



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

COUNCIL, 20 JULY 2011

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

A 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.

1 Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

Amend to read:

This Council calls upon the Administration to reconsider its damaging cuts to its universal youth services and to contact all Local Authority Council Leaders and Chief Executives in England to seek support for a reform of the biased local government formula grant funding to ensure local councils (on an equitable basis) can provide the youth and public services that local residents so richly deserve.

2 Amendment on behalf of 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 UK economy by the previous Labour Government.

B OWNERSHIP OF THE STUBBERS CENTRE, UPMINSTER

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

This Council agrees that the Stubbers Centre, Upminster, provides much needed and high quality activities to young people from in and around Havering and that any subsequent sale or change of ownership be conditional on the activity centre being able to continue in its current capacity for future generations to enjoy.

1 Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

Amend to read:

The popular Stubbers Outdoor Adventure Centre provides high quality activities for young people that builds character and independence and offers a fresh air alternative to video games.

Therefore this Council resolves not to sell Stubbers because any money raised will not cover the real cost to the community of losing this excellent facility.

2 Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read:

This Council, reaffirming the unchallenged Executive Decision of the 19th January 2011, notes with approval that any decisions as to the future of Stubbers Centre will continue to be taken with full consideration of the benefits of the use of the site by Havering residents.