



COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 20th November, 2013

8.00 pm

Town Hall, Watford

Please note the start time of this meeting

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12 November 2013

Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Watford to be held on Wednesday, 20th November, 2013 starting at 8.00 pm at the Town Hall, Watford to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects, namely: -

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**
3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2013 to be submitted and signed. *(All minutes are published on the Council's website.)*

4. **OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**
5. **MAYOR'S REPORT** (Pages 1 - 6)
Report of the Elected Mayor
6. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.0**
7. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.0**
8. **PETITIONS PRESENTED UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12.0**
9. **BUSINESS ESPECIALLY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.**
10. **MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 13.0**
 - (1) The following motion is being moved by Councillor Jeffree and seconded by Councillor Sharpe

"Council

Welcomes the recent Herts County scrutiny of 20mph speed limits and the public consultation on a revised draft Speed Management Strategy

Notes that adoption of the revised draft speed management strategy would align county policy with current Government guidance on local speed limits.

Reaffirms its belief that implementation of a town-wide speed limit of 20mph on all

non-major residential roads, combined with a public information campaign would have an immediate and beneficial impact on accidents and fatalities in Watford.

Resolves

1. That the Mayor should invite Hertfordshire County Council to work with Watford Borough Council on the feasibility, consultation, planning and implementation of 20mph limits on all residential roads in Watford, excluding major roads.

2. That Hertfordshire County Council be informed of this motion as part of Watford's response to the consultation."

(2) The following motion is being moved by Councillor Turmaine and seconded by Councillor Connal.

"Motion to support the introduction of standardised packaging for tobacco products

This council notes that:

More than 200,000 children under the age of 16 take up smoking every year, around 570 every single day. Half of lifetime smokers will die from the habit and the proportion of smokers (adults and children) is higher in vulnerable groups. Smoking kills 100,000 people every year, the equivalent of nearly two full Airbus A320 planes every day.

The last Labour government implemented a very successful set of anti-smoking policies, including the banning of smoking in pubs, the ending of sports sponsorship, billboard advertising and raising the legal age at which people may purchase tobacco products. The result of this was that the proportion of children who smoked fell by half and adults by 25%.

Since 2010, fewer people are successfully quitting smoking and fewer people are making use of the NHS Stopping Smoking services.

Evidence is clear that among both children and adults, standardised, unbranded packaging makes tobacco products less attractive and will reduce smoking rates. The current government's approach has been to implement precisely what the tobacco lobby wants – a delay to 'wait and see what happens in Australia' (which has passed standardised packaging law). Waiting for the results of the implementation of the policy in Australia will mean that 500,000 under 16 year olds in the UK will have taken up smoking.

This council resolves to:

Write to the Secretary of State for Health to add its support to the drive to introduce standardised packaging.

Write to Watford's MP to do the same."

11. REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (Pages 7 - 78)

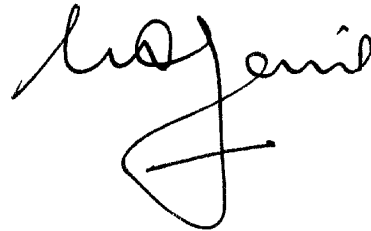
Report of the Licensing Committee - 22 October 2013

12. FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES (Pages 79 - 150)

Report of the Head of Democracy & Governance

13. NEW WATFORD MARKET UPDATE

Report of Cabinet 11 November 2013 – **to follow**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manny Lewis'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'L'.

Manny Lewis, Managing Director