

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

COUNCIL MEETING

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18 FEBRUARY 2010

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: Mr Pravin Seedher

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

Question 1:

With reference to the London Borough of Harrow organisational assessment for 2009 and I quote:

- (Harrow Council has) improved significantly in recent years (since May 2006);
- invested extra money in priority areas;
- In nearly two-thirds of the key performance indicators the Council can show improvements;
- (Furthermore) An independent study showed that when measured against other London councils. Harrow is the second most improved council in London;
- It was also recently runner-up in the Municipal Journal annual competition to find the best achieving council in the country.

The assessment concluded that The Council is much more financially stable than it has been in the past and awarded Harrow 3 -star status. This is more than just the outcome of a set of policies - so how did this administration achieve this when the previous 2 administrations have struggled to avoid relegation to 1 star?