



**WATFORD
BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

COUNCIL MEETING

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7.30 pm

Town Hall, Watford

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13 March 2017

Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Watford to be held on Tuesday, 21st March, 2017 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 24 January 2017 to be submitted and signed.

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- 4. Official Announcements**
- 5. Mayor's Report (Pages 7 - 12)**
- 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. To approve Watford Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2020 (update 2017) (Pages 13 - 46)**

Report of Cabinet 6 March 2017

11. To submit the Local Plan Part 2 - Site Allocations and Development Management Policies for examination (Pages 47 - 108)

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12. Motions submitted under Council Procedure Rule 13.0

1. The following motion has been proposed by Councillor Rabi Martins and seconded by Councillor Jackie Connal:

“Council recognises that this is the 10th Anniversary of the Town’s status as a Fairtrade Town and wishes to record its thanks to all those who have helped promote and ensure extensive access to products displaying the Fairtrade Mark in our local shops and other establishments

Council further notes that supporting Fairtrade helps Watford enhance its reputation as a place that actively seeks to ensure that producers of goods from developing countries sold in the town get a fair price for their goods and labour. Council believes this is not only the right thing to do but that it also enhances the town’s reputation as a family friendly town both here and abroad, particularly in the producer countries

The Council therefore resolves to:

- *Continue to promote the sale and purchase of Fairtrade Products in the town*
- *Improve the awareness amongst local people of the impact on children, adults and families of producers around the world which results from unfair pricing for their goods and services*
- *Persuade those responsible for purchasing and supplying goods that Fairtrade creates significant opportunities for all and is good for sustainable development.*
- *Keep the Council’s procurement policies under review : and encourage the purchase and use of products from Fairtrade suppliers whenever possible*
- *Encourage its partners and other agencies it works closely with to promote the use of Fairtrade products by its suppliers and users of their services*
- *Continue to promote Watford as a Fairtrade Town through the Fairtrade Steering Committee and Support Group such that Fairtrade issues and practices remain high on the agenda all businesses, commercial organisations and voluntary organisations.*

Council also calls on our local M.P. Richard Harrington to urge the Secretary of State for International Trade, Liam Fox to make it easier for developing countries who rely on Fairtrade to sell higher value products to the UK.”

2. The following motion has been proposed by Councillor Kareen Hastrick and seconded by Councillor Tim Williams

“Council recognises that bus services are a lifeline to many residents in Watford without access to a car.

Council notes with concern plans by Mullany’s Buses to withdraw the R8 and 346 routes as of 1st April 2017.

Council further notes that the withdrawal of these services would leave residents of the Kingswood and Leavesden Green estates without a bus service at all. Residents in Nascot Village, Tudor and Meriden also face a reduction in service that would have a negative impact on elderly people, residents with disabilities, Watford UTC students and those on low incomes.

The Council therefore resolves that:

The Mayor will write to Cllr Derrick Ashley, portfolio holder for transport at Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) calling for:

- o HCC to approach alternative operators with a view to continuing a service on both routes on a commercial basis.*
- o HCC to consider making these routes ‘socially necessary’ services and provide financial support if an operator is unwilling to take on these routes commercially. “*

3. The following motion has been proposed by Councillor Bilqees Mauthoor

“I would like to call on this council to help find strategic ways across party to help tackle loneliness.

This Council notes that being or living alone in total isolation can be a public health issue and risk that must be tackled starting at a local level.

It is estimated one in ten people of pensionable age living in our constituency are likely to be classed as lonely or severely lonely.

This Council must recognise that:

1. Loneliness is detrimental to our health and well-being, therefore increasing the risk of heart disease putting people at greater risk of certain medical complications. It is known that those who tend to be lonely are more likely to smoke 15 cigarettes a day. It can also cause depression and other mental health issues.

2. Loneliness makes people more likely to drink excessive intake of alcohol, eat more and exercise less this again causes huge implications to the health.

3. Raising awareness of the health impact of loneliness is important because it affects people across all ages, gender or culture but more so it can affect older people who are most vulnerable in society.

I am requesting that councillors and the local borough or relevant authority as a whole and cross party can play a key leadership role by being a beacon to ensuring Watford is the town in which people maintain and encourage social connections especially that Watford is proud to be so diverse in culture and ethnicity.

Council is asked to set up a scrutiny task group to investigate the prevalence of loneliness within the Borough. To invite all relevant stakeholders to come and give evidence and to make any necessary recommendations.”

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

Manny Lewis, Managing Director