

Appendix 3 – petition

Harrow's New Poll Tax

'We the undersigned are opposed to Harrow Council's decision to tax the benefit of thousands of disabled and unemployed residents. We note that Harrow's 30 percent 'Minimum Payment' of Council Tax is already the highest in London and that now Councillors are proposing to increase that charge, by including disability benefits and child benefit in the calculation.

We understand that this policy is driven by the Coalition Government's policy of 'localising' Council Tax Benefit and the 10 per cent cut in funding, but note that Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea, Merton, Tower Hamlets, Wandsworth and Westminster have all decided against taxing their poorest residents and so we call on councillors in Harrow to withdraw this new 'Poll Tax.'