

ALTERATION TO EMERGENCY MOTION

Replace the last paragraph with:

“This Council will continue to receive at each of its meetings the minutes of the Executive, which monitors performance and progress in Haringey’s Childrens’ Service. We will also receive a report from the Director of Social Services at 3 months (with progress on the first 23 recommendations) and 6 months (with progress on the remaining 11) detailing how we have improved basic good professional practice in line with the Secretary of State for Health’s request to Council Chief Executives dated 28 January 2003”.

Emergency Council Motion – 3 February 2003

Proposed by Councillor Meehan
Seconded by Councillor Sulaiman

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As Lord Laming makes clear in his report, our failure to protect Victoria was a collective failure by the Council. We have reviewed our Social Services and are learning the lessons of Victoria's tragic death.

This Council notes the findings and recommendations of Lord Laming's Inquiry report into the death of Victoria Climbié and will co-operate fully with the implementation programmes put forward by the Government.

This Council welcomes the introduction of a successful recruitment and retention package to bring in good quality, experienced social workers and managers who can ensure a higher standard of practice to safeguard children in Haringey. This has been achieved through investing an additional £5million in Children's Services compared with 1999/2000 – an increase of 25%.

Furthermore, this Council is working together with other agencies to introduce improved child protection procedures, including the provision of comprehensive training for all professionals and improved communication between social workers, housing officers, teachers, police officers and health workers.

The Council will endeavour with its partners and other agencies, to ensure that the safest service possible is provided to protect children at risk and in need.

This Council resolves to receive progress reports at intervals of three and six months to ensure that the Government's recommendations emanating from the Laming Report have been implemented.

Amendment to Emergency Council Motion – 3 February 2003

Proposed: Councillor Ross Laird

Seconded: Councillor Lynne Featherstone

Delete Third paragraph and replace with:

"This Council notes the findings and recommendations of Lord Laming's Inquiry into the death of Victoria Climbié and resolves to be the first authority in the United Kingdom to fully implement the recommendations accepted by the Government."

Delete Final paragraph and replace with:

"This Council resolves henceforth that detailed minutes of all committee meetings should be recorded; the Council further resolves to receive progress reports to Full Council at monthly intervals to ensure that the Government's recommendations emanating from the Laming Report are being implemented."

If the amendment were approved it would alter the substantive motion to:

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