

Amendment for Motion (2) – Support for Malala Yousafzai

To insert between 'Council notes that' and 'the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights':

- Education is key in the fight against extremism and that there can be no excuse for limiting the freedom and rights of all children.
- The words of Pakistan's Prime Minister that Malala Yousafzai is 'our' daughter, who believes, like so many of us, in change.
- That Malala is only 1 of 32 million girls worldwide who are denied the right to go to school every day, and that only a third of girls globally are enrolled in secondary school.
- That education of girls is not just a moral issue but makes sense both socially and economically. Noting that it can; Reduce the rate of child marriage: A girl who has 7 years of education will typically marry four years later and have fewer children, Reduce disease: A girl who has basic education is three times less likely to contract HIV, Strengthen the economy: Only a year of extra school can increase a girl's future earnings by 10% to 20%, Promote health: Children born to educated mothers are twice as likely to survive beyond the age of 5.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Seconded by:

Cllr. Susan Hall
Leader of the Opposition

Amendment for Motion (3) – Harrow’s Policing Motion

To amend the motion as below:

The Council notes and calls for urgent action in respect of the following:

Joint Borough Command

Council is concerned at draft proposals from the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to share Borough Commanders between the Boroughs of Harrow and Barnet. Council is opposed to any such proposal as it would undermine the effectiveness of policing in Harrow. The Council urges MOPAC and the Mayor of London not to adopt this proposal.

New Policing Model for Harrow

Council is additionally concerned about the inconsistency regarding the composition of Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) across Harrow, as well as the uncertainty of what the new policing model will comprise and the timetable for its implementation. This Council notes the reduction in the Council-funded team by the present administration, and is therefore particularly eager to know how the new model will function and be funded.

Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNB)

Whilst MOPAC consults and puts forward its timetable for implementation of the proposed Safer Neighbourhood Boards, Council requests a more concerted, corporative and cross-party effort to consult with residents and engage with them about local policing matters.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to communicate the resolutions above to the Deputy Mayor of Policing and the Mayor of London, the local MPs and the GLA Member for Brent and Harrow.”

Proposed by:

Cllr. Susan Hall
Leader of the Opposition

Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Amendment for Motion (4) – Change to Planning Laws

To amend the motion as below:

This Council deplores the recent announcement by the Government that permitted development rights will be increased to allow house extensions of up to 8 meters to be built without local authority permission.

This Council agrees with the Local Government Association's statement that "This policy potentially gives the green light to unsightly and out-of-place development without delivering a big enough boost to the construction industry to justify the potential damage".

This Council notes that the Mayor of London has stated his opposition to this change in policy.

This Council resolves to oppose this measure and to opt out of the legislation if this is at all possible.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to communicate this motion to the Minister for Communities and Local Government, the Mayor of London, the three Harrow MPs and the GLA member for Brent and Harrow.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Stephen Greek
Shadow Portfolio Holder for
Planning and Development

Seconded by:

Cllr. Joyce Nickolay
Planning Committee Vice-Chairman

Amendment for Motion (5) – Reorganise Health Service

To amend the motion as below:

Council notes with great concern the impact on the health of local residents of three major changes of health provision:

- The totally under funded transfer of Public Health to the Council, due to Harrow PCT's historical under-funding in this area; although the actual transfer of Public Health to the Council is welcome. This Council is particularly concerned by the accuracy of the morbidity data which affects the size of the public health budget. This Council is therefore ensuring that all mechanisms are in place to ensure data collection is as accurate as possible, so that the needs of Harrow's residents are truly reflected in our Public Health budget allocation.
- The totally under funded, top down, bureaucratic, centralized, ill-thought out system of GP Commissioning.
- The totally under funded proposals to re-organize hospital and specialist provision in North West London.

Council believes these proposals and the dramatic cuts to and privatisation of NHS services will have serious potential to negatively impact on the most essential care for people of Harrow. The Council is particularly anxious about the detrimental impact the changes would have on the Northwick Park Hospital given that there are no guarantees that any of the proposed changes will be properly funded. Council further notes that prior to the 2005 General Election, Labour MP Gareth Thomas – Harrow West – promised that funding had been secured for a “brand new hospital costing £305 million” to be built by 2010 at Northwick Park.

The Council calls on the government to review its proposals so as to maintain the highest levels of medical services.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of London, the three Harrow MPs and the Brent and Harrow Assembly member asking them to support Harrow Council and Harrow residents by lobbying the Government to stop deep cuts and erosion of local medical care and services.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Simon Williams
Shadow Portfolio Holder for Health

Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Amendment for Motion (6) – Early Intervention

This Council recognises Harrow's success in Early Intervention with the last Government's introduction of Sure Start Children's Centres.

The Council regards early intervention projects as incredibly important in both giving young children and young families the best start in life and in generating savings to the public sector in the longer-term through reduced levels of demand on public services. Council notes:

- fears that cuts to Harrow's early intervention funding may put at risk services and all the work Harrow has achieved in this area.
- in the future this might mean there being higher levels of crime, reduced levels of educational attainment and extra demand on Harrow's health services.

Council echoes the concerns of the Local Government Association and others regarding a lack of clarity on the future funding of the Early Intervention Grant, and pledges to write to the Secretary of State to call on him to provide said clarification, and to exempt Harrow from any cuts in its 2013/14 grant, so that Harrow may continue its Early Intervention work as a matter of urgency.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Susan Hall
Leader of the Opposition

Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition