

MEETING OF HARLOW COUNCIL
7.30 pm on Thursday 19 September 2019
In the Council Chamber - Civic Centre

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors' declarations of interest (if any) in relation to any items on the agenda.

3. Minutes (Pages 4 - 16)

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019.

4. Communications from the Chair

5. Presentation of Civic Award

6. Petitions from the Public

7. Questions from the Public

8. Questions from Councillors

9. Motions from Councillors

a) Stop the Knock

Proposed by Councillor Emma Toal (seconded by Councillor Shannon Jezzard):

“This Council recognises that the most vulnerable people in our society are at the greatest risk when they get into debt. This Council believes it has a duty to help those who fall into debt and to do this it will commit to the six steps set out in the Money Advice Trust’s ‘Stop the Knock’ campaign with a particular focus on those individuals receiving support through the Local Council Tax Support Scheme.”

b) Volunteers in the Town

Proposed by Councillor Frances Mason (seconded by Councillor Eugenie Harvey):

“In July this year, it was announced that for the eleventh consecutive year, Parndon Wood Nature Reserve has been

awarded the prestigious Green Flag status. It was also announced that the Town Park has been also been accredited for the fourth consecutive year.

The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

A Green Flag Award a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has good visitor facilities.

It is an internationally recognised scheme and demands the highest standards of environmental management.

This Council recognises the vital role that volunteers play in the maintenance of Parndon Wood Reserve and the Town Park, particularly in caring for bushes and flowers and other important aspects of landscape management.

This Council thanks these volunteers for their contributions and congratulates them on the part they have played in our on-going recognition through the Green Flag scheme.

Further this Council recognises the vital role that volunteers play across the Town in facilities such as the Playhouse, the Museum, Pets' Corner, Stort Valley Meadows, Harlow Conservation, Town Park, Wildspace, Pardon Wood Nature Reserve and Harlow Greenteam volunteers and expresses gratitude on behalf of all residents.”

10. References from Cabinet and Committees

- a) Referral from Licensing Committee - Institute of Licensing Guidance on the Suitability of Applicants and Licence Holders in the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trades (Pages 17 - 60)

Licensing Committee recommended to Full Council that:

- i) The Institute of Licensing (IOL) guidance, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be adopted to replace the Harlow Council Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Criminal Convictions Policy, as set out in Appendix B to the report, with effect from 1 October 2019.
- ii) Authority be delegated to the Environment and Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chair of Licensing Committee to adopt such revisions to the guidance as may be published from time to time.

- b) Referral from Cabinet - Annual Treasury Management Report 2018/19 (to follow)

11. Reports from Officers

12. Minutes of Cabinet and Committee Meetings

To note the following Cabinet and Committee minutes:

- a) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 12 June 2019 of Audit and Standards Committee (Pages 61 - 63)
- b) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 3 July 2019 of Development Management Committee (Pages 64 - 66)
- c) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 9 July 2019 of Licensing Committee (Pages 67 - 69)
- d) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 16 July 2019 of Scrutiny Committee (Pages 70 - 73)
- e) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 18 July 2019 of Cabinet (Pages 74 - 82)
- f) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 3 September 2019 of Scrutiny Committee (Pages 83 - 85)

13. Matters of Urgent Business

Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be received as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the minutes.