

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

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**29 OCTOBER 2009**

### **PUBLIC QUESTION (ITEM 6)**

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for the asking of written questions by members of the public of a Member of the Executive, or the Chairman of any Committee.

**Questioner: Ronika Akins**

**Asked of: Councillor David Ashton, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnership and Finance, Councillor Jean Lammiman, Portfolio Holder Community & Cultural Services**

#### **Question 4:**

“Black History month doesn't seem to be acknowledged at all in Harrow. Unlike Brent which has many activities and events throughout the month, Harrow's budget has been reduced and reduced until now we're told there is no money put aside at all for Black History month which I think is appalling considering how diverse the community is.

Since you took control of Harrow in 2006 you have minimised the importance of Black History Month by reducing the BHM budget from £10,000 to £5,000 to zero. Can you please tell me why you thought reducing the budget so considerably was a good move and why you feel that promoting and funding Black History month is not important?”