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HARROW COUNCIL
COUNCIL SUMMONS

MEETING
Thursday 26 April 2007



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Legal and Governance Services Department

Civic Centre

Harrow

18 April 2007

Dear Member

I hereby request and summon you to attend a **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 April 2007 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, Rabbi Andrew Shaw, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1. COUNCIL MINUTES:

That the minutes of the Council (Council Tax) meeting held on 22 February 2007 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

[Note: The 22 February minutes are published on the Council's intranet and website].

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from:

- (a) all Members of the Committee, Sub Committee, Panel or Forum;
- (b) all other Members present in any part of the room or chamber.

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 Legal and Governance Services, 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 Chairmen 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. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - PREPARATION OF A JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD):** (Pages 1 - 4)

RECOMMENDATION I: CABINET (15 MARCH 2007)

8. **PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS:** (Pages 5 - 8)

RECOMMENDATION I: STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(26 MARCH 2007)

9. **SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2006-07:**

It is anticipated that there will be a Recommendation arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 24 April 2007 on the above matter.

The Recommendation will be circulated on a Supplemental Summons.

10. **RECOGNITION OF LONG SERVICE: COUNCILLOR ROMAIN:**
(Pages 9 - 14)

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.

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 Chairman 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 Chairman 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:**

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) **Mayoral Nominations**

To be moved by Councillor B E Gate and seconded by Councillor Bill Stephenson:

“The Council acknowledges the successful cross-party arrangements, which operated between 1994 to 2006, when Mayoral nominations were agreed with an overriding principle of fairness and not based on the political control by any one party.

The Council is now in the danger of making Mayoral nominations on the basis of political appointments as the privilege of the ruling party. The Council agrees to continue the non-political approach to the nomination of Mayors by rotating the Mayoral nominations between all political parties, and further resolves to set up a working party comprising of members and ex-mayors on a cross-party basis to facilitate nominations of Mayors from the three political parties for the future”.

(2) **Development Control**

To be moved by Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar and seconded by Councillor Keith Ferry:

“Council notes that both the Strategic Planning Committee and the Development Management Committee are quasi-judicial in nature. In the light of this it is important that **all** members of these committees should have equal and full access to any information and advice provided by officers and similarly for site visits, and this should take account of members’ work commitments and disabilities.

Accordingly, the Council agrees:

- To hold briefing meetings after normal working hours, not in any case before 6pm.
- To arrange site visits at times convenient to the majority of members and not dictated by the chair or members of the administration.
- To arrange site visits in a manner that cater for the access needs of all members”.

[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 Strategic Planning Committee and Development Management Committee and the Motion therefore stands referred to the next meetings of those Committees.

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].

(3) **Voluntary Sector Funding**

To be moved by Councillor Bill Stephenson and seconded by Councillor Ms Nana Asante:

“The Council regrets that the current administration has failed to listen to the pleas of Harrow’s Voluntary Sector to withdraw cuts in their grant funding and SLAs. Given that the Voluntary Sector has played a leading role over decades in working for

the benefit of Harrow's multicultural community and provided excellent value for money to the Council and the local community they deserve the Council's full support and do not deserve the appalling treatment they have received from the current administration.

Council notes that the current administration has buckled under pressure from the Voluntary Sector and the Labour Group by reducing the level of cuts to the SLAs of some organisations; that the cuts have caused and will continue to cause genuine hardship and worsening of support in the services given by the Voluntary Organisations of all shapes and sizes; that these cuts have seriously damaged the partnership between the voluntary sector and the Council as evidenced by the withdrawal of the voluntary sector representatives from the last meeting of the Harrow Strategic Partnership Board leading to the cancellation of the meeting.

By reducing the level of cuts to the SLAs of some voluntary organisations the current administration has demonstrated its ability to 'find' money for this and the possibility of doing this was shown by the Labour Groups proposals on the budget. Council therefore agrees to withdraw the 10% cuts in grants to voluntary organisations altogether and let voluntary sector have some relief".

13. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE AND USE OF THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE: (Pages 15 - 20)

In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 23.6 and Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.3, it is a requirement to report those decisions taken as a matter of urgency and the use of the special urgency procedure since the previous Council Meeting.

Those requirements are met in the attached paper from the Director of Legal and Governance Services.

Yours sincerely



Acting Chief Executive

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