

HARROW BUSINESS CONSULTATIVE PANEL**29 JANUARY 2009**

Chairman: * Councillor Manji Kara

Councillors: * Keith Ferry * Mrs Sasi Suresh (2)
* Susan Hall (Vice-Chairman)
(in the Chair)* Denotes Member present
(2) Denotes category of Reserve Member**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL****PART II - MINUTES**48. **Attendance by Reserve Members:****RESOLVED:** To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Member:-Ordinary MemberReserve Member

Councillor Mrinal Choudhury

Councillor Sasi Suresh

49. **Declarations of Interest:****RESOLVED:** To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members in relation to the business transacted at this meeting.50. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman:**

Due to illness, the Chairman stated that he would be unable to Chair the meeting and requested that an item for the election of a Vice-Chairman be included on the agenda as a matter of urgency. He informed the Forum that he would remain at the meeting and take part in the discussion and decision making.

Upon Councillor Susan Hall being nominated and seconded, it was put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Susan Hall as Vice-Chairman of the Harrow Business Consultative Panel for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2008/09.51. **Minutes:****RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2008 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.52. **Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations:****RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions were put, or petitions or deputations received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rules 16, 14 and 15 respectively.53. **Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2009-10 to 2011-12:**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda at the meeting.

54. **INFORMATION REPORT - Feedback from Consultation on Council Tax and Business Rates:**

The Panel received a report from the Corporate Director of Place Shaping which outlined the consultation that had taken place with local businesses, business intermediaries and Councillors on 13 January 2009. It was explained that, in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council was required to consult with non-domestic ratepayers regarding proposals for expenditure for each financial year. For auditing purposes, the Harrow Business Consultative Panel was required to formally note the outcome of the consultative event and refer the report to Cabinet.

The Chairman expressed disappointment at the confusion that had arisen as to the purpose of the reports on the agenda. A Member suggested that, for future meetings, the purpose and function of the Panel be clearly stated on the agenda.

RESOLVED: That the report be referred to Cabinet for noting.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 7.50 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR SUSAN HALL
Chairman