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**HARROW COUNCIL
COUNCIL SUMMONS**

**COUNCIL TAX MEETING
Thursday 23 February 2006**



COUNCIL SUMMONS

Chief Executive's Directorate

Civic Centre

Harrow

17 February 2006

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, 23rd day of February 2006 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 Terence H. MacMath, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1. COUNCIL MINUTES: (Pages 1 - 12)

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 October 2005, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

[Notes: (i) The 20 October 2005 Council minutes have been circulated previously within Volume 5 of the Cabinet and Council Minutes (2005/06);

(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 [in any part of the Chamber].

[Note: A list of Members' notified interests will be tabled for confirmation, or update].

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 the relevant Council Procedure Rules in relation to the conduct of the business at this Council Meeting.

Budget Debate: Partial Suspension of Council Rules

It is understood that the Group Leaders will propose a procedural motion (to be moved and seconded) for the Council to agree a partial suspension of the relevant Council Procedure Rules (as has been the practice in recent years at the Council Tax Meeting) relating to the moving of a Recommendation from the Executive and the Rules of debate (including allowing extended time for opening speeches by all three Groups) as set out in a tabled note for Council, to apply for the purposes of the Revenue Budget debate (only) at Item 7 of this Council Summons.

FOR CONSIDERATION

[Note: Notice of any other 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].

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7. REVENUE BUDGET 2006/07 AND MEDIUM TERM BUDGET STRATEGY 2006/07 TO 2008/09 (including the Housing Revenue Account) (COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION): (Pages 13 - 14)

RECOMMENDATION I: CABINET (16 February 2006)

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8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2006/07 AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2006/07 TO 2008/09: (Pages 15 - 16)

RECOMMENDATION II: CABINET (16 February 2006)

9. ROLE OF THE BEST VALUE ADVISORY PANEL: (Pages 17 - 20)

RECOMMENDATION I: CABINET (12 January 2006)

10. STANDARDS COMMITTEE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: (Pages 21 - 24)

RECOMMENDATION I: STANDARDS COMMITTEE (6 December 2005)

11. 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).

12. 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 indicated:-

(1) Grants Funding 2006/07

To be moved by Councillor Joyce Nickolay and seconded by Councillor Marilyn Ashton:

“This Council

1. Agrees to overturn the decision made in December 2005 and again in January 2006 by the Grants Panel, with the casting vote of Chair, not to fund late applications, irrespective of any mitigation, and that the following organisations will now receive their recommended funding from the grants budget for 2006/7 to enable them to continue their excellent work which is so critical to the people of Harrow:

£2,200	Bentley Priory Nature Reserve
£5,000	Harrow Agenda 21
£5,000	Harrow Crime Prevention Panel
£4,230	Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance
£30,000	Harrow Weald Common Conservators
£56,283	Harrow Women's Centre
£30,000	Women's Aid Harrow

2. That the additional round of applications for funding for 2006/7 will be cancelled with immediate effect.”

[Note: Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 15.6 it is considered that the subject matter of this Motion refers to matters within the powers of the Executive and should stand referred to the next meeting of the Cabinet. It may be moved that such referral should not apply and any procedural motion moved and seconded to that effect shall be voted on without discussion.]

FOR CONSIDERATION

(2) Attendance at Meetings of the Authority (Section 85 (1) of the LGA 1972): Request for an Extension of Approved Absence on behalf of Councillor Romain

To be moved by Councillor C. Mote and seconded by Councillor D. Ashton:

“In the eventuality that Councillor Romain were unable to be in attendance on February 23rd that this Council approves under the provisions of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 an extension of time beyond the statutory six months during which Councillor Romain may remain absent from meetings of the Authority and retain his elected office, by reason of the personal injury accident which he has suffered and which precludes him from reasonably attending Council meetings at the Civic Centre or elsewhere for the time being, and that extension of time shall run until the 8th of May 2006, and if re-elected until 1 June 2006 inclusive.”

FOR CONSIDERATION

13. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE AND USE OF THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE: (Pages 25 - 34)

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 the Constitution, it is a requirement to report 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.

14. URGENT DECISION TAKEN ON A MATTER RESERVED TO THE COUNCIL: APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY:

The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders, has exercised the delegated authority granted by Resolution 34 (2) (28.5.02), to effect an in-year amendment to an outside body appointment.

Following the resignation by Councillor Romain of his appointment to the West London Waste Authority, Councillor Mrs Kinnear has been appointed as the Council's replacement representative for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2005/06 and with effect from the WLWA's meeting on 1 February 2006.

FOR INFORMATION

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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