

(4). Capital Funding Initiative for Harrow Schools

To be moved by Councillor Bill Stephenson and seconded by Councillor Navin Shah:

“Council welcomes support by the Government for Harrow by providing significant capital funding for our schools year on year as well as investment for a number of major projects in Harrow such as Harrow Sixth Form Collegiate (£25 million), Harrow College (£80 million), Whitmore School (£30 million) etc. Council pays tribute to the unstinting efforts of its officers and its two local MPs in helping to obtain this very welcome funding.”

Conservative amendment to the Capital Funding Initiative for Harrow Schools motion

To be moved by Councillor Christine Bednell and seconded by Councillor Janet Mote:

Delete everything after “Council welcomes...” and replace with:

...capital funding for Harrow schools, but would remind Government that inadequate revenue grants are bearing down unfairly on the people of Harrow.

The Council notes that taking all government grants together Harrow receives an average of £145 per head less than its nearest neighbours and £572 per head less than the London average. That is £30m and £120m respectively. For the main formula grant Harrow will receive £284 per head in government grant for 07-08 compared to the England average of £506 and the Outer London average of £360. That is a shortfall of £47m and £16m respectively. As a matter of urgency, this Council calls upon Tony McNulty MP and Gareth Thomas MP to support this motion and make representations to the Department for Communities and Local Government, on behalf of the residents to ensure the borough gets a fairer deal.”