

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

TO: CABINET - 13th NOVEMBER 2008

FROM: COUNCIL – 30th OCTOBER 2008

MOTIONS REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE –

(A) Climate Change / Nottingham Declaration

1. At the meeting of Council held on 30 October 2008, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15.6, a Motion proposed by Councillor Phillip O'Dell and seconded by Councillor Navin Shah, was resolved to stand referred to the next meeting of the Executive as follows:

This Council fully supports and endorses the decision by the Cabinet to sign the Nottingham Declaration on climate change and resolves itself to formally adopt it. Council further requests Cabinet to provide regular reports to Council on the progress made in implementing the Declaration.

It is important that the Nottingham Declaration should not only be adopted by Harrow Council but also by as many other Harrow organisations as possible, for example, the Harrow Strategic Partnership, the PCT, the Police, local traders, local industry, residents' associations, HAVS, the local Press, schools and so on. With this in mind Council agrees, after the widest possible consultation with all such organisations, to draw up its own 'Harrow Declaration' with even broader environmental aims than the Nottingham declaration for adoption throughout Harrow.

(B) Fair Trade

1. At the meeting of Council held on 30 October 2008, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15.6, a Motion proposed by Councillor Nana Asante and seconded by Councillor Phillip O'Dell, was resolved to stand referred to the next meeting of the Executive as follows:

This Council notes that it adopted a Fair Trade Motion at its meeting on 20 October 2005 (see attached appendix). Council regrets that the process of achieving Fair Trade status for Harrow has stalled and believes that working towards Fair Trade status would be a positive campaign uniting the Borough as a part of its work of bringing communities together.

Council therefore reaffirms its commitment to achieve Fair Trade status by:

1. Reconvening the Fair Trade Steering Group;
2. Requesting the Cabinet to appoint an officer of the Council with specific responsibility for achieving Fair Trade Status
3. Using its influence with its partners in the Harrow Strategic Partnership to use Fair Trade products;
4. Organising a Fair Trade event during Fair Trade Fortnight (23 February to 9 March, 2009)
5. Seeking to achieve Free Trade status for Harrow within the next three years.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background documents:

1. Motions submitted to the Council meeting – 30 October 2008.
2. Minutes of the Council meeting - 30 October 2008.

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