

## **Labour Amended Libraries Motion**

The below motion is an amendment to the Tory Motion on Libraries, to be debated at full Council in July 2012.

**To be moved by Councillor David Perry and seconded by Councillor Sue Anderson**

“This Council believes that party manifestos are a statement of intent which gives Harrow residents a clear indication of what a party intends to do if elected.

Council notes that the current Labour administration stood for office on numerous manifesto pledges in the 2010 local council elections recognising that *“the superb in-house library service”* in Harrow is a vital resource for our residents, who use its services for enrichment, networking, education and learning.

Council notes that In order to protect such a valued service in the face of unprecedented government cuts in funding to local Councils, all avenues of potential savings must be explored in order to preserve the service for Harrow residents long into the future.

This Council supports the current Labour administration’s search for a solution which in spite of the unnecessary Government cuts, keeps the spirit of the manifesto pledge by keeping all libraries open and enhancing the library offer for all its users. Council further notes the commitment to retain strategic sovereignty over the direction of the service.

So that trust between the Council and residents can be maintained, this Council urges the Administration to pursue solutions which enable delivery of the intent in the Labour manifesto which is to provide a sustainable, superb library service for the people of Harrow.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to all Harrow’ MPs within the next month to outline this Council’s concern over the future of our library service being threatened by the Conservative led coalition government funding cuts”.