

EXTRACT FROM

HARROW BUSINESS CONSULTATIVE PANEL MINUTES

25 JANUARY 2010

Chairman: * Councillor Manji Kara

Councillors: * Mrinal Choudhury * Mrs Myra Michael (3)
* Keith Ferry

* Denotes Member present
(3) Denotes category of Reserve Members

RESOLVED ITEMS

60 INFORMATION REPORT - Stakeholder Meetings on Budget

Members expressed concern at the role and function of the Panel. Members commented that if discussion had previously taken place with other stakeholders, details of those meetings should have been presented to the Panel. Officers explained that this meeting was part of a programme of consultation. There was a statutory requirement to consult the Business Community on the budget proposals. This was the purpose of the meeting. It was not the purpose of the meeting to receive feedback from other stakeholder groups. Business representatives had been invited to the meeting and the purpose was to present the key aspects of the proposed budget to them to seek any comments.

Members expressed that, in their view, the meeting did not feel like it was contributing to the consultation process and that the information was simply being presented. Members made a number of suggestions to address these concerns which included appointing a co-optee for future meetings and liaising with partner, such as Harrow in Business, to identify ideas on how the meeting is conducted.

RESOLVED: That the item be noted.