LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

COUNCIL MEETING - 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: Marika Panton

Asked of: Councillor David Ashton, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnership and Finance

Question 6:

"As a mother of 2 young children, living in the borough, I find it extremely disappointing that I have to travel into my neighboring boroughs, Ealing and Brent to find activities that celebrate black history, culture and heritage and that promote community cohesion among the african caribbean population and other communities. I am shocked and dismayed that even most of the local libraries in Harrow do not even acknowledge BHM.

Can you please explain what Harrow council's official view on the promotion of Black history month, is this something that they are not interested in and therefore not willing to fund?"