

COUNCIL MEETING – 30 NOVEMBER 2009

Amendment to Motion G (2009/10)

Delete all after “The current financial climate is difficult for Haringey residents” and **replace with**

This Council notes that

- Many London Council’s have announced plans to freeze or reduce Council Tax next year
- Liberal Democrat-led Council’s in Brent, Islington, Southwark and Camden have proposed Council Tax freezes next year
- The Labour Group rejected Liberal Democrat proposals last year to freeze Council Tax for local residents in Haringey facing the effects of the recession

Further notes

- Liberal Democrat Council’s in Sutton, Richmond and Kingston receive approximately 75% less funding from the Labour government than Haringey
- Richmond and Kingston’s Council Tax is only 5% and 7% higher than Haringey’s despite the massive difference in central government funding
- Sutton’s Council Tax rate is less than Haringey’s despite receiving significantly less government funding than Haringey
- The Audit Commission rated Richmond and Sutton as 4 star Council’s improving strongly and Kingston as a 3-star Council improving well
- Haringey is considered as a 1-star Council not improving adequately

Resolves

- Freeze Council Tax for all residents next year
- To continue to improve services by moving resources from the back office to the frontline

Propose - Cllr Robert Gorrie

Second – Cllr Ed Butcher