

Personal Address  
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16th. June, 1983.

Dear Mr. Hancock, Council Offices.

As no report has been made by the Working Party, I would be grateful if you would accept the following Notice of Motion for the full Council meeting to be held on the 7th. July.

// "That the attention of the <sup>(offices)</sup> Working Party be drawn to the fact that in Central London more than nine million square feet, or the equivalent of 206 acres, of office space is standing empty and that around the country many more suites and blocks are deserted in the worst rental property crash since the slump of 1974. Also that in the Economic Development Strategy discussed between this Council and the County Council on 2nd. June, 1983, the following statement appeared, 'many forecasters suggest that labour shedding may occur as a result of the gradual introduction of electronic offices'.

Consequently I would ask Council to recommend that the Working Party be asked to call for a 'worst financial assessment' of our situation should Great Eastern House remain deserted for one, two or five years and the result of this upon our rates and services. "

Yours sincerely,  
H. P. Holt (Signature)  
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DRAFT NOTICE OF MOTION FOR  
FULL COUNCIL MEETING : 17TH NOVEMBER 1983

NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following NOTICE OF MOTION standing in the name of Councillor M.W. Allan :

"That at a time when being employed must be regarded as being amongst the "fortunate"; ~~those Members, now retired, who have enjoyed a full span of employment ought to show more consideration and understanding to those Members who are~~ *travelling these* constantly in "jeopardy" by taking time off to attend day time meetings; *\* should be shown by other*

That the composition of the Council has changed so that more Members are in full time employment, consequently the problem is growing, rather than diminishing;

*Evening meeting* That the Council should set the lead in this matter by meeting in the evening rather than waiting for individual Committees to set the pace. ~~This~~ should have a minimal effect on other evening activities by Members, as the Council only have seven ordinary meetings each year;

For these and other reasons which I will be happy to expand on, if Members so wish, I would urge Members to accept the following Motion :-

That with effect from the Annual Council Meeting in May 1984 all full Council Meetings should be held in the evenings, or should be scheduled so that the time of commencement of the meetings should not occur before 5 p.m.

If Members are unwilling to accept the Motion in its entirety at the present time, than I would request that the following alternative Motion be accepted :-

That with effect from 1984 all full Council meetings held in late Spring and Summer should be held in the evening (not before 5 p.m.) i.e. any Council Meeting held in May, June, July, August and September."

BJH/SL

Mr. B.J. Hancock

10th October 1983

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Dear Councillor Allan,

I refer to your letter of the 28th September to the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee and to our subsequent conversation and now enclose a draft notice of motion for your consideration.

Please feel free to alter this or alternatively confirm that it serves your purpose. You will need to respond well before the next Council meeting in order to comply with Standing Orders.

Yours sincerely,

B.J. HANCOCK.  
Chief Executive.

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28<sup>th</sup> Sept 83

Dear Mr Kurick

Chairman - General Purposes

I would be most grateful, if your Committee could consider the following suggestion at their earliest convenience.

Somewhat, I feel there is a growing concern among members principally newly elected ones, that the consideration of "Evening Meetings" ought to be discussed again. I know that this motion, has been mentioned time after time, and always <sup>been</sup> defeated. However, the majority against such a change has been getting smaller over the years; and with the addition of younger and fully employed members

I feel such a move would receive now - a more favourable hearing, through both your Committee and the Full Council.

My main concern would be to change the Full Council to ~~a~~ evening meetings - say anytime after 5 p.m. I know the opposition would argue that evenings are spent in their own words, but my reply would be that the word or words would survive without their presence for seven or eight evenings in the year. On the other hand, the fully-employed would miss work only one afternoon every three or four weeks, instead of one afternoon every two weeks as the present system forces it upon us. At a time when being employed must be taken as being "lucky" - I feel those

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endless line on the dole.

Mr Kinnick, this is my personal  
feeling towards this matter, I am  
absolutely certain you will give  
it the consideration it deserves.

Thanking you for your  
co-operation.

Yours sincerely  
M. W. Allan (Signature)



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COUNCIL MEETING - 23RD FEBRUARY 1984

NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following NOTICE OF MOTION standing in the name of Councillor M. W. Allan :

"That following upon the demise of the Policy, Advisory and Co-ordinating Committee there is a need for a representative Group of Members to be empowered to act decisively particularly at a time of emergency and that the General Purposes Committee be requested to consider the formation and composition of such a Group, its terms of reference and degree of delegation".