

Amendments to the Corporate Plan

To add a fourth Corporate Priority:

4. Help Harrow residents and businesses to cope with the economic downturn.

With four associated flagship actions

- 4.1 To set up a cross-party working group with outside membership from the voluntary sector and the local business community, such as, Harrow in Business and relevant Chambers of Commerce, with the aim of helping Harrow residents and businesses to cope with the economic downturn, and of seeking external and partnership funding both financial and in kind. For this group to be allocated an annual contingency fund of £30K to pursue its important work.
- 4.2 To introduce a provision for non direct debit customers to apply to pay their Council Tax in twelve instalments instead of ten, if the person can demonstrate that they are facing financial difficulties. Each case will be assessed on its merits
- 4.3 To allocate an existing officer to be the “Harrow Business Officer” to coordinate all services across the Council for local businesses, and to be their first point of call.
- 4.4 To open the Town Centre Library on Sundays for four hours at a cost of £50K a year.

To add two new flagship actions 3.7 and 3.8 under the Corporate Priority

3. ‘Strengthening communities’.

- 3.7 To set up a cross-party Place Shaping Panel with outside advisers to consider and advise on the development of the Town Centre and all other major projects in Harrow and other external projects which might affect Harrow.
- 3.8 To set up a cross-party working group with outside advisers to produce a Book of Remembrance for Harrow's war dead and to allocate £10K a year for this group in 2009-10 and 2010-11 to carry out its work.