

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN
COUNCIL MEETING – 2nd MARCH 2026

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- 1. To consider the following motion, notice of which was given by Councillor Steve Adams and which was seconded by Councillor Andrew Parkinson**

This Council notes:

That since last year and following the Conservative motion at the 2025 budget meeting calling for the reduction in dependency on agency staff, the figures on this expense within the corporate performance report show that this element of staffing has stubbornly remained within an insignificant rounding margin. This notwithstanding the commitment made in the Labour amendment to the Conservative motion which read:

The Council resolves to make greater efforts to drive down additional costs of staffing by reducing the reliance on agency hiring. By more use of existing technology, the Council also commits to making efficiency savings where permissible and enhancing staff productivity and development.

This Council also notes:

That the overall staff levels have risen slightly despite the promise of efficiency savings delivering greater productivity. This all adds to the pressure for Council Tax to rise and is not sustainable in the current financial climate.

The Council therefore resolves:

To make good on the previous commitments, reduce the levels of agency staff and reduce overall staff numbers.

- 2. To consider the following motion, notice of which was given by Councillor Sagal Abdi-Wali and which was seconded by Councillor Joseph Ball**

This council notes:

- That residents who live on Camden's estates are at the heart of our borough and our communities.
- The Council believes thriving local democracy depends on residents having real power to shape the places they live. Our Estates and Neighbourhoods Mission is rooted in backing resident-led change, strengthening community connections, and building pride in place.

- “People and Place: Camden” puts this approach into practice. It is a 12-month programme delivered by Camden Council, in partnership with the charity Footwork, supporting nine resident- and community-led projects with tailored support (including mentorship, peer learning and workshops) and a £5,000 grant for each project.
- The programme is funded through partnership investment, including £30,000 from the Labour Mayor of London and the Labour Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, enabling resident-led ideas to be developed and delivered locally.

This council further notes:

- The nine selected projects reflect what residents and community groups want to improve locally, including:
 - Retrofit Reimagined (Hilgrove Estate): transforming former council garages into a welcoming community hub, with free community facilities and affordable workspaces supporting youth activities, food initiatives, creative projects and social gatherings.
 - Citizen’s Assembly on a Greener Neighbourhood (Swiss Cottage & South Hampstead area): bringing residents together through a Citizen’s Assembly to shape local action on creating a greener neighbourhood.
 - Bloom Along the Railway and Belong: opening access to an unused green strip of land along a railway, rewilding it to create a space of connection and safety, and creating opportunities for growing food and herbs.
 - Rewild the Ends (Kentish Town including College Gardens, Castlehaven, Clarence Way and Peckwater Estate): rewilding everyday spaces through food growing, regenerative crafts, citizen science and habitat creation, to increase greening and nature connection.
 - Football for All in Camden (starting with Market Road pitches): exploring how football facilities can become more accessible, community-led spaces, improving everyday access to quality pitches and multi-use games areas.
 - Falcon Laundry Rooms: bringing unused laundry rooms back into community use through a resident-led, self-funding model, exploring flexible uses such as drying rooms, repair/storage spaces, small studios or meeting rooms.
 - Bucklebury and Beyond (Regent’s Park Estate): unlocking space for creativity and growing, including a resident-designed community garden, strengthening the future of the Neighbourhood Makeshop, and piloting new ways for residents to decide together on regeneration.
 - Loos for Kilburn (Kilburn High Road & Grange Park): creating a permanent network of open and accessible toilet facilities.
 - 107 Kingsgate Community Centre: bringing new life to a derelict community centre as a welcoming, resident-led space supporting local activities, connection and shared use through coordination, programming and partnerships.

This council resolves:

1. To welcome and celebrate “People and Place: Camden” as a clear example of Camden Council’s belief that resident-led change is at the heart of thriving local democracy. People in our communities should have the support and power to improve their neighbourhoods.
 2. To support and champion the nine selected projects, recognising that they will deliver practical, visible improvements residents can use and feel.
 3. To promote awareness of the programme across Camden, encouraging more residents and community groups on estates and in neighbourhoods to get involved, learn from these projects, and bring forward future ideas aligned with the Estates and Neighbourhoods Mission.
 4. To place on record that this is the power of partnership when Camden has a Labour council working with an aligned and supportive Mayor and Government, aligning mission-driven local leadership with investment including UK Shared Prosperity Fund support and City Hall funding.
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3. **To consider the following motion, notice of which was given by Councillor Judy Dixey and which was seconded by Councillor Tom Simon**

This council has committed to being an inclusive, Age-friendly, Disabled-friendly Borough:

- It notes the importance of ensuring the safety of all road users, in particular cyclists, to encourage active travel; however pedestrians and cyclists should ideally not share space, for the safety of both.
- It further notes the danger and alarm caused by Shared Use Bus Boarders (SUBBs) to vulnerable bus users, as evidenced by the fact that there are announcements within the bus, on arrival at these bus stops.
- The government has requested all local authorities to pause the installation of new SUBBs, which the council has agreed to, and transport projects in development have taken out SUBBs from their plans.
- The National Federation of the Blind in the UK has stated that existing SUBBs pose an immediate danger for blind and partially sighted people in particular around the location of the new Moorfields (at St Pancras) and in various other locations in Camden.
- SUBBs have the potential to undermine the freedom of vulnerable people in using our public transport system.
- We recognise that, while better than a SUBB, the Floating Island Bus Stop design is still a cause of concern for vulnerable bus passengers and a design solution needs to be found.

This council calls on:

The Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden

1. To commit to removing all SUBBs at the earliest opportunity and publish now a timetable for doing so;

2. To press Transport for London, and the Department of Transport to find better design solutions for addressing cycle lanes around bus stops;
3. To work with Blind and Disabled charities to improve the travel experience on our public transport network for all passengers

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