

COUNCIL MEETING – 20 JULY 2009

**Amendment to Motion A**

**'Delete** 'all after the second bullet point ' and **insert** "the text in italics"

This Council notes:

- the unanimous support from the whole Council for Motion N (2008/09) passed on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 on the Sustainable Communities Act
- the specific immediate actions committed to by the Council in that motion
- *that Haringey is not alone in believing that there has been a lack of detailed guidance on bidding criteria from the LGA and the promised supporting information from the Department for Communities and Local Government.*
- *that clear, concise and transparent guidance are essential in undertaking the high quality and informed public consultation necessary to produce meaningful submissions from local authorities to LGA and then on to Government*

*This Council further notes:*

- *the Council's strong track record of on-going engagement and responsiveness to the needs of local residents.*
- *that the measure of a successful submission - by the definition of the spirit of the Act and as stated by the campaigning organisation 'local works' – is a submission which is based on quality consultation with local people*
- *Its own policy around the length of time which is needed for basic public consultation by the Council and that the deadline for submissions, given that guidelines for the process were so delayed, made meeting this impossible*
- *that the Council, in preparing and developing its approach for the initial round of the Sustainable Communities Act, is in an excellent position in terms of any second round of submissions, including the planning of a Sustainable Communities Act community engagement programme;*
- *that Haringey has been monitoring proposals from other local authorities and awaiting details of a second tranche from central government*
- *that it appears as though only a handful of local authorities are going to make submissions to the 'selector body' the LGA in the first round*

*This Council resolves*

- *to take the time necessary to get Haringey's submissions right,*
- *to continue planning and publicising the process*

- *that a unilateral submission from the Council, without public consultation would be wrong and against the spirit of the Act*
- *that it would be irresponsible and a potential waste of public money to engage in the first round*
- *to lobby central government for the establishment of a rolling programme of submissions and to publish an implementation timetable.*

Proposed – Cllr Amin

Seconded – Cllr Cooke