### LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

# TO: CABINET - 17 November 2011

## FROM: COUNCIL – 3 November 2011

#### **MOTION REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE – Servicemen Housing**

1. At the meeting of Council held on 3 November 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 is proud of the tireless efforts and contributions made by Britain's servicemen and women, both at home and abroad.

This Council is honoured by Harrow's history of association with the armed forces, particularly regarding the key role Bentley Priory played in defending our country during the Battle of Britain. In addition, Harrow has conferred the 'Freedom of the Borough' upon RAF Stanmore Park and Bentley Priory, the Royal British Legion, 131 Commando Unit, 47 Middlesex Yeomanry Signals and 257 Royal Army Medical Corps.

Furthermore, this Council is aware that many ex-servicemen and women experience difficulty in finding accommodation after their retirement from the armed forces.

This Council therefore pledges to follow the example set by, among others, Windsor and Maidenhead and Birmingham City Councils, in prioritising ex-service personnel within our housing allocation policy."

#### FOR CONSIDERATION

<u>Background documents</u>: 1. Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 3 November 2011.

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