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More investment in wood green
We need more bike lanes!
Haringey definitely requires a more effective Scrutiny process with regards to the process of challenging !
Take money you made from LTNs
Do not waste money on Parkland Walk upgrades
Cut spending on consultants, agency staff and outsourcing
Cut ICT spend in libraries, and money on feasibility studies and CCTV to save staff and opening hours
keep Woodgreen and other libraries open longer hours with employees. Keep Tottenham swimming pool inhouse.
How effective and efficient is your current workforce? Cut those not required qualified for the starting with the head and deputy councillors. Absolutely useless and continue to penalise residents. They are not fit for purpose.
I haven't heard what income the council is getting from music events in Finsbury Park. I hope the council is charging a lot to use this space. I understand the council needs money and I would be happy to give up parts of the park if they are getting a decent income from these events.
Spend more on lawyers to protect budgets from dishonest contractors. Better still work with government to improve regulation of such contractors to stop wasting tax money.
Is Haringey People really good value? Hammersmith and Fulham abolished their equivalent and used the money to keep down charges for social care.
Stop selling off our land so cheaply
Stop setting up and monitoring School Zones
Reducing external consultant fees and repurposing
Have school /community centre kitchens open in the evenings serving basic food and providing a warm space, like the Working Men's clubs of old, so people can eat there, meet the neighbours, not be lonely, not have to put on their own heating.
No
Merge the council leader and Lord Mayor role. Cut the expenses of Councillors by 30%, Close Mulberry Junction.
Reduce government funding to people that are capable to work, and stop them inciting the to live of the state while others have to work hard to maintain those individuals.
N/A
Leisure centres need to be cheaper and more accessible
Less on council vanity projects
a proper working relationship with library Friends groups
Review existing contracts and overexpenditure
see answer to Q3
Cut online parking permits, makes more work for parking attendants, and costs more in pay
Reduce the investment in the civic centre refurb, by about £30,000,000 and that will put budget back into the
Please keep the librarians and the lido.
Stop wasting money on road name changes. Don't bother mending the swimming pool in Tottenham

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Fund libraries better
Insource services to reduce money spent on agencies, contractors, etc.
No
Libraries need staff and Wood Green library is slowly dying a death with your continued cuts and lack of investment and yet it remains to many a lifeline and should be protected, invested in with events and such like, more books, encouraging use
Raise council tax
Please consider further investment to make the street safer for kids and increase areas for cyclists (separated from cars). Not enough of these across the council.
Do not implement the cuts to the library budget. Keeping staff hours means support for all users particularly those who find using the self operating systems impossible to manage. This includes anyone who does not spend a high proportion of their lives operating computers. It includes children, people with learning and other language needs, those who grew up before the computer age, visually impaired, physically impaired. In fact nearly everybody needs librarian support to access many things the libraries have to offer
Cut printing costs, restrict mileage allowances, cut councillors and council executives pay especially failing bosses should be got rid of, and people actually worth the money brought in.
Not sure
The council couldn't save money if their lives depended on it. The Councils Agenda is solely to waste as much residents council tax hard earned monies and then ask for more the following year. Haringey Council needs clearing out and replacing with councillors who are competent and financially astute, instead of the current bunch of useless articles who grab at every penny they can from residents only to splurge it on nonsense. The council forget they work for us, not the other way around
Taking the contract away from Fusion was a good start!
Insource services to reduce money spent on agencies, contractors, etc. Use pay awards to reduce income differences in the council workforce reducing the total share on executive pay over time.
Spend less money cutting down healthy trees with no evidence they are unhealthy or causing subsidence
take the money that is being considered to pave over the parkland walk, and use it instead to fund the libraries. no one minds getting muddy in winter, but our children also need books and an independent safe place to play and meet
Definitely cut the cost of the technology (cctv , swipe in entry system)
keep the lirbary hours the same
None
As mentioned already, introduce more speed cameras because the income from the many speeding drivers in the borough will help the council
See answer to no. 3. Plus dont take the leisure centres into Coubncil control - you'll make a hash of that anyway. Better to allocate these services to a responsible private company whith a proven track record.
Let Better run the leisure centers
Outsource leisure centre management to specialist provider
Use the day centres for Learning Difficulty people more fully, to the buildings' capacity
As stated on the previous answer, better use of existing resources such as Haringey library. Better management of leisure centres, and most definitely not in house which didn’t go very well prior to Fusion.
scaling back civic centre redevelopment plans + use Better Gyms to run haringey leisure centres

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Not bringing Park Road Leisure Centre in house.
Out sourcing the leisure centres to Better. They know what they are doing. The centres, especially Park Road and the lido, need to be more accessible to those on lower incomes and diverse backgrounds. Manged correctly the centre could be a great way to encourage more people into the area. We have great outdoor spaces.Not spending a fortune on temporary staff for one. Better recruitment for long term staff and investing in staff to retain them.
Appoint a new sports centre administration company to replace Fusion - there are several local boroughs who do this successfully.
Wasting money on 'temporary agency staff'. Employ people with full contracts.
Improve ebook availability
SEE Question 3
No
See above answer
That's hard to say without seeing how operations work. My guess is the system is inefficient. An initial focus on better efficiency of service delivery will save money.
replacing the woeful Fusion with a well-regarded national provider, such as those used by some neighbouring boroughs. This would result in a saving of £700,000 per year vs running the service in-house, and could be done on a relatively short term contract to ensure high performance by the provider
How leisure facilities are managed
How about I do your job?
Employing volunteers and accepting books form the local community. I found that when I tied to donate books/ study books which are. Fight sought after (CFA), I was rejected in the library. Lots of books end up being thrown away or given to charities instead as a result.
Provide every rate payer with a bullet point list of council services. Ask them to apportion a % to each. Action their choices in budgetry terms = Democracy.
The frequency of roadwork improvements, where work is often overdue and where it is apparent that little work is actually taking place on a day to day basis; the rubbish and recycling collection is inefficient and not fit for purpose.
check out 3rd party leisure centre providers
The heating in libraries does not need to be on in the summer
Where is your budget - again this consultation is wooly at best
Invest in Collage Arts.
Do a revaluation of property that expands the property bands so that the charges are more balanced.
See previous answer.
Don't know enough
Revisit the decision to bring the Fuyesion servers in-house to see if this coyld be resourced more competitively
Scrap redevelopment of the main counsel building.
Improve recycle pick ups
sorry but I can't think of one
Stop wasting money on adding extra yellow lines to residential roads, where residents pay for parking and will lose parking space to these unnecessary yellow lines
NA
Scrapping consultations carried out for box ticking purposes .....

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Instead of taking leisure centres in house a much better provider than Fusion could be sourced to save £700k pa
Find another leisure provider, rather than run in-house.
Out sourcing some activities might deliver better value for money
No
No
Give Park Road leisure to an external provider with a good track record such as Better
See 3 above
I would look at specific growth investment (capital) to improve business attractiveness and grow rates
I think the use of the Stroud Green and Harringey branch library is really good and provides for so many age groups at different times.
As above
there are many other options to find cost savings within the borough including getting rid of Fusion running leisure centres (they are truly dreadful) and ensuring that capital works carried out by Council contractors are done so cost efficient and well, and do not need re-doing)
If you were to re-profile schedule for Bruce Castle and roads repair you might ease pain elsewhere (i.e all important library service) although I guess one BC is capital separate budget and roads is ring-fenced central funding
Get market value when selling off any council properties and land.
Reduce non front line staff
Too much technology.
See above
Maybe take away some of the politicians expenses. And save that for the community
please not from the libraries
I strongly oppose cutting budgets to libraries as a way of making savings. I think you should look at Doughnut Economics Action Lab: https://doughnuteconomics.org/themes/1
There is not enough detail on the documents for ordinary residents to assess this.
Parents will children and babies. This space supports my mental health and is fun and welcoming space for my baby
Send the Haringey People magazine electronically where possible and leave a few hard copies in libraries.
Better to improve and boost the library's services to attract the community than make several cuts that discourage all! I am sure more parents/carers would be happy to pay for the soft play area and donations for children's groups if these were improved/accessible.
Don't bring leisure centres in-house
Cut the numbers of printed newsletters but make them available in libraries and doctors surgeries.
Please rent out rooms for other services or organisations but still keep the libraries open
Open schools during school holidays, weekends and evenings for fee paying groups
See my previous suggestion relating to externally provided leisure services.
Refer to question 3
I'm sure you're putting up council tax so that generates extra money
No
Spend less on parks
No
Better management of staff, there are many ineffective staff I encounter on the phone rtc

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I hope you can find cuts. But I beg it not to be in the library service. why not allow other community support groups to meet in the library.
see last answer
Don't know
See above
Sadly, I don't know enough about the services Local Authority are legally obliged to provide, but am aware these account for a very large proportion of total expenditure, thus putting the rest under unfair stress when cuts are being sought.
n/a
No
Monitor the street cleaners which sit around smoking instead of doing the job
Not knowledgeable enough
Get rid of phone boxes. They’re a magnet for vandalism which has knock on effects for the surrounding area.
Yes, stop using the borough's motorists as cash cows by overcharging them to park in their own streets.
See above
Have standards for private landlords and fines for those who don’t keep to these. Issue more fines for traffic rules breeches - eg parking on kerbs.
Encourage and value volunteers in a meaningful way, not tokenism
Reduce use of agency staff across services
See previous answer
See earlier answer
Haringey has a higher-than average housing benefit claimants (which bears strong correlation to lower council income and higher expenditure). London should seek a cohesive approach where people are distributed more fairly. This would ease pressures on the hardest-hit boroughs.
I guess I'm interested in the root causes of the areas of big spend, and if anything can be done to tackle them. Why is there so much homelessness / need for additional support in Haringay compared to other boroughs? Could there be more initiatives to provide employment and housing?
Has any work been done to look at the money that the Library service is charged by Corporate landlords or its energy bill?
No comment
I think you should consider using more volunteers, in a structured way, for maintenance of parks, and open spaces
See previous response.
council owned scaffolding so not paying to rent it and it staying up around buildings for months at a time after works are complete. Having in-house repairs employees so that contractors are not making multiple visits to measure up and clocking up hours & £ unnecessarily
.
Cancel most of the noisy music Festivals in Finsbury Park - reduce to one or two days a year.. They bring in relatively little to the council but are a misery to the local community for long periods in summer, when locals would like to use the park. The noise is awful for miles around, the mess and dirt also..
Sorry I don't understand any of the issues or know any of the activities.
In general the provision of services for the borough by private services needs to be looked at very carefully to be certain they are actually providing better service than very localised approaches -- an example is the company that is to fix the lights in the borough when they

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burn out - they do not ever do the work in a timely manner nor correctly - multiple lights stay out for months on end.
See previous answer.
More involvement of local volunteers in parks.
Cutting libraries is never going to give value to residents
Not sure
Deal with empty council properties rapidly and also illegal subletting
No
Stop shutting things down to save money start lunching with local entrepreneurs to think outside the box and reimagine how to build and support communities.
Already mentioned
See previous answer
Using all the bill board and adverstising space to generate external capital from corporate companies is a good idea. Maximising the use of for hire spaces. Making sure this is well advertised to universities, schools and companies so that income can be generated from this to fullest potential. Looking at prior big spends the council has made on spaces and making sure the proposed projects come to fruition and are used.
n/a
Nothing beyond what I've already said. Although money is sometimes wasted on badly constructed consultations - like the on on the Penstock Tunnel. You could save money by better designed inspections and contractor monitoring.
Nope
None
Pay people to house people you normally put in temporary accommodation?
Leave the roads alone and this will save money. How many millions of pounds have been wasted on cycle lanes, that nobody uses?
Have less money spent on road closures, so called traffic calming installations and stop spending so much on underused bicycle lanes.
See previous answer. Also the FORE ground and generally, library friends groups would be happy to help look at possible inefficient spending e.g. in heating and lighting.
Staff use their own mobile phones for work, saving a portion of 650K. I'd posit that many people with mobile phones do not use all the minutes in their monthly plans on personal calls - so use them up on business calls.
Better stewardship of budgets for heating of public buildings: Muswell Hill Library when open was regularly bping hot
Declare your opposition to fluoridation which has proved an appalling waste of PUBLIC MONEY and violation of human rights and public safety. Joyce Butler MP stoutly defended her Haringey constituents against the threat of fluoridation. She illustrated the sheer waste in a Commons speech in 1963. This illustrated that such an UNTARGETTED approach would use 33 tons (73,920 pounds) of fluoride annually just for Hull. Whereas, only 20 pounds of fluoride tablets would be needed for the children there, for whom it is intended! That means that over 99.97% is a total waste of PUBLIC MONEY AND BECOMES AN ENVIRONMENTAL BURDEN. Clearly, it would be far safer and more cost effective to provide tablets for those who want them, which would also preserve the Individual's Sovereignty over their own body. https://api.parliament.uk/historic-hansard/commons/1963/mar/06/water-supplies-fluoridation Boris Johnson signed an Early Day Motion against fluoridation back in 2003. The motion declares "That this House considers that the only chemicals which should be added to public water are those which are essential for its purification for public consumption; believes that the addition of medicines to public water supplies is a breach of fundamental human rights; and rejects any proposals to amend legislation to permit the addition of fluoride to public water

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supplies. https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/22866/fluoridation-of-public-water-supplies Why has such hypocrisy not been shown up when, with no public mandate, his Government sneaked in legislation in 2022 to transfer the decision from Local Councils to the Health Minister. So much for claiming that compulsion was not how they do things and their commitment to combat the Nanny State! Worldwide only 5% of the population is subjected to this draconian measure, with the USA accounting for over of this. The majority of those saw the concentration level of fluoride used slashed by at least 30% in 2015. Despite the increased evidence of resultant harm the 10% of England subjected to this measure still have alevel of 1ppm imposed. Of the 25 countries imposing this form of compulsory medication 14 countries fluoridate less than half their population. As it clearly does more harm than good this practice should be stopped. The final graph here clearly shows that fluoride has, either in water or toothpaste, failed to have any real impact on decay levels: https://fluoridealert.org/news/data-shows-tooth-decay-declined-regardless-of-fluoridation/ No wonder why ALL 4 of the original fluoride trial areas in the UK prematurely abandoned the experiment. World Health Organisation data here illustrates that non-fluoridated countries may have lower rates of decay and the rates are better in England than the USA, despite their longer and more extensive use of this unethical practice. https://fluoridealert.org/studies/caries01/
There should be much better use of the rooms above the library- this could be commercially marketed and a usable event space. The renovations and money spent making this space accessible do not seem to have been made good use of
Failed privatising of public goods (like leisure centres) is now forcing an exorbitant investment to bring these under Council control. This is one area that comes immediately to mind that should be considered so a value-for-money solution that is also practical. If staff headcount and salary budgets are an issue, the Council may consider cutting in the Senior Management bands (which will be a substantial saving per post), and also auditing existing managerial office-based positions, cutting bureaucratic procedures that create the need for these posts in the first place therefore creating multiple efficiencies in the ecosystem. Important as it may be, marketing, comms and advertisement budgets should be reduced to a minimum before any decisions on service cuts are considered.
Any alterations to parks and green spaces that are not essential should be put on hold until there is money available
Stop spending money on cosmetic things in the area but instead spend on it on important pillars of the community that benefit all generations, such as libraries.
Effective enforcement.
See point 3 above.
Not sure
S25
Yes, council decide not to take leisure services management in house and instead find a new management business with a good track record in income production.
See answer 3: Spending less on street furniture, signs and traffic control systems would be helpful. Also the Haringey magazine just ends up going straight in the bin - a waste of money and bad for the environment.
N/A
, 1 for street public waste bins. Waste collection, we have 1 for train station waste, 1 for businesses, 1 for residential general waste, 1 for residential recycling. Several times a week. I don't want to lose our resi collections but there must be a way to streamline rather than 5 different vehicles coming at the same time to collect different waste? Also if the bin operatives note the issues with head office, you can have a smaller admin office.
Terminate Haringey People magazine; reduce frequency of dry recycling collection. Reallocate Carbon management budget to planning services within the Planning & Building Services budget

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Maybe making some of the library hours available to volunteers/retirees to staff
In the light of the Post Office scandal, I have severe reservations about the huge proposed increase in spending on ICT and digital infrastructures.
Attract more student librarians to work part time. Attract more volunteers. Partner with publishers for book events
I am not sure where more money can be saved after the last 13 years.
If you are trying to rent rooms in libraries, having no staff and no toilet facilities won't attract any visitors to book - or if they do for anyone to attend
Better screening protocolFor mental health. It isn't clear how Haringey spends more than other boroughs when access to mentalHealth is terrible and practically impossible.
No. We have good value for money from Haringey. What we do need is support and funding
Better advertising of income generating aspects of the libraries, such as rooms. Greater consultation with communities to enable alternative cost saving solutions rather than a reduction in library opening hours.
Rent out the spare rooms in libraries. Hold after school activity clubs from eternal companies that you could charge space for.
n/a
Residents don't need things like Xmas decorations, but they do need libraries and librarians.
Tight control of the funds, benchmarking, cost control
Please stop these cuts to branch libraries. I see the Council spend money on other things that are not as important as our local library, such as that 'healthy' (lol) chicken shop and various public art projects which are not put out to tender.
N/A
Invest into library staff who can organise programmes relevant to the community, advise collections department regarding resources that the community needs, and guide volunteers to assist the library staff, not replace them. Eventually these save money, not the decimation of a service that helps the community.
Make sure that staff and services are as efficient as possible
No
unsure
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Not at present.
Offer local businesses use of spaces at better rates than commercial offerings. Offer local businesses sponsorship deals - Spurs could be supporting local libraries as a part of their Youth Academy outreach.
Given the significant contributions from taxpayers and the persisting issues of poor services and delays and spread of cuts, it's imperative to explore changes or proposals that enhance efficiency and value from council spend. Prioritizing transparent and accountable financial management, streamlining bureaucratic processes, and optimizing resource allocation could be key areas to consider for improved service delivery and fiscal responsibility.
Yes do not close or reduce hours for libraries. The longer term impact to the community will result in more costs in the future
I think that the Council needs to rethink the reduction in hours and move to digital for our main and branch libraries .I understand it will cost more to go digital than the proposed savings for reducing library hours and staff ? So why take that route? There are other

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areas that the council could consider making savings on , for example does the Parkland walk need to be paved ?
Better use of libraries for supporting pupils with attendance and mental health problems in their community near homes.
Take over the abysmal Park Road pool and leisure centre and find another company to run it - they can't make a worse job than the current one.
See above - more investment in children's SEND spending to reduce spend on adult SEND care. Also, reducing the spend on libraries is so short-sighted in terms of the value that the council can deliver to all sections of society - spend more to enhance the library service, and surely many other costs will reduce. Please stop the cuts to branch libraries.
Hiring out of the rooms upstairs at the Stroud Green library which was recently renovated and is not being utilised
Not sure
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The council propagandist "People" magazine could be reduced in size and consideration given to replacing it entirely with a downloadable pdf equivalent. In general, the council could try to reduce waste, fraud or corruption. The bill for managers may be the biggest in London and savings could be acheived by, for example, a 10% cut to the huge senior management bill. Or sharing certain senior posts with other Boroughs. Even though such steps would preserve more services for the public, they would of course not be considered due to employee resistance.
.
Reduce spend of internal management and over head. For instance offices and management costs - all seems over the top. Save that money for citizen facing services like the library:
Ensure your contracts are fit for purpose when negotiating. Have a review of serices on a regular basis including users.
Yes, dont spedn money on expensive upgrades to Alexandra Palace. Pursue a commercial solution. Reduce the burden of executive salaries in Culture, Strategy & Engagement . Especially the managers that have both developed and approved these library policies. Failure.
This is a complex questions and would require a good deal of time invested looking at the budget. But - the important thing is not to cut money to services that work - and library facilities are important to everyone, especially to the young and old.
As previous answer.
See answer to question 2 or 3 above re libraries versus Leisure centres
This investment in a C15 Corporate Data Platform to further inform our interactions with residents should be reduced to keep our libraries the way they are!
Better promotion of assets. Consider Unattached Youth Workers to work with young people and thus greatly lower youth crime and youth mental health problems.
None identified.
as above
Homes for Temporary Residents to be based on the success of the Homes for Ukraine scheme
Bringing the waste service in house - I would like to see what savings are possible here.
S12: a phased approach may help here instead of immediate payments S14: direct these funds to Public Health and re-direct some funds already placed in Public Health budget line elsewhere
See above.
Not really qualified to answer - sadly.

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Reducing your spend on consultancy fees
Stop posting the Haringey council magazine to all homes.
Follow through and make best use of development like Osborne Grove, don't waste all that work. And don't start new ideas before they've been fully costed.
Parkland walk leave it as it is
As 3
Again I urge you to reconsider reducing funding to the libraries especially Muswell hill
See above, stronger management in services
See previous answer
Consider not paying executive staff such high salaries or increasing them at this time.If H
Opening community centres, staffed by the voluntary sector, would give huge social benefits at low cost. eg in Eric Allin Centre, Kenneth Robbins House, & in the Grange.
Effective marketing for upstairs space? Artist studios? Community workshops? Children's party hires?
Do not outsource to firms who generate a profit when providing council services
• The significant additional costs in other areas from loss in benefits should be planned for by other departments if the libraries proposed budget cuts were implemented and will cause significant problems for the council long term.
see 3. above
Effective renting out of our library's upstairs rooms, making the library more of a community hub, offering pay for services, to atract more users, e.g. pay for printing services.
Consolidate office properties to achieve lower costs
See above
Please stop these cuts to branch libraries. I see the Council spend money on other things that are not as important as our local library.
A lot of money has been spent in libraries on changes, some of which might be positive over time, for example better renovations, access to a wider range of books through the Libraries Consortium, pianos in libraries. But those benefits would be lost and the money already spent wasted if libraries opening hours are very limited or some library branches/services taken out of the library service.
you are too fixated on 'better value', how do you propose to live if there is no library, no trees etc? would that be better value of life?
End Libraries/Consortium deal (as before). Increase charges for allotments.
The budgets for both Alexanda Palace (£11m) and Selby Centre (£132m!) seem enormous. Would that funding be better used elsewhere?
No
More support for informalCaters (families and friends) so people don't have to go into residential social care when there are other options
I don't see how cutting library funding "achieves better value from council spend".
Don't defund libraries
See above
Reduce agency staff and offer full time posts to permanent part-time staff in libraries.
Build more houses
Increase enforcement of twenty mph speed limit.
See suggestion below to raise money - but setting up social hubs, possibly with basic arts or other projects (nothing too difficult) this could benefit people of all ages, and reduce care costs for older people, and also give an outlet for youth. Table tennis

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G5 - Annual subscription v high and no mention boroughs, Enfield, Barnet, Waltham Cross where joint services may be advantageous. Reviewing waste collection services to ensure nearby roads are collected at same time e.g Park Avenue STH or Wavel Mews