COUNCIL MEETING – 18 JANUARY 2010

Amendment to Motion L (2009/10)

(Amendments are in bold and italics, deletions have been struck through)

"This Council:

Notes

- That the adverse weather conditions have been national problem facing all Local authorities.
- The difficulty faced by many local residents during recent severe winter weather, especially for elderly and disabled people.
- Problems faced by motorists, pedestrians and buses travelling throughout the borough in icy and snowy conditions.
- The cost to the local economy due to loss of business and absenteeism, and the hard work of the Council staff to deliver a comprehensive pavement clearance and gritting service in our Town Centres, ensuring pedestrian and road access to Town Centres
- Keeping main roads linking town centres with transport hubs clear of ice and snow, enabling access to these areas by public transport and cars. .
- The hard work of Haringey staff in ensuring vulnerable residents known to the Council received assistance and Meals on Wheels was operating normally.

Further notes

- The need for the Council to prioritise gritting of major routes and shopping centres, in line with national guidelines to keep traffic moving.
- That Haringey Council acted responsibly, in line with all other London authorities by prioritising gritting of main roads and bus routes following instructions from London Councils.
- That Council staff gritted Priority one roads on a near daily basis with the majority of Priority 2 and 3 streets also receiving gritting at least once
- Liberal Democrat London Assembly Member Caroline Pidgeon comments that 'London had coped well' with the snow.
- Lack of gritting side roads and pavements.
- That many local schools were closed.

 Reports from residents that priority roads were still dangerous despite being on Council's gritting priority lists.

Resolves

- To carry out an investigation into ways that the Council can provide a
 better service to cope with winter conditions, including asking local
 residents for feedback from their experiences, such that any lessons
 can be learned from recent events to enable better preparedness in the
 future".
- To respond to any complaints or suggestions on how our gritting services can be further improved.
- To encourage residents to pass on their views and concerns in order to ensure we take into account the widest range of views possible on how we can further improve winter maintenance services.
- To thank all Haringey And Haringey Enterprise Limited staff for their hard work in continuing to provide services and ensuring that the impact on Haringey residents was kept to a minimum

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