

MOTIONS

9.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JANET GARDNER:

This Council deplores the fact that two British National Party candidates have been elected to represent the interests of the United Kingdom in the European Parliament and believes that their divisive and ill-informed views are a danger to the cohesion of the nation.

While welcoming the failure of the BNP to secure a seat in London, this Council is alarmed to see that it received 4689 votes from Hillingdon residents. It believes that this demonstrates that there can be no room for complacency as a result of the BNP's lack of electoral breakthrough in London and that all of us here must work together to prevent them advancing in the 2010 Borough Council elections.

The Council resolved to re-double its efforts to break down barriers between communities in the Borough and calls on the Cabinet to review the actions being taken by the Council and its strategic partners to achieve this objective.

9.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR TONY EGINTON:

Enhancing the competitive position of businesses in the Borough and thereby improving the prospects for employment is one of the aims of the Council.

The introduction of higher parking charges for non-Hillingdon residents is likely to affect the number of shoppers and businesses in town centres in Hillingdon. If the number of shoppers and businesses fall in our town centres, it is probable that our town centres will suffer to the benefit of those in neighbouring authorities.

The Council calls on the Cabinet to immediately consult with retailers, businesses, town centre partnerships and residents' associations throughout the Borough so as to gauge the effect of the higher charges. As a result of the consultation, Council asks the Cabinet to review the level of charges within six months.