

Meeting:	COUNCIL
Date:	21 February 2008
Subject:	10 th London Local Authorities Bills – Confirming Resolution
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart
Portfolio Holder:	Chris Mote
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 – Confirming Resolution

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the current position in relation to the promotion of the 10th London Local Authorities Bills.

Recommendations

That the Council resolve to adopt the confirming resolution of Harrow's continued participation in the promotion of the 10th London Local Authorities Bills as now deposited in Parliament.

Reasons

Failure to pass the confirming resolution will mean that the Council is unable to avail itself of any legislative changes, which may be brought about by the Bills.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

1. This matter was considered by Council at its meeting on 18 October when it agreed that Harrow should participate in the promotion of the 10th London Local Authorities Bills.
2. Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 87 of the Local Government Act 1985 provides that were a local authority is satisfied that it is expedient to promote any local Bill in Parliament, it may do so and bear the expenses incurred. In deciding to promote a Bill the Council must follow the prescribed procedure, which requires the passing of two resolutions by a majority of the whole number of the members of the Council.
3. In accordance with the regulations Council passed the first resolution on 18 October 2007, before the Bills were lodged. The confirming resolution must be passed as soon as possible after the expiry of 14 days after the lodging of the Bills.
4. The Bills were lodged in Parliament on 27 November 2007 and copies have been circulated to the Group Offices and are available for inspection.
5. If Harrow is to continue to participate, in the promotion of the Bills, the confirming resolution must be passed by a majority of the whole number of the full Council, at the meeting on 21 February 2008.

Financial Implications

The costs of participating in the promoting of the Bills are difficult to quantify, but the estimates provided by London Councils suggests that the cost to Harrow is likely to be approximately £12,000. If the Bills were enacted, many of the proposals would generate income whilst others may have service implications. It is therefore difficult to assess the full implications of the Bill at this stage.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

On behalf of the Chief Finance Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Graham Clark
		Date: 6 February 2008
Monitoring Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Hugh Peart
		Date: 6 February 2008

SECTION 4 - Contact Details And Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Second Notice published in the Evening Standard dated 14 December 2007
Report to Council 18 October 2007
First Notice published in the Evening Standard dated 10 August 2007
Recommendation from the Leaders' Committee dated 10 July 2007

APPENDIX 1

CONFIRMING RESOLUTION OF LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

HARROW LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the resolution of this Council passed at a meeting of the Council held on 18 October 2007 to promote a Bill or Bills, pursuant to which the Bills intituled “A Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London; and for related purposes”; “A Bill to introduce in London a prohibition on the supply of certain bags by retailers, to confer powers upon local authorities in London to enforce the prohibition; and for related purposes” and “A Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London and upon Transport for London; and for related purposes” have been deposited in Parliament, be and the same is hereby confirmed.