

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 6 FEBRUARY 2006**

### **Amendment to Motion N (2005/6)**

Delete all after "This Council acknowledges the findings of the" and replace with text below to read

*This council acknowledges the findings of the "District Auditor's report into the Tech Refresh project.*

Tech Refresh is a project designed to support the delivery of better housing, cleaner streets and safer communities for the people of the borough through the use of better more resilient and efficient technology.

The council notes that in June 2003 the Tech Refresh project was being delivered and programme managed by external partners. Once the overspend was reported to councillors in May 2005, programme management was undertaken in-house. Tech Refresh is now 95 per cent complete and is already helping to deliver more efficient use of council resources.

This council notes the following findings from the district auditor's report:-

- Whilst the project implementation was problematic the new IT systems will help the council deliver better services.
- The original budget was very tight meaning that additional expenditure was always likely.
- Haringey is an improving three star council with a track record of strong financial management.
- The funds to pay for this overspend were found from earmarked reserves last year meaning that this is not funded through a council tax rise.

This council also notes the Executive asked the district auditor to examine the project last year and that a report from the Interim Chief Executive has already been requested to address the lessons that need to be learnt.

Finally this council is a good and improving borough and is well equipped to make further progress - a fact that has been recognised by the recent Audit Commission rating.

**Proposed by Cllr Sulaiman**

**Seconded by Cllr Milner**