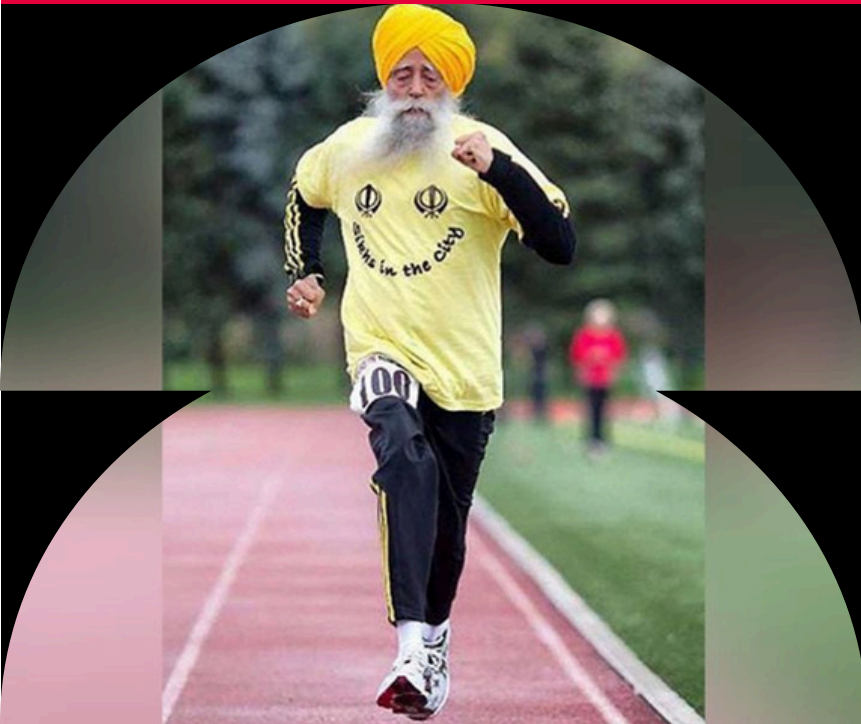


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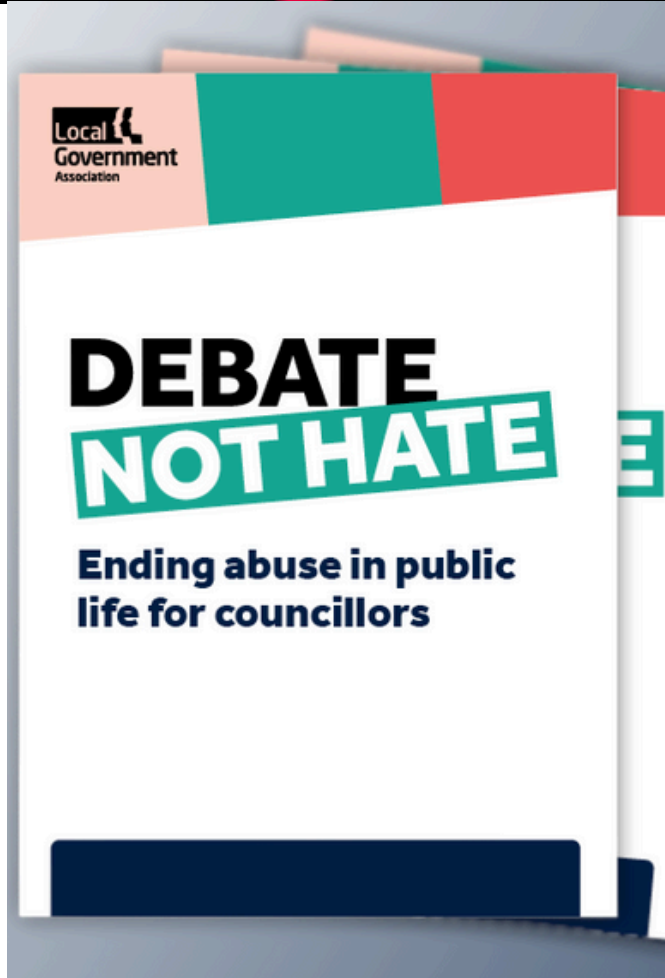
Mayfield Councillor Leads Motion to Tackle Abuse in Public Life

A motion brought by Mayfield councillor **Vanisha Solanki** calling for stronger protections against abuse and intimidation in politics was unanimously passed at the June 2025 Full Council meeting.

The "**Debate Not Hate**" motion commits Redbridge Council to upholding respectful political discourse, supporting councillors and staff facing abuse, and joining the national campaign led by the Local Government Association.

Cllr **Tanweer Khan** spoke in support of the motion, sharing his own experience of being targeted and harassed by a local community group, including being followed to his place of worship – as part of their political campaign.

The motion sends a strong message that such behaviour has no place in public life and that Redbridge will take a zero-tolerance approach to abuse, while pushing for wider national reforms.



Community Composting Site Launched

Redbridge Council is launching a new community composting site in South Park to help residents turn everyday organic waste into nutrient-rich compost that supports local parks and green spaces.

The initiative aims to reduce household waste and promote sustainable living by encouraging composting of items like fruit and veg peelings, tea leaves, and coffee grounds.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability, Cllr **Jo Blackman**, said: *"Not only does composting help reduce household waste, but it helps cultivate thriving healthy green spaces that boost local biodiversity. It's a great example of how we can work together as a community to reduce waste and create a greener Redbridge."*



Council Adopts E-Scooter Motion

Redbridge Council unanimously passed a motion – seconded by Mayfield councillor **Tanweer Khan** – calling for tougher regulation of illegal e-scooters and dangerously modified e-bikes.

The idea was brought forward by a young Mayfield resident who raised concerns at a 'Coffee with a Councillor' event held by Mayfield Labour councillors on Saturday, 11th May.

The motion has been referred to the national government, urging stronger legislation, better enforcement powers, and public awareness around safety risks, including fires linked to faulty batteries.

This highlights how local voices can directly influence policy and bring about real change.



Srebrenica at 30

Cllr **Tanweer Khan** and Ilford South MP **Jas Athwal** joined the Mayor of Redbridge at a memorial event marking the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.

MP Jas Athwal reflected:

"30 years ago over 8,000 Muslim men & boys were murdered because of their faith, their culture, & their God. During this period, women and girls were also subject to sexual violence."

"So many are still living with the memories and the trauma of this terrible time. My heartfelt thoughts and condolences are with them."

Earlier, Cllr **Vanisha Solanki** attended a special memorial service held at St Paul's Cathedral to honour the victims and survivors of the genocide.



Fauja Singh 1911 – 2025

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Mr **Fauja Singh**, a cherished member of our community and a true local legend.

Affectionately known as **The Turbaned Tornado**, Mr Singh was often seen walking in and around Mayfield ward, where many residents had the pleasure of meeting him.

Born in 1911, Mr Singh defied expectations and inspired generations by becoming the world's oldest marathon runner. He took up long-distance running in his 80s and went on to complete multiple marathons well into his 100s, proving that age is no barrier to achievement.

His determination, humility, and positive spirit touched the hearts of all who met him.

In 2021, Mr Singh was awarded the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Redbridge – the highest civic honour the council can bestow – in recognition of his invaluable contribution to the borough and his role as an inspirational figure not only locally, but globally.

His presence in our community will be greatly missed, but his legacy of resilience and vitality will live on in the memories of those who encountered him.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and admirers around the world.



South Park Toilets Revamped

Newly refurbished toilets at South Park were officially opened following a successful campaign by pupils from **SS Peter & Paul's Catholic Primary School**.

The school's Rights Respecting steering group worked closely with Cllr **Tanweer Khan** and Cllr **Vanisha Solanki** to push for better facilities, highlighting the importance of a safe and healthy environment.



Freedom Granted to Mayfield Councillor

Mayfield Labour Councillor **Tanweer Khan** was awarded the Freedom of the City of London on 21st July 2025.

From starting work in the Square Mile at 18 to becoming a global head of department, his journey reflects resilience, humility, and hard work.

A proud moment for a working-class lad from Lancashire and the son of immigrant parents.



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No appointment is necessary.

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