

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

TO: CABINET - 8 March 2012

FROM: COUNCIL – 16 February 2012

MOTION REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE – Whitchurch Lease

1. At the meeting of Council held on 16 February 2012, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 14.6, a Motion falling within the remit of the Executive was referred by the Council to the next meeting of the Executive as follows:

“This Council notes that, as part of the Invitation to Tender produced for the redevelopment of Whitchurch Pavilion and Playing Fields, a 30-year lease was offered to potential developers.

It has now been confirmed, by both officers the Portfolio Holder for Major Contracts that, leases of 99, 120 and 125 years are being considered.

This Council does not believe that tripling the length of the lease on a community asset, without consultation with residents, councillors, or indeed any apparent form of announcement, represents poor governance and a lack of transparency.

This Council therefore urges the Portfolio Holder to reconsider the decision to extend the lease offered to any potential developers, and to consult with residents and ward councillors to determine an appropriate lease length.”

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background documents:

1. Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 16 February 2012.

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