

MOTIONS

8.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR RETTER:

That this Council:

- a) Commends the work undertaken to date in discharging its licensing functions following the introduction of the Licensing Act 2003 in pursuit of its statutory objectives to prevent crime and disorder, nuisance and children from harm and to maintain public safety;
- b) Notes that in the current economic climate, there is growing evidence that more and more premises in local shopping parades are applying for licences for the sale of alcohol;
- c) Expresses its concern that this could negatively effect the character and environment of such areas and increase the potential for the sales of alcohol to underage persons;
- d) Notes that under current legislation, when making decisions to grant local licenses, Licensing sub-committees cannot address the issue of local 'market or commercial need' and thereby have little control over the number of off licence type premises in a specific area;
- e) Welcomes the Licensing Committee's desire to ensure that both local and central Government planning policies are better integrated with licensing legislation to ensure a more comprehensive approach is taken to develop healthy and vibrant local shopping parades;
- f) Notes that such concerns have also been raised by the Licensing Committee and requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; informing him of this Council's position.

8.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MACDONALD

This Council is aware of the global market of trafficked women, mainly in the sex industry. This Council recognises the need to oppose all oppression and trafficking in this area.

In order to ensure that this Council continues to perpetuate good moral and humanitarian standards, it requests that all steps within its powers be taken to ensure local newspapers and editorials are aware of their responsibilities to stop adverts which exploit women, and that Council members and officers receive appropriate training in referral and rescue services available.

8.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR KHURSHEED

This Council notes with deep concern the economic crisis that is gripping the world and adversely impacting on local people in Hillingdon as a result of the wanton greed and irresponsibility of the bankers and their associates.

It deplores that the fact that faced with the near meltdown of the banking system the Government was left with no alternative but to bail out the very organisations and people who had caused the crisis and that the bankers are now trying to return as rapidly as possible to their old ways including the payment of inflated bonuses.

The Council regrets the steep rise in local unemployment that has already occurred and views with trepidation the effects on young people in particular. It fears that a minority in the country and the Borough will be forced to join a demoralised and lost generation whose lives will be blighted by depression, drugs, crime and violence.

It recalls that when the economic downturn began the Council set up a system to monitor the issues that would arise but it requests the Cabinet to review these arrangements and to look especially at the adequacy of support for local young people in the difficulties they are expected to face.