



**WATFORD  
BOROUGH  
COUNCIL**

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, 11th October, 2016**

**7.30 pm**

**Town Hall, Watford**

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**Contact**

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Welcome to this meeting. We hope you find these notes useful.

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3 October 2016

Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Watford to be held on Tuesday, 11th October, 2016 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 5 July 2016 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 - 16)**
- 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. Four year funding settlement** (Pages 17 - 20)

Report of Head of Finance (Shared Services)

Report of Cabinet - 10 October 2016 (to follow)

**11. Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny in Watford Borough Council 2015/16**  
(Pages 21 - 50)

This report provides an overview of the scrutiny work carried out in Watford Borough Council in 2015/16.

**12. Adoption of the Public Health Act 1925 by Watford Borough Council for Street Naming and Numbering Purposes** (Pages 51 - 54)

Report of Head of Democracy and Governance

**13. Amendment to the Council Scheme of Delegation** (Pages 55 - 58)

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**14. Changes to the Constitution** (Pages 59 - 86)

Report of Democratic Services Manager

**15. Appointments Committee** (Pages 87 - 88)

Report of Democratic Services Manager

**16. Motions submitted under Council Procedure Rule 13.0**

**The following motion has been proposed by Councillor Sohail Bashir and seconded by Councillor Ahsan Khan**

*“Council notes that in the Callowland Ward there has been a continuous and constant problem of street littering and flytipping with which residents of the ward have become increasingly concerned.*

*The Council also notes that firm action needs to be taken to significantly reduce the current levels of littering and flytipping in the ward.*

*We call upon this Council to increase the frequency of litter picking and street cleaning within Callowland. Furthermore, on behalf of residents, we call for a more proactive approach from this Council to deal with the chronic problems of flytipping in the Callowland Ward.”*

**The following motion has been proposed by Councillor Asif Khan and seconded by Councillor Sohail Bashir**

*“The council notes that the Kashmir issue has been ongoing for over 69 years.*

*Watford has strong ties with Kashmir as thousands of Watfordians have a Kashmiri heritage and links to the region.*

*The council is shocked and deeply concerned by the killing of over 150 people and hundreds of civilians blinded including children by the use of pellet guns by the Indian security forces since July 2016.*

*The council also believes in a diplomatic solution to this issue and once resolved it will bring peace and stability to the region.*

*We call upon the council to write to the Indian High Commissioner calling for the immediate cessation of the use of pellet guns on civilians, investigate human rights abuses and to engage in meaningful peace talks.*

*We call upon the council to write to the Watford MP, to raise with the foreign office to work harder for the implementation of UN resolutions on Kashmir and to push for a diplomatic solution.”*

**The following motion has been proposed by Councillor Matt Turmaine and seconded by Councillor Bilqees Mauthoor**

*“This council recognises that technological innovation is driving change in the taxi trade, with particular reference to companies like Uber.*

*Rider sharing drivers (e.g. Uber drivers) are operating in Watford already. It is important that they are brought within the council framework rules to ensure passenger safety and a thriving local taxi trade.*

*This council resolves that:*

- *Drivers of such vehicles are subject to the same licensing regulations as existing private hire taxi cab drivers (e.g. licensed, regulated, trained, subject to inspection).*
- *The conduct of rider sharing services is monitored to ensure that practices outside of permitted private hire are not engaged in, e.g. ranking and that perpetrators are fined/prosecuted.*
- *The council should investigate offering compensation to existing licence plate holders for the negative pricing effect on their plate ownership, as numbers of Uber taxi drivers in Watford increases.*
- *The council should establish/maintain a dialogue with relevant*

*organisations in relation to the debate on minimum wage and workplace rights impacting this business sector.”*

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

**Manny Lewis, Managing Director**