



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

ANNUAL COUNCIL, 25 MAY 2011

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FORMULA

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

This Council resolves to contact all Local Authority Council Leaders and Chief Executives in England seeking support for a joint representation to the Local Government Minister in pursuit of reform of the biased Government Grant Formulas that deliberately favour urban areas and which have penalised Havering for over 20 years.

A. Amendment on behalf of the Labour Group

After the words 'This Council', **delete** to the end and **insert** the following:-

"recognises the importance of the proposed review of Local Government Finance and the Local Government Resource Review incorporating Business Rate Reform and calls upon all members of the Council to work with the Administration and Havering Members of Parliament to put the case for the Borough to the Government and Local Government Organisations to ensure that any changes address the failings of the current system; and, implement a fair central funding formula within an acknowledged needs based system.

B. Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read: -

This Council, recognising that all of the biased Government Grant Formulas have penalised Havering for over 20 years, welcomes the decision of the Coalition Government to introduce a new system and supports the Administration in its intention to press for a fairer outcome for areas such as Havering.

2 YOUTH SERVICES CUTS

Motion on behalf the Labour Group

This Council opposes the Administrations cuts to its universal youth services leading to the closure of facilities for young people and the cessation funding for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in Havering.

This Council recognises that young people are already bearing an unfair burden of the public expenditure cuts imposed by the Conservative led Coalition Government including a significant reduction in Education Maintenance Allowance and a steep rise in University Tuition Fees and calls upon the Administration to reconsider its proposals in order to mitigate the impact on young people of both central Government policies and the proposed cuts in Havering's Youth Services.

A. Amendment on behalf the Administration

Amend to read:

This Council recognises that all departments within Havering Council, including the Youth Service, are required to make efficiency savings to pay for the mess left to the Havering residents and UK economy by the previous Labour Government.