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HARROW COUNCIL
COUNCIL SUMMONS

COUNCIL TAX MEETING
Thursday 21 February 2008



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Legal and Governance Services Department

Civic Centre

Harrow

Wednesday 13 February 2008

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, 21st day of February 2008 at 7.30 pm** to consider the following numbered matters and to pass such resolutions and to make such orders thereon as may then be determined.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials "HR" or similar, written in a cursive style.

Director of Legal and Governance Services

PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Mike Hall, will open the meeting with Prayers.

Enc. **1. COUNCIL MINUTES:** (Pages 1 - 22)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2007 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

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 in relation to the conduct of this Meeting.

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

5. PETITIONS:

To receive any petitions to be presented:

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

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed 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: Any such questions received will be tabled].

7. REVENUE BUDGET 2008/09 TO 2009/10: (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(14 February 2008)

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2008/09 & PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2008/09 - 2010/11: (To Follow)

Recommendation II: Cabinet
(14 February 2008)

9. CORPORATE PLAN: (To Follow)

Recommendation III: Cabinet
(14 February 2008)

Enc. **10. HEALTHCARE FOR LONDON - JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: (Pages 23 - 26)**

Recommendation I: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(13 November 2007)

11. COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION AND LOCAL PETITIONS: (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(12 February 2008)

12. RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES: (To Follow)

Report arising from the Constitutional Review Working Group.

Enc. **13. 10th LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES BILLS - CONFIRMING RESOLUTION: (Pages 27 - 32)**

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.

Enc. **14. ALLOCATION OF PROPER OFFICER FUNCTIONS: (Pages 33 - 40)**

Report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services.

15. APPOINTMENT TO VACANCY - STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

The Leader of the Council to propose that Councillor Husain Akhtar be appointed to the vacancy on Standards Committee, in accordance with proportional entitlements, for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2007/08.

FOR DECISION

16. APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES - REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

To receive proposals from the Political Groups as to the appointment to vacancies for representatives of the Authority to serve on Outside Bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2007/08.

17. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for asking 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; or
- (ii) which relate to urgent matters, and 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 Director of Legal and Governance Services by 12 noon on the day of the Council Meeting.

[Any such questions received will be tabled].

18. 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) Fair Grant Funding for Harrow

To be moved by Councillor Navin Shah and seconded by Councillor Bill Stephenson:

“This Council acknowledges the London Mayor’s support for fair grant funding for Harrow in particular, and London in general. The joint letter signed by the London Mayor and the Leader of the Council makes a well-argued and persuasive case for better grant funding from the Government. The Council resolves to work on this project on a cross-party basis deriving support from the local MPs, the GLA Member for Brent and Harrow, the Mayor of London, and other regional, sub-regional bodies to enhance the chances of success.”

(2) **Land Registry Office in Harrow**

To be moved by Councillor Navin Shah and seconded by Councillor Bill Stephenson:

“This Council condemns the decision to close the Land Registry Office in 2010 and to stop serving customers from the end of March. This is likely to lead to the closure of both the Harrow Land Valuation and Harrow Tax Offices with a consequent loss of nearly seven hundred jobs and a loss of services to Harrow residents in particular and to North London residents in general.”

Enc. **19. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS/LEADER AND CABINET AND USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE:** (Pages 41 - 48)

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.

Enc. **20. URGENT DECISIONS ON MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL:** (Pages 49 - 52)

The Monitoring Officer, following consultation with the Leaders of each of the Political Groups, agreed the attached urgent decision on behalf of the Council.

FOR CONFIRMATION