LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

TO: CABINET - 21 July 2011

FROM: COUNCIL – 7 July 2011

MOTION REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE – London Grants

1. At the meeting of Council held on 7 July 2011, 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 that in an ideal world the Council would wish to use a significant part or all of the London Council's grant refund for funding grants and commissioning the voluntary and third sector locally and regionally.

However this Council notes:

- that over the next four years it has to make £62 million savings which is equivalent to a third of its controllable budget and that every part of the Council needs to contribute to the savings;
- that the budget set in February had to make £19 million savings to deal with unprecedented cuts to Local Government grant and that savings of £357,000 made by London Councils to its grants programme were included in this budget;
- that in the light of the above the Council grants programme was only cut by 15% rather than 30% and that this compares favourably with many other councils which have made much larger cuts to their grants programmes.

This Council requests Cabinet to continue to press London Councils to further cut back its grants programme and asks Cabinet to consider how any money so saved may be used to support the voluntary and third sector both locally and regionally."

FOR CONSIDERATION

<u>Background documents</u>: 1. Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 7 July 2011.

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