

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

**TO: CABINET - 19 MARCH 2015**

**FROM: COUNCIL - 26 FEBRUARY 2015**

### **PETITION REFERRED TO CABINET – BROWN BIN ‘GARDEN TAX’**

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Council received a petition containing over 2,000 signatures as follows

- (i) Petition submitted by residents containing approximately 3,000 signatures stating "Harrow Council's Labour administration recently announced, as part of their budget proposals, that residents could face a £75 charge for the collection of their brown waste bins. The bins, which are currently used for garden and food waste, would change to being for garden waste only – and would be collected once a fortnight for a £75 per year fee. We believe this proposal is an unreasonable 'garden tax' on Harrow residents, who already pay the third highest council tax in London, and who should reasonably expect waste collection to be included in their bills. The proposal is also unfair on low income households, and will likely have a disproportionate impact on elderly and disabled residents.

We the undersigned therefore petition the administration/Council to drop their plans for a £75 brown bin charge."

- (ii) Debate was held on the content of the petition.

**RESOLVED: That the petition be referred to Cabinet for consideration.**

### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **Background documents:**

Petition submitted to the Council meeting – 26 February 2015

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