

## **Cabinet – 11 December 2014**

Written Response to Councillor Question 11 not reached at Cabinet

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**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor David Perry, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Corporate Leadership

**Question:** “Did the Haringey Judgement regarding consultation and changes to council tax support schemes have any influence on the Labour administration's decision to abandon its proposed changes in Harrow's CTS Scheme?”

**Written Response:** No, the Haringey Judgement did not influence the decision. As Leader of the Council I advised Officers not to change the local CTS scheme days before Officers obtained legal advice on whether the Judgement actually affected Harrow's position. I can also inform you that the legal advice given was that Harrow's consultation complied with legal requirements. It is therefore my view that the consultation met with our legal obligations, but should there be any emerging guidance, Harrow will of course take this into account for future consultations.