

Amendment to Motion (3) Magistrates' Court

To amend motion 3 to read after amendment;

Council notes with deep concern the proposal by the Justice Department to cut 103 Magistrates Courts and 54 County Courts including the closure of Harrow Magistrates' Court.

Council believes it is in Harrow's best interest and in the best interests of justice for Harrow Magistrates' to remain open.

Council welcomes the initiative of the Leader of the Council in setting up an officer working group to draft a strong response to the Justice Department's consultation paper which will be considered by the Partnership Board of Harrow Strategic Partnership on July 22.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the three Harrow MPs and the Brent and Harrow London Assembly member to seek their support in opposing the closure of Harrow Magistrates' Court and on a cross-party basis to take any further measures such as seeking meetings with ministers, holding meetings, promoting petitions to further these ends.

Proposed Cllr Bill Stephenson

Seconded Cllr Zarina Khalid