

# Council

Thursday 4 November 2010

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**LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**  
**MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**  
**Thursday 4 November 2010**

I have carried out the following engagements since the Annual Council Meeting on Thursday 8 July 2010:-

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| 10/11 July | Attended Fetes de Gayant at Douai   |
| 13 July    | Attended 1454 Harrow Cadets Squadron ATC  |
| 14 July    | Attended UK Asian Conference (North London) Annual Event Sports Day<br>Attended City of London Corporation Annual Mayors' Service<br>Attended Middlesex New Synagogue Event |
| 15 July    | Attended St Dominic's Sixth Form College Re-dedication of Chapel & Opening of Sports Hall (Siena Building)<br>Attended Citizenship Ceremony                                 |
| 16 July    | Attended Hageston Opportunity Playground Summer Fete<br>Judged 'Estates in Bloom' Competition   |
| 17 July    | Attended Al Barakah Foundation Sports Day Event<br>Attended 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Grenadian Heritage Day Event<br>Attended Harrow Central Mosque for Mayor's Reception     |
| 18 July    | Attended Lotus Trust Charity Walk<br>Attended Shree Kutch Leva Patel Community (UK) Annual Mela<br>Attended Friends of Canons Park Annual Fun Day                           |
| 21 July    | Attended KSIM Senior Citizens Association Weekly Wednesday Gathering  |
| 22 July    | Attended Woodlands School Graduation Ceremony for Year 6 Pupils<br>Attended Bentley NRC- Acceptance of Gift from Giants of London<br>Attended Citizenship Ceremony          |
| 23 July    | Attended Samaritans National & Local Awareness Event  |
| 24 July    | Attended Hatch End Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Crime Prevention Fun Day  |
| 26 July    | Attended Bearfoot Performing Arts Workshop at Harrow Arts Centre<br>Hosted Reception for Badminton Winners for London Youth Games in Parlour                                |
| 27 July    | Attended Citizenship Ceremony<br>Attended Harrow Community Transport AGM<br>Attended Harrow Asian Multicultural Association & HPCCG Joint Reception                         |
| 29 July    | Attended Citizenship Ceremony   |
| 30 July    | Attended Edgware Muslim Community Centre Friday Prayers<br>Attended Harrow Muslim Council Reception   |
| 31 July    | Attended Mayoress's Committee Cupcake & Coffee Break Event  |
| 3 August   | Attended Larches Trust Meeting  |

4 August Attended Harrow Council – Official Launch of Headstone Manor Play Area  
 Attended Rotary Club of Northwick Park Dinner and Presentation  
 5 August Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 6 August Attended Maa Krupa Foundation (UK) Religious Function  
 8 August Attended LB Waltham Forest Tour of the Olympic Park  
 10 August Attended Kenton West Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Information  
 Fair and Photo Shot at South Harrow Police Station  
 12 August Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 13 August Attended Pinner Cricket Club 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Match  
 14 August Attended London College of Management Studies 4<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony  
 19 August Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 20 August Attended Willow Housing & Care Private Retirement Garden Fete  
 Attended Association of Senior Muslim Citizens Iftaar Event  
 21 August Attended Radio HACC Foundation Interview/Chat on Community Matters  
 23 August Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 24 August Attended The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe Khordad Sal-Birth  
 Anniversary of Prophet Zarathushtra  
 25 August Attended Post Office Opening at 303 Northolt Road, South Harrow  
 26 August Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 27 August Attended Pakistan Society of Harrow Iftaar & Dinner  
 29 August Attended Pinner Association of Churches Songs of Praise in the Park  
 Attended Navnat Vanik Association Mela & Celebration of Janmashtami of the  
 Birth of Lord Krishna  
 30 August Attended Harrow in Leaf Horticultural, Craft Stalls and Entertainment  
 31 August Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 Attended Harrow Council Sheltered Housing 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party of May  
 Richards  
 1 September Hosted Reception for Estates in Bloom Winners  
 2 September Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 3 September Attended Shia Ithna'ashari Community of Middlesex  
 4 September Attended Shree Swaminarayan Temple Stanmore Krishna Nand Utsav  
 5 September Attended ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor Janmashtami Birth of Lord Krishna  
 Attended Harrow Bengalee Association Iftaar Party  
 6 September Attended Charity Bake Sale for Victims of Pakistan Flood  
 Attended N W London Chamber of Commerce AGM  
 9 September Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 11 September Attended Metropolitan Cricket Tournament & Family Fun  
 Attended Metropolitan Police Pinner Police Station Open Day

- Attended Trinity Church Harrow International Event
- 12 September Attended Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service  
Attended Mayoress's Committee Summer Lunch  
Attended 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert & Tea at Bentley Priory
- 13 September Hosted Eid Celebration
- 14 September Attended DL's Committee Meeting  
Attended Harrow Over 50 Club Eid Reunion
- 15 September Attended Harrow Arts Centre Launch of Autumn Season of Events
- 16 September Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 17 September Attended Battle of Britain 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception  
Attended Pakistan Flood Appeal Launch
- 18 September Attended Ashiana Charitable Trust 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Attended Metropolitan Police Peace Week Football Tournament  
Attended Book Launch
- 19 September Attended Open Heavens Christian Centre Edgware International Day  
Attended Bring & Buy Sale for the Flood Victims in Pakistan  
Attended R.A.F.A. Harrow Branch Battle of Britain commemoration Drumhead Service
- 20 September Tour of Wembley Stadium  
Attended Community Launch of Mayor's Pakistan Flood Appeal
- 22 September Attended Pinner & District Business Club New Members Evening Buffet
- 23 September Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 24 September Mayor's McMillan Cancer Coffee Event  
Hosted Reception for New Councillors
- 25 September Attended Mayoress's Committee Quiz Supper  
Attended Islamic & Cultural Society of Harrow Eid-UI-Fitr Event
- 26 September Attended Shree Baladia Leva Patel Sarvodal (UK) 40<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration  
Attended Harrow Probus 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 30 September Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
Attended Black History Month Launch Event  
Attended Mahatma Gandhi Birthday Celebrations
- 1 October Started Age Concern Scooter Challenge  
Attended 'Jeans for Genes' Event
- 2 October Attended Black History Month 'Humanity, The Global Village' Event  
Attended Pakistan Society of Harrow Eid-UI-Fitr Part & Pakistan Heritage & Cultural Show
- 3 October Attended London Chinese Alliance Church 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event
- 4 October Attended Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisation

Attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Ceremony at Nower Hill School

5 October Visited HAD

6 October Attended London School Big Walk Relay to receive Baton  
Attended Home Start Harrow AGM  
Attended London School Big Walk Relay hand over of Baton  
Attended CAB AGM

7 October Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
Attended Council Extraordinary Meeting

8 October Attended Navratri Festival Procession  
Attended World Mental Health Day Event  
Attended KLOS Musical Theatre Performance of "Oklahoma"

9 October Attended Mayoral Reception by Sri Lankan Muslim Cultural Centre (UK)

10 October Attended Rotary Club of Pinner Charity Event  
Attended Norwood Awards Ceremony  
Attended HYM String Festival

11 October Attended Voluntary Assembly at St Dominic's College  
Attended Shree Kutch Leva Patel Community (UK) Navratri Festival

12 October Attended Tribute Wall Unveiling at Ovarian Cancer Research Centre  
Attended N. West London Chamber of Commerce Women's Enterprise Day  
Attended West London YMCA 140<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration  
Attended Jack Patchey Annual Awards for Girl Guides

13 October Attended World Mental Health Day 2010 at The Bridge  
Attended Car Confidence Evening at Northern Motors  
Attended Shree Limbachia Seva Mandal Navratri Celebration

14 October Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
Attended Harrow Light Opera Company Performance

15 October Attended Adopt a Bed Scheme Hatch End  
Attended Harrow Rec Ground to Plant a Bulb Event by Norbury School  
Attended Belmont Theatre Company Production

16 October Attended Street Collection for Pakistan Flood Appeal  
Attended Panchamukhee Durga Utsav 2010  
Attended Siddhashram Shakti Centre Navratri Event

17 October Attended London Mayors Association Annual Civic Service at Westminster Abbey  
Attended Shree Swaminarayan Temple Stanmore Dassera – Burning of Ravan

18 October Attended North Harrow Library for Story Session  
Attended Launch Event for Adult Services Consultation

19 October Attended Mrs Jane Jones 100 Years Birthday Celebration  
 Attended Parents Week Event  
 Attended POP Over 50s Dance Event  
 Attended Harrow's Heroes 2010 Volunteer Award Ceremony  
 20 October Attended Girl Guiding Centenary Closing Ceremony  
 21 October Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 Attended Metropolitan Housing Trust Apple Day  
 Attended Stanmore College Sixth Form Open Evening  
 Attended Harrow Heritage Trust 25<sup>th</sup> AGM  
 22 October Attended Opening of Fiction Library at Alexandra School  
 Attended Kodak Community Lunch  
 23 October Attended Launch of Parents Forum for Families with Disabled Children Event  
 Day at Woodlands School  
 Attended Harrow Council in Partnership with HMC & Other Muslim  
 Organisations Eid Event  
 24 October Attended Retirement Brunch for Rabbi Yaakov Grunewald at Pinner  
 Synagogue  
 Attended Pakistan Flood Relief Event  
 Attended Gujarati Christian Fellowship United Kingdom Cultural Event  
 25 October Visiting Staff at Harrow Libraries  
 26 October Visiting Staff in Property, Engineers & Traffic Department  
 27 October Attended Honorary Membership for Rotary Club of Edgware & Stanmore  
 Attended Harrow Pensioners Forum Public Meeting  
 28 October Attended Citizenship Ceremony  
 Attended Kumon Advance Student Roll Ceremony  
 Attended Harrow cine & Video Society Autumn Movie Show  
 30 October Attended Harrow in Europe Quiz Supper  
 31 October Attended Sardar Vallabhbhai's Birth Anniversary Celebrations  
 1 November Visited Citizen Advice Bureau  
 2 November Attended Heathland School Community Room Opening Ceremony  
 Attended Wreath Laying Ceremony at Ten War Memorials in Harrow  
 Attended Harrow Council Diwali Celebrations  
 3 November Attended Racal Acoustics Queens Awards  
 Attended Francis Dowley's 40 Years Service in LBH  
 4 November Attended Barclays Bank Diwali Celebrations  
 Attended Citizenship Ceremony

**I was represented by The Deputy Mayor on the following occasions:-**

8 July	Attended Summer Lunch at Stanmore College
9 July	Attended International Siddhashram Shakti Centre a Multi Cultural Heritage of Music and Dance from India Event
10 July	Attended Pinner Learning Disability Dance Ability and Community Link Up Event
	Attended All Saint's Harrow Weald Summer Fair
	Attended Harrow Kingfisher Swimming Club – Swimming Gala
11 July	Attended Patanjali Yog Peeth (UK) Trust Event
18 July	Attended All Aboard Charity Reception and Naming of New Building
2 September	Attended Shree Swaminarayan Temple Stanmore for Janmashtimi Celebrations
3 September	Attended Metropolitan Police Training Centre for Student Passing out after Completion of 25 Weeks Training
9 September	Attended Balfour Beatty to Celebrate Youth Sports in London Event
11 September	Attended The Rotary Club of Pinner – Pinner Village Show
24 September	Attended Stanmore College Fun Run Event
6 October	Attended Age Concern Harrow AGM
9 October	Attended HYM Band Concert

**I was represented by Past Mayors and Honorary Alderman on the following occasions:-**

8 July	Attended Harrow & Wealdstone District Scout AGM
10 July	Attended Whitefriars First & Middle School Summer Fair & Centenary
11 July	Attended HYM Symphonic Winds/Sinfonia/Symphony/Philharmonic Orchestra
12 July	Attended Unveiling of Sculpture at Newton Farm – Ecology Park, Harrow
18 July	Attended Cannon Lane School First Ever Circus
5 September	Attended Streamside Horticultural Association Open Day Event
	Attended Northwood & Pinner Liberal Bereavement Group Presentation of Queens Award for Voluntary Event
25 September	Metropolitan Police Peace in the Park Event

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**4 NOVEMBER 2010**

**PUBLIC QUESTION (ITEM 6)**

A period of up to 15 minutes is allowed for the asking of written questions by members of the public of a Member of the Executive, or the Chairman of any Committee.

**Questioner: Cassie Marie McDonagh**

**Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Enterprise**

**Question 1:**

“What are the plans to build more sites for the Gypsy and Traveller communities in Harrow?”

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**Questioner:           Jeremy Zeid**

**Asked of:            Councillor Bill Stephenson, Leader of the Council and  
Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business  
Transformation**

**Question 2:**

“In the light of the public consultation on the Equalities Act and its implications, could the Leader of the Council affirm that he and his administration are committed absolutely to the principles of equality, freedom and justice for all?”

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**Questioner: Christine Jones**

**Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety**

**Question 3:**

"There seems to be some confusion in the way the Neighbourhood Champion system is working.

I am concerned because the original remit that I signed up to appears to have been widened from a fairly passive role of 'reporting issues seen locally as you go about your normal business' to a much more proactive one where we are asked to look out for 'wanted individuals' and more.

Would the Portfolio Holder say when this was agreed and by whom as I have not been consulted on it nor asked to sign any new agreement?"

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**Questioner: Eileen Kinnear**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation**

**Question 4:**

"At its meeting on 14th June this year the Standards Committee adopted a Statement of Intent which indicated that it would strive to be a model among local authorities in promoting high standards of conduct . . . and stated

"The committee will seek transparency in the Council's decision-making so that anyone interested - internal and external - can find out how the Council ensures high standards of conduct and governance. The ethical governance regime at Harrow will be open to scrutiny from the Council as a whole and the wider community".

It then set out 4 main categories for the future work of the Committee to do this, which included working with the public so that they can make their views known. I cannot trace that there has yet been any consultation on this.

Will the Leader please indicate when this consultation should commence and what form it will take?"

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**Questioner: Pravin Seedher**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation**

**Question 5:**

"Given that the Council needs to save £50 million over the next 3 years, how does spending several million pounds extra on new IT equipment help meet this objective, and wouldn't it be best practice to put a contract of this scale out to public tender?"

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**ITEM 12**

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**QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

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**Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall**

**Asked of: Councillor Margaret Davine (Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Well-being)**

**Question 1:**

“Will you guarantee that no Harrow resident who currently receives a discretionary disabled Freedom Pass will cease to do so as the result of any decision taken by your administration?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)**

**Question 2:**

“As part of fulfilling your pledge to listen to residents, have you considered implementing something along the lines of Redbridge Council’s online ‘YouChoose’ scheme, which allows residents to prepare dummy budgets – seeing the financial and service impacts of their decisions – and to submit suggestions on how the Council should make spending choices?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall**

**Asked of: Councillor Rekha Shah (Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services)**

**Question 3:**

“What progress have you made in developing libraries as “community hubs”, as stated in your manifesto?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall**

**Asked of: Councillor Phillip O'Dell (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety)**

**Question 4:**

“Can you update the Council on any responses received as a result of the Motion passed on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010, regarding the Kenton Road right turning?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Anthony Seymour**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)**

**Question 5:**

“What steps is the Council taking to embrace and implement the government’s proposals for the ‘Big Society’?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane**

**Asked of: Councillor Graham Henson (Portfolio Holder for Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services)**

**Question 6:**

“Now that your administration has finally launched its proposals for listening and engagement with residents, do you regret referring to Harrow residents who might be interested in how the Council is run as “armchair auditors” at July’s Council meeting?”

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**Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane**

**Asked of: Councillor Bill Stephenson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation)**

**Question 7:**

“Since you last updated us at October's Cabinet, how many more members of the Labour Group have begun "acting within identified roles" but have yet to receive formal appointment and backdated payments?”

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**Amendment to Motion (1) – Houses in Multiple Occupation**

Add at the end of the Motion:

“Council further requests that the Local Development Framework Panel, as a matter of urgency, to examine the scope for the introduction of an Article Four Direction covering the whole of the Borough to control the number of HMOs.”

Proposed By: Cllr Keith Ferry      Seconded By: Cllr Bill Stephenson

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