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Charity raises concerns over 'devastating' 21% rise in knife crime after deaths of Harry and Jonah

Tributes have been pouring in from the local community after the tragic losses of two young people from Haringey

BY MIRIAM BALANESCU

A charity has warned of the "devastating" impact of a 21% rise in knife crime in the capital since last year following the stabbings of Harry Pitman and Jonah Ho-Shue last month.

The Ben Kinsella Trust said that more needs to be done to "educate young people" and tackle the root causes of knife crime after

the death of 16-year-old Harry and 24-year-old Jonah.

Harry, from Tottenham, was stabbed on New Year's Eve while watching fireworks with friends at Primrose Hill.

Officers provided first aid before paramedics arrived, but Harry sadly died at the scene shortly before midnight.

A 16-year-old, who cannot be named because of his age, has been charged with his murder and appeared at Highbury Magistrates Court on Saturday, 6th January. A provisional trial has been set for September 2024.

Jonah was stabbed on Thursday, 4th January at around 10.43pm in Albert Road, Stroud Green.

He was declared dead at the scene by paramedics and his family are

being supported by specialist officers.

Detectives are still appealing for information related to the incident.

Patrick Green, CEO of the Ben Kinsella Trust, commented: "These tragic [deaths] are a stark reminder of the devastating human cost of London's rising knife crime problem. In the last year knife crime rose by 21% across the capital. But behind every statistic is a personal tragedy, a family shattered, a future stolen. We cannot become numb to this violence. We must act with urgency and determination to stop knife crime."

Tributes have been pouring in for Harry and Jonah, with a vigil held by the Tottenham community on Downhills Park last month and a vigil for Jonah held by the Stroud Green community. Supporters at

Tottenham Hotspur Stadium also held a minute's applause for Harry (a Spurs fan) during a game last month.

Alex Rosen, head of St Thomas More Catholic School in Wood Green where Harry was a student, said: "Our entire school community mourns the loss of a bright and promising young soul. Harry touched the lives of many with his infectious laughter and enthusiasm for life. He will be remembered for his many qualities, particularly his resilience and the positive impact he had on those around him."

"During this difficult time, we extend our deepest sympathies to Harry's family, friends, staff at our school, and school friends. We will come together as a Catholic

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community to offer support and comfort to one another as we navigate this profound loss. We encourage everyone to reach out to each other and share memories of Harry, celebrating the joy and warmth he brought into our lives.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Harry's family during this heartbreaking time. May he rest in peace."

Lisa Wise, headteacher at Wilbury Primary School, which Harry attended, added: "We were all devastated to hear of the tragic loss of one of our former pupils. Harry was a much loved boy; always smiling, always happy and surrounded by a



Harry Pitman Credit Met Police

loving family and friends. Our hearts go out to his family and friends at this incredibly difficult time."

Patrick told HCP: "The Ben Kinsella Trust is heartbroken by the tragic loss of Harry and Jonah, two young lives lost to acts of senseless violence in North London. Our thoughts are with the families and friends of Harry and Jonah during this unimaginably difficult time."

"The Ben Kinsella Trust calls for a multifaceted response that addresses the root causes of knife crime.

"We cannot become numb to this violence. We must act with urgency and determination to stop knife crime"

This includes investing in education and awareness campaigns. Too many young people still believe that carrying a knife offers protection. This is a dangerous myth. We need to educate young people about the dangers of knife carrying and the devastating consequences it can have. [We need to] invest in early intervention and youth support programmes. We need to reach young people at risk before they are drawn into cycles of violence. Providing men-

torship, positive role models, and opportunities can help them build a brighter future.

"[We also need to] tackle the root causes of violence: poverty, inequality, and social exclusion create breeding grounds for crime. We must address these issues head-on to create a fairer and more just society where everyone has the chance to thrive."



Jonah Ho-Shue Credit Met Police

"Strengthening police presence and community engagement, building trust and collaboration between the police and the communities they serve is essential. We need visible police patrols, but also officers who understand and engage with the challenges facing young people."

Council scrambling to fill £16.3m budget hole with one month to go

Haringey Council finance chiefs have yet to work out how they can fill the gap in its 2024/25 budget but say they're "not in Section 114 territory", reports Grace Howarth, Local Democracy Reporter

Finance chiefs at Haringey Council state the local authority is in a "concerning" position with a budget still needing to be balanced by the end of February.

While presenting a report on the council's financial situation to an overview and scrutiny committee last month, Jon Warlow, director of finance, said: "We are very financially challenged, but we're not in Section 114 territory."

Section 114 is the local authority equivalent of bankruptcy, with a number of councils issuing such notices in recent years, including Birmingham, Croydon and Thurrock.

In outlining Haringey Council's draft budget plan and five-year medium term financial strategy (MTFS), Warlow said a balanced budget or an almost set budget would usually have been presented to members by this point in the year.

The council has a £16.3million shortfall to make up and "substantial work must be conducted" before the final budget report can

be issued in February. The council is legally required to set a balanced budget each year.

Warlow said chancellor Jeremy Hunt's Autumn Statement in November 2023 left the council disappointed and that it was still waiting to see whether the government was going to move on any of its positions before settling the final grant levels for the local authority.

However, the government has said it will halt the Household Support Fund, a £500m pot previously allocated to councils to support residents in paying utility and food bills, which will now end in March.

Last month's finance report also looked at the cash reserves set aside to meet unexpected future costs and stated Haringey's reserves positions were "lower than average for a council this size". The council has set an objective to improve this, and also further lobby the government on funding.

Warlow said that spending this year on adult social care, children's social services and temporary

accommodation, which are all demand-led services, caused the "size of budget gap" the council was now faced with.

As a result the council has had to allocate an extra £25.5m of growth in the 2024/25 budget.

The director of finance added that inflation and high interest rates had placed pressure on funding the council's capital programme, further contributing to the "concerning" position the council was in.

Liberal Democrat committee vice-chair Pippa Connor asked where money would come from to support the growth to the budget.



Credit Stephen Furner

Warlow said the expectation was the budget for demand-led services would need to be "dramatically increased" based on previous MTFS reports, which give five-year budget forecasts.

Labour committee member Alexandra Worrell asked what the council's assessment of its "level of waste and inefficiency" was, and said: "Are we confident we're taking every step to reduce that before considering any decisions that will impact service delivery?"

Dana Carlin, cabinet member for finance and local investment, said she wouldn't describe council actions as waste, stating they were looking to provide services in the most "efficient and cost effective manner".

Some examples Cllr Carlin gave included procurement, the process the council follows to buy goods and services, and "tighter corporate control" on the contracts. IT services would also be looked over with directorates and a "rigorous programme to reduce agency staff" is in place.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello and welcome to Issue 28 of *Haringey Community Press*.

Last month, we welcomed our new Local Democracy Reporter Grace Howarth to the HCP

team, taking over from our previous reporter Simon Allin. While it was very sad to see Simon go (he had been with HCP for several years), we're really excited to see what Grace has been getting up to in her new

role. In this issue, she has written a key story affecting Haringey's local authority at the moment: a £16.3million budget hole, which puts Haringey close to the red zone financially, alongside many other local authorities nationwide. It's an issue which Lib Dem leader Luke Cawley-Harrison also raises in

his councillor's column on Page 15.

Reporting on social housing, property developments, and local decision-making have been an important part of what we do at HCP. If you have a council-related story you wish to share, please reach out to Grace at grace@socialspider.com.

Hope you enjoy the issue!

Haringey man jailed for conducting 'horrific' illegal operations

The victim contacted three men to arrange body modification procedures to be filmed for online

BY MIRIAM BALANESCU

Warning: Contains graphic and disturbing descriptions

A Haringey resident and male escort has been jailed for five years after Metropolitan Police found he was involved in "illegal back-street operations" resulting in life-changing injuries to a man in his 40s.

Damien Byrnes, 36, of Ashfield Road, Tottenham, removed Marius Gustavson's genitals with a kitchen knife in 2017 while filming for a pay-per-view website.

Two other men, Jacob Crimi-Appleby and Nathaniel Arnold, were sentenced to three years and eight months and two years respectively on Monday, 15th January at the Old Bailey after all three men pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm (GBH) with intent in separate hearings last year.

Crimi-Appleby also froze Gustavson's leg in dry ice, leading to its amputation, while Arnold part-removed a nipple.

The court heard that Gustavson contacted the three men to arrange illegal operations which resulted in

them removing parts of his body, and that the procedure is linked to a sub-culture where men become "nullos" – short for genital nullification.

According to *BBC News*, prosecutor Caroline Carberry KC said Byrnes was one of ten people charged with taking part in extreme body modifications.

Gustavson, who Carberry said called himself the "eunuch-maker", had also been involved in body

modification procedures and will be sentenced in March for charges including conspiracy to commit GBH.

After the procedure had taken place and Byrnes left, Gustavson called emergency services and was treated in hospital, discharged after a couple of days with a referral for a psychiatric assessment.

When Byrnes did not receive payment from Gustavson (an agreed fee of £50), Byrnes threatened to go to the police – Gustavson then threatened to report him for threats, blackmail and mutilation.

The court heard that Byrnes was paid over £1,500 over the course of two years by Gustavson.

As part of an investigation which began in early 2021, officers viewed hours of "horrific" footage to identify the victim and offenders, liaised

with UK and overseas forces, and travelled across the UK in search of witnesses and further victims.

The men were arrested between December 2021 and September 2022.

Detective Inspector Amanda Greig, from the Met's Specialist Crime Unit, said: "This has been a prolonged investigation which was extremely challenging due to the complexity of the offences. There was an immense volume of horrific material which my team had to view in order to identify the victim and offenders.

"The offenders are part of a wider network of men who have taken part in illegal back-street operations, frequently with life threatening consequences. We have identified the network which spans across the UK and overseas, leading us to share intelligence with numerous police forces. We are aware that illegal operations committed by others have impacted various people including those with complex body-dysmorphic symptoms and people within the LGBT+ community.

"I would like to encourage anyone who has had similar experiences to seek medical advice from their GP and contact us via Crimestoppers (0800 555 111) quoting Operation Viktor. You can also contact LGBT+ anti-abuse charity Galop on 0800 999 5428."

Damien Byrnes



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Rise of investigations into children at risk of serious harm in Haringey

Haringey Safeguarding Children Partnership presented its annual report at a committee meeting last week, reports Grace Howarth, Local Democracy Reporter

The “effectiveness” of a group of public bodies tasked with safeguarding young people in Haringey was discussed by councillors amid a rise of investigations into children at risk of significant harm.

During a children and young people’s scrutiny panel last month, committee members discussed an annual report from the Haringey Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) for 2022/23.

The report outlined the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements, focusing on the impact made on children and young people.

HSCP, which was founded in 2019, consists of three main bodies: Haringey Council, the Metropolitan Police and the local NHS body, North Central London Integrated Care Board (ICB).

David Archibald, the independent chair and scrutineer on Haringey Safeguarding Children Board went through some of the partnership’s most recent performance data.

The number of children subjected to a Section 47 enquiry, an investigation to assess if a child is at risk of significant harm, increased 22% year on year. For 2022/23, for every 10,000 children, 218 had Section 47 enquiries compared with 196 in 2021/22.

The rate of looked after children dropped slightly year on year with 69 per

10,000 children being looked after as of March 2023, compared to 71 for 2021/22.

In March 2023, results showed there were 233 children subjected to child protection plans while the partnership recorded 178 at the end of 2022.

Across 2022 to 2023, 278 children started child protection plans and 222 ceased them.

David outlined the focus of 2022/23, which included children living with mental health issues and contextual safeguarding older children, which means responding to children’s experiences of significant harm beyond the family and home. One main risk is child exploitation.

Other areas of focus were transitional safeguarding, safeguarding young adults across developmental stages, and developing the system for managing the risk to children who go missing.

Mentioning highlights from the year, David said Haringey children’s social care grading of ‘good’ by Ofsted “helped the HSCP’s performance”. He highlighted the local authority designated officer, who is responsible for managing allegations against adults who work with children, for their “expertise and approachability” and deemed them a “credit to the council”.

Committee chair Makhbule Gunes, a councillor for South Tottenham ward, asked whether the group was “confident” it could maintain good results.

David said the agencies worked “very well together” and they were “in a good place”. He added: “We don’t hit good and cruise at that altitude forever, there are always new challenges coming along and new learning and improvements to be made.”

He said contextual safeguarding of young people was one of the areas where they needed to “continue to learn”.

Committee member Sue Jameson, councillor for Bruce Castle ward, asked about the “pitfalls” of organising “lots of departments”.

David acknowledged the difficulties, saying that in audits and reviews for things that had “gone wrong” over the years, “information sharing” was “often raised as an area for improvement”.

He said: “It’s something we have continued to address in training and feedback, and dissemination of best practice.”

Tottenham central ward councillor Matt White asked what the organisation was doing to improve areas where the borough “could be working better”.

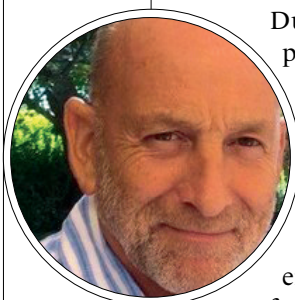
David ticked off a list of approaches, including an “emphasis” on training staff across agencies together to build the relationship between them: using the performance data to “monitor” trends and “address problems” and extracting information from reviews and case file audits.

Lourdes Keever, a non-councillor committee member and church representative, said the report was “not accessible”. Summarising, she said there was a “lack of clarity” within the report on the partnership’s “relationship to schools”. She also said it didn’t consider parents who don’t have English as a first language.

Lourdes said she’d been raising these issues at previous annual report meetings, adding she’d been told “a retired head teacher” would be “appointed to the partnership”, something she’d had no update on.

After some discussion, Cllr Gunes said the panel would make a recommendation, a motion that requires approval by council, that an “easily accessible version of this report” be sent to “governors, schools and everyone else”, so they could “benefit” from its information.

“*There are always new challenges coming along and new learning and improvements to be made*”



▲ David Archibald, independent chair and scrutineer on Haringey Safeguarding Children Board



Cllr Makhbule Gunes

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Council criticised for ‘lack of serious engagement’ with Finsbury Park community over events hosted in park

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Finsbury Park
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The furore over Finsbury Park events continues as Krankbrother has sought approval to increase capacity for its events

BY MIRIAM BALANESCU

Haringey Council has been criticised for a “lack of serious engagement” with the local Finsbury Park community after an events organiser applied to increase their Finsbury Park festival’s capacity from 8,000 to nearly 10,000.

Krankbrother, which runs a yearly festival held in Finsbury Park each summer, applied to vary its premises licence before Christmas 2023.

The notice, published in a local paper, sought approval to raise the event capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 people, as well as adding a further day to the event.

The notice suggested any objections to the change in licence should be written in to licensing@haringey.gov.uk – but they must relate to prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and prevention of children from harm.

Since its publication, the licence has prompted controversy, with locals taking to X (formerly Twitter) to encourage others to write to the council before the deadline last month.

@HarringayBirder posted: “No, no, no, no. This CANNOT be allowed.

“Krankbrother already have, over successive summers taken over and fenced off a large part of our park, destroyed grass and turned what was previous healthy grassland into wet mud, pumped out loud dance music at intolerable levels.”

Another local with the handle @AndrewMcEwan07 posted: “Do Haringey Council ever actually respond to local residents or consult them? This year all we were told was that the vibrations were people jumping and that ‘thorough tests’ would be done next year. Definitely just a fob off mission though. Was patronising.”

The licence application follows an ongoing controversy last year over events held in Finsbury Park, with local environmental campaigners taking particular issue with Krankbrother for holding its event in the most “eco-diverse area” of the park.

In August 2023, Krankbrother was accused by local groups including Haringey Tree Protectors of lopping branches off 154-year-old plane trees, as well as placing heavy equipment near tree roots in breach of council guidelines.

Deputy leader Mike Hakata responded by saying the council was “confident no lasting or significant damage occurred”.

The opposition Liberal Democrats later launched a petition calling for management of Finsbury Park to be “taken out of Haringey Council’s hands”.

Another concern raised by residents is having access to the park removed. A series of concerts last year, including The 1975, led to the park being entirely closed off to the public, while

the Krankbrother event required a section of the park to be shut.

Last month, the first in a series of 45,000 capacity concerts to be held this summer was announced, with Solid Grooves label founder Michael Bibi performing.

A spokesperson for the Friends of Finsbury Park told HCP: “The Friends of Finsbury Park is disappointed at the lack of serious engagement on the impact of major events in Finsbury Park, with no real consultation to any of the three boroughs’ residents in almost ten years. We believe there is space for small, well-managed, locally focused events – and are proud of Finsbury Park’s history here – but we do not believe what is now proposed meets that test.

“This festival, sited in one of the most ecologically sensitive areas of the park, proposes an expansion in duration and scale. Undeniably, it will have a material impact on this unique green space that we should treasure. It’s another weekend of disruption, pollution and noise for long suffering local residents, with a large area fenced off from use just when they might hope to enjoy its beautiful tranquil space in the city.

“No progress has been made on the numerous concerns raised by local residents through last year’s major events, which left the park battered by muddy runs and nearby

flats literally rocking along to the music. Residents of all three boroughs deserve better: a park that’s safe and well cared for, open to all, and ecologically protected.”

Cabinet member for culture, communities and leisure Emily Arkell said: “Finsbury Park has a long history as a venue for outdoor events. We’re proud to build on this tradition by hosting some of the biggest names in music each summer.

“As well as providing unique recreational opportunities, these events generate around £1.2million per year, all of which is reinvested into maintaining and improving the park for all residents.

“We are always looking to improve how events are managed, and throughout the year we regularly engage with residents and stakeholders in Haringey, Islington and Hackney to ensure that negative impacts are minimised. We hold organisers to account and aren’t afraid to act if standards fall short.

“All applications to vary a premises licence are subject to formal consultation with responses carefully considered by the licensing sub-committee before it reaches a decision.”

Krankbrother was approached for comment.

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MUSWELL HILL

Former Tollington Grammar School student awarded OBE

Philip Davies attended the school – now named Fortismere – from 1961–1968

BY MIRIAM BALANESCU

A FORMER MUSWELL HILL student has been awarded an OBE in this year's New Year Honours list for services to UK and Commonwealth heritage.

Philip Davies, who attended what was formerly known as Tollington Grammar School (now Fortismere), is a former senior director of English Heritage, an organisation which maintains over 400 historic locations, and a bestselling author.

He is also an international heritage consultant and the chief executive of the Commonwealth Heritage Forum (CHF), establishing their £12.26million Queen

Philip Davies OBE



Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Commonwealth heritage training programme which supports heritage skills training for young people

from disadvantaged communities across the commonwealth.

Attending Tollington Grammar School from 1961–1968, Philip says he still has strong ties to Haringey.

Philip said: "I was delighted to receive the award. It is a measure of the impact that the CHF has achieved across the Commonwealth in such a short space of time that the award was made in the diplomatic section of the list. It is a welcome recognition of the hard work and dedication of all our trustees, our international advisory committee, and all our supporters who have offered their time, experience and expertise in our mission to help people across the Commonwealth save the heritage that they value."

WOOD GREEN

Haringey rugby club chair recognised in New Year Honours for services to community

Helen Rayfield has been chair of the local rugby club Haringey Rhinos for nearly ten years

BY MIRIAM BALANESCU

A LOCAL HARINGEY RUGBY club chair has been recognised in the New Year Honours list for services to rugby union football and the Haringey community.

Helen Rayfield received the British Empire Medal (BEM) last month for her work as chair of Haringey Rhinos, a club which she has been involved with for over 20 years.

In 2011, she set up the club's youth programme, which provides free rugby coaching to young people aged 11–17. To keep this running, Helen told *HCP* she fundraises roughly £10,000 a year, which allows the club to offer rugby boots, travel expenses to away games and more for free.

She said: "There's absolutely no

cost to any of the kids taking part.

"It's all about encouraging young kids to play in Haringey for free."

In 2015, she became chair of Haringey Rhinos, working with partners to develop grassroots sports in Haringey.

In September 2016, Haringey Rhinos set up U13s and U15s girls teams to meet demand in the borough, with an additional U18s girls team in 2017. The club now has

over 60 players regularly competing and, in 2018, 14 girls were selected to play for Middlesex County. The club's coaches and support staff are volunteers.

Helen is also a trustee of the Haringey Sports Development Trust, a freelance bid consultant, and board member of the charitable organisation Haringey Giving.



Helen Rayfield

She said: "I'm delighted to be recognised in the New Year Honours list for my services to rugby union and the wider Haringey community. I'd like to thank the Haringey Rhinos family for all their support and ongoing commitment to making Haringey Rhinos such a great community rugby club."

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WOOD GREEN



Wood Green company fined £150,000 for 'nuisance marketing'

A WOODGREENCOMPANY has been fined £150,000 after making millions of unwanted marketing calls.

Home improvement company Poxell Ltd was fined by The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for making over 2.6million illegal calls between March and July 2022 to people on the 'do not call' register with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) – resulting in 413 complaints to the ICO and TPS.

The ICO has said that complaints indicate that the company made calls to individuals with dementia and other serious illnesses. Some said they were targeted by a "very aggressive" salesperson.

It is against the law to make calls to those registered with the TPS without their consent.

Andy Curry, ICO head of investigations, said: "People register with the TPS for a clear reason: to stop

unwanted marketing contact and protect their privacy. Both these companies have not only broken the law by failing to check the 'do not call' register, but also caused distress and disruption to those they bombarded with unwanted and unlawful calls."

The ICO's investigation found that Poxell Ltd had purchased several telephone lines to avoid detection. The company refused to engage with the investigation and continued to make unlawful marketing calls until their account was terminated by their communications service provider.

Curry added: "These fines should send a clear message that companies cannot use third parties or multiple phone numbers to avoid detection and taking responsibility for illegal calls. We will take decisive action to ensure the public are protected from nuisance marketing."

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Remembering LGBTQ+ his

Miriam Balanescu delves into the borough's kaleidoscopic queer history



Philip Jones
1978
Philip Jones became Haringey's first openly gay councillor when he became representative for the South Hornsey ward in 1978 – a role which he retained until 1997. He also stepped up as deputy leader of the council from 1987–1991.

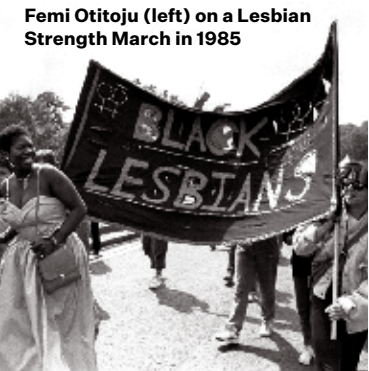
Nicky Price
1981
In 1981, at the beginning of a hugely important decade in British LGBTQ+ history, Haringey unexpectedly became a major hub for queer culture. Entrepreneur Nicky Price (who *HCP* spoke to in an exclusive interview in the February 2023 issue) started the UK's first LGBTQ+ one-nighter 'Bolts' in a Haringay-based club then called Lazer. It became the stomping ground of the likes of Take That and George Michael – who Nicky says gave his first performance ever at the club: "That group sang for the first time ever live on our stage anywhere in the world, and that was George Michael and Wham!"



George Michael hits the dancefloor at Bolts

Vince Gillespie
1986
When Labour retained control of Haringey Council in 1986, Vince Gillespie stood as representative for the Bruce Grove ward. On his election address he was named as a gay and lesbian rights candidate – which Haringey Council say made him a target for anti-gay campaigners. He was involved in Haringey's 'Positive Images' gay rights campaign in the mid-1980s.

Femi Otitoju
1986
Throughout the 1980s, Haringey continued to be a focal point for LGBTQ+ history in both good ways and bad. Haringey Council's pioneering Lesbian and Gay Unit (LAGU), of which Femi Otitoju was one of a few members, became part of the community services department. However, the



Femi Otitoju (left) on a Lesbian Strength March in 1985



George Michael (second from left)
Edwin Star pic

“If it hadn't been that library, it would have been caused by a different catalyst in different borough”

unit became embroiled in controversy when the children's book *Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin*, about a family with same-sex parents, was discovered in a Haringey library – a furore which is said to have led to the creation of Section 28. “If it hadn't been that book, if it hadn't been that library, it would have been caused by a different catalyst in different borough,” Femi told *HCP* last year. “Section 28 was the manifestation of a backlash that had already begun before the LAGU came into being.”

The Positive Images Campaign
1987
When the discovery of *Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin* precipitated protests in Wood Green, the Haringey-

based campaign Positive Images teamed up with Haringey Black Action to organize the historic protest 'Smash the Backlash' against racism and bigotry on 2nd May 1987. 3,500 people marched from Ducketts Common to Bruce Castle Park via The Roundway in Tottenham.

Booan Temple
1988
On 23rd May 1988, a group of four activists stormed BBC 6 O'Clock News, including the lesbian rights activist Booan Temple. They were protesting the night before Section 28 – a series of laws which prevented the “promotion of homosexuality” in the UK – was passed. One handcuffed herself to a camera, while



History in Haringey



Boon Temple with friends at Bolts Credit Nicky Price
Boon Temple picks up the mic at Bolts



Boon Temple on BBC Six O'Clock News
others shouted "Stop Section 28". 30 years after the incident, Boon told *The Guardian*: "I, and many of my loved ones, had been attacked in the street. There was an atmosphere that 'the other' needed to be eradicated and I think the LGBT community was seen as a threat to the institution of the family. Section 28 was part of that."

Colin Ward and Ric Sajor 2005



Four days before Christmas, Colin Ward and Ric Sajor tied the knot, becoming the first civil partnership couple in Haringey. Already being together by that point for 15 years, they campaigned with Stonewall Immigration Group to bring changes to same-sex immigration laws which would enable them to become legally recognised partners.

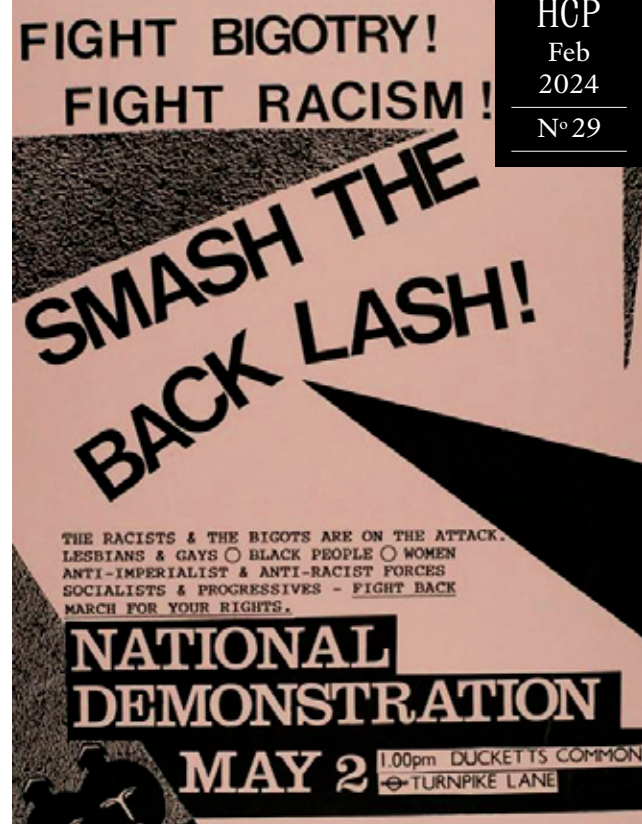
Lynne Featherstone 2013

MP for Hornsey and Wood Green and then equalities minister Lynne Featherstone was instrumental in the creation of the bill legalizing same-sex marriage in England and Wales. The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act was introduced in 2013. In 2012, Lynne was named *Attitude Magazine's* politician of the year, and, in 2014, was *Pink Magazine's* ally of the year and Stonewall's politician of the year.



Subodh Rathod and Niranjan Kamatkar 2014

Following the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013, the first queer couple to marry in Haringey were Subodh Rathod and Niranjan Kamatkar, saying their vows at the Civic Centre in Wood Green. They were also the first gay Indian couple to marry in the UK under new marriage equality legislation. The wedding was musical-themed, entailing sung vows, serenading readings and choral congregations. It was also televised – *Our Gay Wedding: The Musical* was staged at the Alexandra Palace Theatre and shown on Channel 4.



Veronica McKenzie 2018

Local resident Veronica McKenzie began piecing together Haringey's LGBTQ+ history into a collection which she called *The Haringey Vanguard Project*. The heritage partnership project between Bruce Castle Museum and Archive and London Metropolitan Archives allows visitors to still see key memorabilia and remnants from Haringey's vibrant LGBTQ+ past. She told *HCP* last year: "Haringey has always had a very radical community, because if you look at the makeup of Haringey, it's always been very diverse. It was very difficult to find queer spaces [in central London], so you had to move further and further out."



▲ Bolts had a regular presence at the London Gay Pride march



Bolts was bursting with attendees in its heyday in the 80s

▲
'Smash the Backlash' poster
Credit
Haringey Vanguard

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Old and New:
A sunny
Sunday in
North London
(Crouch End)
© Nico Toselli



The bigger picture

Two local photographers have had their work handpicked for the Historic England archives

BY MIRIAM BALANESCU

Historic England has shared photos taken of high streets across the UK which will be added to the its national archive – including images taken by two photographers hailing from Haringey.

Nico Toselli, from Crouch End, and Seán Anthony, from Tottenham, have had their photos immortalised in the archive alongside 297 other entries as part of the *Picturing High Streets* project.

The images document a year's progression of English high streets, with entrants responding to a variety of themes over the course of 2023. Resident photographers also took part.

The project marks the final year of Historic England's high streets cultural programme and the £95million high streets heritage action zones programme and was a partnership with Photoworks.

Nico told *HCP*: "I captured this photo on a sunny day during one of my regular walks in the area. The lighting accentuated the architecture of the building, and I was particularly drawn to the way the building's ornamental details looked under that light. I decided

to grab my phone and snap the photo to capture the moment."

Seán added: "These two images are part of a larger, ongoing personal project on the people, spaces and intersecting narratives of Tottenham. I'm incredibly proud knowing that these images will contribute to the Historic England National Archive and play a small role in preserving a fragment of Tottenham's socio-cultural heritage."

Duncan Wilson, Historic England chief executive, said: "We were overwhelmed by the amazing responses from the public and artists to our call out for photographs of high streets across England. Through contemporary photography, people have captured what makes high streets such special places for social connection, revealed the histories hidden behind shopfronts and celebrated the communities that are keeping them alive today. This new national collection is a truly brilliant historic record of high streets today for generations to come."

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To find out more visit: historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/photographs/picturing-high-streets



▲ High Street Eats: Man in Café (Tottenham High Road) © Seán Anthony



Bus Stops: Bus Stop Cowboy (Tottenham High Road) © Seán Anthony

Concerns over looming cuts to Haringey's libraries

Library users in Haringey have expressed alarm at proposed cuts to services as the council faces growing budgetary pressures.

Haringey Council is looking to cut spending on its library service by 31% over the next three years, but has emphasised that no individual libraries are proposed for closure.

It comes amid the council's ongoing work to balance its 2024/2025 budget, which currently has a £16.3million gap ahead of being finalised later this month.

Members of Friends of Reading and Education (Fore), an umbrella group for library user groups in Haringey, are worried the reduction of services will lead to permanent closures down the line.

They say cuts proposed for 2024/25 include reduced opening hours for branch libraries and an end to stocking hard copy magazines and newspapers, while the next stage of cuts, after 2025, could include using swipe cards to gain access and hiring out library spaces to other organisations.

In response to these fears Emily Arkell, cabinet member for culture, communities and leisure, who has been in discussions with Fore, gave a reassurance the council would not be closing any local libraries and said: "This message is clear."

Following the recent discussion with the council on the cuts, Michael O'Callaghan, a Fore member and supporter of Highgate Library, said: "Words we got on what they're considering changing were quite brief, what I remember hearing was that they won't be using volunteers [instead of professional librarians], but that could still leave room to bring in other organisations."

Peter Beardsley, a friend of Stroud Green and Harringay Library in Quernmore Road for about eight years and a Fore member, said members were "officially" told on 11th December that library services would be contributing "about £1.3m of cuts to help Haringey balance its budget".

He said: "It was all hurriedly done because within around 24 hours, the budget consultation was announced to start on 13th December, running until 15th January."

"We had to run around like headless chickens; they're coming not only for the opening hours of our libraries but the ethos of our libraries."

Library users across the borough fear the impact of proposed cuts by Haringey Council

BY GRACE HOWARTH, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER



▲ Peter Beardsley and Joanna Bornat stage mini-protest at Stroud Green and Harringay Library Credit Clive Carter



▲ Placards outside Stroud Green and Harringay Library Credit Clive Carter

"They're coming not only for the opening hours of our libraries but the ethos of our libraries"

Peter said members were out with posters, placards and leaflets letting residents know what was happening "right before Christmas". He said despite being told by officers that no libraries will close he worried they were "embarking on a process of diminished decline" as he felt particularly in smaller libraries that they would "struggle to maintain users".

He added that the response to the consultation was encouraging and showed there was a lot of "love" for libraries from residents and staff.

Joanna Bornat, another member of Fore and supporter of Stroud Green and Harringay Library, emphasised the importance of residents advocating for their local library as well as the precarious financial climate the council was in.

She said the group needed to think how it would "mobilise people locally" and appealed for schools and parents to get involved in the campaign.

Joanna said: "We have at least three schools who use our library [Stroud Green and Harringay], tiny though it is, and I think we need to do more work getting parents involved and perhaps locally published authors. We need to call on their support."

"We need to draw on the energy of people who live locally, of all ages. Stroud Green and Harringay Library has under-fives groups and activities going on every day in the week."

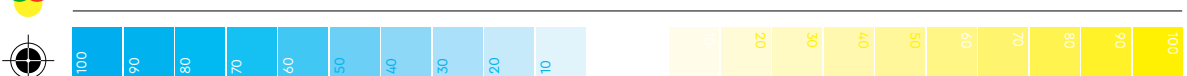
In response to the concerns raised by library users, Cllr Arkell said: "As we review the feedback and responses we have received from our residents, it is important we listen, and respond, to their views and opinions to arrive at an optimal outcome for everybody in our borough – high-quality, successful libraries that don't just survive, but thrive."

In response to the financial pressure the council is under, Cllr Arkell said: "We cannot simply 'borrow money from elsewhere' as budgets are tight and that could put additional strain on our frontline, core services."

"This is a very challenging time for many local authorities after 14 years of austerity from central government and Haringey Council is no exception."

Highgate Library and Muswell Hill Library are currently temporarily closed for refurbishment. They are both due to reopen in spring.

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Top brass

Josh Garman of Hornsey's Spanner Big Band shares the ensemble's story

It's Wednesday night in Hornsey. You're halfway through the work week and need that pit stop to power you through. There are activities to unwind: wellbeing walks and children's groups, but what about to energise yourself? You walk in the dark past Hornsey Station, cold, and thinking of home. That's when you hear music. The powerful expressive rhythm of drums, the

It calls to you and you can't help but peer in through the frosted windows of the Three Compasses, where the Spanner Big Band are sweeping the room with sound. Perhaps you've been to many live gigs, frequented jazz bars a hundred times, or maybe it's entirely new. But how many of us get to experience 15 or more high class musicians, playing, learning, and improvising together? Since the popularity of the big band in the 1930s and 1940s, it's been hard to recapture those energised times. Simply, it's become hard to finance so many musicians in one place, which is why those that remain are a rarity. Playing biweekly in Hornsey, the band returns each time not only to recite and repeat polished tunes, but to refine the music live. Music from the greats and original pieces written by

members of the band are brought forward, changed, trimmed, and rewritten in real-time, not only by musicians but with the aid of the audience.

The local community of listeners and loyal supporters that travel from all over London come together to participate. Since the band was established in 2006, this has remained their most unique contribution. Dan Spanner, the band's creator, has become a charismatic presenter, engaging those gathered in music, singing, poetry, and humour. He has long grey hair, wears breeches, and a colourful waistcoat like a true showman. Even if it's unlikely you'll see him without a sax, balanced on a chord from his neck, don't be surprised if he also bursts into jig mid-sentence. But he's not the only seasoned musician. The band boasts talent not only from the city, but countrywide and overseas, bringing their influences, skill, and dedication to each performance. Music remains a collaboration, artists connecting with other artists, but musicians want to be heard, to tell their story, and here within the community of Haringey, they take the chance to converse and contribute to the district.

To find out more visit: spannerhq.com



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The Spanner
Big Band in
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**Travellers' tales:
Why visit Jordan?**
Wednesday, 7th February, 7pm
Highgate Society, 10A South
Grove N6 6BS and on Zoom

Richard Webber and Jane Campbell will be giving a talk at the Highgate Society on why you should visit Jordan – including its different civilisations, variety of stunning desert landscapes, and relatively untapped tourism opportunities. A ticket for in-person entry includes a glass of wine.

Tickets from £3
Visit [highgatesociety.com/
travellers-ales-why-visit-jordan](http://highgatesociety.com/travellers-ales-why-visit-jordan)

Exhibition

Philip Diggie's 'Bringing it All Back Home'
Friday, 9th–Thursday, 22nd Feb
Highgate Gallery, Highgate
Literary & Scientific Institution,
11 South Grove N6 6B

Punk adjacent artist Philip Diggie will be exhibiting his abstract oil paintings in the borough, a collection of works which he says "is political, erotic, abstract, exposed and does something other than sit and entertain in a museum. I am for an art that embroils itself with every day and comes out on top."

Free
Visit [hlsi.net/whats-on/
bringing-it-all-back-home](http://hlsi.net/whats-on/bringing-it-all-back-home)

Gig

Amalgama Band
Saturday, 10th February, 7.45pm
The Clissold Arms, 105 Fortis
Green, Muswell Hill N2 9HR

Enjoy a Mediterranean musical extravaganza, with music from Asia Minor, Thrace, Macedonia, Epirus and the Greek islands. Michalis Iskas and Miltos Boumis will be supporting the band with violin and percussion. Greek food will be available while the bar will serve ouzo, zivania and Greek wines.

Tickets £13.20
Visit [wegottickets.com/
event/604899](http://wegottickets.com/event/604899)

Festival

Hi! Culture Festival
Until Sunday, 11th February
Tottenham High Road, N15 & N17

In partnership with Haringey Council, Bernie Grant Arts Centre, Bruce Castle Museum and North London Community Centre, this free, month-long festival offers historical walks, exhibitions, pop-up performances, and festival events including music, visual art, film, literature and food.

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hi-culture-events](http://haringey.gov.uk/hi-culture-events)

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Workshops

Zine-making
Friday, 9th February, 3pm–5pm
Alexandra Park Library, Alexandra
Park Road N22 7UJ

This zine-making workshop is available to 11–17-year-olds. Instruction, supplies and equipment will be provided for free and participants can take their final project home with them.

Free
Visit [haringey.events.mylibrary.
digital/event?id=110313](http://haringey.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=110313)

Pinhole Analogue Photography
Thursday, 1st Feb, 12pm–2.30pm
Wood Green Library, 187–197A
High Road N22 6XD

Participants of this workshop will learn to take photos using 'pinhole' cameras made from upcycled materials and develop prints in the darkroom. No camera is needed but the event is only open to those aged 19 or older.

Tickets from £2
Visit shorturl.at/ovB26

Theatre

Unbroken by Nikki Rumer
Tuesday, 20th February, 7.30pm
Jacksons Lane Arts Centre,
269A Archway Rd N6 5SS

Inspired by acrobatics, gymnastics and capoeira, Nikki Rumer tells a very personal story using unexpected mediums. Expect shocking truths to be uncovered amid the setting of a family Christmas, told through dance and movement.

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Tough act to follow

Sophie Warner-Housego and Georgina Frost at The Act Now Initiative shed light on the charity's newest project to support those living in poverty

The Act Now Initiative's vision is to promote and facilitate stronger communities in Haringey through simple, meaningful giving. The long-term goal is to make lasting changes in how our communities support each other, not just in Haringey but well beyond.

Act Now is a non-profit organisation founded post-pandemic by a team of professionals with extensive experience in delivering simple community-led grassroots action.

Among its initiatives are the 'Nourish Now Project' and 'Give it Forward: Community Voucher Scheme'. Each of these projects seeks to support people living in poverty in different ways, however they share the longer-term mission of combating social isolation and building stronger, more resilient and collaborative communities. The simplicity of these two models improves their sustainability and reduces waste through direct action. Both models



Locals taking part in Act Now



provide the opportunity for anyone to make a valuable contribution to someone in need, at minimal personal cost or time commitment.

The Nourish Now project is a simple model, where volunteers cook one extra portion of a meal per week, which is then distributed to someone nearby in great need of a nutritious meal. Partnering specific cooks and diners encourages the formation of new social and community ties, and a friendly face can be just as valuable to diners as the meal itself. It recognises that some people do not get healthy food via foodbanks because, for various reasons, they are unable to cook meals for themselves. The project began developing its service in 2021, and subsequently launched in 2023. Since then, it has facilitated the

distribution of over 2,000 meals, and currently provides around 150 meals per month in the N22 and N10 areas. Nourish Now has also partnered with local establishments in Alexandra Palace such as RoseyMoon Cafe and The Starting Gate, which both donate meals on a weekly basis.

The second model, Give it Forward, is a community voucher scheme that offers customers in participating stores the opportunity to pay for or contribute towards the cost of a second item. The donation is converted into a voucher which is distributed to people in need in the area to come in and spend as they wish. The campaign currently runs in a range of stores, all small businesses, offering a simple and effective way for individuals and businesses to actively give back to

their community while supporting local businesses. The initiative recognises the importance of freedom of choice, and what sets Give it Forward apart from similar schemes is that the recipient is at the heart of the model, offering access to local businesses and opportunities that may otherwise be inaccessible. The model enables the recipient to go into the store and make their own choice of product when it is convenient.

Give it Forward launched in October at The Yard cafe in Alexandra

Palace Station. Bonnie, the owner of the cafe, chose to get involved with the campaign because it's a "very easy way to spread kindness in the community". Within the first three weeks, 34 donations were made at this one cafe alone. The initiative is currently running in a number of stores in the Muswell Hill and Alexandra Palace areas, including The Yard, Cachao Toys, Caffeinate N10, Roni's, The Children's Bookshop, Broadway Pet Stores, House of Books, Crescent stores, Palace Grooming Room and Sweet Tree Bakery. Over 100 vouchers have been donated in the initial trial and the huge potential of this scheme is very exciting!

The Act Now Initiative welcomes anyone interested in joining its mission to build stronger communities and who is looking for a way to help during this time of social crisis that is accessible and impactful.

To find out more visit: actnowinitiative.org

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Playing fields at
Highgate School

Six acres covered in shimmering plastic opposite Kenwood House would be an insensitive alteration

The picture above shows the beautiful playing field of Highgate School on Hampstead Lane – which the school wants to modernise by replacing natural grass with a sea of plastic following Sport England's (SE) guidance.

Whilst some might assume that playing fields haven't got much biodiversity value due to the regular mowing requirements, the photo shows quite a few birds on the field. The guidance doesn't mention the visual impact such a change would have and that this may not be an appropriate approach in all locations, such as conservation areas, like Far Field is. Artificial grass reflects rather than absorbs sunlight and hence the visual impact of six acres covered in shimmering plastic right opposite Kenwood House would be an insensitive alteration, damaging the historic character of the area.

Currently, Hampstead Lane is not a pleasant environment for pedestrians and cyclists, with a tall, dilapidated fence lining the road, mobile homes being parked alongside and a large amount of traffic causing noise and air pollution. Hampstead Lane is a daily route used by many pupils and parents going to schools in Hampstead and Highgate, but has long been neglected by Barnet Council and Haringey Council. The route needs positive improvement but an artificial landscape opposite one

Anke Boehme, local architect and parent, argues against the move to install artificial grass at Highgate School



Anke argues a cycle lane should be created opposite playing fields at Highgate School

“The route needs positive improvement but an artificial landscape opposite one of London's most beautiful parks is not the right approach”

of London's most beautiful parks is not the right approach.

The provision of an active travel route and improved bus service to schools (particularly the 603 bus route) would be much more beneficial for pupils and local residents' health, reducing traffic congestion, air and noise pollution.

Reducing the width of Hampstead Lane by implementing a continuous cycle lane alongside the pedestrian walkway and shifting parking provision towards the middle would lessen speeding and make more efficient use of space. The population of independent and faith schools in both Highgate and Hampstead totals 5,000. If 30% of these children are driven by car, then this creates 3,000 destinations, but adding return journeys each time could result in 12,000 trips.

In order to tackle congestion, short trips should be reduced to allow public transport, commercial and emergency vehicles to reach destinations with ease. Pupil-friendly neighbourhoods must be prioritised.

If you think the sports field should keep its natural character and Hampstead Lane should be improved allowing residents, parents and pupils to reach Highgate by active travel, please sign our petition and contact Highgate councillors and your local MP.

To find out more visit: change.org/p/hampstead-lane-safe-cycling

End child poverty

Dear HCP

I was shocked to learn, via new research from the End Child Poverty Coalition, that in Tottenham there are 14,970 children living in poverty, which equals 43.9% of all children in the area. Across the UK this figure is 29%.

It is concerning to me that UK children are growing up in homes where they go without meals, appropriate clothing, or heating.

This research not only details where children are growing up in poverty, but which families are most likely to be experiencing this. The report finds that in 2021/22 across the UK, 71% of children who were in poverty after housing costs, and 67% of those who were in poverty before housing costs, were in a family where at least one adult was working; 44% of children in lone parent families are in poverty after housing costs. This is compared with just 25% of children in couple parent families. The poverty rate for children in families with three or more children was 42%, compared with 23% and 22% among children in families with one or two children, respectively. Children living in a family where someone is disabled had a poverty rate of 36% after housing costs, compared with 25% for children living in families where no one is disabled. There are persistent ethnic inequalities in child poverty across the UK; 47% of children in Asian or Asian British households, and 53% of those in Black households, were in poverty after housing costs. This is compared with just 25% of those where the head of household was white.

I understand that in order to address the increasing numbers of children in poverty the End Child Poverty Coalition are calling for an end to the two-child limit to benefit payments as part of their All Kids Count campaign. If the gov-

ernment were to scrap this policy which prevents larger families from claiming child-related benefits for their third or subsequent child, 250,000 children would immediately be lifted out of poverty.

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The Labour Party is making unfathomable financial decisions

*Leader of the Liberal Democrat group
Luke Cawley-Harrison argues that
Haringey Council's spending choices
are sending it to the 'cliff edge'*

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Luke Cawley-
Harrison
represents
Crouch End

“I’m afraid there is no money” – that was the note left by Labour chief secretary to the Treasury Liam Byrne when his party was voted out of office in 2010. He was of course joking – it is virtually impossible for central government to run out of money in the same way an individual or business might, and though some cuts to government spending were necessary in the years following the financial crash, government did still have some options available to it. Little did we know how bad it could eventually get. After a decade of austerity, and especially Liz Truss’s disastrous ‘mini-budget’ which sent interest rates rocketing, it really does feel like the money is running out.

Local authorities have had their budgets slashed by almost 30% in real terms since 2010. Compare that to a little under 10% for education, or small increases in spending on health. In that time, councils have actually been handed more responsibilities, including within the huge issue of adult social care.

This has left all local authorities facing tough choices – but not all councils are in the same boat. Some have managed these budget cuts well and protected services, whilst others have crumbled, in some cases being forced to issue a ‘Section 114 Notice’, essentially a bankruptcy declaration.

This is in large part the fault of the Conservative government which is refusing to properly fund councils, but that doesn’t absolve local leadership of responsibility when things go wrong. Haringey’s relatively high grant from central government has shielded us from becoming one of the first tranche of councils to go

over the cliff edge, but both historical and present-day decision making by council leaders can be crucial to the difference between delivering a strong budget, and one that carries significant risk to the future of that local authority.

Haringey Council, run by the Labour Party for the past 50 years, has a long history of underinvestment in its buildings: schools, commercial properties and especially council houses. Problems were allowed to grow, becoming more and more expensive to fix, until local leadership had no choice but to act. This has led to an unprecedented borrowing spree in the last couple of years to fund desperately needed works across the borough, the cost of which is due to rise to over £2billion over the next five years! With interest payments and construction costs now spiking, Haringey is facing a shortfall of £16million in its budget this year. In just two years’ time, the shortfall is projected to escalate to a huge £44m.

That is likely to lead to some pretty brutal cuts, which will affect our most vulnerable residents, but even now the Labour Party is making unfathomable decisions, like putting money aside for pet projects such as the massively over-budget Civic Centre development. Even as they propose a 31% cut in the libraries budget (which Liberal Democrats stand firmly against – you can sign our petition against these cuts at: haringeylibdems.org/save-our-libraries), Labour is spending the same amount insourcing Haringey’s leisure centres to try running them themselves. We are all glad to finally see the back of Fusion, who have run our centres into the ground, but Haringey could have put the contract out to tender



“An unprecedented borrowing spree in the last couple of years to fund desperately needed works across the borough is due to rise to over £2billion”

and got in a well-respected national provider who would have been able to turn things around. The obscure dogma of insourcing is apparently more important than our libraries.

Even if we get through this budget with something resembling semi-functional local services, it is hard to see how Haringey will claw its way out of the hole in which it finds itself. Leadership cannot simply blame central government funding, as its own high-risk decisions are taking the council finances perilously close to breaking point.

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