

COUNCIL (COUNCIL TAX) MEETING – 24 FEBRUARY 2005

LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES BILLS: SECOND CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. The Cabinet Meeting on 14 October received a report concerning the promotion of a (then) Ninth London Local Authority Bill, as supported by the Association of London Government.
2. Parliamentary standing orders require all participating authorities to pass a resolution in favour by a majority of the whole Council, both before and after the Bill had been deposited.
3. Cabinet formally Recommended to Council this Authority's participation in the London Local Authority Bill being proposed and for the required Statutory Resolution to be adopted.
4. Council at its meeting on 21 October 2004 unanimously adopted the required Resolution (Resolution 242(1)) and adopted the Cabinet Recommendation in an amended form relating to future legislative proposals from the ALG.
5. Subsequently, the ALG has given due notice of the requirement to adopt the Second Confirming Resolution in full Council. This was notified to the Groups in December 2004 with the advice that this would be submitted to this 24 February 2005 Council Meeting, to comply with the statutory notice published by the ALG.
6. Attention is drawn to the development that the original "Ninth" LL Act, further to statutory provision and parliamentary principles is currently being promoted as three separate Bills entitled:-
 - London Local Authorities Bill
 - London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill
 - London Local Authorities (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill
7. All other London Boroughs are currently participating jointly in the promotion of all three Bills. Were the Bills to be enacted, individual Boroughs would retain the choice of whether or not to adopt all the enactments. This means that Council will later have the opportunity of determining whether various parts of the Bills apply in Harrow.
8. Accordingly, the Council is requested to adopt the Second Confirming Resolution, as set out in the attachment, which requires a majority vote of the whole Council (i.e. at least 32 Councillors must vote in favour).

FOR DECISION

Joyce Markham
Chief Executive