



COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 24th June, 2015

7.30 pm

Town Hall, Watford

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16 June 2015

Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Watford to be held on Wednesday, 24th June, 2015 starting at 7.30 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 20 May 2015 to be submitted and signed.

Copies of the minutes of this meeting are usually available seven working days following the meeting.

(All minutes are available on the Council's [website](#).)

4. **OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**
5. **MAYOR'S REPORT** (Pages 7 - 10)
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**

The following question has been received from Sara Jane Trebar and is directed to the Council Chairman, Councillor Kareen Hastrick

“Now Watford Council is more politically balanced after the recent local elections should councillors consider debating the retention of an elected mayor past 2018 and to give Watford residents a yes/no vote alongside the full local council elections in 2016?”

The following question has been received from Andrew Moore and is directed to the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Derek Scudder

“In response to a recent question raised by Councillor Bell at the full council meeting in March 2015 in relation to allotment applications, Paul Rabbitt's stated “that there had not been a steady decline in allotment applications year on year since 2009”. As Mr Rabbitt's did not produce any information to substantiate this statement, please can he provide the total number of allotment applications by calendar year from the beginning 2009 to the end of 2014.”

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**

The following motion has been proposed by Councillor Khan and seconded by Councillor Bashir:

"We call upon Watford Borough Council to ensure that burial provision is provided in Watford cemeteries on weekends and bank holidays from this year. This is to ensure that the service meets the needs of all residents of Watford and that a distressful time is not made worse by a delay in burials."

11. **THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (STANDING ORDERS) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015** (Pages 11 - 18)

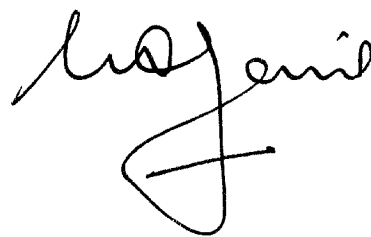
Report of Head of Democracy and Governance

12. **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUSINESS PROPOSAL AND DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN** (Pages 19 - 112)

Report of the Managing Director

13. **REVIEW OF WARD BOUNDARIES**

Report of Head of Democracy and Governance *(to follow)*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manny Lewis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Manny Lewis, Managing Director