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HARROW COUNCIL
COUNCIL SUMMONS

(COUNCIL TAX) MEETING
Thursday 19 February 2009



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Legal and Governance Services Department

Civic Centre

Harrow

11th February 2009

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, 19th day of February 2009 at 7.30 pm** to consider the following 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, consisting of the letters 'H' and 'R' in a stylized, cursive font.

Director of Legal and Governance Services

PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Antony Ford Rablen, will open the meeting with Prayers.

1. 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.

Enc. **2. COUNCIL MINUTES:** (Pages 1 - 8)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 2008 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

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.

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 2009/10 TO 2011/12: (To Follow)

Recommendation I: Cabinet
(12 February 2009)

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2009/10 & PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2009/10 - 2011/12: (To Follow)

Recommendation II: Cabinet
(12 February 2009)

9. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/10 - 2011/12: (To Follow)

To note the decision of Cabinet on 12 February 2009.

10. HARROW CORPORATE PLAN 2009/12: (To Follow)

Recommendation III: Cabinet
(12 February 2009)

Enc.

11. JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ACUTE STROKE AND MAJOR TRAUMA SERVICES IN LONDON: (Pages 9 - 12)

Recommendation I: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(26 January 2009)

12. AMENDMENT TO REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

To receive proposals for changes in representation on the identified outside bodies as follows:

COMMITTEE	REPRESENTATIVE TO BE REPLACED	NEW REPRESENTATIVE	POLITICAL GROUP HOLDING NOMINATION
Harrow Refugee & Minorities Forum	Councillor Chris Noyce	Councillor Paul Scott	Liberal Democrat
North London Collegiate Governing Body	Councillor John Cowan	To be advised	Conservative

FOR DECISION

13. 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].

14. 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) GHURKHA RIGHTS

To be moved by Councillor David Ashton and seconded by Councillors Bill Stephenson and Christopher Noyce:

“This Council notes and welcomes the opening in Reading of the first UK office of the United British-Gurkha Ex-Servicemen's Association.

This Council notes that Gurkhas have played an active front line part in the British Army's activities in times of war and peace for nearly 200 years. In this period approximately 300,000 have fought alongside United Kingdom soldiers, with 45,000 of them being either killed or wounded.

This Council notes that the Government announced in September 2004 a change in immigration rules that allowed Gurkhas who had served in the British Army to settle in the United Kingdom with their families.

This Council notes with concern however that this offer has only been extended to cover those Gurkhas who had served at least four years and been discharged after 1st July 1997.

This Council believes that, given the exceptional service they have given to the United Kingdom, Gurkhas and their families should be given fast track eligibility for either the right to remain or citizenship.

This Council:

- (1) Urges Harrow M.P's to support the Campaign for Gurkha rights.
- (2) Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Local Government Association to support asking them to lobby the Government on this matter.
- (3) Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister to support demanding that all retired Gurkhas who fought in the British Army, get the right to citizenship, as well as a fair deal on pensions.
- (4) Asks the Chief Executive to view sympathetically any request from Harrow Gurkhas for a street collection in aid of Gurkhas living in Harrow who are suffering financial hardship.
- (5) Asks the Chief Executive to write to Reading Borough Council thanking them for their letter and to express our support for their campaign.

(2) **Ceramics BA Degree - University of Westminster**

To be moved by Councillor Bill Stephenson and seconded by Councillor David Ashton:

“This Council notes that the Ceramics BA Degree at the University of Westminster has a long and prestigious history. It originally started as a pottery course in the former Harrow School of Art as part of Harrow Technical College. In the late sixties it developed into a studio pottery course and began to gain worldwide recognition. Supported by David Leach, the son of Bernard Leach, it became internationally acclaimed and famous and remains so. Following the change into University of Westminster, the course became the Ceramics BA Degree. The course is considered to be a world leader which achieves top research ratings. Throughout its existence many Harrow residents have been taught on the course or have taught students on the course.

In the light of this, Council expresses its grave concern at the proposal of the University of Westminster to close its acclaimed Ceramics BA Degree which it would regard as an act of vandalism.

Harrow has a long tradition of high quality education in the arts, which is sustained in the very high standards of art in our local schools and colleges.

Council believes that the University of Westminster is the guardian of this great Harrow tradition at Higher Education level and that the Ceramics BA Degree is one of the jewels in its crown which it should do everything in its power to preserve.

Council asks the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to write jointly to:

- (i) the Chairman of the Council of the University of Westminster and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Westminster, asking them to reconsider the University's decision to close its Ceramics BA Degree;
- (ii) David Lammy, the Minister with responsibility for Higher Education, the two Harrow MPs, the Brent and Harrow London Assembly Member and the Mayor of London asking them to intervene to stop the closure of the University of Westminster Ceramics BA Degree."

Enc. **15. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS/LEADER AND CABINET AND USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE:** (Pages 13 - 18)

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. **16. URGENT DECISIONS ON MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL:** (Pages 19 - 22)

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

FOR CONFIRMATION