

# Agenda

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## Council

Date: Tuesday 7 July 2020

Time: 7:30 pm

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**Remote meeting Protocol: Before the meeting, Councillors are requested to read the guidance protocol for remote meeting participation which has been circulated with the agenda, and follow this guidance to assist the smooth proceedings of this remote meeting.**

### Opening of Meeting

The Mayor will invite her Chaplain to open the meeting.

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and any other non-pecuniary interests (personal interests) relevant to items on this agenda.

3. **Minutes**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Council held on 19 May 2020.

4. **Mayor's Announcements**
5. **Petitions**

To receive petitions submitted by Councillors, or by members of the public who live, work or study in the Borough, on a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Royal Borough. The petition must contain at least 20 signatures, and notice of the intention to submit the petition must be given in writing to [democratic.services@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@kingston.gov.uk) by 10am the day before the meeting. The petitioner will have up to 2 minutes speaking time to present the petition. Up to 5 petitions can be presented at the meeting which will be presented in order of the number of signatories. (Any remaining petitions can be submitted, without speaking.)

Petitions will be processed in accordance with the [Council's Petition Scheme](#).

## 6. Public Questions

The following public questions were received by the deadline as set out in the Council's Meeting Procedure Rule 17(A):

Andrew Gray -	Environmental concerns affecting Riverside residents
David Brown -	Cumberland House - Maintenance, environmental health and Refuse Collection issues

A period of up to 30 minutes shall be allowed at each Ordinary Meeting of the Council during which any person who resides, studies or works in the Borough other than Members of the Council may ask questions of the Mayor, the Leader of the Council, Leaders of the other Party Groups, any Portfolio Holder, Chairs of the Strategic and Neighbourhood Committees, and members representing the Council on outside bodies any question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Royal Borough.

At any one meeting no person may submit more than one question and no more than one such question may be asked on behalf of one organisation.

Questions will be asked in the order in which notice of them was received, unless the Mayor decides otherwise in the interests of the efficient conduct of the meeting.

One supplementary question shall be allowed provided it is for clarification, arises directly out of the original question/response and is not a statement.

Any question which cannot be dealt with during public question time, either because of lack of time or because of the non attendance of the Member, to whom it was to be put, will be dealt with by a written answer and a copy of the answer will be recorded with the minutes of the meeting.

## 7. Motion

In accordance with Procedure Rule 8(A)(5), the Council will debate a motion which has been submitted by Members of the Council.

This alternates, from meeting to meeting, between a motion submitted on behalf of the Administration and a motion submitted on behalf of Opposition Members of the Council.

The following Motion has been received from the Administration (the Liberal Democrat Group):

Proposed by Councillor Thay Thayalan

Seconded by Councillor Caroline Kerr

'Liberal Democrat Administration Motion: Black Lives Matter'

'This Council notes:

1. the understandable rage following police brutality that has led to many unnecessary deaths across the United States of America and the world - we support the Black Lives Matter Campaign;
2. the depth of public concern expressed over the last few weeks about ingrained, systemic racial profiling and racism that exists against BAME, especially black, people in Britain; and
3. the Black Lives Matter flag has been raised over Kingston Council's Guildhall building, signalling the council's commitment to celebrating the diversity of the borough, and continue to learn more about how to help end racism and injustice.'

'This Council believes:

1. we are all equal, regardless of skin colour, culture or faith and that we should call out discrimination and racism. Racism or discrimination of any kind has no place in society. We are proud of being a community where diversity is valued and celebrated. We recognise there is a distance to go to have equal opportunities for all.'

'This Council will:

1. lobby the Government for immediate action to implement the recommendations in the report on the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on BAME people; lobby the Government to review the school curriculum, including teaching children about diversity and inclusion from a young age;
2. give our support to the Black Lives Matter campaign and continue to celebrate our diversity, listen to our communities and work with minority groups to make space for conversations and thinking to take place that can shape our borough going forward;
3. work with our local police force to ensure that stop and search incidents are not based on racial characteristics. At the moment black people are advised to allow the police to continue with their search with specific guidelines on how to behave so as not to antagonise officers such as maintaining eye contact and allowing clothing to be removed;
4. work with BAME staff across the council and through the BAME staff network to actively listen to them about their experiences and start shaping ideas on what needs to change and improve. Our workforce is becoming increasingly diverse and we will continue to examine our HR policies and workplace values to ensure they enable us to attract staff that reflect the borough's diverse communities; and
5. work with our local communities and organisations to review the appropriateness of existing artefacts (statues, plaques, street signs etc.) on public land in the 21st century.'

## 8. Member Questions

In accordance with Procedural Rule 6 (1&2) replies will be given to questions of which notice has been given which may be addressed to the Mayor, the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders, the Leader of the Opposition, Chairs of the Standing and Neighbourhood Committees and Members representing the Council on Outside Bodies.

## 9. **Draft South London Waste Plan 2021-2036 - [Reference from Appendix A Response and Recovery Committee - 25 June 2020]**

To consider the recommendations of the Response and Recovery Committee held on 25 June 2020 as outlined.

## 10. **Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) Warding Review - Delegation to Response and Recovery Committee**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is currently undertaking a three year programme of electoral reviews of London Boroughs. Stage 1 of its review of Kingston's arrangements took place between November 2018 and March 2019 and concluded that the Council will in future continue to require 48 elected Members to satisfactorily fulfil its functions.

The second and final stage of the review examines the ward boundaries, ward names and the number of Members to be elected to represent each ward. It is designed to ensure that each Councillor represents approximately the same number of voters and the patterns of wards reflect the interests and identities of local communities and promote effective local government.

The Commission withdrew its original draft recommendations in respect of Kingston's warding arrangements in March 2020 after it established that it had overlooked a number of representations submitted by local residents in response to an initial consultation exercise. These recommendations were, however, re-issued unaltered on 16th June, triggering a further consultation period which expires on 27th July. In view of the consultation timescales it is recommended that the Response and Recovery Committee be authorised to agree the response to the recommendations on behalf of the Council. The LGBCE has indicated that it is prepared to extend its deadline to accommodate the agreement of the proposed response at the Committees scheduled meeting on 30th July.

The LGBCE will publish its final recommendations in November 2020. Subject to Parliamentary scrutiny and approval the new electoral arrangements are scheduled to come into effect at the Borough elections in May 2022.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Response and Recovery Committee be authorised to agree the Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's draft warding arrangement recommendations.

Background Papers - Emails from Boundary Commission dated 16th and 23rd June 2020, held by Gary Marson, Corporate Head of Democratic and Electoral Services, email [gary.marson@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:gary.marson@kingston.gov.uk)

**11. Appointments of Members to Committees, Panels and other bodies** **Appendix B**

The Council is **RECOMMENDED** to make appointments to Committees, Panels and other bodies as set out in the late material to follow.

**12. Appointment of Members to London Councils Committees and other London bodies for the 2020/21 municipal year** **Appendix C**

The Council is **RECOMMENDED** to make a number of changes to the Council's representation on the London Councils Committees and other London bodies, as set out in the late material to follow.

**13. Urgent Items authorised by the Mayor**

To consider any items which, in the view of the Mayor, should be dealt with as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances in accordance with S100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**14. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The following resolution is included as a standard item which will only be relevant if any exempt matter is to be considered at the meeting for which the Committee wish to resolve to exclude the press and public:

To exclude the public from the meeting under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it is likely that exempt information, as defined in paragraph \*...of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, would be disclosed and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(\*relevant regulatory paragraph to be indicated)