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# SUMMONS TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING - SUPPLEMENTARY

## Monday 17 September 2018 at 6.00 pm

Conference Hall - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ

To the Mayor and Councillors of the London Borough of Brent and to each and every one of them.

I hereby summon you to attend the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough.

CAROLYN DOWNS Chief Executive

Dated: Monday 10 September 2018

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# **Agenda**

#### 11 Non Cabinet Members' Debate

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To enable non Cabinet Members to debate an issue of relevance to Brent for which notice has been provided in accordance with Standing Order 34 and to receive reports from Cabinet members on issues previously raised.

Members are asked to note that the subject identified for debate is as follows:

### Adoption of an annual Windrush Celebration in Brent

The motion put forward as the basis of this debate has been attached.

**17 Motions** 3 - 8

In accordance with Standing Order 41, Please find attached the two motion from the Labour Group and one motion from the Conservative Group which have been submitted for debate at the Council meeting.



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### Full Council – 17 Septmber 2018

#### **Motion for Non Cabinet Member debate**

### To adopt an Annual Windrush Celebration event in Brent's Calendar

The Government has now recognised the contribution of the Windrush generation and has established a national Windrush day for 22nd June in Britain's calendar. This means that there will be a lasting memory of the Windrush Generation in perpetuity.

Brent is one of Europe's most diverse communities and home to many BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) people. It celebrates all cultures equally. Significant talented individuals from families of the Windrush generation have grown up in Brent. They have excelled in their respective fields of sport, health, politics, the arts, science and technology and much much more. I believe that we should be celebrating the fact Brent is well known for its cultural diversity. We have an opportunity to put on an exciting event in 2020 as we celebrate being the Borough of Culture.

But I would not just stop at the 2020 celebration. We should be celebrating the pioneers from the Windrush generation every year to make sure that it has a lasting legacy. This is to make sure that we remember the contribution of their efforts to rebuild Britain after the Second World War and the fact that the Windrush generation has fully contributed to all aspect of British life.

I also propose that we agree the proposal to recognising the contribution of the Windrush generation by:

- (1) Brent holds an annual Windrush event on 22nd June every year, and
- (2) Proactively support communities across Brent to access Government funding to celebrate Windrush annually.

Councillor Robert Johnson Northwick Park Ward



# Agenda Item 17



Item 17.1

### Full Council – 17 September 2018

### Motion selected by the Labour Group

### **Good Friday Agreement**

This council recognises that:

The Irish Troubles were an horrific conflict which, in just three short decades, costs the lives of over 3,500 people and injured 47,000 more the vast majority of these victims were innocent civilians.

The Troubles claimed victims all across these islands, including in our city of London which in particular saw the Docklands attack, the most financially costly terrorist attack in the history of the United Kingdom.

This council notes with pleasure that this seemingly intractable conflict was ended twenty years ago this year with the signing of the Belfast Agreement (aka Good Friday Agreement), and that this milestone agreement has undoubtedly saved hundreds of lives and directly benefitted the many thousands of families with Irish heritage in Brent.

This council endorses the principles of the Agreement which include:

- consent;
- self determination;
- abandonment of violence;
- recognition of both identities in Northern Ireland;
- power sharing;
- devolution;

This council notes with concern that in its twentieth year the Belfast Agreement has never been as threatened as it is today by the prospect of a hard border on the island of Ireland imposed by Britain's exit from the European Union, which would undermine the ideas of inter-island cooperation, recognition of dual identities and self-determination in the Agreement.

This council resolves to:

- celebrate the Belfast Agreement as an historic achievement in all of its cultural work in Brent;
- register its opposition, on behalf of the Irish community in Brent, to a hard border between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland in writing to the relevant Secretary of State;
- continue to promote the values of consent, harmony and cooperation in its community work in the spirit of the Belfast Agreement.

Councillor Matt Kelcher Kensal Green Ward





### Full Council – 17 September 2018

### Motion selected by the Labour Group

### **Charter Against Modern Slavery**

As a major employer, and investor in local, regional, and national supply chains, this council recognises that, far too often, exploitative, unscrupulous, and abusive employment practices exist. This council condemns those practices and is committed to rooting them out

As part of its determination to tackle modern day slavery, this council adopts the following cooperative charter which sets out strategies for more rigorous supply chain management and reporting processes.

Whilst recognising the action already being taken, Brent Council will:

- Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
- Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for noncompliance.
- Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
- Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
- Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
- Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
- Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
- Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
- Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
- Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.





### Full Council – 17 September 2018

### **Motion selected by the Conservative Group**

### Anti-Semitism

With anti-Semitic hate crimes rising across London and the United Kingdom – this Council expresses that it is appalled at the increase in anti-Semitic Hate Crimes, and reiterates its support for the **International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance** definition of anti-Semitism.

This Council is shocked at the recent spate of anti-Semitic posters that have been going up across TfL run bus stops, and it is further shocked at the recent comments by those who have described the recent condemnation of anti-Semitic language and behaviour as a 'Zionist' movement – using anti-Semitic language and imagery in campaigning and online, further enflaming anti-Semitic hatred across the Borough.

This Council will immediately adopt, into its councillor and public workers code of conduct, the full and complete **IHRA** definition of anti-Semitism, and implement policies to ensure that hate crimes against Jewish people are acted upon quickly and decisively.

Councillor Michael Maurice Kenton Ward

