

DISABILITY OVERSIGHT PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2019 AT 5.00 PM
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CROWDALE CENTRE, 218 EVERSOLT STREET,
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Councillor Roger Robinson (Disability Champion) (Chair) (L)
Councillor Lorraine Revah (Carers and Learning Disabilities Champion)
(Vice-Chair) (L)
Councillor Simon Pearson, Deaf and hard of hearing Champion (L)
Councillor Nazma Rahman, Mental Health Champion (L)
Councillor Flick Rea, Visually Impaired Champion (LD)

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AGENDA

Wards

1. APOLOGIES

To consider any apologies for absence

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY AND ANY OTHER INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

5. MINUTES

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2019. (Pages 7 - 8)

**6. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2020/2021 - All Wards
CONSULTATION ON RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Report of the Director for Customer Services.

(Pages 9 - 44)

This report considers the recommend option for a Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working age people for the year 2020/21.

The scheme supports the poorest households in Camden to pay Council Tax and enables a number of Camden 2025 outcomes to address poverty and debt, employment and supporting children and people with disabilities.

This report sets out the rationale for changing the scheme, the options

considered to date and the proposed scheme that is now out for consultation. The proposed scheme:

- sees no reduction in the total amount of financial support awarded – over £16m a year for working age and £9m for pensioners
- maintains our commitment to having no minimum payment for all – over 10,000 out of work and low income households will still get 100%
- delivers fairness, simplicity and affordability through a reduction in bureaucracy - enables £500,000 to be saved in staffing and other costs
- supports people's transition to Universal Credit
- supports young adults to stay with their families in Camden
- targets financial support at the poorest households
- provides additional support for families, disabled people and carers and disregards children and disability benefits in income calculations
- provides greater certainty and in work progression incentives for those in low pay

The consultation methods are set out in this report. It is anticipated that the results of any consultation will be considered in the Autumn with the Council needing to agree any scheme in January 2019 as any revision to or replacement scheme must by law be made no later than 11 March 2020.

7. CAMDEN TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT - DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY **All Wards**

Report of the Programme Manager Corporate Accommodation.

(Pages 45 - 50)

This report updated the Disability Oversight Panel on the current stage of design development on the refurbishment of Camden Town Hall as regards design for accessibility and seeks from the Panel on the access features of the developed designs which can be reflected in further stages of development. A short design for access presentation will be given at the meeting.

8. EVIDENCE BASE: OUTCOMES AND EXPERIENCES OF BAME DISABLED PEOPLE IN CAMDEN **All Wards**

Report of the Head of Strategy Corporate Services.

(Pages 51 - 58)

This report lays out what we know about Camden residents who have a disability and are also Black, Asian or from Minority Ethnicities (BAME). Both national and local data have been used to form this report as well as information from qualitative and quantitative sources. This research has been done in order to build a picture of what

Camden knows about the experiences and needs of BAME residents who have disabilities.

9. COMMISSIONERS' UPDATES AND ACTION TRACKER

All Wards

Report of Strategy and Change.

(Pages 59 -
72)

This report provides:

1) Updates from Commissioners in relation to:

- Learning Disabilities
- Children and young people
- Mental Health
- Special Educational and Inclusive Intervention Service

2) Updates, in the form of an action tracker, from previous Disability Oversight Panel meetings.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS

All Wards

To note the future dates of meetings of the Disability Oversight Panel:

- 23 October 2019
- 18 February 2020

AGENDA ENDS

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday, 23 October 2019 at 5.00 pm in The Council Chamber, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD.