Council – 16th February 2012

URGENT MOTION

Council Prayer Motion

This Council notes with concern the recent High Court ruling regarding Bideford Town Council and the lawfulness of prayers at the beginning of Council meetings.

This Council believes that were said ruling to apply in Harrow it would serve to undermine the superb relationship between our diverse religious communities and our belief in the importance of fostering respect and inclusion between faiths.

This Council is proud of and celebrates Harrow's status as the most religiously diverse borough in the UK and will seek to continue to support all types of diversity in the way the Council is run. This Council therefore states our commitment to the continuation of the tradition of holding prayers at the opening of Council meetings.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Susan Hall Leader of the Opposition Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane Deputy Leader of the Opposition

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