MOTIONS

8.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

That this Council notes that the Prime Minister will be chairing the Cabinet Committee on Heathrow and calls upon her and the Government to bring a swift end to the blight of Hillingdon residents living with the constant threat of losing their homes and communities by making a decision on the Airport Commission report as soon as Parliament returns after the summer recess.

Council reaffirms its long standing opposition to Heathrow Airport expansion and its commitment to use all the resources at its disposal to put our residents first and resist any proposal that brings harm to our community.

Council further notes that a second runway at Gatwick Airport will deliver the UK the same number of passengers, the same number of long haul routes, better UK and regional connections and the economic boost the UK needs, all at a dramatically lower environmental impact, at less than half the cost of Heathrow and with no public subsidy.

Council, therefore, believes that Gatwick is the most logical airport for increased runway capacity, supports the 'Gatwick Obviously' campaign and urges the Government to choose Gatwick as the best option for South East Airport expansion in the long term interests of London and the UK as a whole.

8.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR OSWELL

That this Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. All Members of this Council are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

This Council will work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia and will reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community.