

HARROW COUNCIL

10 JULY 2008 – COUNCIL

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW
MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS
Thursday 10 July 2008

I have carried out the following engagements since the Annual Meeting of Council on Thursday 8 May 2008.

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| Saturday 10 May | Attended Mayor of Hillingdon's Civic Dinner at Brunel University |
| Tuesday 13 May | Attended Photographic Session |
| | Attended Unveiling of Plaque in Memory of John Cripps at Northolt Park Station |
| | Attended Deputy Lieutenant's Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday 14 May | Attended Air Cadets Presentation <i>Operation Troll</i> |
| Thursday 15 May | Attended TA100 Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral |
| | Attended Reception at Guildhall |
| | Attended Citizenship Ceremony |
| | Attended Young Enterprise Strategic Board Final at University of Westminster |
| Friday 16 May | Attended UK Bollywood Dance Championships at KPS Centre |
| Saturday 17 May | Attended Girl Guiding <i>Going for Gold</i> at Willowtree Centre, Harefield |
| Monday 19 May | Attended Funeral of the Late Jack Shrimpton OBE |
| | Attended Reception at Stanmore Golf Club |
| | Attended Annual Presentation of Awards at Harrow St John's Ambulance HQ |
| Tuesday 20 May | Visited 1454 Squadron Air Cadets |
| Wednesday
21 May | Opened new St Luke's Charity Shop in North Harrow |
| Thursday 22 May | Attended PHEOS Musical Players' Performance of <i>The Sorcerer</i> |
| Saturday 24 May | Attended Welldon Centre May Fair |
| | Attended <i>May Time Revels</i> at Pinner Memorial Park |
| | Attended Wealdstone FC Junior Tournament |
| | Attended London Kalibari Celebration of Life of Swami Vivekananda |

Sunday 25 May	Attended Charter Ceremony for Leo Club organised by Lions Club of Belmont
Wednesday 28 May	Attended Mayoress's Committee AGM
Thursday 29 May	Attended Citizenship Ceremony Attended Rotary Club of Pinner Welcome Meeting for Link Clubs from Brugge West, Belgium & Meerbusch, Germany
Friday 30 May	Attended Closure Ceremony of Royal Air Force Bentley Priory
Saturday 31 May	Attended Launch of London Loop, Section 15 of <i>Spring into Summer Walking Weekend</i> Attended Children's Traffic Club Roadshow Event organised by <i>Transport for London</i> Attended Final Dinner to mark end of visit by Link Clubs with the Rotary Club of Pinner at House of Commons
Sunday 1st June	Attended Anniversary Celebration at Stanmore Temple Attended Mayoress's Committee Informal Lunch at Grimsdyke Golf Club Bowled first wood at Mayor's Shield Annual Bowls Match at Harrow Bowls Club
Monday 2 June	Attended LB Mayors' Service at St Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 3 June	Attended Stakeholder- New Leader, New Vision Event
Wednesday 4 June	Attended Mayor's Access Committee Meeting Attended Recorder Festival
Thursday 5 June	Attended Extraordinary Council Meeting
Friday 6 June	Attended Grand Opening of Kenton Learning Centre
Saturday 7 June	Attended Shabbat & Civic Service at Edgware & District Reform Synagogue Attend St Alban's Church, North Harrow, Annual Summer Fair Attend RAF Families Day at RAF Northolt
Sunday 8 June	Attended 'China Now' London Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival Attended LB Barnet Civic Service Attended Reception at Henrietta Barnet School

Tuesday 10 June Attended *Mind in Harrow* Launch of Research Project on Asian Elders' Views on Mental Health

Attended Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Khilafat Centenary VIP Reception

Wednesday 11 June Saw off children for Rotary Club of Northwick Park, Harrow & Edgware & Stanmore *Kids Out* Special Needs Children Trip to Thorpe Park

Attended UK Asian Women's Conference 17th Sports Day for People with Learning Difficulties & Special Needs

Thursday 12 June Visited Shopmobility at St George's Centre

Friday 13 June Attended Presentation by Harrow Carers

Attended Belmont Theatre Company performance *When we are Married*

Saturday 14 June Attended West House Open Day

Attended Harrow Philharmonic Choir Choruses Concert at St John's Church, Kenton

Sunday 15 June Started Mass Cycle Ride at Nower Hill High School

Attended Re-opening of 17th Tee at Grimsdyke Golf Club

Attended Girlguiding event *Over the Rainbow* at Willowtree Centre

Attended Inter Cadet Competition, including Mayor's Cup and Hamlin Trophy at Harrow School

Attended HYM Concert

Monday 16 June Attended Tree Planting at Vaughan School

Tuesday 17 June Attended Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Briefing at NCVO

Attended Art Exhibition at Stanmore College

Attended County Girlguiding AGM

Wednesday 18 June Hosted visit by Delegation from India UKIERI in Conjunction with Rooks Heath Cluster

Attended Photoshoot *Shades for the Day*

Attended 10th Anniversary Celebration at Rowanweald Centre

Attended Jill Rothwell's retirement celebration

Chaired 14th AGM of Harrow Shopmobility

Thursday 19 June Attended *Junior Citizens'* Event

Attended Gildea House Annual Open Day

Attended International Food Day Event at Bentley Wood High School

Attended Harrow Weald/Ruislip Kumon Centre ASR Award Ceremony

Attended Jack Petchey Foundation Awards

Saturday 21 June Attended TA National Pageant

Attended Bengalee Association Cultural & Musical Evening

Sunday 22 June Attended Annual Civic Service at St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill

Opened Princess Alexandra Home Summer Fete

Tuesday 24 June Attended Citizenship Ceremony

Attended London Mayors' Association Reception for New London Borough Mayors

Wednesday 25 June Hosted visit by pupils from Quinton Hall School for Boys

Hosted visit by Ugandan Teachers

Chaired Harrow in Europe AGM

Thursday 26 June Hosted visit by pupils from Vaughan School

Attended St Luke's Hospice Lunch at House of Lords

Attended Museum of London Transition of Responsibility to GLA Event

Friday 27 June Attended POET Performance of *Rigoletto* at St Bernadette's RC Primary School

Attended Merridowners Morris Concert

Saturday 28 June	<p>Attended Art Show at Stanmore Library</p> <p>Started 'Hats Off for the Elderly' Marathon Run organised by Age Concern</p> <p>Attended Opening Ceremony at Wealdstone Festival</p> <p>Attended Re-Opening of World War II Blast Shelter at Stanburn School</p> <p>Attended Masonic Province of Middlesex Open Day</p>
Sunday 29 June	Attended 'Under One Sky' event
Monday 30 June	Hosted visit by pupils from Grimsdyke School
Tuesday 1 July	<p>Attended Open Morning to see Learning in Action & Celebrate National Year of Reading</p> <p>Hosted luncheon for Mr Oliver Speight & Wealdstone Active Group</p> <p>Attended Harrow College Awards Ceremony</p>
Wednesday 2 July	Officially Opened Aylward F & M School ICT Suite & Harrow Pre-School Language Unit (PSLU)
Thursday 3 July	<p>Hosted visited by Kenmore Park School Council</p> <p>Chaired HAVS AGM</p> <p>Attended Harrow & Wealdstone District Scout AGM</p>
Friday 4 July	<p>Opened Natraj Indian Sweet & Savouries Shop</p> <p>Opened Newton Farm F&M Summer Fair</p>
Saturday 5 July – Sunday 6 July	Attended Fetes de Gayant in twin town Douai, France
Tuesday 8 July	<p>Attended Chris Murphy's Leaving Party</p> <p>Attended <i>Sound of Music</i> Production at Roxbourne Middle School</p>
Wednesday 9 July	<p>Attended Welcome Reception to celebrate completion of <i>Bobby's Walk</i> – 500 mile charity walk for St Mark's Hospital Foundation at House of Commons</p> <p>Attended <i>Celebrating Success</i> Event at Rooks Heath College</p> <p>Attended Kingsley High School Leavers' Ceremony</p>

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

Thursday 15 May	Attended Performance of <i>Guys & Dolls</i> at Kenmore Park Middle School
Sunday 25 May	Attended Grand Opening of Navnat Centre
Tuesday 27 May	Attended Public Launch & Naming of TPP at Milmans Resource Centre
Saturday 7 June	Attended Downs Playgroup Open Day Attended Annual Mayor's Garden Party at Capel Manor College
Tuesday 24 June	Attended National Autistic Society Event 'I Exist'
Thursday 26 June	Attended Verdi's 'Rigoletto' performed by Pavillion Opera Education Trust at Kenmore Park Middle School
Thursday 3 July	Attended Stanmore College Summer Lunch Attended Friends of West House Sixth AGM
Saturday 5 July	Attended London Youth Games

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

Saturday 10 May	Attended London Kalibari Event
Sunday 1 June	Attended Fund Raising Lunch of the Greek Orthodox Community of St Panteleimon
Thursday 29 June	Attended Harrow College Fashion Show for students with disabilities
Saturday 5 July	Attended Tree Planting to Celebrate 60 th Anniversary of NHS Attended Safer Neighbourhood Team Football Tournament
Sunday 6 July	Attended London Youth Games Attended Sickle Cell Annual Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving Attended Sri Lankan Muslim Cultural Centre UK 3 rd Annual Sports Day

The following Harrow residents received Awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:-

Sheila Harvey	MBE
Edna Knight	MBE

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:-

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| 12 th July 2008 | Mayoress's Committee Quiz Supper |
| 7 th September 2008 | Salmon Supper in aid of Mayor's Special Appeal for Welldon Activity Group – Harrow Museum & Heritage Centre |
| 27 th September 2008 | Mayoress's Committee Musical Entertainment
The Life and Times of Frank Sinatra |
| 22 nd November 2008 | Mayoress's Ball |
| 31 st January 2009 | Civic Banquet |

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

COUNCIL MEETING

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10 JULY 2008

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (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: Ms Debbie Alway
Asked of: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane, Portfolio Holder for Adults & Housing

Question: "I have received a letter from First Call concerning 'Investigating tenant management', which says "Unless you join the TMO you will be unable to vote later when it is decided if the TMO is to go ahead." Surely this cannot be correct?

Everyone in the borough who is affected by this issue (be they tenants or leaseholders) should be entitled to vote, whether they have joined the TMO or not. The problem with joining the TMO is that the act of joining is considered by the TMO as being tacit approval of its existence"

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REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2008

Chairman:	* Councillor Stanley Sheinwald	
Councillors	* Mrs Margaret Davine	* Phillip O'Dell (2)
:	* B E Gate	* Anthony Seymour
	* Mitzi Green	* Dinesh Solanki
	* Manji Kara	* Yogesh Teli
	* Mrs Vina Mithani	* Mark Versallion
	* Janet Mote	
Voting	(Voluntary Aided)	(Parent Governors)
Co-opted:	† Mrs J Rammelt	* Mr R Chauhan
	† Reverend P Reece	* Mrs D Speel

- * Denotes Member present
- (2) Denotes category of Reserve Members
- † Denotes apologies received

[Note: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing, also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 347 below. Councillor Jean Lammiman also attended the meeting in her capacity as Assistant (Support Member) to the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing].

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION I - Scrutiny Annual Report 2007/08

The Committee considered its Annual Report 2007/08, which outlined the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Performance and Finance and Call-In Sub-Committees over the past year following changes to its structure. The Annual Report also detailed the activities of the Lead Members for Scrutiny, outlined the outcomes of individual projects that had been undertaken and included the results from the annual scrutiny survey.

The Annual Report set out the achievements made and the work carried out by scrutiny Members and voting co-opted members, including advisors, whose contributions in raising the profile of scrutiny in Harrow was welcomed. Scrutiny welcomed the opportunity for closer working with the Council's partners, local residents, the Executive and appropriate organisations with a view to working towards delivering the Council's ambition to be one of the best in London by 2012.

The Chairman thanked Members and officers for their work on the Annual Report and for scrutinising challenging issues.

Having endorsed the Annual Report 2007/08, and in order to meet its obligations under the Council's Constitution to report annually on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Committee

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report for 2007/08, be adopted.

(See also Minute 353)

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Item 14(A) - Recommendation from the Leader

REASON FOR URGENCY:

To ensure that the smooth running of the Council's committees are expedited by the proposed changes to the appointments identified.

Amendments to Committee & Outside Body Appointments

To be moved by the Leader (Councillor David Ashton)

"That the following changes of representatives to Council Committees (in accordance with proportional entitlements) and Outside Bodies be made for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2008/09.

(A) Council Committees

Name of Committee	Name of Councillor to be replaced	Proposed replacement Remainder 2008/09	Political Group holding new nomination
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	RESERVE: Councillor Eric Silver	RESERVE: Councillor Julia Merison	Conservative
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	RESERVE: Councillor Lurline Champagne	RESERVE: Councillor G Chowdhury	Conservative
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	RESERVE: Councillor Bill Stephenson	RESERVE: Councillor Krishna James	Labour
Standards Committee	Councillor Phillip O'Dell	Councillor Asad Omar	Labour
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Licensing & General Purposes	NOMINATED MEMBER: Councillor Mrinal Choudhury	NOMINATED MEMBER: Councillor Phillip O'Dell	Labour

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Labour

(3)

I. Members

Keith Ferry
Krishna James
Thaya Idaikkadar *

II. Reserve Members

1. Mrinal Choudhury
2. Graham Henson
3. Jerry Miles

* Denotes Group Member for consultation on Delegated Action and/or administrative matters.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Labour

(3)

I. Members

Mrinal Choudhury
Keith Ferry*
Thaya Idaikkadar

II. Reserve Members

1. Graham Henson
2. Krishna James
3. Jerry Miles

* Denotes Group Member for consultation on Delegated Action and/or administrative matters.

(B) Outside Bodies

Name of Committee	Name of Councillors to be replaced	Proposed replacement Remainder 2008/09	Political Group holding new nomination
Age Concern Harrow	Councillor Krishna James	Councillor Asad Omar	Labour
Harrow Police & Community Consultative Group	Councillor Navin Shah	Councillor Mano Dharmarajah	Labour
Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Grants Committee)	Cllr Manji Kara Cllr Golam Chowdhury Cllr Joyce Nickolay Cllr Don Billson (deleted)	Cllr Paul Osborn Cllr Marilyn Ashton Cllr Anjana Patel	Conservative Conservative Conservative
Harrow College Further Education Board	Cllr Anjana Patel	Cllr John Cowan	Conservative

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QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE (ITEM 15)

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

Questioner: Councillor Krishna James
Asked of: Councillor Susan Hall, Portfolio Holder for Environment Services & Community Safety

Question: “Recently the Council has financed extra policing for Harrow Town Centre, a move which I welcome. However Wealdstone High Street is experiencing a lot of antisocial behaviour and violent crime.

Will you also look at putting in extra police in Wealdstone High Street to cope with this problem, possibly by using some of the police from the Town Centre or preferably with extra police over and above this?”

Answer:

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Item 16(1)

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Item 16 (1) - HARROW TOWN CENTRE

The issue of an overall master plan for the development of the Town Centre and its infrastructure and the provision of any new leisure facilities are matters within the powers of the Executive.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 15.6, this Motion shall stand referred to the next meeting of the Executive (in particular the Local Development Framework Panel).

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Please note that the Motion is recirculated as the final sentence (identified in BOLD & ITALIC) was not printed within the original Summons.

POST OFFICES - (REPLACEMENT MOTION)

Council notes with dismay and condemns the decision by Post Office Ltd to close five post offices in Harrow following a cosmetic consultation exercise where well-argued cases and the real views of Harrow residents were totally ignored and the results were predictably predetermined. Council believes that these decisions will have disastrous consequences for many local shopping centres and as well as for many vulnerable people who rely on their local post offices, and no account has been taken of potential residential developments such those in the Town Centre and, for example, on the Kodak site.

Council regrets that the former Mayor of London's initiative to instigate a judicial review of the decision by Post Office Ltd on the grounds of their failure to consult properly in terms of the timescale has been unsuccessful

Council notes that the Town Centre Post Office is currently quite unfit for purpose being far too small with long queues and will be even more so in the light of proposed residential developments in the Town Centre.

Council also notes that Post Office Ltd is willing to enter into agreements with Local Authorities to take over the running of local post offices.

Council resolves:

1. To communicate the above resolution to Post Office Ltd, the two Harrow MPs, the Brent and Harrow Assembly Member and to the appropriate Government minister.
2. To seek a meeting with Post Office Ltd to discuss the Town Centre Post Office and the need for other post offices in Harrow in the light of plans for residential development throughout the Borough.
3. To ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, building on the work it has already done, to urgently set up a review group to consider the possibility of the Council ***taking over the running of the post offices currently threatened with closure and/or opening its own post office.***

Cross-Party Amendment to the POST OFFICES Motion

To be moved by Councillor Bill Stephenson and seconded by Councillor David Ashton:

Delete everything after “Council...” and replace with:

... This Council strongly deplores the decision by Post Office Ltd to close five post offices in Harrow following a cosmetic consultation exercise where well-argued views and serious concerns of Harrow residents were totally ignored and the predetermined outcomes were achieved which most adversely affect vulnerable people who greatly rely on their local post offices.

Council notes that the Town Centre Post Office is currently quite unfit for purpose being far too small with long queues and will be even more so in the light of the closures and of the proposed residential developments in the Town Centre.

Council also notes that Post Office Ltd is willing to enter into agreements with Local Authorities to take over the running of local post offices.

Council resolves:

- (1) To communicate the above resolution to Post Office Ltd as well as to the Harrow MPs and to the appropriate Government minister.
- (2) To further explore the feasibility of Council running some local post offices.
- (3) To seek a meeting with Post Office Ltd to discuss the Town Centre Post Office and the need for other post offices in Harrow in the light of plans for residential development.

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HEALTHCARE FOR LONDON

Cross-Party Amendment to the HEALTHCARE FOR LONDON Motion

To be moved by Councillor Vina Mithani and seconded by Councillor Rekha Shah:

Delete everything after “Council...” and replace with:

“... is concerned at the dramatic implications of the proposed changes to the NHS as contained in the Darzi Report, ‘Healthcare for London’, especially the possible imposition of polyclinics - perceived as a “one size fits all” model - with the potential to seriously damage the established pattern of provision of the general practitioner, which for decades has underpinned the provision of the basic healthcare needs of every individual “from conception to death”.

Council welcomes the assurances from our local health partners that Harrow does not face the prospect of such an imposition. However, Council resolves to oppose any local proposals:

- (i) if they fail to take into account local needs,
- (ii) if they undermine local GP practices and existing local health facilities,
- (iii) if stakeholders and residents have not been properly consulted and listened to.

Council resolves to communicate this motion to the two Harrow MPs, the Chief Executive of NHS London and the Minister of Health, in order to express its deep concerns over this issue”.

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