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HARROW COUNCIL
COUNCIL SUMMONS

COUNCIL TAX MEETING
Thursday 26 February 2004



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Law and Administration Division

Civic Centre

Harrow

19 February 2004

Dear Member

I hereby request and summon you to attend a **COUNCIL TAX MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW** to be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER** at the **CIVIC CENTRE, STATION ROAD, HARROW, on Thursday, 26th** day of **February 2004 at 7.30 pm** to take into consideration the following numbered matters and to pass such resolutions and to make such orders thereon as may then be determined.

PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Deacon Tony Martin, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1. **COUNCIL MINUTES:** (Pages 1 - 16)

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 22 January 2004 and of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22 January 2004, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct records.

(Notes: (i) The minutes of the above Meetings have been circulated previously within Volume 8 of the Cabinet and Council Minutes (2003/04);

(ii) those minutes are also now enclosed with this Summons for ease of reference).

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:**

To receive declarations of interest (if any) from Members of Council arising from business to be transacted at this meeting.

3. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

To receive any announcements from the Mayor.

(Note: Information as to recent Mayoral engagements will be tabled).

4. **PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:**

To receive and consider any procedural motions by Members of the Council, under relevant Council Procedure Rules, in relation to the conduct of the business for this Council Meeting.

(Note: Notice of such procedural motions, received after the issuing of this Summons, will be tabled).

5. **PETITIONS:**

To receive petitions (if any) submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11 and presented :-

- (i) by a representative of the petitioners;
- (ii) by a Councillor, on behalf of petitioners; or
- (iii) by the Borough Solicitor, on behalf of petitioners.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:**

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed under Council Procedure Rule 12 for members of the public to ask questions of members of the Executive, Portfolio Holders and Chairs of Committees, of which notice has been received no later than 5.00 pm two clear working days prior to the day of this Meeting.

(Note: Confirmation of any questions received by the deadline will be tabled).

7. REVENUE BUDGET 2004 - 2005 AND INITIAL MEDIUM TERM REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2004 - 2005 TO 2006 - 2007 (COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION): (Pages 17 - 34)

RECOMMENDATION I: (CABINET – 17 February 2004).

8. MEDIUM TERM CAPITAL BUDGET STRATEGY AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN: (Pages 35 - 38)

RECOMMENDATION II: (CABINET – 17 February 2004).

9. SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE: (Pages 39 - 44)

In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, the Borough Solicitor is required to report to the Council any decisions taken as a matter of urgency on behalf of the Executive (that is as individually authorised by the Portfolio Holders).

These requirements are met in the attached paper from the Borough Solicitor.

FOR CONSIDERATION

10. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE (Council Procedure Rule 13):

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed (Council Procedure Rule 13.2) for the asking of written questions by Members of Council of a member of the Executive or the Chair of any Committee:-

- (i) of which notice has been received at least two clear working days prior to the day of this Meeting;
- (ii) or which relate to urgent matters, the consent of the Executive member or Committee Chair to whom the question is to be put has been obtained and the content has been advised to the Borough Solicitor by 12.00 noon on the day of the Council Meeting.

(A) The following three questions have been notified.

(1) Question of the Education and Lifelong Learning Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Knowles has given notice of the following question to be asked of Councillor Stephenson:-

“Would the Portfolio Holder please comment on the quality of post-16 Education in Harrow “.

(2) Question of the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Knowles has given notice of the following question to be

asked of Councillor O'Dell:-

“Are our Parking attendants and Charges, both on Sundays, used merely to raise revenue for the Council ?”

(3) Question of the Leader of the Council and Strategy and External Affairs Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Knowles has given notice of the following question to be asked of Councillor Foulds:-

“How many calls has the “free” Council Tax 2004/05 Hotline received and what has been the cost of this “phoneline” ?”

(B) Any Other Questions of which Notice may be given.

(Note: Confirmation of any such further Questions will be tabled).

11. MOTIONS (Council Procedure Rule 15):

The following Motion will be moved by Councillor Knowles and seconded by Councillor C. Mote:-

“This Council notes the chaos that ensued from the awarding of contracts to install double glazing and doors on the Eastcote Lane Estate, as was evidenced at the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum (Special) held on Wednesday, 21 January, 2004.

This Council also notes the lack of consultation with affected Tenants and Leaseholders.

This Council further notes the lack of on-site monitoring of both Contractors and the work carried out.

This Council deplores the Portfolio Holder's lack of courtesy in not attending the TLCF (Special) meeting on Wednesday, 21 January, 2004, his lack of apology for not attending the meeting and for his gross rudeness to both the Tenants and Leaseholders and to the Council in not sending a reserve in his place.

Accordingly, this Council resolves to express its lack of confidence in the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Housing and demands his resignation from this Portfolio forthwith.”

FOR CONSIDERATION

Yours sincerely



Borough Solicitor

To: His Worship the Mayor and all Members of the Council of the London Borough of Harrow