timetable for the recruitment to the post of Chief Executive ne noted.
2. That in view of the revised timetable, the appointment of Aman Dalvi, Corporate Director, Development and Renewal, as Interim Chief Executive (Head of the Paid Service) be extended until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2012.

(Action by: Isabella Freeman, Assistant Chief Executive [Legal Services] and Simon Kilbey, Human Resources and Workforce Development)

10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND QUESTIONS ON JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (IF ANY)

There was no business under this heading.

11. OTHER BUSINESS**11.1 Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2011/12**

The Council received the report of the Corporate Director, Resources as circulated to Councillors with the agenda pack.

The Council voted on this matter under the guillotine procedure as set out at Council Procedure Rule 9.2, the time limit for the meeting having been reached.

DECISION

1. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement be adopted as set out in sections 6-10 of Appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director, Resources.
2. That the Revised Annual Investment Strategy be adopted as set out in section 11 of Appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director, Resources.
3. That the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement be adopted as set out in section 12 of Appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director, Resources.

(Action by: Chris Naylor, Corporate Director, Resources and Oladapo Shonola, Chief Financial Officer, Strategy)

12. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**12.1 Public transport and unaffordable fares**

Councillor Fozol Miah moved and Councillor Harun Miah seconded, the motion as printed in the agenda.

Councillor Peter Golds moved, and Councillor Tim Archer seconded, a tabled amendment to the motion.

Following debate the amendment moved by Councillor Golds was put to the vote and was defeated.

The substantive motion as printed in the agenda was then put to the vote and was agreed.

DECISION**This Council notes that:**

- 1) the importance of encouraging use of public transport to limit pollution in London and to save on use of fossil fuels which increase global warming
- 2) people on lower incomes are particularly dependent on public transport to ensure they can gain access for themselves and their families of the benefits of living in London
- 3) many people have seen or are seeing no rise in their incomes despite the fact inflation is over 5% and this is cutting their living standards
- 4) Tory Mayor of London Boris Johnson is committed to raising fares on public transport in London year on year by 1% above inflation, despite falling living standards for many, particularly on lower incomes across the capital and in Tower Hamlets in particular
- 5) Ken Livingstone, the only candidate who realistically can be expected to replace the Tory mayor Boris Johnson in elections in May 2012, has promised to reduce fares by 5% if elected with no increase in fares in 2013

This Council believes that:

- 1) the rise in fares proposed by the Tory Mayor Boris Johnson will have a severe effect on the living standards in London particularly of those on lower incomes
- 2) the rise in fares proposed by Tory Mayor Boris Johnson will discourage use of public transport
- 3) a reduction in fares rather than an increase is both affordable and desirable

This Council supports:-

the plans announced by Ken Livingstone to reduce fares if elected next May.

12.9 Support Ken Livingstone's fair deal for transport

Councillor Rabina Khan moved, and Councillor Safiqul Haque seconded, the motion as printed in the agenda.

Councillor Peter Golds moved, and Councillor Tim Archer seconded, a tabled amendment to the motion.

Following debate, the amendment moved by Councillor Golds was put to the vote and was defeated.

The substantive motion as printed in the agenda was then put to the vote and was agreed.

DECISION**This Council notes:**

1. That from January 2012 there has been a steep rise in bus, tube and rail fares under Tory Mayor Boris Johnson
2. That under the Tory mayor the cost of a single bus ticket has risen by a massive 50 per cent since 2008, whilst the price of a monthly zone 1-2 Travelcard is up 21% costing £230.40 per year more, and the price of zones 1-6 Travelcard is up a fifth.
3. That a key part of the "One Tower Hamlets" Community Plan is to tackle poverty and protect the environment and peoples' health.
4. That increases in public transport fares can adversely impact on social inclusion, mobility and people's economic well being, particularly for poorer sections of our community.
5. That increases in bus, tube, train and DLR fares can also encourage more people to use cars rather than public transport and therefore contribute to increased congestion and poorer air quality.

This Council believes:

1. That Boris Johnson's transport policies are hurting our residents.
2. That we should support initiatives that seeks to reduce the costs of using public transport.
3. That Ken Livingstone's manifesto pledge to cut fares immediately by 7%, to freeze them the next year and saving the average London Transport user

£1000 over 4 years is good news for residents in Tower Hamlets and to be welcomed.

This Council resolves:

To support Ken Livingstone's campaign to make fares affordable for Londoners.

12.11 Remembering Stephen Lawrence

Councillor Abdul Asad moved, and Councillor Kabir Ahmed seconded, the motion as printed in the agenda.

Following debate, the motion was put to the vote and was agreed.

DECISION

This Council notes:

1. That after eighteen years the Stephen Lawrence case has finally seen some resolution with two men convicted for his murder.
2. The dignity with which the Lawrence family have led their campaign.
3. That Stephen Lawrence's murder highlights that there are people, albeit a tiny minority, who harbour a deep racism and may even be capable of terrible, violent acts.
4. The fact that Tower Hamlets is a multi cultural, multi racial borough, where the overwhelming majority of people work and live together happily, should not allow for any complacency.
5. That the Stephen Lawrence case also highlights the insidious nature of racism and how it can infect and distort the workings of institutions.
6. That among the findings of the Macpherson Inquiry was a clear conclusion about the existence of institutional racism in the police service and other public sector organizations.
7. That the Stephen Lawrence Centre in Deptford is facing closure due to lack of funding.

This Council believes:

That we owe it to the legacy of Stephen Lawrence and the hard work of the Lawrence family to strengthen our commitment to tackling institutional discrimination and exclusion and confronting all prejudices, inequalities and unfair treatment whether as a result of gender, sexuality, age, race, disability, religious affiliation, belief or class.

This Council resolves:

1. To write to the Lawrence Family on behalf of all councillors in an expression of support and solidarity.
2. To continue to campaign against all forms of discrimination and hatred.
3. To explore all we can do to help the Stephen Lawrence Centre to continue its important work.

12.13 Dow Chemical, Bhopal and the Olympic Park

Councillor Lutfa Begum moved, and Councillor Rania Khan seconded, the motion as printed in the agenda.

Following debate, the motion as printed in the agenda was put to the vote and was agreed.

DECISION**This meeting notes:**

1. That on December 12 2011 Mayor Lutfur Rahman, Cllr Josh Peck (Labour Group), Fozol Miah (Respect Group) and Stephanie Eaton (Lib Dem) sent a joint letter to Lord Sebastian Coe, Chairman of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) expressing concern over its decision to accept sponsorship for the Olympic Games from Dow Chemical, in light of its associations with the Union Carbide/Bhopal disaster.
2. That in a reply to that letter Lord Coe stated 'Dow is an industry leader in terms of operating with the highest standards of ethics and sustainability' and that LOCOG 'stand behind' Dow 'both as a worldwide sponsor of the Olympic movement and as a supplier to LOCOG'.
3. That Lord Coe also stated that Dow Chemical had no responsibilities in relation to the Bhopal disaster as 'they did not own or operate the Union Carbide India Limited Plant that was the site of the 1984 disaster'.
4. That due to campaign pressure Dow Chemical has agreed to remove all its branding from Britain's Olympic stadium.

This meeting believes:

1. That when Dow Chemical bought Union Carbide they knew that Union Carbide were wanted on criminal charges pertaining to the Bhopal disaster.
2. That Dow therefore has a responsibility to the victims of the Bhopal disaster.

3. That any association with Dow tarnishes the name and reputation of the Olympics.

This meeting resolves:

To maintain pressure on LOCOG to drop Dow Chemical as a partner for the 2012 Olympics.

12.14 Sexual Exploitation

Councillor Rania Khan moved, and Councillor Ohid Ahmed seconded, the motion as printed in the report.

After debate, the motion was put to the vote and was agreed.

DECISION**This Council notes:**

1. That despite the abolition of slavery over 200 years ago, modern forms of trading in human beings continue, particularly for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic slavery or organised crime.
2. That 80,000 people are trafficked each year, 80% of which are women and children.
3. That in the UK many thousands of individuals are bought and sold as commodities and forced into modern-day slavery.
4. That Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) does excellent work focussing on the protection and welfare of children and young people.
5. That the Metropolitan Police have set up a Trafficking Helpline, working with some local authorities to launch raids and closing down brothels, gathering intelligence on known trafficking gangs/groups and working with their home countries.

This Council believes:

1. That schools should be encouraged to incorporate the topic into their curricula to raise awareness among students.
2. That the efforts made by individuals, business, organisations, the police, government and educational institutions to raise awareness of human trafficking and to oppose such trafficking actively; are to be commended

This Council resolves:

1. To express its support for the work that ECPAT UK (End Child Prostitution,

Child Pornography and the Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) is doing around the UK to promote the rights of children and for the measures the organisation is taking to protect them from commercial and sexual exploitation and abuse.

2. To acknowledge the potential impact of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games on trafficking, in the context of a possible increase of people entering the UK due to human trafficking, and to work with LOCOG, other Olympic agencies and the police to counteract this.

Motions 12.2; 12.3; 12.4; 12.5; 12.6; 12.7; 12.8; 12.10; 12.12; 12.15; 12.16 and 12.17 were not considered due to the time limit being reached. Tabled amendments to motions 12.4; 12.5; 12.6; 12.10 and 12.12 were not moved, accordingly.

The meeting ended at 11.20 p.m.