

Council

Thursday 8 November 2012

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW
MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS
Thursday 8 November 2012

I have carried out the following engagements since the Council Meeting on Thursday 5 July 2012:-

- 6 July 2012 Attended "I am Harrow" Photography Exhibition by Dermot in Douai
- 7 July 2012 Attended Douai Fetes de Gayant event
- 8 July 2012 Attended Douai Fetes de Gayant
- 9 July 2012 Attended St Anselm's RC School's Fundraising Olympic Themed Sports
Attended The John Lyon School's Speech Day
- 10 July 2012 Hosted Reception for Kenmore Park Junior School
Attended Kumon's Advanced Students Award Ceremony
- 11 July 2012 Attended Bentley Wood High School's Friends, Families & Neighbours Party
Attended Stag Lane School's Record of Achievement Evening
- 12 July 2012 Attended Roxeth Mead School's End of Year Performance & Prize Giving
Attended Waitrose Ltd's Local School Produce Sale
Attended Citizenship Ceremony
Attended Harrow & Wealdstone District Scout Council's AGM
- 13 July 2012 Attended The British Olympic Association's Reception
- 14 July 2012 Attended Krishna Avanti School's Summer Fete
Attended Grenada Nationals Associations & the High Commission for Grenada's 4th Annual Grenadian Heritage Event
Attended Harrow Muslim Council's Mayor's Reception
- 15 July 2012 Hosted Mayor's Fundraising Garden Party
Attended Harrow Tamil School Association's Musical Ensemble
- 17 July 2012 Attended Woodlands School's Graduation Ceremony
Attended Briefing & Tour of the Compass Building
- 18 July 2012 Attended Age UK Harrow's Health & Wellbeing Day
Attended Compass Harrow's Open Day
- 19 July 2012 Attended The London Mayor's Association's AGM
- 21 July 2012 Attended St Luke's Hospice's Annual Summer Fete
- 24 July 2012 Hosted Reception for T & Talk Women's Group
- 25 July 2012 Attended Harrow Museum & Heritage Centre's Olympic Torch Relay
Attended Harrow Museum & Heritage Centre's Olympic Torch Relay Party
- 26 July 2012 Hosted Reception for The UK Women's Federation Group
Attended Citizenship Ceremony
Attended Int. Siddhashram Shakti Centre's Shiv Mahapuran Katha
- 2 August 2012 Attended Harrow Council's Harrow Music Showtime Festival
Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 3 August 2012 Attended Maa Krupa Foundation (UK)'s Annual Shreemad Bhagvat Katha
Attended Shree Swaminarayan Scriptures Event
- 4 August 2012 Attended Shialthria'ashari Community of Middlesex's Iftar Party
- 5 August 2012 Attended Harrow Music Service's Harrows' School Children's Premiere of a Choral Work "The

Angry Planet" Concert

6 August 2012 Attended the Embassy of Israel's 40th Anniversary of Munich Commemoration

7 August 2012 Hosted Int. Siddhashram cheque presentation for his special appeal

8 August 2012 Attended Cake Bake Sale

Attended Estate in Bloom (Housing Services) Judging of Finalist

9 August 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony

Attended Harrow Central Mosque's Iftar Party

10 August 2012 Attended Reception to Honour Sri Lanka Olympic Team

Attended Int. Siddhashram Shakti Centre's Birth of Lord Krishna Celebration

11 August 2012 Attended Mrs Freda Gladwin's 100th Birthday Celebration

Attended Harrow Central Mosque's Egyptian Olympic Team Celebration

12 August 2012 Attended England Tamil Cricket Association's Diamond Jubilee Celebration & Cricket Festival

Attended Bhaktivedanta Manor Hare Krishna Temple's Janmashtami Festival

15 August 2012 Attended BIA India's Independence Day Flag Hosting Ceremony

Hosted Tea Party for Estates In Bloom

16 August 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony

17 August 2012 Attended Beacon Centre's Fund Day

4 September 2012 Attended Harrow Camera Club's Private Preview of the Club's Annual Exhibition

5 September 2012 Attended The Collation & Induction of the Reverend Lyndon North

6 September 2012 Made a Visit & Tour of Gillian House

Attended Citizenship Ceremony

7 September 2012 Attended RAF Northolt Battle of Britain Annual Reception

Attended Harrow Over 50 Club's Eid Reunion

8 September 2012 Attended Sports Development Team's Celebrating Success of 2012 London Youth Games

Attended Relay for Life Harrow's 24 Hour Relay

Attended Handing Over Ceremony for the Bentley Priory Museum

Attended Pakistan Society of Harrow's Eid-ul-Fitr Celebration

9 September 2012 Attended Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service

Attended Tour of the Bentley Priory

Attended Age UK Harrow Volunteer Event

Attended Priya Raagankal's Children's Singing Competition

10 September 2012 Attended City of London's Luncheon Reception

11 September 2012 Hosted Reception for Olympic Silver Medallist Richard Hounslow & Paralympics Gold Medallist Naomi Riches

12 September 2012 Attended Urdu Academy & Harrow Library Service's Seminar

13 September 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony

14 September 2012 Attended Chinmaya Mission (UK)'s Discourse Event

15 September 2012 Attended Launch of Black History Month

Attended Association of Muslim Citizens' Eid Dinner

16 September 2012 Attended Sri Lankan Community UK's Family Fun Day

Attended Harrow in Europe's Ploughman's Lunch

Attended Royal Air Forces Association's Drumhead Service

18 September 2012 Attended DL Committee Meeting

19 September 2012 Attended Metropolitan Public Gardens Association's AGM

20 September 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
Attended Harrow Council Councillors Bowls Match

22 September 2012 Attended St Ann's Shopping Centre's 25th Birthday Celebration

23 September 2012 Sri Lankan Football Association UK 8th Annual 7 a Side Football Tournament
Attended Int.Siddhashram Centre's Charity Multi Music Show for the 10th Anniversary for Metropolitan Police

25 September 2012 Hosted visit by Indian Holi Delegation
Hosted visit by US Visitors
Attended Citizenship Ceremony

26 September 2012 Attended Dream to Walk' Charity Curry Evening

27 September 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony

28 September 2012 Attended City of London Annual Civic Service for London Borough Mayors & Reception

29 September 2012 Attended Mela to Celebrate Navratri, Diwali & Community Service
Attended The Best of Harrow's Teenage Cancer Trust Charity Event
Attended The Sri Lankan Islamic (UK) Association's High Tea Celebration
Hosted Duke of Edinburgh Charity Raffle Draw
Attended Mayoress's Committee Quiz Night

30 September 2012 Attended Northwick Park Hospital's Heart & Stroke Research Campaign Walk

1 October 2012 Attended Age UK Harrow's International Older Peoples Day/Conference on Dementia
Attended to Deliver Meals on Wheels to 5 Harrow Residents for UK Guinness world Record Attempt

2 October 2012 Attended the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation's Gandhiji's Birthday Celebration

3 October 2012 Attended Age UK Harrow AGM

4 October 2012 Attended London Borough of Brent's Charity Event

5 October 2012 Attended Jeans for Genes
Attended Flash Musicals' "The First Grader" Film Show

6 October 2012 Attended Harrow Women's Network's MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning
Attended Polish Community Breast Cancer Charity Fundraising Event
Attended IKENOBO IKEBANA Society UK's Demonstration Event

7 October 2012 Attended Shree Swaminarayan Temple's Sewa Day Event
Attended Harrow Tamil Association – Elder Group's Tamil Cultural Celebration

8 October 2012 Attended Wealdstone Train Crash Memorial Event

9 October 2012 Attended Girlguiding Middlesex North West's Official Opening of the New Facilities at the Willow Tree Centre
Attended Origin Housing's Official Opening of Boxtree Lane Social Housing Development
Attended Balfour Beatty London Youth Games Awards & Hall of Fame Evening

10 October 2012 Attended the Launch of Harrow Music Education Hub Event

11 October 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony

13 October 2012 Attended the Parish Church of St Alban's 75th Anniversary Celebration
Attended Sri Lankan Muslim Cultural Centre (UK)'s Reception Ceremony

14 October 2012 Attended The London Mayors' Association Annual Civic Service

15 October 2012 Attended Harrow Means Business Expo

16 October Attended DL's Committee Remembrance Planning Meeting
 Hosted Visit by Pinner Jewish Women Group

17 October 2012 Attended Age UK Harrow & London College of Business Management's Last Session of
 Beginners IT Course Partnership
 Attended KLOS Musical Theatre's Fiddler on the Roof Performance

18 October 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
 Attended Harrow Heritage Trust's AGM

19 October 2012 Hosted Remembrance Poetry School Competition Short Listing
 Attended Panchamukhee's Durga Ustav Festival

20 October 2012 Attended 1st Hatch End Scout Group's 90th Anniversary Reunion Celebration
 Attended Gurkha Welfare Society UK's Nepalese Dashain & Tihar Celebration Party
 Attended Int. Siddhashram Shakti Centre's Navratri Festival

21 October 2012 Attended Qureshi Book Launch

22 October 2012 Hosted New Years Day Planning Meeting
 Attended Shree Kutch Leva Patel Community (UK) Navratri Festival

24 October 2012 Attended Wreath Laying Ceremony at Ten War Memorials in Harrow
 Attended Harrow School Improvement Partnership AGM

25 October 2012 Attended Striving for Independence Open Day at Honister Gardens Care Homes
 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
 Attended Private Viewing of "60 Faces of Harrow" Photography Exhibition by Dermot Carlin
 Attended Harrow Light Opera Company's "Oliver" Performance

28 October 2012 Attended Ashiana Diwali Dinner & Dance Event

30 October 2012 Attended Indian Association of Harrow Seniors Club's Get Together
 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
 Attended Harrow Council's Harrow Heroes Award Ceremony For Volunteers

31 October 2012 Attended Pinner & Northwood Business Club's Monthly Lunch Meeting
 Attended Sports Development Team's London Youth Games 2012/13 Launch Event

1 November 2012 Attended Harrow Council's Children Looked After Celebration of Achievement
 Attended Yogi Divine Society (UK) Annakut Utsav Festival
 Attended Church of the Annunciation Annual Fund Raising Event for St Luke's Hospice

2 November 2012 Attended Harrow Muslim Council's Eid-ul-Adha Celebration

3 November 2012 Attended 1st Rayners Lane Scout's Family Fun Day Event
 Attended Harrow Asian Deaf Club's Eid & Diwali Celebration
 Attended Greek Orthodox Community of St Panteleimon in Harrow's Official Opening of the
 Newly Built Greek Orthodox Church

4 November 2012 Attended 5K Walkathon Event

6 November 2012 Attended Harrow Council's Staff & Members Diwali Celebration

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

12 July 2012	Attended Aspire National Training Centre's Sport Day
13 July 2012	Attended Harrow School Improvement Partnership's School's Paralympics
14 July 2012	Attended St Luke's Hospice Summer Proms
17 July 2012	Attended Sadaf's "Beautify the Nation" Charity Event
19 July 2012	Attended Citizenship Ceremony
5 August 2012	Attended London Kalibari Sharad Utsav's Felicitation of the Olympians from the Indian Subcontinent Event
	Attended Harrow Bengalee Association's Iftar Party
10 August 2012	Attended Shree Swaminarayan Stanmore Temple's Janmashtami Celebration
17 August 2012	Attended Flash Musicals Theatre Experience
	Attended Pakistan Society of Harrow's Iftar Party
19 August 2012	Attended Navnat Vanik Association's Janmashtami Mela
21 August 2012	Attended the 10h AGM of Afghan Organisation Paiwand
23 August 2012	Attended Citizenship Ceremony
26 August 2012	Attended The Opening Service for the Paralympics Games at St Paul's Cathedral
27 August 2012	Attended Harrow in Leaf's Horticultural Show
28 August 2012	Attended Citizenship Ceremony
29 August 2012	Attended The Aspire Centre, The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital & Harrow Council's Paralympics Torch Relay
	Attended City of London's Paralympics Host City Event
30 August 2012	Attended Citizenship Ceremony
31 August 2012	Attended Sainsbury's visit by Paralympics Torch Bearer Caroline England
1 September 2012	Attended Eid 4 All's Eid-ul-Fitr Community Celebration
	Attended Islamic & Cultural Society of Harrow's Eid Celebration
2 September 2012	Attended Pakistan India Friendship Forum (UK)'s Desire For Peace & Eid Millan Party
9 September 2012	Attended Harrow Association of Disabled People's Paralympics Final Afternoon Celebration
22 September 2012	Attended The Friends of Princess Margaret Hospital (Jamaica) UK's 20 th Anniversary Fundraising Charity Gala Dinner & Dance
24 October 2012	Attended Nower Hill High School's Showcase of Campaigns on Social Issues by GCSE Citizenship Students
26 October 2012	Attended Aylward Primary School's 60 th Anniversary Celebration
27 October 2012	Attended Dragons Explorer Scout Unit's Raas Garba Event
28 October 2012	Attended Gujarati & Lohana Community Get Together
1 November 2012	Attended Citizenship Ceremony
	Attended London Kalibari's Bijoya Utsav
4 November 2012	Attended Belmont Synagogue's Question Time

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

- 6 July 2012 Attended Uxbridge College's Brent & Harrow Science & Technology Challenge Day
- 7 July 2012 Attended Good News Church's Welcome Service for Emmanuel Gill
 Attended Tamil School Hendon's 10th Annual Prize Day & Cultural Programme
- 8 July 2012 Attended Shree Kutch Leva Patel Community Annual Mela
 Attended HYM Philharmonic Orchestra Concert
- 16 July 2012 Attended Harrow Music Service's Brass Blast
- 4 August 2012 Attended Shia Ithna'ashari Community of Middlesex Iftar Celebration
- 25 August 2012 Attended Afghan Organisation Paiwand's Sports Event
- 20 September 2012 Attended Stanmore College's Annual Awards Ceremony
- 29 September 2012 Attended Tonic Opera's Stravinski's "Le Rossignol" Performance
- 4 October 2012 Attended Home-Start Harrow's AGM
 Attended Citizenship Ceremony
- 14 October 2012 Attended HYM's String Concert
- 17 October 2012 Attended Hillingdon Music in Mind's Let's Celebrate Concert
- 20 October 2012 Attended Amna Begum Community Welfare Trust's Charity Dinner
- 3 November 2012 Attended St Mark's Patient Forum Open Day Annual Workshop Event
- 8 November 2012 Attended Citizenship Ceremony

ITEM 6

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

COUNCIL MEETING -

8 NOVEMBER 2012

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

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

Questioner: Rosalyn Neale

Asked of: Councillor Mitzi Green (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 1:

“Concerning the Vaughan School Expansion. I refer to the report by Catherine Doran to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24th October in which she mentions a key risk is affordability. She details the cost for Vaughan School as £8.9million but we have an email from Adrian Parker dated 10th September quoting an all inclusive budget of £8.5 million. Can you please advise how costs have increased by nearly 5% in a month? This question was asked at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting but we were told the £8.5 million wasn't mentioned previously and so the question wasn't answered. We have this email with us and it has been forwarded to several councillors including the chair and vice chair of that meeting Councillor Miles and Councillor Osborn. May we please now have an answer?”

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Questioner: **Graeme Neale**

Asked of: **Councillor Mitzi Green (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)**

Question 2:

“If the Planning Application for the Vaughan School expansion is approved, the number of pupils arriving for school each morning will rise by 50% taking the current number of 420 to 630. There will also be an equivalent increase in the number of guardians and staff arriving at the school each morning.

I am therefore very concerned that there will be a serious road accident due to this massive increase in volumes.

The only strategy that seems to be in place for dealing with this increase is the travel plan put forward by the school at the September residents meeting which states that their strategy is to encourage pupils to walk to school and use bikes / scooters.

However, the schools own newsletters have highlighted serious safety concerns that currently exist using bikes and scooters. It has been brought to the attention of parents in 7 of the school newsletters since February 2011.

If the expansion goes ahead, what is miraculously going to change to make this issue that is unmanageable today, suddenly manageable?”

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Questioner: Dipak Raja

Asked of: Councillor Mitzi Green (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 3:

“My question relates to the Vaughan School Expansion. Residents were advised that a noise attenuation study was undertaken at the request of the planning department. Regarding this study, can you please advise what was surveyed and how the noise impact on the residents during and after construction was assessed and furthermore, what were the conclusions of the study? This question has already been asked in an e-mail but residents are still awaiting an answer.”

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Questioner: Anant Shah

Asked of: Councillor Mitzi Green (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 4:

“There is a stream that runs across the school playing field called "Smarts Brook" In the Boroughs Strategic Flood Risk assessment Volume 1. planning and policy report this Brook is given the status of FLOOD ZONE 3 which classifies it as a High probability Zone with a high risk of flooding. Any development in this area will be subject to high Flood Risk. The potential development on this land will increase flood risk elsewhere through the removal of permeable surfaces such as grass and the addition of hard surfaces. As the proposed development removes the entire grass field and adds hard surfaces then I presume a flood risk assessment was carried out at the outset. Could you please confirm that a FLOOD RISK assessment has been carried out and what the recommendations were?”

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Questioner: Elzbieta Kaptur

Asked of: Councillor Mitzi Green (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 5:

“My question relates to the Vaughan School expansion. As there are utilities on the allotments adjacent to the school and the allotments share the same title number as the school then why the proposed new build on the playing field can't simply be built on the allotments? Please be clear, we are not asking for a total re-build of the whole school we are just asking for proper consideration to be given to building the new part of the school on the allotments rather than the schools playing field. Plans to re-furbish other parts of the existing school building could still go ahead. This would protect the schools only playing field and provide the opportunity for future growth on the allotments.”

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Questioner: Jack Welby

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

Question 6:

“Can the Leader of Harrow Council agree with Councillor Navin Shah who has changed his mind that a 10 storey block and 4 storey block are a beneficial impact to Gayton Road, Harrow?”

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Questioner: Prakash Thakkrar

Asked of: Councillor Mitzi Green (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 7:

“An Estate Agents Firm... have a sign for sale for a 1.5 Acre plot situated on The Gardens adjacent to the underground railway tracks very near the school's (Vaughan School) entrance.

My questions are:

Have you considered buying this plot of 1.5 acres?”

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Questioner: Stephen Lewis

**Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar
(Portfolio Holder for Property and
Major Contracts)**

Question 9:

“What is your view on the outcome of the saga regarding the development of the Whitchurch Pavillion and playing fields”

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Questioner: Chris Baxter

**Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar
(Portfolio Holder for Property and
Major Contracts)**

Question 10:

"When tendering for council services, do you believe that, alongside out-sourcing options, an in-house option should always be considered as part of every procurement exercise?"

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Questioner: Veronica Jenkins

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

Question 11:

“Would the Leader please confirm which Portfolio Holder received the Petition submitted at the last Cabinet meeting, from residents of Durley Avenue, Pinner.”

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Questioner: Councillor Stanley Sheinwald

Asked of: Councillor Margaret Davine (Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing)

To be responded to by: Councillor Sachin Shah (Portfolio Holder for Finance)

Question 1:

“Can Cllr Davine explain why the Council is cutting the number of journeys for taxi card holders who as the most vulnerable people in the borough will probably be made prisoners in their own homes by this decision and would benefit greatly if it could be rescinded”

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts)

Question 2:

“Your predecessor claims Harrow is a Council which ‘listens’; do you believe this to be case?”

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts)

Question 3:

“What innovative policies do you hope will become the cornerstone initiatives of your administration?”

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts)

Question 4:

“What experience gained during your time as portfolio holder do you hope to bring to your role as Leader?”

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts)

Question 5:

“You said you were committed to providing the ‘highest quality services and value for money’ for residents; can you confirm which services you intend to prioritise and which you feel could deliver better value for money?”

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Mitzi Green (Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families)

Question 6:

“Given you were portfolio holder for Children's Services when both the OFSTED and YOT inspections were carried out, what lessons have you learned personally from their highly critical conclusions?”

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Questioner: Councillor Susan Hall

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts)

Question 7:

“As part of focussing your administration, do you have plans to introduce or abolish any flagship/priority actions?”

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar (Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contract)

Question 8:

“Can you provide the rationale behind your Cabinet selection and explain the main challenges you believe they face in their departments?”

New Title: The Right of Children's Education

Proposed: Cllr Graham Henson

Seconded: Cllr Ben Wealthy

The amendment should say:-

Delete last three paragraphs and insert:-

This Council deplores the shooting and maiming of many children around the world, with the most recent being Malala Yousafzai and her friends, because they publicly fought for the right of every girl to go to school.

Council resolves to join the international call on all countries to fully implement the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, in particular, by outlawing discrimination against girls and in line with this fully supports the international campaign to ensure that the world's 61 million out of school children are in education by the end of 2015

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to send messages of support to Malala Yousafzai, one of many amazing young women for their courage and bravery in fighting for the cause which they have championed, Harrow Schools and through the Council's e-bulletins and other means to publicise the 10th November, which will be when the international petition will be handed to the United Nations to ensure international support for the push for girls education and the right of every child to go to school and will build on the momentum of the UN Secretary General's Education First initiative to show that for the first time in history, the world will no longer let education be for the privileged few, but instead a right for all.

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Amendment for Motion (2) – Support for Malala Yousafzai

To insert between 'Council notes that' and 'the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights':

- Education is key in the fight against extremism and that there can be no excuse for limiting the freedom and rights of all children.
- The words of Pakistan's Prime Minister that Malala Yousafzai is 'our' daughter, who believes, like so many of us, in change.
- That Malala is only 1 of 32 million girls worldwide who are denied the right to go to school every day, and that only a third of girls globally are enrolled in secondary school.
- That education of girls is not just a moral issue but makes sense both socially and economically. Noting that it can; Reduce the rate of child marriage: A girl who has 7 years of education will typically marry four years later and have fewer children, Reduce disease: A girl who has basic education is three times less likely to contract HIV, Strengthen the economy: Only a year of extra school can increase a girl's future earnings by 10% to 20%, Promote health: Children born to educated mothers are twice as likely to survive beyond the age of 5.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Seconded by:

Cllr. Susan Hall
Leader of the Opposition

Amendment for Motion (3) – Harrow’s Policing Motion

To amend the motion as below:

The Council notes and calls for urgent action in respect of the following:

Joint Borough Command

Council is concerned at draft proposals from the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to share Borough Commanders between the Boroughs of Harrow and Barnet. Council is opposed to any such proposal as it would undermine the effectiveness of policing in Harrow. The Council urges MOPAC and the Mayor of London not to adopt this proposal.

New Policing Model for Harrow

Council is additionally concerned about the inconsistency regarding the composition of Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) across Harrow, as well as the uncertainty of what the new policing model will comprise and the timetable for its implementation. This Council notes the reduction in the Council-funded team by the present administration, and is therefore particularly eager to know how the new model will function and be funded.

Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNB)

Whilst MOPAC consults and puts forward its timetable for implementation of the proposed Safer Neighbourhood Boards, Council requests a more concerted, corporative and cross-party effort to consult with residents and engage with them about local policing matters.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to communicate the resolutions above to the Deputy Mayor of Policing and the Mayor of London, the local MPs and the GLA Member for Brent and Harrow.”

Proposed by:

Cllr. Susan Hall
Leader of the Opposition

Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Amendment for Motion (4) – Change to Planning Laws

To amend the motion as below:

This Council deplores the recent announcement by the Government that permitted development rights will be increased to allow house extensions of up to 8 meters to be built without local authority permission.

This Council agrees with the Local Government Association’s statement that “This policy potentially gives the green light to unsightly and out-of-place development without delivering a big enough boost to the construction industry to justify the potential damage”.

This Council notes that the Mayor of London has stated his opposition to this change in policy.

This Council resolves to oppose this measure and to opt out of the legislation if this is at all possible.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to communicate this motion to the Minister for Communities and Local Government, the Mayor of London, the three Harrow MPs and the GLA member for Brent and Harrow.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Stephen Greek
Shadow Portfolio Holder for
Planning and Development

Seconded by:

Cllr. Joyce Nickolay
Planning Committee Vice-Chairman

Amendment for Motion (5) – Reorganise Health Service

To amend the motion as below:

Council notes with great concern the impact on the health of local residents of three major changes of health provision:

- The totally under funded transfer of Public Health to the Council, due to Harrow PCT's historical under-funding in this area; although the actual transfer of Public Health to the Council is welcome. This Council is particularly concerned by the accuracy of the morbidity data which affects the size of the public health budget. This Council is therefore ensuring that all mechanisms are in place to ensure data collection is as accurate as possible, so that the needs of Harrow's residents are truly reflected in our Public Health budget allocation.
- The totally under funded, top down, bureaucratic, centralized, ill-thought out system of GP Commissioning.
- The totally under funded proposals to re-organize hospital and specialist provision in North West London.

Council believes these proposals and the dramatic cuts to and privatisation of NHS services will have serious potential to negatively impact on the most essential care for people of Harrow. The Council is particularly anxious about the detrimental impact the changes would have on the Northwick Park Hospital given that there are no guarantees that any of the proposed changes will be properly funded. Council further notes that prior to the 2005 General Election, Labour MP Gareth Thomas – Harrow West – promised that funding had been secured for a "brand new hospital costing £305 million" to be built by 2010 at Northwick Park.

The Council calls on the government to review its proposals so as to maintain the highest levels of medical services.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of London, the three Harrow MPs and the Brent and Harrow Assembly member asking them to support Harrow Council and Harrow residents by lobbying the Government to stop deep cuts and erosion of local medical care and services.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Simon Williams
Shadow Portfolio Holder for Health

Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Amendment for Motion (6) – Early Intervention

This Council recognises Harrow's success in Early Intervention with the last Government's introduction of Sure Start Children's Centres.

The Council regards early intervention projects as incredibly important in both giving young children and young families the best start in life and in generating savings to the public sector in the longer-term through reduced levels of demand on public services. Council notes:

- fears that cuts to Harrow's early intervention funding may put at risk services and all the work Harrow has achieved in this area.
- in the future this might mean there being higher levels of crime, reduced levels of educational attainment and extra demand on Harrow's health services.

Council echoes the concerns of the Local Government Association and others regarding a lack of clarity on the future funding of the Early Intervention Grant, and pledges to write to the Secretary of State to call on him to provide said clarification, and to exempt Harrow from any cuts in its 2013/14 grant, so that Harrow may continue its Early Intervention work as a matter of urgency.

Proposed by:

Cllr. Susan Hall
Leader of the Opposition

Seconded by:

Cllr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

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