

CABINET

Extract from Harrow Business Consultative Panel 29 January 2009

HARROW BUSINESS CONSULTATIVE PANEL

29 JANUARY 2009

Chairman: * Councillor Manji Kara

Councillors: * Keith Ferry * Mrs Sasi Suresh (2)
* Susan Hall (Vice-Chairman in
the Chair)

* Denotes Member present
(2) Denote category of Reserve Member

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL

PART II - MINUTES

54. **INFORMATION REPORT - Feedback from Consultation on Council Tax and Business Rates:**

The Panel received a report from the Corporate Director of Place Shaping which outlined the consultation that had taken place with local businesses, business intermediaries and Councillors on 13 January 2009. It was explained that, in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council was required to consult with non-domestic ratepayers regarding proposals for expenditure for each financial year. For auditing purposes, the Harrow Business Consultative Panel was required to formally note the outcome of the consultative event and refer the report to Cabinet.

The Chairman expressed disappointment at the confusion that had arisen as to the purpose of the reports on the agenda. A Member suggested that, for future meetings, the purpose and function of the Panel be clearly stated on the agenda.

RESOLVED: That the report be referred to Cabinet for noting.