

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

**CABINET – 28 OCTOBER 2010**

**Minute 67 (Agenda Item 5, Councillor Questions, Question 9)**

*The following question was not reached in the time limit of 15 minutes and a written response was provided to the questioner, and is hereby appended to the minutes.*

**Questioner:** Councillor Susan Hall

**Asked of:** Councillor Bill Stephenson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation

**Question:** In December 2009, and on the grounds that "residents have the right to know up front precisely what is being proposed in an open and transparent way", you called on our administration "to publish precisely what they are proposing and the expected impacts in time for the December Cabinet", in relation to the draft savings for the 2010-11 budget. Will you hold yourself to your own standard and publish this December the equivalent information for the 2011-12 budget?

**Answer:** The answer to your question is emphatically yes, if at all possible.

The administration will of course be publishing a draft budget in detail in December. However, I should stress that the local government settlement is expected during the week commencing 6 December and the Council will only know what its grant is then. This will obviously have a significant bearing on the budget and I cannot guarantee that we will have a complete draft budget for December Cabinet.