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**HARROW COUNCIL
COUNCIL SUMMONS**

**MEETING
Thursday 21 April 2005**



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Legal Services Department

Civic Centre

Harrow

13 April 2005

Dear Member

I hereby request and summon you to attend an **ORDINARY 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, 21st day of April 2005 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, the Reverend Clive Pearce, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1. **COUNCIL MINUTES:** (Pages 1 - 38)

That (1) the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2005, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

[Notes: (i) The 24 February 2005 Council minutes have been circulated previously within Volume 9 of the Cabinet and Council Minutes (February 2005);

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

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from all Members present.

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 Director of Corporate Governance, 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 such questions will be tabled].

7. **CORPORATE PLAN:** (Pages 39 - 40)

To
follow

CABINET (14 APRIL 2005):

RECOMMENDATION I

8. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE AND THE USE OF THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE: (Pages 41 - 48)

In accordance with the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Rule 17.3 of the Access to Information Rules, as set out in Part 4 of Constitution, it is a requirement to report respectively those urgent decisions and special urgency decisions taken on behalf of the Executive (that is as individually authorised by the Portfolio Holders), since the previous Council Meeting.

Those requirements are met in the attached paper from the Director of Corporate Governance.

9. 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 Chief Executive by 12.00 noon on the day of the Council Meeting.

[Confirmation of any such questions will be tabled].

10. MOTIONS (Council Procedure Rule 15):

The following Motions have been notified in accordance with the requirements of Council Procedure Rule 15, to be moved and seconded by the Members so indicated.

(1) Property Revaluation and the Council Tax

To be moved by Councillor C.Mote and seconded by Councillor John Nickolay:

“That this Council notes that options for change to the financing of local government are under consideration through the Lyons Inquiry, expected to report to Government in December 2005. These options, combined with the effect of Council Tax revaluation, could drastically increase the bills of Harrow residents. As a result of the recent revaluation in Wales, one in three households have been moved up one or more bands whilst less than one in ten have moved down a band. In some parts of Cardiff and Wrexham, nine out of every ten homes have moved up one or more bands. With the revaluation just starting in England, there is genuine concern that this process will lead to substantial rises. This concern is particularly acute in London, and especially in Harrow, where property values are a poor proxy for ability to pay.

This Council believes that:

1. Harrow residents should not be penalised in any revaluation process or changes in the system of local government finance;
2. the impact should not be disproportionate for Harrow taxpayers;

3. every effort should be taken to achieve a tax neutral outcome from the revaluation in recognition of the disparity between disposable income and property values for lower income households, be they pensioners, low income families or young people;

This Council resolves:

1. to campaign for Harrow taxpayers to be treated fairly by the revaluation and any proposed changes to local government financing;
2. to write to the ODPM expressing concern at the impending revaluation and its possible effects on Harrow and to ask that it be tax neutral in outcome for Harrow residents;
3. to campaign for London to be treated as a distinct region in revaluation through regional Council Tax banding so as to better reflect London's higher house prices compared to house prices in other parts of the country".

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(2) Postal Voting

To be moved by Councillor Anjana Patel and seconded by Councillor C.Mote:

"This Council deplores the postal vote rigging that has occurred in elections and wishes that our system is as foolproof as possible, so that we can be seen to be a model Council".

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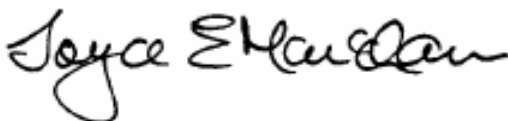
(3) PCT Contracts

To be moved by Councillor Silver and seconded by Councillor Myra Michael:

"This Council, due to the financial losses incurred on joint PCT contracts, asks that the Health and Social Care Sub Committee of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee investigate past contracts with a view to make recommendations on how this can be avoided in future".

FOR CONSIDERATION

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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