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Member of Parliament for Camberwell and Peckham  
Mother of the House of Commons

# Parliamentary Report

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## This is my June report 2023 in which I:

- share with you how I'm going about my work as MP,
- hear from you if you agree with how I'm approaching things and
- what further issues you think I should be addressing.

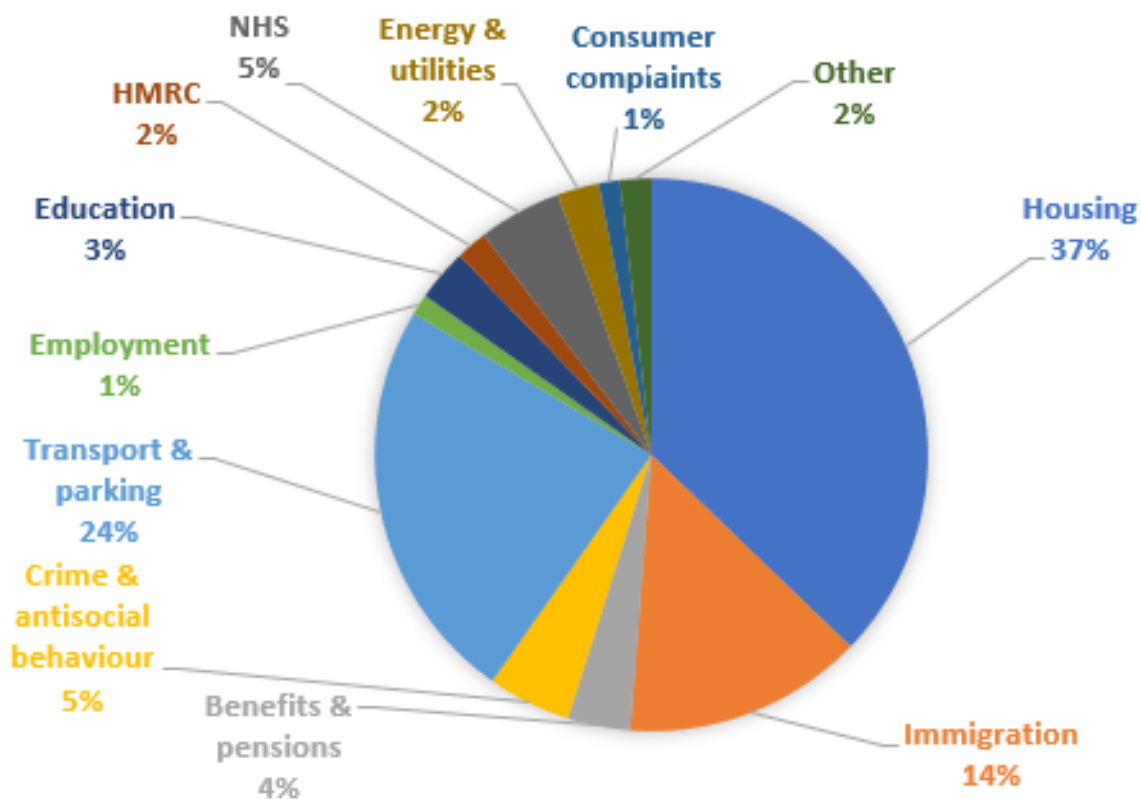
*Haniel Hamman*

## Constituency problems - update

There continues to be an increase in the number of constituents seeking my help with their problems.

## New cases breakdown – May 2023

In May I took action on **689** cases and recouped **£537** for constituents. In 2023 so far I have recouped **£30,474.06** for constituents.

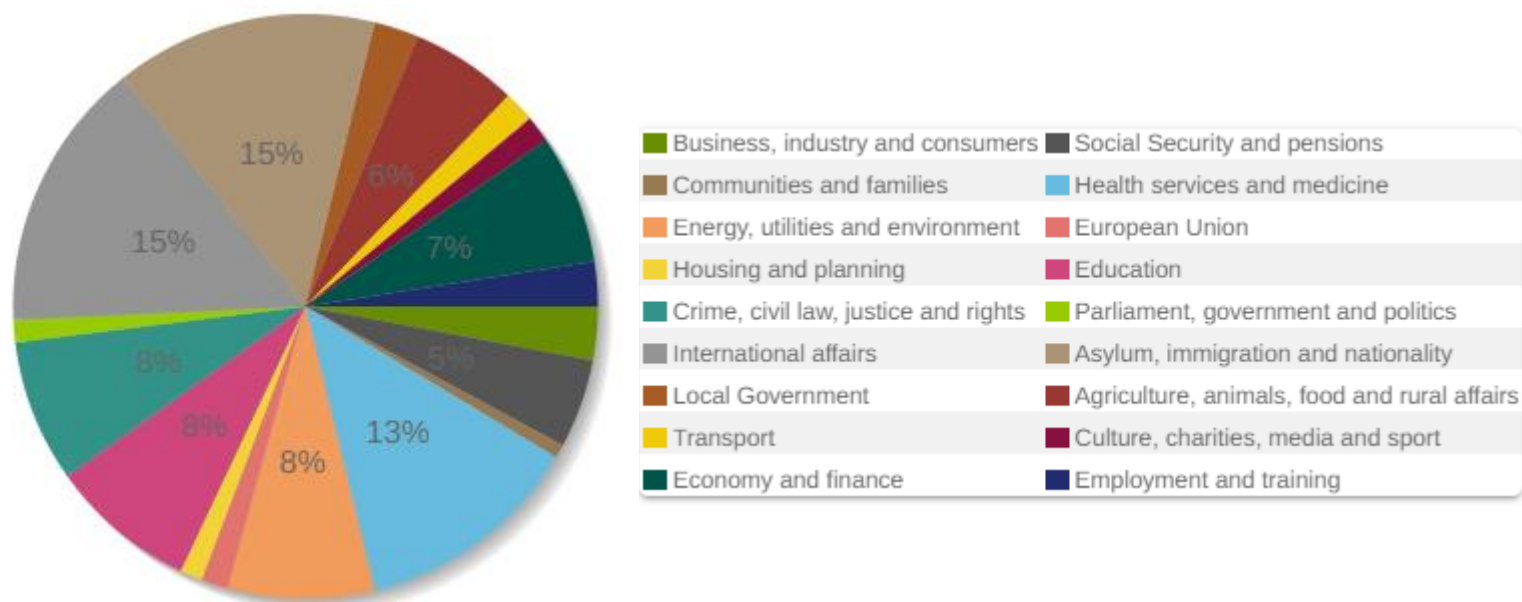


## Case summaries:

- I was contacted by the parent of a child at The Belham Primary School who told me that the school had closed its playground due to ongoing delays to repairs on Victorian drainpipes. The school had applied to the Department for Education (DfE) for funding for the repairs but the Government had still not approved the application. I wrote to the Minister for Schools asking why there had been a delay and for the Government to agree the funding so that these urgent repairs could take place. I received a response from the Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Keegan MP, explaining that in this exceptional circumstance, due to the health and safety implications, she had agreed to fund the replacement of the drainpipes without delay and that a funding approval letter would be sent to the school.
- A Peckham man contacted me to ask for assistance after Southwark Council had made his kitchen unusable during repair work. The Council contractors had visited his property to try and fix his boiler but had disconnected his cooker and dismantled his kitchen cabinets in the process. I urgently asked the Council to carry out the necessary repairs as soon as possible. The Council confirmed that following my contact they had fixed the boiler and cabinets and reconnected his cooker and have paid my constituent £210 for the inconvenience.
- I was contacted by a Peckham man who has been bidding for a two-bedroom property on Southwark Council's housing register since 2017 and had been having difficulties applying for a priority working star to help improve his position in his housing band. I wrote to the Council to ask if they could consider his application and the Council have told me that he has now been awarded a working star to support his ongoing bidding for a property.
- A leaseholder living on a Southwark Council estate in Camberwell contacted me about the large number of pigeon droppings outside her property. I asked the Council what steps they were taking to address this issue. They replied telling me that they planned to add spikes to walls above the entrances to prevent pigeons roosting in the area and that a Resident Service Officer has written to the whole estate about this issue following my enquiry.
- I was contacted by a Nunhead woman originally from Jamaica who had applied for Leave to Remain in September 2021 but had not received her Biometric Residence Permit (BRP). I contacted the Home Office to ask when my constituent could expect to receive her BRP and the Home Office replied to say that her application had been granted and her BRP would be delivered soon.
- I was contacted by a Peckham man who asked for my help with his Personal Independence Payment (PIP). His claim had been approved in September 2021 but he hadn't received it because the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) used the money to pay back a previous debt owed due to an overpayment. The constituent had already been paying back the debt in instalments so I wrote to the DWP on his behalf to ask if he could receive the PIP that he was entitled to and continue repaying his debt in instalments. The DWP agreed to refund the full amount of the underpayment of £2,373.61 and for my constituent to continue his instalment repayments.

- A Camberwell man originally from Australia asked for my help because he had lost his Biometric Residence Permit (BRP). He had applied for a replacement but had not yet received it from the Home Office and because he is in the UK on a Youth Mobility Visa he needed his card in order to work. I contacted the Home Office to ask if a replacement could be issued and the Home Office confirmed that following my contact a new BRP had been issued.

## Policy issues breakdown



In May I received **465** emails from constituents on policy issues including:

- Oppose the Illegal Migration Bill – I strongly oppose this bill, which will only make the asylum system even more unfair.
- Oppose the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill – I oppose the Bill, which threatens teachers and nurses with the sack, attacks fundamental freedoms of working people and does nothing to resolve problems affecting our services.
- Look at a wealth tax to fund public services – I agree that we must make the system fairer, ensuring that the tax burden does not fall just on the wages of working people but that those at the top pay their fair share too.
- Support teachers on strike – I want the Government to do more to support our teachers and ensure they are free to focus on ensuring the highest standards in our schools.
- Support a frequent flyer levy – I want to see urgent action to put climate at the heart of the agenda for a fairer, greener future and I agree we must prioritise decarbonising our transport sector.
- Support debt relief for developing countries – I agree that the debt crisis in low-income countries is clearly diverting resources away from public services and health systems.
- Support the Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Bill – I absolutely agree that this Bill is important and desperately needed.
- Concern over the Public Order Act and restrictions on the right to protest – I consistently voted against this Act in Parliament, as it will interfere with human rights legislation.

## Chairing the Privileges Committee

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June the Privileges Committee, which I chaired, published its final report in its investigation into whether former Prime Minister Boris Johnson MP misled Parliament when he said that there were no parties in No. 10 during lockdown and that no rules or guidance were broken. You can read the report [here](#).

During the inquiry the committee obtained documentary evidence from the Government. On 3<sup>rd</sup> March we published our interim report which you can read [here](#). On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we held our oral evidence session with Boris Johnson MP, which you can view [here](#). During the inquiry the committee met over 30 times and considered thousands of pages of evidence.

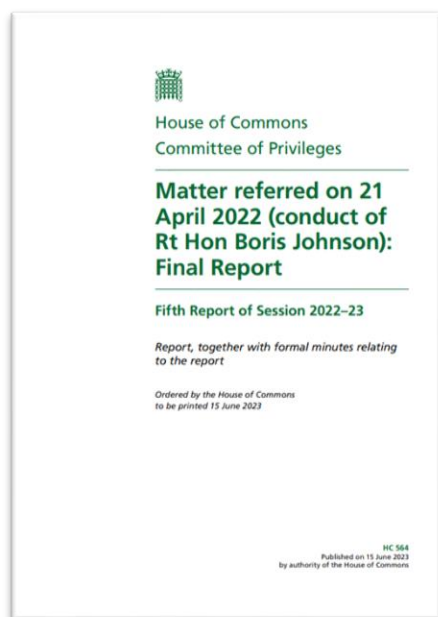
The members of the Privileges Committee are four Conservatives, Sir Bernard Jenkin MP, Alberto Costa MP, Andy Carter MP and Sir Charles Walker MP, one Scottish National Party, Allan Dorans MP, and myself and Yvonne Fovargue MP from the Labour Party. You can read more about the committee's work [here](#).



The committee found that Boris Johnson:

- Deliberately misled the House of Commons
- Deliberately misled the committee
- Breached the committee's confidence
- Impugned the committee and thereby undermined the democratic process of the House of Commons
- Was complicit in the campaign of abuse and attempted intimidation of the committee

And recommended if he were still a Member of Parliament, he should have been suspended from the House of Commons for 90 days. The committee also recommended that he not be entitled to a former member's pass.



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June the House of Commons debated the committee's report and voted overwhelmingly to endorse its conclusions and recommended sanctions. I spoke in that debate, and you can watch my contribution in full [here](#) and read it below.

*It is a privilege to follow the serious and important speech of the right hon. Member for Maidenhead (Mrs May), every word of which I agreed with.*

*The evidence on which our conclusions are based is fully set out in the report. I want to place on record the great debt of gratitude that I believe the House owes to the Clerks of the House, to Speaker's Counsel and to Sir Ernest Ryder. The quality of their work and their dedication to the House is extraordinary. They are public servants of quite remarkable calibre.*

*The evidence shows that, on a matter that could hardly have been of more importance, Mr Johnson deliberately misled the House, not just once but on numerous occasions. The evidence shows that he denied what was true, asserted what was not true, obfuscated and deceived. It is clear that he knew the rules and guidance: as Prime Minister, he was telling the country about them nearly every day. He knew that there were gatherings: he was there. He knew that the gatherings breached the rules and the guidance. Yet he told the House that the rules and the guidance were followed in No. 10 "at all times".*

*Misleading the House is not a technicality but a matter of great importance. Our democracy is based on people electing us to scrutinise the Government, and, on behalf of the people we represent, we have to hold the Government to account. We cannot do that if Ministers are not truthful. Ministers must be truthful; if they are not, we cannot do our job. It is as simple and as fundamental as that. The House asked the Privileges Committee to inquire into the allegations that Mr Johnson, who was then Prime Minister, misled the House. That is the mechanism—the only mechanism—that the House has to protect itself in the face of a Minister misleading it. We undertook the inquiry, scrupulously sticking to the rules and processes laid down by this House under Standing Orders, and following the precedents of this House.*

**Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg**

*I wonder whether the right hon. and learned Lady could say something of her own position in relation to the precedent set by a judicial Committee of the House of Lords, when a decision in which Lord Hoffmann was involved was set aside not because he was biased, but because of the perception of bias. In relation to her famous tweets, how does she think she met the Hoffmann test?*

**Ms Harman**

*I am happy to answer the right hon. Gentleman. I was appointed by this House in the expectation that I would chair the Committee, with no one speaking against it. After the tweets were brought to light and highlighted, as I am concerned about the perception of fairness on the Committee—I agree that perception matters—I made it my business to find out whether it would mean that the Government would not have confidence in me if I continued to chair the Committee. I actually said, "I will be more than happy to step aside, because perception matters and I do not want to do this if the Government do not have confidence in me. I need the whole House to have confidence in the work that it has mandated." I was assured that I should continue the work that the House had mandated, and with the appointment that the House had put me into, and so I did just that.*

*Our report was based on two things: the evidence and our keen awareness of the seriousness of misleading the House. The Committee was unanimous that a sanction that would trigger the Recall of MPs Act was justified in the light of our conclusion that Mr Johnson deliberately misled the House and the Committee. We then felt it necessary to increase the sanction to 90 days to reflect the seriousness of his breaching of the confidence of the Committee, his impugning of the Committee, thereby undermining the democratic process of the House, and his complicity in a campaign of abuse, attempting to intimidate the Committee, to stop us from carrying out our work and to discredit it.*

*Like the right hon. Member for Maidenhead, with whom I share a great deal—including, it turns out, a necklace—I thank every member of the Privileges Committee. Over the course of the past year, they have considered thousands of pages of*

*evidence and participated in more than 30 meetings to do the job that the House asked them to do with outstanding dedication and commitment, particularly the Conservative members of the Committee, who have also had to be extraordinarily resilient. They have had to withstand a campaign of threats, intimidation and harassment designed to challenge the legitimacy of the inquiry, to drive them off the Committee and thereby to frustrate the intention of the House that the inquiry should be carried out. Yet through all that, they have not given in to the intimidation. They have been unflinching in their duty to the House, and we owe them a huge amount.*

*We need Members to be prepared to serve on the Privileges Committee. They must be free to base their judgments on the evidence, free from pressure one way or the other. If the House wants its rights to be protected in the future, it must act to stop intimidation of members of the Privileges Committee.*

*Attacks by hon. Members on other hon. Members designed to pre-empt the Committee's findings frustrate the will of the House, erode public confidence and thereby undermine our democracy. They may themselves be contempt of the House, because they are attempts to impede the functioning of the House. We will make a further report to the House on that shortly, inviting consideration of what could be done to prevent it from happening in the future.*

*None of that is a threat to the free speech of Members. Members can engage in the process throughout: they can speak and vote against a referral to the Privileges Committee; they can speak and vote against the appointment of any member of the Privileges Committee; they can bring to the House proposals for changes to the procedure; and they can speak about a report's conclusions, but what they must not do is interfere with the work the House has mandated.*

*The report does not create a chilling effect on what Ministers say at the Dispatch Box. If Ministers make a mistake, which inevitably happens, and inadvertently say something that is misleading, they are expected to correct it at the earliest opportunity, and that is done routinely. Inadvertent misleading, promptly corrected, is not an issue; it is the system working. The House understands it if Ministers decline to answer, for example, on matters of national security or market sensitivity.*

*Too many members of the public already think that we are dishonest, but hitherto I have found in my 40 years in this House that most Ministers, in all Governments, are at pains to tell the truth. The sanction in the report reinforces and upholds Ministers' high standards and shows the public that that is the case.*

**Sir William Cash**

*The right hon. and learned Lady has referred to the wording "misleads", which was in the original motion on 21 April 2022. That is not the wording of the resolution of 1997, which still pertains today and quite explicitly uses the words "knowingly misleads". Does she not accept that there is a huge difference? That decision was made unanimously by the House and it is still in existence and still pertains.*

**Ms Harman**

*I think the Committee found on the evidence that Mr Johnson knowingly and deliberately intended to mislead the House.*

*Because he was Prime Minister, Mr Johnson's dishonesty, if left unchecked, would have contaminated the whole of Government, allowing misleading to become*



*commonplace and thus eroding the standards that are essential for the health of our democracy. Far from undermining Ministers, the report does precisely the opposite.*

*I want to say something about the press. This episode has shown that wrongdoing has not gone undiscovered and attempts to cover it up have failed, but it would have been undiscovered had not the press doggedly investigated. Many journalists played their part, and Isb want in particular to mention Pippa Crerar and Paul Brand. Democracy needs a free press.*

*The House sent this inquiry to the Privileges Committee without a Division. It unanimously endorsed the membership of the Committee. We have done the work we were asked to do. This is the moment for the House, on behalf of the people of this country, to assert its right to say loud and clear: "Government will be accountable. Ministers will be honest. There is no impunity for wrongdoing. Even if you are the Prime Minister—especially if you are the Prime Minister—you must tell the truth to Parliament." I urge all Members to support the motion.*

## **Joint Committee on Human Rights**

Following the conclusion of the Privileges Committee inquiry into the conduct of Boris Johnson I have now returned as chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights. Our current inquiry is looking into children who go missing from the asylum system and we will then conduct an inquiry into the implications for human rights of Artificial Intelligence.

## **New Bill to reform Met Police standards**

On 19<sup>th</sup> May I published a Bill drafted by Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, to reform the regulations governing police conduct and dismissal. The Police Reform (Performance and Disciplinary) Bill has the support of Members of Parliament from Labour, the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats and you can view it [here](#).

The current procedures for disciplining and dismissing police officers are not fit for purpose. The shortcomings in existing police procedures and regulations have been highlighted by, amongst others, Baroness Casey of Blackstock, the College of Policing Chief Constable Andy Marsh and the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, Sir Mark Rowley.

In her review, Baroness Casey recommended that the Government should expedite work to provide the Commissioner with new powers to support his efforts to rapidly reform and clean up the Metropolitan Police. The changes this Bill would introduce address the concerns of the Casey review and the requests by Sir Mark Rowley for increased powers.

The Bill would introduce reforms to enable the Met Commissioner to:

- Dismiss a serving officer who is convicted of a serious criminal offence (all indictable and either-way offences + violence and Domestic Abuse if summary only)
- Suspend an officer charged with a serious criminal offence (offences as above)





- Dismiss a serving officer who fails vetting (strengthen and streamline current provisions – learning from MPS existing work)
- Give Chief Constables the power to reopen misconduct investigations
- Dismiss an officer whilst in their probation period (including for misconduct)
- Introduce a Duty of Candour, which would require an officer to proactively report any wrongdoing (by self or others)
- Provide Chief Constables the right of appeal to a Police Appeals Tribunal following a misconduct hearing when the sanction is inadequate
- Reduce the performance process to a two stage process, from the current three stage + three appeals
- Strengthen the pension forfeiture rules so that a criminal offence does not have to be committed 'in connection' with their service in order for an officer to lose their pension
- Create a 'duty to handover' to obtain relevant information from an officer's personal phone during a misconduct investigation

Sadiq Khan and I have written to the Home Secretary urging her to back the Bill. You can read our letter [here](#). The Bill stands ready to be made into law, to give police chiefs in England and Wales the powers they need and have explicitly asked for, so that they can start to build public trust in the police.

## Remembering Jo Cox

June 16<sup>th</sup> marked the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic murder of Jo Cox. Her death is an awful loss and I am thinking of her family at this time.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June I attended the Great Parliamentary Get Together, hosted by Jo's sister Kim Leadbeater MP. Inspired by Jo and her message of unity, twice a year the Jo Cox Foundation encourages people to come together in their communities and make new connections. In June, on the weekend closest to Jo's birthday, these community events bring to life her 'more in common' message. It was a privilege to hear speeches at the event from Kim, the leader of the Labour Party Keir Starmer MP, former Prime Minister Theresa May MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves MP and former MP Seema Kennedy.



## Debate on the definition of "sex" in the Equality Act 2010

On 12<sup>th</sup> June MPs debated two petitions:

- Update the Equality Act to make clear the characteristic "sex" is biological sex
- Commit to not amending the Equality Act's definition of sex

Camberwell and Peckham had the 7<sup>th</sup> highest number of people of all constituencies signing the petition against amending the Equality Act's definition of sex.

I am proud of the way in which the Equality Act, which I brought in, has strengthened people's protections from disadvantage and discrimination, and we must not weaken its protections for people with protected characteristics. It is not necessary to amend the Equality Act.

I am proud of the work done by Labour that has taken Britain forward, such as better maternity and paternity leave, same-sex civil partnerships and the minimum wage. I want to build on that further by acting on the gender pay gap and maternity discrimination.

## Meeting with Prof. Clive Kay, CEO of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June I met with Professor Clive Kay, the Chief Executive of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. I had requested a meeting to urgently discuss the trust's plans to provide an alternative nursery following the announcement that the current staff nursery at Mapother House will be closing in December 2023. They have worked hard to find a viable solution.

We also discussed the problem of bed occupancy by people who are medically fit for discharge, waiting times and recent industrial action.



## Congratulations to Margaret Beckett MP on her 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

A huge congratulations to my colleague Margaret Beckett on 40 years as MP for Derby South. She has been a massive champion for her constituency in that time, and for decades has been a backbone of the Labour party. She was the first woman President of the Board of Trade, the first woman Foreign Secretary and she introduced the first ever UK statutory minimum wage. She represents so much that is fundamental to our principles in the Labour party and has never stopped making us proud.



## Attending Southwark Mayor-making and Civic Awards

I was pleased to attend Southwark Cathedral on 20<sup>th</sup> May to add my congratulations to all those who received Civic Awards for outstanding contributions to the local community, particularly Camberwell and Peckham constituent Lisa Pearson, Director of the charity Let The Youth Live, and Sally Causer, Executive Director of the Southwark Law Centre.

My congratulations also to the new Southwark Cabinet and to Michael Situ and Naima Ali on their appointments as Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Southwark.



**Harriet Harman** ✓ @HarrietHarman · May 20

Congrats to new Southwark mayor @michaelsitu & all civic award recipients & good wishes to @lb\_southwark in efforts for progress & equality



## Leader and Cabinet Member portfolios

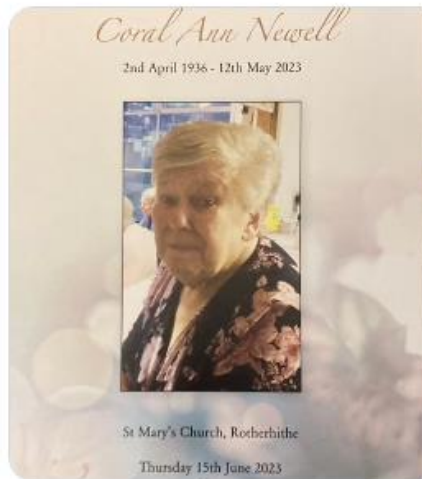
- [Councillor Kieron Williams - Leader of the Council](#)
- [Councillor Jasmine Ali - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Refugees](#)
- [Councillor Evelyn Akoto - Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing](#)
- [Councillor Stephanie Cryan - Cabinet Member for Communities, Democracy and Finance](#)
- [Councillor Helen Dennis - Cabinet Member for New Homes and Sustainable Development](#)
- [Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle - Cabinet Member for Community Safety](#)
- [Councillor James McAsh - Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Clean Air and Streets](#)
- [Councillor Darren Merrill - Cabinet Member for Council Homes](#)
- [Councillor Catherine Rose - Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Leisure and Parks](#)
- [Councillor Martin Seaton - Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Business](#)

## Deputy Cabinet Members

- [Councillor Natasha Ennin - Deputy Cabinet Member for Equalities](#)
- [Councillor Emily Hickson - Deputy Cabinet Member for Green Finance](#)
- [Councillor Portia Mwangangye - Deputy Cabinet Member for Young People](#)
- [Councillor Leo Pollak - Deputy Cabinet Member for Housing Allocations](#)



**Harriet Harman** @HarrietHarman · Jun 15  
RIP Coral Ann Newell 1936 - 2023



## RIP Coral Newell

On 12<sup>th</sup> May it was announced that Coral Newell, a former councillor, Bermondsey community campaigner and Freeman of the London Borough of Southwark, had died. On 15<sup>th</sup> June I attended her funeral. Coral was an incredible woman, activist, feisty, joyful, brave and determined. She was a massive support for me and gave unfiltered, good advice. Coral will be sorely missed.

## RIP Glenda Jackson

On 15<sup>th</sup> June it was announced that Glenda Jackson, former MP and Oscar-winning actress, had died. She was a star in the theatre and a star in Parliament. Glenda served as MP for Hampstead and Kilburn from 1992 to 2015, and was one of the few actors to win an Academy Award, an Emmy Award and a Tony Award.

## Help and Support

### Concerned about rising cost of living? Finding support in Southwark:

If you, or someone you are supporting is struggling financially, there are lots of organisations in Southwark that can help. Southwark Council's Cost of Living support can all be found on their [website](#).

Residents who receive certain benefits and need urgent financial support can apply to the Southwark Emergency and Hardship Support, found [here](#).

Find out what further government support you might be able to get to help with your living costs [here](#).

Information about grants and other financial support can be found [here](#).

Cost of living support for businesses can be found [here](#).

### Free confidential advice:

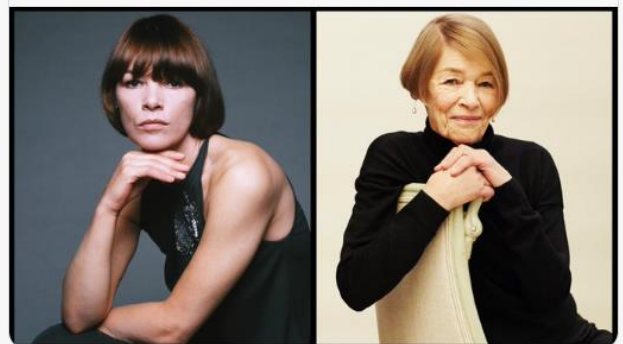


**Harriet Harman** @HarrietHarman · Jun 15  
Glenda Jackson left an Oscar-winning acting career to join the quest to get Labour into govt. She brought stardust to the PLP. As passionate and unique in her politics as she was in her acting, she was a huge figure who made an immense contribution! RIP



**Lewis Goodall** @lewis\_goodall · Jun 15  
NEW: Double Oscar winning actress and former long-serving Labour MP for Hampstead and Kilburn, Glenda Jackson has died at the age of 87.

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- [Citizens Advice Southwark](#)

Citizens Advice Southwark provide free, confidential, independent and impartial advice to help people resolve their problems with money, housing, employment, legal issues, and more.

Advice line: 080 8278 7849

Drop-in sessions from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm 5 days a week at:

- Peckham - 97 Peckham High Street, SE15 5RS
- Bermondsey - 8 Market Place, Southwark Park Road, SE16 3UQ
- Walworth – 6-8 Westmoreland Road, Walworth, SE17 2AY

### **Domestic abuse help and support:**

- [Solace Women's Aid](#) - Advice Line - 0808 802 5565

Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm. Additional 6pm - 8pm on Tuesdays.

Email: [advice@solacewomensaid.org](mailto:advice@solacewomensaid.org)

- [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#)

The freephone, 24-hour Helpline: 0808 2000 247

### **Support for victims of crime:**

- [Victim Support South London](#)

South London Victim Assessment and Referral Service on freephone: 0808 168 9291, then dial 3

Lines are open 8am-8pm Monday to Friday and 9am-5pm on Saturdays.

If you need support outside of open hours, call the Supportline on freephone 0808 1689 111

### **Mental health help and support:**

- [Lambeth and Southwark Mind](#)

020 8159 8355 - 8am to 3pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

- [Samaritans](#) - 116 123 - 24/7

- [The Nest](#) - 020 8138 1805

### **Support for older people:**

- [Southwark Pensioners](#)

Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

020 7708 4556 [info@southwarkpensioners.org.uk](mailto:info@southwarkpensioners.org.uk)

- [Age UK Lewisham and Southwark](#)

020 7701 9700 phone line open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday

### **Legal advice:**

- [Southwark Law Centre](#)
- [Migrant Legal Action](#)

53 Addington Square, London. SE5 7LB

Opening hours: Monday- Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. Appointment only.

Reception: 0207 701 0141

Advice Line: 0203 150 1470 (2:00pm to 4:00pm)

Email: [info@migrantlegalaction.org.uk](mailto:info@migrantlegalaction.org.uk)

- [Cambridge House Law Centre](#)

Provides legal advice and advocacy services by way of appointment for individuals and families dealing specifically with housing, employment, benefits, and community care issues.

Printworks, Unit F, 22 Amelia Street, London SE17 3BZ

Telephone: 020 7358 7025

Email: [lawcentre@ch1889.org](mailto:lawcentre@ch1889.org)

- [Disability Law Service](#)

Provides free legal advice to disabled people, their families and carers. For issues of employment and discrimination at work, or welfare benefits:

Advice Line: 0207 791 9800

Opening hours: Monday-Friday, 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm

### **Food and essentials:**

- [Southwark Food Action Alliance](#)

Southwark Food Action Alliance is a group of local organisations that care about good food for all in the borough. Many of its members provide food support to Southwark residents. The SFAA website has information on low-cost recipes and maps showing where you can learn to grow food and where food support services are located in Southwark. Some food support services are only for specific groups, such as older adults. So do check who the service is for before visiting.

- [Pecan foodbank](#)



Peckham Methodist Church, 2 Wood's Rd, SE15 2PX. Monday and Thurs 1pm to 3pm (by appointment only).

Pecan foodbanks work using a voucher referral system. In order to get help from Pecan, people need a voucher issued by a local agency before arriving at a centre. For more information email [foodbank.support@pecan.org.uk](mailto:foodbank.support@pecan.org.uk) or call 020 7732 0007.

Pecan also run [Peckham Pantry](#). Members of Peckham Pantry pay £4.50 per shop, which gives access to fresh fruit and veg and store cupboard favourites – to the value of £15 or more. For further information please contact [pantry@pecan.org.uk](mailto:pantry@pecan.org.uk) or 020 7277 7075.

- [Spring Community Hub Foodbank](#)

Spring Community Hub, 1 Wilson Road, Modular Building, SE5 8LU. Thursday and Friday 10am to 1pm. Spring Community Hub Foodbanks also work on a referral system. For more information email [office@springcommunityhub.org](mailto:office@springcommunityhub.org) or call 07901 617 189.

### **Concerned about British nationals who need assistance in Ukraine?**

Consular support is still available to British nationals through the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office helpline (open 24 hours, 7 days a week) on:

**+380 44 490 3660** (from Ukraine)

**+44 (0) 1908 516666** (from the UK)

[Click here for UK Government advice about the situation in Ukraine.](#)

### **Concerned about non-British family members in Ukraine?**

The British Government has announced that British nationals and people of any nationality settled in the UK will be supported to bring family members to the UK. This includes immediate family members (under Family Migration visas) as well as parents, grandparents, adult children and siblings (under the Ukraine Family Scheme).

To check your eligibility and begin the application call the helpline (open 24 hours, 7 days a week) on:

From Ukraine: **+44 808 164 8810** – select option 1

From the UK: **0808 164 8810** if you are in the UK – select option 1

[Find further information on UK Government guidance support to Ukrainian nationals and their families.](#)

### **Concerned as a Ukrainian national in the UK?**

The Home Office has agreed some temporary concessions to support Ukrainian nationals currently in the UK who are now unable to return when their existing visa expires.

If you are in the UK and need assistance, contact UKVI on:

**0808 164 8810** – select option 2

Monday to Thursday (excluding bank holidays), 9am to 4:45pm.

Friday (excluding bank holidays), 9am to 4:30pm.

[Find further information on UK Government guidance support to Ukrainian nationals and their families.](#)

### **Need legal advice?**

The Ukraine Advice Project UK offers free legal advice on UK immigration, visas and asylum by qualified legal advisors for Ukrainians affected by the crisis.

Send details of your circumstances and the advice you need to:

[ukraine@freemovement.org.uk](mailto:ukraine@freemovement.org.uk)

Find further information from [Ukraine Advice Project UK](#).

### **Concerned about British and non-British nationals who have been affected by the situation in Afghanistan?**

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