

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday 18 November 2014

AGENDA - PART I

6. REFERENCES FROM COUNCIL/CABINET

- (b) Reference from Council - 13 November 2014 - Petitions re Harrow Arts Centre: (Pages 1 - 2)

Reference from Council on 13 November 2014

Note: In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the following agenda item has been admitted late to the agenda by virtue of the special circumstances and urgency detailed below:-

Agenda item

6b. Reference from Council –
13 November 2014 –
Petitions re Harrow Arts
Centre

Special Circumstances/Grounds for Urgency

Members are requested to consider the reference, as a matter of urgency. The reference was received following circulation of the main agenda.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

**TO: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
- 18 November 2014**

FROM: COUNCIL – 13 November 2014

**PETITION REFERRED TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
– HARROW ARTS CENTRE**

In accordance with Council's Petition Scheme, Council received two petitions containing over 2,000 signatures as follows

- (i) Petition submitted by the Hatch End Association containing approximately 6,000 signatures stating "We the undersigned wish to object in the strongest terms to any plans that Harrow Council may put forward to close the Arts Centre in Hatch End. We call upon Harrow Council to retain the existing Arts Centre as a centre of excellence for delivering the Arts, Education, Sport & Leisure to all the residents of Harrow."
- (ii) Petition submitted by U3A containing approximately 5,300 signatures stating "We, the undersigned, are deeply concerned by the proposal from Harrow Council's administration to close Harrow Arts Centre. The Arts Centre is a vital part of Harrow's community; as a venue for performances all year, a hub for tuition and training in the arts, and a meeting place for many local groups and voluntary organisations. Petition Harrow administration against closing the Arts Centre – Harrow's cultural asset."

RESOLVED: That the petitions be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background documents:

Petitions submitted to the Council meeting – 13 November 2014.

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