

COUNCIL MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY 2010

Amendment to Motion R (2009/10)

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

“This Council notes:

- That Haringey Borough is the fifth most diverse in London with nearly half of residents from ethnic minority backgrounds and over 200 languages spoken.
- That the N15 postcode can proudly claim to be the most diverse postcode in Europe
- The People and Places Strategy and Making the Difference initiative which illustrate the way in which residents from diverse backgrounds work together cohesively.
- The Place Survey results stating that cohesion in the borough is above the outer London average with 76% of residents agreeing that Haringey is an area where people from different backgrounds get on well together.
- The 20% increase since 2006/2007 of local people who believe that Haringey residents treat each other with respect and consideration
- ~~The Labour Party’s commitment to Equalities, including the Equality Bill 2009 which will further strengthen rights for older, disabled, women, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual residents of Haringey.~~
- The Tory London Mayor’s decision to scrap the Rise Festival, which is an annual multicultural music event that was attended by over 100,000
- **Welcomes the Equality Bill 2009 however;**

This Council regrets:

- **The limited progress on equality and the Labour party’s failure to go far enough in the Equality Bill 2009 to:**
 - 1) **Explicitly outlaw homophobic bullying in schools**
 - 2) **Include mandatory pay audits to end unequal pay for women**
 - 3) **Allow collective action to permit swifter access to justice**
- **The sustained gap between the health, relative wealth and education of residents from the east of borough compared to the west and the failure of the Labour administration to tackle this ongoing inequality in Haringey.**

This Council believes:

- Residents from different backgrounds make an important contribution to Haringey and this is reflected in the high number of residents who believe it is an inclusive place to live.
- That it is a priority to engage with all communities in Haringey to ensure that local people's views are central to decision making.
- It is our responsibility to ensure that services are accessible and inclusive of all residents, and embrace the diversity of the borough.

This Council resolves:

- To increase engagement with local residents from a number of ethnic minority backgrounds through initiatives such as People and Places Strategy and Making the Difference.
- That we support the contribution made by the Labour led Equalities Bill; 2009 and the effect this will have on residents of the borough.
- To continue to celebrate each and every community in our borough

Propose Cllr Errol Reid
Second Cllr Brian Haley