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## **Unisons Report ECF 30 January 2008**

Unison is extremely concerned at the lack of response by the delegated officers regarding further information surrounding the asbestos investigation and other outstanding related issues. This matter has been raised twice since ECF on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 and the Emergency ECF on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2007, at the CJC forum but to no avail.

Firstly, there is the requirement to supply Unison all documentation and access to Contractors as agreed by the forum of 29.8.07 and endorsed by the Leader of the Council.

Secondly, there again seems to be a complete disregard for Unisons position as a major partner with Harrow Council which Unison believes breaches the policy of consultation with Trade Unions, Ref 4.02 – Employees Consultative Committee Ref 4.7 – 7.1 in particular. Also the Recognition Agreement between Harrow and Unison and the objectives laid out in clauses 4.3 .1 and 4.3.2.

Thirdly, there is the over-riding issue to the validity of this forum; this we believe is due to either a lack of knowledge or a total disregard for all the parties that make up this forum by the officers that present these issues on behalf of the council.

Unison believes the latter, as the onus of responsibility to present these matters has been given to a spokesperson rather than the responsible officer. We believe that this has contributed to the failure to adhere to agreements reached within the forum, as there are no further requirements or sanctions for the officers concerned.

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