

HARROW COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 2 APRIL 2009

Amendment to Item 13 - Motion 3 'Business rates'

Proposer: Cllr O'Dell

Seconder: Cllr Ferry

Council welcomes the Government's decision to peg the increase in business rates to 2% instead of 5% for this year as this will be of significant help for businesses with cash flow problems. Council further notes the many different measures which the Government has introduced to help businesses in general and small businesses in particular.

Council further resolves

- (i) to allow, on application, small businesses in the Borough to pay their business rates over twelve months rather than the usual ten,
- (ii) that it will widely publicise the Small Business Rate Scheme which allows a 50% discount, and applies to nearly half the Borough's businesses but which is not at present claimed by two-thirds of such businesses.