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To: The Mayor and Councillors of Haringey Council.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Haringey will be held at the Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green, N22 8LE on MONDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2007 at 19:30 HRS, to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 2. TO ASK THE MAYOR TO CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at

which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest.

- 4. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2007 (PAGES 1 10)
- 5. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL
- 6. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON CHANGES TO POLITICAL GROUPS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES (PAGES 11 14)
- 7. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES
- 8. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM
- 9. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10
- 10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 15 26)
 - a) The Cabinet Report number 5 / 2007-8
- 11. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13

Motion E (2007/08):

Councillor Hoban has given notice that he will move in the following terms:

"This Council notes that the New Deal for Communities (NDC) is a key programme in the Government's strategy to tackle multiple deprivation in the most deprived neighbourhoods in the country, giving some of the poorest communities the resources to tackle their problems in an intensive way and co-ordinated way. This Council recognises the successful bid for over £50 million of NDC funding for The Bridge Seven Sisters area, which has brought opportunities to tackle the five key NDC themes of: poor job prospects; high levels of crime; educational under-achievement; poor health; and problems with housing and the physical environment in the Bridge Seven Sisters area.

This council further notes with concern however, that the observations and recommendations contained within the Final Internal Audit Report on The Bridge NDC, submitted to the Council in September 2006, highlighted significant problems relating to administration and delivery of the spending programme. The audit executive summary noted that a limited level of assurance can be provided in relation to the spending programme and identified that weaknesses in the system of controls are such as to put the system objectives at risk. This Council also notes that a petition signed by 600 local residents was delivered to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in November 2004 raising serious questions regarding the NDC accounts following dismissal of two public members of the Bridge NDC Board.

This Council therefore believes that full public confidence in this multi-million NDC 'resident-led' spending programme can only be restored through the implementation of a full independent financial forensic investigation of the NDC accounts.

Haringey Council therefore resolves to

- 1. Commission an immediate independent financial forensic investigation of The Bridge Seven Sisters spending programme, covering the period 2001-2007
- 2. Present the auditor's findings and recommendations in full to full council at the earliest opportunity following receipt of the report".

Dr Ita O'Donovan Chief Executive River Park House 225 High Road Wood Green London N22 8HQ

Friday, 16 November 2007