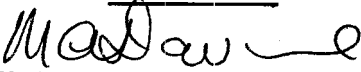
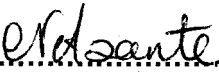


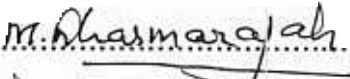
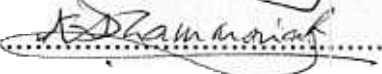


To: The Chief Executive

1. NOTICE OF CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 22, we, the undersigned, hereby give notice that we wish to call-in the Executive decision detailed in section 2 below:-

<u>NAME (PLEASE PRINT)</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
MARGARET DAVIDE	
NANA ASANTE	
NARIN SHAM.	
BILL STEPHENSON	
MANO DHARMARAJAH	
Keeki Thammaiah	

2. DETAILS OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The details of the Executive decision are as follows:-

Decision: Agenda Item 14 of the Cabinet (Aug 3): Financial Position (43 – 62), Savings Plan, Item 77 'Community Sports Coaching Scheme'.

Made by: Cabinet (Aug 3)
(Cabinet/relevant Portfolio Holder)

Published On: Tuesday August 8 2006
(Date)

3. GROUNDS FOR CALL-IN

Please specify below the grounds for the call-in, in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 22.5 (the grounds on which an Executive decision may be called in are set out overleaf). Please note that the considerations of the Call-in Sub-Committee will focus on the grounds stated, and the Sub-Committee will seek evidence to support them. Please therefore also set out below details of the evidence to support the grounds for call-in, continuing on a separate sheet if necessary.

A large number of the items on agenda item 14 on the Cabinet (Aug 3) have not been fully thought through and represent false savings and in many cases there has been no consultation with the key stakeholders. We are asking the Call In Committee to look at a small selection of the 81 items on this list. There are many others, which could have been chosen.

Harrow is part of a £74K, three year partnership scheme with London Active Partnership (Sports England) and six other neighbouring boroughs to employ sports coaches for particular sports in schools – netball, girls football, tennis, athletics and basketball. This is the end of the first year of this successful scheme. The coaches have worked with schools, local clubs and community groups to develop the squad, which represented the Borough at the London Youth Games. The ending of this scheme would mean the end of (i) netball development in all schools, (ii) female basketball development at Harrow High, (iii) withdrawal of Borough representation at the London mini-marathon, (iv) tennis development in local tennis clubs, (v) girls football on the Rayniers Lane Estate in

partnership with Middlesex County Football Association. It will make it more difficult to run grassroots programmes for young people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, who cannot afford to pay for coaching. This scheme offers the chance for young people to participate in various sports in line with the 2012 aim of getting much greater participation in sports, so raising the general healthiness of young people, as well as providing young people more activities and so preventing anti-social behaviour. In addition it is important to continue to co-operate across borough boundaries in this and other areas.

All this for a saving of £13K.

(a) Inadequate consultation with stakeholders prior to the decision.

There has been no consultation with heads, school governors, parents, young people, Harrow Sports Council, other participating boroughs or members. A meeting of the Education Consultative Forum (EdCF) was held on July 3 and although concern was expressed about the budget no mention was made of this proposed saving although it must have already been under consideration. Another meeting of EdCF is due on September 21. It is requested that this decision not be implemented until all stakeholders, including those mentioned above, have been consulted and in the light of the comments received be reconsidered by the Cabinet.

(b) The absence of adequate evidence on which to base the decision.

No analysis was given in any Cabinet papers or in the debate at Cabinet about the possible effects of this decision on the young people concerned or the damage it would do to the participation of young people, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Nor were the deleterious effects on the Council's policy on 2012 and healthy living evaluated. Nor was consideration given to whether this was a more cost-efficient way of working making economies of scale through cross-borough co-operation especially as there is investment from an outside body, which we will have to forego.

(c) The decision is contrary to the policy framework of the Council.

As indicated above, this decision could affect the achievement of some of the Council's key educational policies, for example, 'healthy living' as well as its policies for young people by providing more activities for young people, especially at local level, so increasing participation by young people and preventing anti-social behaviour. It also undermines the Council's policy to work more closely cross-borough, for example, through the West London Alliance.

(d) The action is not proportionate to the desired outcome.

The savings are minimal compared to the advantages of retaining the scheme.

As this is a matter relating to the Council's education functions, 5.4 of 4F The Overview and Scrutiny Rules of the Constitution should apply.