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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, 9TH JANUARY, 2006 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. (PAGES 1 - 2)**
- 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.

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4. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2005 (PAGES 3 - 12)**
5. **TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL.**
6. **TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.**
7. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (TO FOLLOW). (PAGES 13 - 14)**
8. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES: (PAGES 15 - 72)**
 - (a) Report on new legislation affecting the Council.
 - (b) Report on the appointment of Independent Members of the Standards Committee.
9. **TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES. (PAGES 73 - 78)**
10. **TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM.**
11. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10. (PAGES 79 - 96)**
12. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES: (PAGES 97 - 194)**
 - (a) The Executive – Reports 10, 11 & 12 – 2005/06.
 - (b) General Purposes Committee – Report 3 – 2005/06.

The report of the General Purposes Committee contains recommendations in respect of changes to the Constitution.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure No. 12(1), the Chief Executive will submit a report, if appropriate, listing any recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee requiring policy change or executive action.

13. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13:

MOTION I (2005/06):

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

“This Council welcomes the recent Comprehensive Performance Assessment Ratings which gives Haringey Council 3 stars out of a possible 4 stars. This Council notes that the new rating system provides a tougher assessment than previous years. This makes the Council’s three star success an even greater achievement.

This Council believes that this success has only been possible with the hard work, initiative and dedication of all Council staff. We thank them for their wonderful efforts in securing this achievement and congratulate them on helping to make a better Haringey.

Haringey received 3 stars in 4 out of 6 core service areas: Children and Young People, Social Care (adults), Benefits and Culture. In addition Haringey kept its 3 stars for Use of Resources which includes areas such as value for money and financial management.

This Council has been recognised as improving well with the CPA report noting “this year has seen positive outcomes in services for children and young people and for vulnerable adults”. Our borough contains large pockets of deprivation and the Council is particularly proud that the report acknowledges the targeting of resources to reflect local social, economic and demographic challenges. Haringey also performs well against equalities and diversity targets.

This Council believes that this achievement has been underpinned by a series of forward looking and prudent budgets since 2002. The Council has drawn up a successful strategy which is now getting the recognition it deserves. The Labour Manifesto in 2002 committed this Council to achieving “Good” status by 2006, and through careful planning, strategic budgets and hard work this pledge has been delivered.

A Labour Council working with a Labour Government has secured this improvement demonstrating the importance of a positive partnership between local and national government.

The CPA report notes that ‘the Council is improving well’, and this Council resolves to embrace the challenge for the next four years which is to move from Good to Excellent, because the people of Haringey deserve excellence”.

MOTION J (2005/06):

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

“This Council notes that Holocaust Memorial Day falls on 27 January.

Council believes that the Holocaust, an attempt at the industrialized slaughter of an entire people, was a uniquely evil event in world history.

Council believes that understanding and remembering the nature of the Holocaust is a powerful part of the effort to prevent its recurrence, and of the fight against racial and religious prejudice in all their forms.

Council notes the ceremonies being arranged by the Council for Holocaust Memorial Day, especially the commemorative ceremony at Bruce Castle on 24 January from 6.45–9.30pm, the special screening of *Hotel Rwanda* at Cineworld in Wood Green on 26 January at 7.00pm, and the exhibition of children’s art from the Czechoslovak concentration camp Theresienstadt, which will be displayed at Bruce Castle Museum, Hornsey Central Library and Wood Green Central Library in January, February, and March.

Council believes that elected representatives in a democracy have an ongoing and special responsibility to fight against fascism and racism wherever they occur, to ensure that the Holocaust is never repeated.

Council therefore affirms the collective and individual responsibility of councillors to combat Nazism and all other crimes of genocide, and thanks Council staff for organizing the events which will mark Holocaust Memorial Day this year in Haringey”.

MOTION K (2005/06):

Councillor Canver has given notice that she will move in the following terms:

“This Council welcomes the entry into force of further powers under the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act 2005 on 18 October and looks forward to the final tranche of powers in April 2006.

This council believes the new powers given to courts to deal with fly-tipping are to be welcomed. This Council welcomes in particular the powers given to local authorities and the Environment Agency to recover their investigation costs from those convicted of offences, as well as the power for courts to award local authorities, the Environment Agency and landowners the costs of cleaning up fly-tipped waste, and believes this integrated approach will help to address the financial implications of tougher measures.

This Council believes that empowering local authorities to remove abandoned cars from the street immediately and to dispose of removed cars more quickly can only improve our neighbourhoods.

This council welcomes the new offences introduced by the Act to curb nuisance parking and fly-posting, the more stringent litter regulations and the amended provisions for dealing with fly-tipping which will go far to clean up our neighbourhoods, and therefore calls upon the Council to ensure that enforcement teams use these new powers to the full for a safer, cleaner, better Haringey”.

MOTION L (2005/06):

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

“In September 2003, the Council passed a motion on genetically modified (GM) crops. The motion asked officers to investigate whether or not it would be possible for Haringey to declare itself a GM free zone, and they reported that it was not.

Across the European Union, thousands of similarly minded local and regional government authorities want to exclude the growing of genetically modified crops in their area. The reasons for taking such an initiative include:-

- Concerns about the many scientific uncertainties surrounding the long term safety of GM foods and the effect on the environment of growing GM crops;
- The clear difficulties of growing GM crops without contaminating traditional, conventional, and organic crops, and the economic effects this will have on the agri-food sector;
- The demands from their citizens for GM-free food and a GM-free local environment.

Current European law fails to protect these local and regional government authorities, and internationally, there is increasing pressure to force GM crops into the European Union, especially via the US-led trade dispute at the World Trade Organisation.

This Council believes that whilst genetic modification techniques may have significant advantages, for example in the production of human insulin for diabetics, but is concerned about the possible environmental consequences of GM crop cultivation.

This Council therefore believes that in order to protect our local economy, culture, environment and the health of our citizens, EU law must include the democratic right of local and regional government to decide whether GM crops can be cultivated in their given areas.

This Council also believes that there should be no EU wide approvals for the cultivation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) until these matters are resolved and that there should be strict labelling regulations for any presence of GMOs in food products, conventional and organic seeds at the practical detection limit.

This Council therefore instructs the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment Food, and Rural Affairs, and to the European Commission, to call for individual local authorities to be empowered to regulate the growing of GM crops in their areas”.

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