

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

TO: CABINET - 18 November 2010

FROM: COUNCIL – 4 November 2010

MOTION REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE – Harrow International Vision

1. At the meeting of Council held on 4 November 2010, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 14.6, a Motion falling within the remit of the Executive was considered by the Council. The Council agreed the Motion and recommended it to the next meeting of the Executive as follows:

“This Council notes with some concern the pessimism of the governments’ spending plans and the short-sighted cuts which threaten the economic recovery. The Council notes with great concern the in-year cut of the Migrants Impact Fund which has cost London authorities an estimated £2.4 million. This Council also puts on record its concern at the cut in LAA Reward Grant, an act which undermines the credibility of future agreements with Government. This assault on Local Government funding makes the silence on the important area of community and social cohesion even more worrying.

The Council believes that the Government should take some lessons from a Council that listens and leads, and tap into the optimism and potential of residents and enable them to work towards a brighter future. This Council is resolutely committed to furthering Community Cohesion and celebrating the fact that Harrow is the most religiously diverse borough of England and Wales.

This Council commits to renewing its international vision by:

- working towards recognition of Harrow as a Fair Trade borough in March 2011
- following the example of its twin town Douai and exploring the possibility of twinning with more towns and cities such as Balakot, Bhuj, Broken Hill, Hargeisa, Pattan, Port au Prince, Kingston, La, Tilburg and Tel Aviv, underlining the tremendous advantage such links can bring, both to the harmony of the Borough and its future development.

This Council resolves to:

- (i) explore the feasibility of Harrow twinning with further towns and cities;

- (ii) involve residents in creating opportunities for experiencing and exploring other cultures thereby building an atmosphere for economic development and trade opportunities, a positive climate to counterbalance the doom and gloom coming from the current Government;
- (iii) work with London Councils to mitigate the impact of the short-sighted cuts on our residents”

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background documents:

1. Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 4 November 2010.

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