

# Council

Thursday 14 April 2011

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**LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**  
**MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**  
**Thursday 14 April 2011**

I have carried out the following engagements since the Annual Council Meeting on Thursday 10 March 2011:-

- 11 March        Attended Home Group Ltd "Rayners Lane Story So Far" Event  
                    Attended Harrow Council Five-Aside Staff Football Tournament  
                    Hosted Harrow in Europe Charity Dinner
- 12 March        Attended "My Fair Lady" Musical Show by KLOS
- 14 March        Attended Glebe School Assembly  
                    Attended Rotary Youth Makes Music 2011
- 15 March        Visited Age UK to meet Staff
- 16 March        Attended International Women's Day Event hosted by OM Shakti Day Centre  
                    Attended Retirement Celebration for Mr Mortimer Burgess
- 17 March        Attended St Patrick's Day Celebration, Staff Canteen  
                    Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
                    Visited CCTV Room to meet Staff
- 18 March        Attended Quainton High School Assembly & Lunch  
                    Attended Private View Exhibition of William Heath Robinson's work  
                    Hosted Reception for Supporters of Pakistan Flood Appeal
- 19 March        Attended Holi Celebration Event at Shree Kutch Leva Patel Centre  
                    Attended Harrow Asian Multicultural Association "Positive Role of Youth in Harrow" Event
- 20 March        Attended Mayor's Cup Competition hosted by DL's Committee  
                    Attended The Festival of Colours & Gaura Purnima at Bhaktivedanta Manor  
                    Attended Holi Celebration at Harrow Civic Centre
- 21 March        Accompanied Mobile Library visiting Harrow residents  
                    Attended String Festival hosted by Harrow Music Service
- 22 March        Attended Tree Planting on Mayor's Avenue  
                    Viewed Rotary Eradicate Polio project display
- 23 March        Started off Sponsored Bike Ride from Harrow Civic Centre  
                    Attended Glebe School for Tree Planting  
                    Hosted Reception for Queen's Honours Recipients
- 24 March        Harrow Police Presentation  
                    Attended Religious Education Council Event
- 25 March        Attended Jack Petchey Award Ceremony
- 26 March        Attended Longfield School Spring Bazaar  
                    Attended LB Wandsworth Charity Boat Race Event

27 March Attended Neil O'Maonaigh-Lennon's 24 hour Marathon  
Attended Philharmonic Orchestra at Hatch End High School

28 March Attended Concert and Tea Party at Hatch End Free Church

29 March Attended Spring / Easter Fair at Harrow Tuition Services  
Attended the Rotary Technology Tournament at Bentley Wood School

30 March Attended the Launch of Age UK Harrow at Banqueting Suite, Premier House  
Attended the Young Enterprise Final Event, Council Chamber

31 March Attended Harrow Opera's production of 'The Marriage of Figaro'

1 April Attended Women's Health Event  
Attended Harrow Primary Schools Korfbal Tournament at Priestmead School  
Attended the Vision and Overseas Charity Event

2 April Attended the Opening of Conservatory of The Dimitri Nargles Wing  
Attended the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Opening of Scout HQ Extension at Scout HQ  
Attended Harrow Apollo Male Choir's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

3 April Attended London Mayor's Walk

4 April Hosted visit by Whitchurch First School  
Attended Funeral and reception of Past Mayor Keeki Thammaiah

5 April Attended Belmont School Open Day  
Visited Social Services at Pinner Road  
Attended the World Festival at Harrow Arts Centre

6 March Attended the Housing Fair at Kadwa Pattidar Centre  
Attended the Glebe School Reception for a New Mini Bus at D'Arcy Gardens

7 April Attended the Harrow Inter Faith Council AGM

8 April Attended the Mayor's Charity Golf Match at Stanmore Golf Club  
Attended the funeral of Ian Wilson, long serving Harrow employee  
Presented trophies at Charity competition

10 April Attended Funeral of Member & Past Mayor, Cllr John Cowan

11 April Hosted the London Borough Mayors' visit and showcasing Harrow day

12 April Attended the grand opening of the TLE Harrow – The Leading Edge

13 April Attended Moriah Jewish Day School's Demonstration Seder  
Visited staff at the Community Premises at South Harrow

**I was represented by The Deputy Mayor on the following occasions:-**

18 March	Attended Welldon Park Junior School Centenary Celebration
19 March	Attended Holi Celebration at Shree Swaminarayan Temple Stanmore
26 March	World Premier Concert – ‘Voices that should be Heard’ at Harrow High School
27 March	Attended Hindu Cultural Association Tagore Fest
2 April	Attended Harrow & Pinner Lions Club Annual Charter Dinner & Dance
5 April	Attended Shen Yun Performing Arts Show and VIP Reception
7 April	Attended the Bentley Wood High School Spring Concert for the elderly friends
10 April	Attended Mahavir Foundation’s celebration of Lord Mahavir at Kingsbury High

**I was represented by Past Mayors and Honorary Alderman on the following occasions:-**

26 March	Attended NW London Lesbian & Gay Group 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Event
9 April	Attended the Gurkha Welfare Society UK at Harrow Borough Football Club

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**ITEM 6**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

**COUNCIL MEETING -**

**14 APRIL 2011**

**QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for the asking of written questions by members of the public of a Member of the Executive or the Chairman of any Committee.

**Questioner: Terry Revill, Flash Musicals**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)**

**Question 1:**

“Can you explain why Harrow Council has not committed to adding the £300,000 due to be returned by London Grants to the Grants pot”

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**Questioner: Ann Freeman**

**Asked of: Councillor Margaret Davine (Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing)**

**Question 2:**

“How did it happen that Harrow Council's own Quality Assessment Framework and other safeguards failed to protect from neglect and failed to allow people to flourish in the 3 houses that they own at 15 Greenhill Road, 777 Field End Road and 6 Weldon Crescent, and managed through Harrow's Supporting People and Harrow Adult Mental Health Services Care Programme Approach policies?”

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**ITEM 10**

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**Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall**

**Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell (Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)**

**Question 1:**

"We saw recently that both Wealdstone and Hatch End now have full complements of Neighbourhood Champions. Can you provide an update on the recruitment figures for the Neighbourhood Champions scheme, both in terms of those signed up and those who have completed training?"

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**Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall**

**Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell (Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)**

**Question 2:**

“Could you provide us with an update on how the Public Realm Maintenance Transformation Project is progressing?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)**

**Question 3:**

“What steps are being taken to reduce occurrences of meetings being moved at short notice, as well as meetings being either scheduled or moved to clash with other meetings, as this can make it difficult or impossible for councillors of all parties to attend?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Anthony Seymour**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)**

**Question 4:**

“I understand that the request for financial support regarding the closure of the North Harrow Lloyds TSB has been rejected by the bank. Are there any plans to appeal this decision, and what alternative sources of support funding are being explored?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)**

**Question 5:**

“Is the Leader aware of how many residents applied to the Harrow Observer to have him visit them in their homes to discuss Council finances, as per the competition it ran in February, and has the visit yet been undertaken?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Paul Osborn**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)**

**Question 6:**

“When will you be adopting the list of constitutional amendments that you proposed as Leader of the Opposition on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010?”

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**Amendment to Motion 4 - Academies**

Proposed by Cllr Gate

Seconded by Cllr Stephenson

**Delete all words after This Council and add**

"notes that seven Harrow High Schools are currently considering adoption of academy status:

As a supportive Local Authority, it will :-

- support the schools and work in partnership with them regardless of the outcome of the decision to convert to academy status
- encourage all schools to work closely together in the best interests of Harrow people, including high schools working with primaries and through the Collegiate
- ensure the Borough's admissions arrangements for community schools and fair access protocol are important to Harrow parents; we will not wish to see these changed and remain committed to high quality Harrow school places for all Harrow children
- remain committed to great learning opportunities for all Harrow pupils whatever their abilities or disabilities
- as democratically elected representatives, seek to be actively involved in supporting any new academies and continue to hold all schools publicly to account for outcomes for the borough's young people
- will work with the respective Governing Bodies to ensure that due diligence is exercised in considering academy status
- will encourage fair and wide consultation as part of the process.

This Council believes in the merits of all state schools in Harrow continuing to work together in partnership whatever their status, believing that this will improve the Borough's already strong educational performance and that this will be to the benefit of all of our students".

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Amendment to Motion 5 - Councillor 'Code of Conduct'

Proposer Cllr Brian Gate

Seconder Cllr Bill Stephenson

Amend Motion 5 to read as follows:

“Council reiterates its full support for the ‘Code of Conduct for Councillors’ as laid out in the Constitution. Council further welcomes the fact that training is to be provided in the near future on the conduct of councillors involved with or affiliated with any blogs, websites or other media forms”.

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## Motion 1 'Wealdstone Police Station' Amendment

To amend from 'This Council':

"... is sympathetic to the need of the Metropolitan Police Authority's (MPA) need to make savings given the financial legacy left by the previous Government, but none the less opposes its decision to dispose of Wealdstone Police Station until such time as a suitable replacement facility can be found. It is fully accepted that the current building is not fit for purpose, and that a new facility must include accommodation for the Wealdstone Anti-Social Behaviour Partnership (WASP), improved facilities for officers and the public, provide good value for money and be fully DDA compliant (which the current building is not).

This Council notes that the existence of a borough-central police station is vital to maintaining WASP and keeping the surrounding area safe from anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime, as was argued by the Council and local MPs when the Wealdstone station was threatened in 2003 and 2008.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of London, the MPA, Harrow's three MPs and Brent and Harrow's London Assembly Member:

- to ask that all involved parties work together to find a suitable replacement to Wealdstone police station, with the possibility of utilising Council facilities.
- to convey Council's strong objections and opposition to the closure of the police station without a suitable replacement being found.
- to seek their support for the Council's opposition to the closure and the search for an alternative facility."

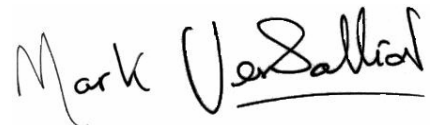
Proposed by:

Cllr. Susan Hall  
Leader of the Opposition



Seconded by:

Cllr. Mark Versallion



### Motion 3 'Saving the NHS' Amendment

To insert after 'informing them of the above motion...'

"... and the following information:

1. Harrow Primary Care Trust (PCT) was rated as the sixth worst PCT in the country in 2010 (138th out of 144) by the Health Service Journal, with the second worst competency rating.
2. Despite receiving 5% extra funding from the previous government, Harrow PCT needs to make some £57 million of cuts over the next year to tackle its own financial mismanagement. Harrow PCT's outgoing chief executive (and second within 15 months) said in February 2011 that its financial problems were "probably bigger than any other PCT in London".
3. Harrow PCT has already cut £2 million out of mental health services, vital to some of Harrow's most vulnerable residents, and is now looking to cut IVF and other services.
4. Harrow PCT abruptly closed the Pinner Village Surgery in 2010 without proper consultation and weak justification, inconveniencing thousands of Harrow residents."

Proposed by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane  
Deputy Leader of the Opposition



Seconded by:

Cllr. Lurline Champagne OBE

