

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

**TO: CABINET - 17 November 2011**

**FROM: COUNCIL – 3 November 2011**

### **MOTION REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE – Employed 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 of the view that, regarding the allocation of social housing, we have a duty to help those who show responsibility; to support those who contribute to society and their communities most of all. In addition, this Council is of the view that the benefits system should work for working people, not those who could work but choose not to.

This Council notes that Harrow has over 4,000 families at any one time on the waiting list for a council home, and that those who are assessed as homeless are housed on average for five years or more in temporary accommodation.

With waiting lists so long, and with those who work to provide for their families and contribute to their communities given no advantages within the allocation process, this Council pledges to follow the example set by, among others, Westminster, Newham and Manchester Councils, in giving greater priority those in employment when evaluating tenants for council housing.”

### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### Background documents:

1. Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 3 November 2011.

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