REPORT OF CABINET

MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2003

Chair:	* Councillor Foulds		
Councillors:	* D Ashton	† C Mote	
	* Burchell	* O'Dell	
	* Margaret Davine	* N Shah	
	* Dighé	* Stephenson	
	* Miss Lyne		

* Denotes Member present
† Denotes apologies received

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION II - Proposed Conferment of Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Harrow (Section 249: Local Government Act 1972)

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive in relation to the proposed conferment of honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Harrow.

Members noted that to mark the 50th Anniversary in 2004 of Harrow Urban District Council receiving its Charter of Incorporation as a Borough it was proposed to confer the honour of Freedom of the Borough on persons of distinction who had rendered eminent services and were connected to the London Borough of Harrow.

Members noted that the power to award the honour of Freedom of the Borough was contained in Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. To invoke the provisions of Section 249 it was required that a special meeting of the full Council be convened for the purpose.

Cabinet, having agreed that the Mayor be invited to call a special meeting of the Council to confer the honour of Freedom of the Borough, as required by Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, which it was proposed to be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22 January 2004, prior to the scheduled Council meeting on that date

Resolved to RECOMMEND:

That (1) the Council be requested to invoke the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 to confer the honour of Freedom of the Borough of Harrow on persons to be notified in the Council Summons, to mark the 50th Anniversary in 2004 of the Borough's incorporation;

(2) that subject to (1) above, the granting of the Freedom be recorded in an illuminated Scroll and presented to the recipient(s) in an appropriate Casket and the commissioning and the associated costs be now approved, further to provisions of Section 249(6) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason for Recommendation: To enhance the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Borough's incorporation with a formal civic honour of appropriate status.

(See also Minute 387).